Purpose

The Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) is charged with preserving significant historic resources in Maplewood. It pursues this by recommending to City Council sites to designate as historic landmarks and by providing design review for designated sites.

2017 Highlights

The City celebrated its 60th Anniversary in February with a 1950’s theme.

Gladstone Savanna was designated a Maplewood Heritage Landmark.

The 2016 Maplewood Heritage Award was presented to these residents:

Joe Fox
Al Galbraith
Lois Behm
The Heritage Preservation Commission consists of seven members appointed by the City Council. Current commissioners are:

- **Peter Boulay** - Chair  
  Member Since 10/09/06; Term Expires 4/30/18

- **Richard Currie** - Vice Chair  
  Member Since 07/26/04; Term Expires 4/30/19

- **Leon Axtman** - Member  
  Member Since 09/11/17; Term Expires 04/30/20

- **Bob Cardinal** - Member  
  Member Since 01/25/16; Term Expires 4/30/18

- **Margaret Fett** - Member  
  Member Since 11/27/17; Term Expires 4/30/19

- **John Gaspar** - Member  
  Member Since 01/14/13; Term Expires 4/30/20

- **Frank Gilbertson** - Member  
  Member Since 09/09/13; Term Expires 4/30/19

**Tou Xiong** - City Council Liaison  
**Ginny Gaynor** - Staff Liaison

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**Preservation Programs**

**National Register of Historic Places:**  
Ramsey County Poor Farm Barn  
Owner: Ramsey County

**Maplewood Heritage Landmarks:**  
Bruentrup Heritage Farm  
Owner: City of Maplewood

Gladstone Savanna Neighborhood Preserve  
Owner: City of Maplewood

**Century Homes**  
There are 136 homes over 100 years old in Maplewood.

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Century Home owners were honored at Maplewood’s 60th Anniversary Celebration.
1. Maintained MN Certified Local Government (CLG) status by performing the responsibilities listed in the MN CLG Procedures Manual and those specifically delegated to it under the Act by the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office.

2. Gladstone Savanna, the site of the former Gladstone Shops of the St. Paul and Duluth Railroad, was designated a Maplewood Heritage Landmark.

3. Planned and hosted Maplewood’s 60th Anniversary Celebration, in partnership with Maplewood Area Historical Society (MAHS).

4. Completed the 60 Stories of Maplewood History Project, in partnership with MAHS. This culminated in the printing of a bound copy of the book by MAHS.

5. Honored Century Homes owners with certificates.

6. Recommended three citizens receive the 2016 Maplewood Heritage Award: Joe Fox, Al Galbraith, and Lois Behm.

7. Revised procedures for the Maplewood Heritage Award, including opening nominations to the public.

8. Provided input and reviewed draft of 2040 Comprehensive Plan Chapter on Historic Resources.

9. Reviewed the following projects:
   - Gladstone Savanna Well Interpretive Sitting Area
   - Bruentrup Farm Smoke House
   - Interpretive Sign for Conifer Ridge
   - Text for interpretive signs for Gladstone Savanna

10. Recognized the following buildings that were demolished in 2017:
    - 2228 Maplewood Drive
    - 1797 Cope Avenue East (McDonalds)
    - 3070 White Bear Avenue North (North China Restaurant)
    - 2694 Maplewood Drive North (cabins)
    - 3M Center, Hudson Road (parking ramp at 3M building 229)
    - 1706 White Bear Avenue North (Boca Chica)
    - 799 Meyer Street North (house demo due to fire damage)
    - 2580 Larpenteur Avenue East (house and garage)

11. Commissioner Cardinal and staff member Gaynor attended Preserve Minnesota, the annual Minnesota state preservation conference.

12. Reviewed training materials prepared by a group of Minnesota cities to help HPC members understand their role and how to ensure preservation of historic resources.
2018 HPC Commission Goals

1. Complete work on 2040 Comprehensive Plan Chapter on Historic Resources.
2. Make recommendation for the 2017 Maplewood Heritage Award.
3. Submit grant and begin additional survey work on historic sites and structures.
4. Review designs for interpretive signs at Gladstone Savanna.
5. Participate in history component of city’s celebration of Gladstone Savanna.
7. Prepare application and designate one historic site.
8. Work with Communications Department to create history videos:
   a. Gladstone Shops
   b. Poor Farm Cemetery
   c. Changes on a site through aerial maps
   d. Gladstone Walking Tour