

Your membership supports Preservation Houston's important work promoting historic preservation in our community. This calendar highlights some of our activities since the last member meeting. Thank you for your continuing support and for the role you play in PH's accomplishments. We hope that you share our sense of achievement.

2022

June

- 14 2022 Member Reception and Meeting**
PH members gather at historic Christ Church Cathedral for the organization's first in-person annual meeting since 2019. PH introduces its new president-elect, Dave Morris, and new board members Walter Bratic, Gina Armstrong Evans and Martin Gollwitzer, and recognizes retiring board members Kate McCormick and Kathy Washburn.
- 18 Online program: Art for the Ages, The Monuments of Glenwood**
Programs Director Jim Parsons presents a virtual program on the art and architecture of historic Glenwood Cemetery. The program is part of Glenwood's Legacy series, presented in partnership with the Glenwood Historic Preservation Foundation. See the full schedule of PH's online and in-person programs at preservationhouston.org/calendar.



Mykawa School consultation

Executive Director David Bush consults with Houston Independent School District **June 16** on the proposed adaptive reuse of the old Mykawa School (1923, L.A. Glover) on Almeda Genoa Road in southeast Houston. The school district is considering rehabilitating the historic building as part of its Food and Agriculture Literacy Center at Mykawa Farm, a working farm where students can integrate nutrition and food science into their curriculum.

- 18 Pier & Beam visits Chase Tower**
Members of Pier & Beam, PH's next-generation group, enjoy an exclusive visit to the sky lobby at Chase Tower (1982, I.M. Pei & Partners), Texas' tallest building. Learn more about Pier & Beam membership and activities at preservationhouston.org/pierbeam.
- 22 Media: Remembering the Shamrock (Houston Public Media)**
Jim Parsons discusses the significance of the Shamrock Hotel (1949, Wyatt C. Hedrick) on *Houston Matters* to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the famed building's demolition.
- 22 Consultation: Style-in-Steel Townhouses**
David Bush consults with the owner who is rehabilitating one of the Style-in-Steel Townhouses (1968, Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson) near the Astrodome. The modernist homes are City of Houston protected landmarks.

July

- 7 Media: 'Once five-and-dimes, Kress stores in Texas find new life as repurposed space' (Texas Highways)**
David Bush is interviewed for a feature on the repurposing of historic Kress store buildings in cities across Texas.
- 8 Consultation: Freedmen's Town bungalow**
David Bush consults with architects for the City of Houston on the restoration of a c. 1930 bungalow adjacent to the African-American Library at the Gregory School.
- 10 Architecture Walk: Broadacres**
PH's Architecture Walks program explores Broadacres, a historic residential area in the Museum District. Walking tours were among the first public programs PH offered when it was founded in 1978; during the 2022-23 tour season, more than 1,230 people participate in 34 public and private tours. Learn more at preservationhouston.org/tours.
- 11 Consultation: MFAH**
Jim Parsons assists the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston in identifying photo negatives of the Texas National Bank Building (1955, Kenneth Franzheim). The images were captured by Robert Frank for his influential photographic book *The Americans*, published in 1958.
- 13 Online program: Fellow Travelers**
Greg Smith, National Register coordinator for the Texas Historical Commission, presents a virtual program on Texas roadside architecture co-sponsored by the Society for Commercial Archaeology. Admission to programs like this are free for PH members, and recordings of selected programs are available online at preservationhouston.org/youtube.

- 16 **Online program: Glenwood Families, Civic and Cultural Roots**
- 30 **Online program: Glenwood Families, Houston Business**

August

- 14 **Architecture Walk: Woodland Heights**
- 23 **Online program: Houston, A Historical Narrative**
Jim Parsons presents an overview of Houston history in an online program marking the 186th anniversary of the city's founding.
- 25 **Storymap project**
David Bush and Jim Parsons meet with history instructors from Carnegie Vanguard High School about a class project to document the stories and architecture behind students' neighborhoods using online mapping technology.
- 27 **Glenwood Art & Architecture walking tour**
The Walking Tours Program tours historic Glenwood Cemetery, examining the changing tastes and social climate reflected in Glenwood's outstanding monuments. PH's guided tours of the landmark cemetery feature a different theme every quarter; learn more at preservationhouston.org/tours.
- 31 **Media: Shamrock Hotel podcast (CityCast Houston)**
David Bush and Jim Parsons discuss the history of the legendary Shamrock Hotel with CityCast podcast host Lisa Gray.

September

- 11 **Architecture Walk: Courthouse District**
- 21 **Emily Ardoin joins PH staff**
Emily Ardoin joins PH as preservation services director. She holds a master's degree in historic preservation from the University of Texas at Austin and worked as buildings curator for The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park, where she coordinated the Good Brick Award-winning restoration of the 1847 Kellum-Noble House, Houston's oldest building. Ardoin came to PH after working as the National Register coordinator for the Louisiana Division of Historic Preservation in Baton Rouge.
- 22 **Consultation: Trinity UMC**
David Bush, Emily Ardoin and PH member Hannah Curry meet with representatives of Trinity United Methodist Church in Third Ward to discuss resources available to renovate the church's historic campus (1951, George Pierce-Abel B. Pierce). Trinity is one of Houston's oldest Black congregations.

- 23 **Consultation: Raising mid-century homes**
David Bush and Emily Ardoin assist Texas Historical Commission consultants with design recommendations for elevating architecturally significant mid-century houses in flood-prone areas across Houston.

October

- 9 **Architecture Walk: Founders Memorial Cemetery**
- 11 **Research assistance: Freedmen's Town Conservancy**
David Bush assists the Freedmen's Town Conservancy in nominating a historic shotgun house in the neighborhood as a City of Houston protected landmark.



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Revisiting the House of the Century

Author and architectural historian Mark Lamster and architect Richard Jost join PH **September 13** for a virtual program, *Back to the Future: Revisiting the House of the Century*, looking at the story of the so-called "House of the Century" near Angleton. Avant-garde art collective Ant Farm designed the lake house for art collector Marilyn Oshman in 1972; Houston Mod and the Society for Commercial Archaeology co-sponsored this look at the quirky structure's history and future.

Back to the Future is part of a calendar of virtual and in-person programming that PH offers as part of its educational mission. Learn more about upcoming programs at preservationhouston.org/calendar.

- 12 **Research assistance: Salzman House**
Emily Ardoin assists City of Houston preservation staff in researching a protected landmark nomination for the Julius & Terry Salzman House (1956, Joseph Krakower), a distinctive modern home in Meyerland.



DANIEL ORTIZ

2022 Good Brick Tour

PH presents its 9th annual Good Brick Tour — the first in-person Good Brick Tour since 2019 — on **November 5 and 6**. Ayesha & Kevan Shelton chair the tour, which features five historic homes dating from the Victorian era through 1956 in Montrose and the First, Fifth and Sixth wards. About 150 volunteer docents provide more than 1,700 guided tours of the featured locations, allowing visitors to learn more about the homes and their unique restoration stories.

The Good Brick Tour is one of PH’s signature events, offering the public a rare inside look at the wide variety of preservation projects in Houston. Learn more at preservationhouston.org/goodbricktour.

12 **Glasscock School Midweek Medley**

Jim Parsons discusses the history of Houston architecture as part of the Midweek Medley program at Rice University’s Glasscock School of Continuing Studies. PH has long partnered with the Glasscock School to offer lectures and coordinate courses on Houston history and architecture.

20 **Protected landmark nomination: St. Mary’s MBC**

David Bush appears before Houston Archaeological & Historical Commission to support protected landmark designation for St. Mary’s Missionary Baptist Church (1964) in the West End. PH staff researched and wrote the landmark nomination at the request of the historic African-American congregation. The designation awaits City Council approval.

21 **Media: Good Brick Tour preview (KIAH)**

David Bush and Good Brick Tour co-chairs Ayesha and Kevan Shelton appear on Channel 39’s *Around Houston* to promote the 2022 Good Brick Tour.

22 **Pier & Beam visits San Jacinto**

Pier & Beam members enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of the San Jacinto Monument and Museum (1939, Alfred C. Finn) in La Porte, followed by brunch at the nearby Monument Inn.

23 **Historical marker dedication**

David Bush represents PH at the dedication of Congregation Beth Yeshurun’s state historical marker and the designation of the modernist synagogue (1962, Eugene Werlin and Lenard Gabert Sr.) as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark.

27 **Good Brick Tour reception**

2022 Good Brick Tour co-chairs Ayesha and Kevan Shelton host a reception for tour property owners and sponsors at the Junior League of Houston. U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee speaks at the event and presents PH with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition.

30 **Media: ‘From midcentury to traditional, Houston’s Good Brick winners put style on display’ (Houston Chronicle)**

The *Chronicle*’s Diane Cowen highlights the Carrie & Milton Curtis House in the Fifth Ward, one of the historic homes featured on the 2022 Good Brick Tour, as part of an article about the tour.

November

3 **Consultation: Aluminum windows**

Emily Ardoin consults with Houston Mod President and PH member Steve Curry on resources for preserving aluminum windows, an important consideration for the owners of historic homes and buildings from the modern era. PH provides such information as a public service to property owners.

4 **Media: Good Brick Tour preview (KHOU)**

David Bush discusses the Good Brick Tour with host Deborah Duncan on Channel 11’s *Great Day Houston*.

8 **Online program: Preservation in Practice, The HCC Fashion Archive**

Erica Hubbard, director of library services for HCC’s Central College, provides a behind-the-scenes look at the Houston Community College Fashion Archive in this online program.

9 **Program: Master of the Midcentury, The Architecture of William F. Cody**

PH, Houston Mod, Docomomo US and AIA Houston’s Historic Resources Committee co-sponsor a program highlighting the work of noted Palm Springs Modernist architect William F. Cody, whose work includes the Robinson House (1958) in Missouri City.

13 **Downtown East Architecture Walk**

17 **Pier & Beam Fall Party**

Pier & Beam hosts its first in-person Fall Party in three years at Ironworks, the Good Brick Award-winning redevelopment of the historic Cameron Iron Works. Eighty-five guests enjoy the distinctive space while celebrating P&B’s 9th birthday.

22 **Consultation: Office of Michael D. Banfield, M.D.**

David Bush and Emily Ardoin meet with representatives of the Community Music Center of Houston to discuss the potential rehabilitation and repurposing of a Modernist medical building (1965) in Third Ward. John S. Chase, the first African-American licensed to practice architecture in Texas, designed the building.

26 **20th Century Glenwood walking tour**

2023

January

- 1 Houston Endowment grant**
PH receives a \$300,000 grant from Houston Endowment to support capacity building and organizational growth. The gift will fund technology upgrades; resources and professional development for staff; and strategic planning activities that are beyond the scope of the organization's regular operating budget. The one-time grant is the largest single gift in PH's 45-year history.
- 11 Blue Triangle Community Center**
David Bush and Emily Ardoin represent PH at the "Renovation Reveal" for the Blue Triangle Community Center (1951, Hiram A. Salisbury and Birdsall P. Briscoe) in Third Ward. Bush advised Blue Triangle on restoration resources, including consulting on conservation of its significant John Biggers mural, after the building was damaged during Hurricane Harvey.
- 15 Architecture Walk: First Montrose Commons**
The Architecture Walks Program debuts a new walking tour of the First Montrose Commons Historic District, which explores some of the earliest neighborhoods to be developed in what is now the Montrose area.
- 21 Pier & Beam Asia Society tour**
Members of Pier & Beam tour the Asia Society Texas Center (2011, Yoshio Taniguchi), the winner of the group's 2020 Future Landmark Award, which the group presents every year to recognize outstanding new construction projects in Houston.
- 26 Protected landmark nominations: Carpenter House, Wilbanks-Hannah House**
Emily Ardoin appears before Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission to support City of Houston protected landmark designation for the Earl & Berthea Carpenter House (1959, Lucian T. Hood, Jr.) in Cherokee Place and the Wilbanks-Hannah House (1928) in Riverside Terrace. PH volunteer David Putz conducted the research for the Carpenter House nomination and Ardoin wrote the nomination. PH staff produced the nomination for the Wilbanks-Hannah House. Both designations await City Council approval.

- 27 Planning retreat**
PH's board and staff participate in a half-day retreat to identify organizational strengths and goals, the first step in a long-term strategic planning process.

February

- 4 Pier & Beam Olivewood Cemetery clean-up**
Members of Pier & Beam volunteer to help maintain Olivewood Cemetery, a historic African-American burial ground just west of downtown, as part of the Descendants of Olivewood's semimonthly clean-up day.
- 5 Downtown waterfront tour**
The Architecture Walks Program conducts a tour of the historic Buffalo Bayou waterfront for the Women's Institute of Houston, part of a longstanding partnership between PH and the continuing education program.
- 6 Educating Eastwood**
Emily Ardoin speaks to the Eastwood Civic Association about various levels of historic designations available to the East End neighborhood. PH provides presentations like this to neighborhoods, civic groups and other organizations as a public service.
- 9 Public hearing: Conservation districts**
David Bush speaks in support of the proposed ordinance to create conservation districts during a public hearing before the HAHC.
- 9 Media: 'Preservation Houston names the 2023 Good Brick Award Winners' (Houston Chronicle)**
The *Chronicle's* Diane Cowen profiles the winners of the 2023 Good Brick Awards for excellence in historic preservation.
- 12 Architecture Walk: Old Sixth Ward Historic District**
- 13 National Register: Boynton Chapel**
Texas Historical Commission determines Boynton Chapel Methodist Church (1958, John S. Chase) in Third Ward is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Emily Ardoin produced the determination of eligibility report at the request of the congregation. NR listing is a prerequisite for the church to benefit from the state's preservation incentives.



2023 Cornerstone Dinner

More than 330 people gather at River Oaks Country Club **March 3** to celebrate the winners of the 2023 Good Brick Awards. This year's awards recognize the restoration of homes in River Oaks, Avondale, Memorial and the East End and the repurposing of the former *Houston Post* headquarters and the landmark Barbara Jordan Post Office downtown.

Sally Anne Schmidt and Marc Tabolsky chair the event, which also honors PH's founders (Betty Chapman and Beverly Pennington, two of the founding committee members, are pictured). Learn more about the 2023 Good Brick Award winners at preservationhouston.org/awards.

- 13 **Media: ‘A big and blue bit of Houston history is crashing in a parking lot, for now’ (*Houston Chronicle*)**
The *Chronicle*’s Dug Begley quotes David Bush in an article about the future of the Arthur B. Cohn House (1905), one of the last survivors of the once-elegant Quality Hill neighborhood downtown.
- 18 **Art Deco talk**
Jim Parsons speaks on Art Deco architecture in Houston as part of the History Under the Star lecture series at the San Jacinto Museum.
- 22 **Conservation districts hearing**
David Bush speaks before Houston City Council in support of the city’s proposal to create conservation districts, a tool intended to help neighborhoods retain aspects of their character.

March

- 11 **Pier & Beam Emancipation Park tour**
Members of Pier & Beam tour Emancipation Park, the winner of the group’s 2019 Future Landmark Award.
- 12 **Architecture Walk: Beth Israel Cemetery**
- 13 **Media: ‘Turner wants to fight Houston gentrification with conservation districts’ (*Houston Chronicle*)**
David Bush discusses proposed conservation districts in a *Chronicle* article.
- 16 **Consultation: Heights Christian Church**
David Bush and Emily Ardoin meet with representatives of the Houston Center for Musical Arts to discuss the potential repurposing of the historic Heights Christian Church building (1927, C.N. Nelson) and later Modernist sanctuary (1967, Koetter, Tharp & Cowell) as performance spaces.
- 21 **History in Print: *The Architecture of Birdsall P. Briscoe***
Architectural historian Stephen Fox talks about Houston architect Birdsall P. Briscoe’s residential designs and their context in Texas architecture during PH’s first in-person History in Print program since 2019.
- 23 **Protected landmark nomination: Robinson House**
Emily Ardoin speaks before the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission in support of city protected landmark designation for the Spencer & Lela Robinson House (1929) in the Third Ward. Ardoin researched and wrote the nomination for the home of pioneering Black social worker Lela Robinson. The designation awaits City Council approval.
- 26 **Women of Glenwood walking tour**
- 27 **Southampton Place history**
Jim Parsons discusses the history of Southwest Houston as part of Southampton Place’s centennial lecture series.
- 31 **Pier & Beam DFW Road Trip**
Members of Pier & Beam, PH’s next-generation member group, begin a weekend visit to the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex to visit sites of architectural and preservation interest including the Kimbell Art Museum and Fair Park, one of the world’s largest collections of Art Deco art and architecture.



EMILY ARDOIN

Boynton Chapel designation

Harris County Historical Commission approves a nomination for Boynton Chapel Methodist Church (1958, John S. Chase) in Third Ward to be designated a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark on **May 9**. Emily Ardoin prepared the nomination at the request of the congregation; it awaits review by the Texas Historical Commission.

April

- 7 **Consultation: Community Music Center**
Emily Ardoin provides technical assistance to Community Music Center of Houston as it applies for a Conserving Black Modernism grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The organization is seeking to rehabilitate a John Chase-designed building in the Third Ward.
- 11 **Consultation: Hille House**
David Bush and Emily Ardoin meet with new owners of the Karl Hille House (1913, Teich & Gideon) in the Audubon Place Historic District. German immigrant and painter Hille decorated the bungalow with unique Art Nouveau-style murals; PH is advising the homeowners as they plan a rehabilitation.
- 16 **Architecture Walk: Avondale**

May

- 2 **Program: Avant-Garde in the Cornfields**
PH co-sponsors a program with the Blaffer Art Museum, UH’s Gerald D. Hines College of Architecture and Design and Houston Mod on Houstonian Jane Blaffer Owen’s architectural philanthropy in New Harmony, Indiana.
- 4 **Protected landmark nomination: Spradley House**
PH submits a protected landmark nomination for the Henry Archibald Spradley House / “Three Oaks” (1929) in Southampton Place. Membership Director Kathleen Nuzzo researched and wrote the nomination at the request of the property owner.

- 6 **Pier & Beam Buffalo Bayou tour**
Pier & Beam members tour Buffalo Bayou Park, the winner of the group's 2021 Future Landmark Award.
- 7 **Architecture Walk: Market Square**
- 17 **Consultation: Concrete signposts**
Kathleen Nuzzo consults with the Eastwood Civic Association on the potential restoration of the neighborhood's concrete signposts. Nuzzo is leading an effort to restore and recreate historic signposts in Southampton.
- 18 **Protected landmark: Christian Home MBC**
HAHC recommends protected landmark status for Christian Home Missionary Baptist Church (1958) in Third Ward. Kathleen Nuzzo researched and wrote the nomination at the congregation's request; it awaits approval by City Council. The historic Black church is celebrating its 115th anniversary in 2023.
- 22 **Consultation: Buffalo Bayou Cistern**
Emily Ardoin discusses local, state and federal landmarking options with Buffalo Bayou Partnership for the Cistern (1926), a historic reservoir just west of downtown that has been repurposed as an art space in Buffalo Bayou Park.
- 23 **Consultation: Bering House**
David Bush and architect and PH member David Bucek meet with Trinity Episcopal Church to discuss the possible renovation of the Frank C. Bering House (1911) in Midtown.
- 25 **National Register: Trinity UMC**
Texas Historical Commission determines that Trinity United Methodist Church in Third Ward is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Emily Ardoin researched and wrote the determination of eligibility report at the request of the congregation. NR listing is a prerequisite for the church to benefit from the state's preservation incentives.
- 27 **Historic Glenwood Cemetery: Houston Before Oil walking tour**
- 30 **Consultation: Temple of Rest**
Emily Ardoin advises Congregation Beth Israel on preservation options, including Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation and available incentives, for the Temple of Rest mausoleum (1935, Joseph Finger) in its historic cemetery on West Dallas Avenue.
- 31 **Consultation: Braswell Building**
Emily Ardoin begins meeting with the owner of the Braswell Building (1950) on Almeda Road to offer assistance with City of Houston protected landmark designation and historic preservation incentives.

June

- 1 **Consultation: METRORapid University Corridor**
David Bush attends the first meeting of consulting parties for the METRORapid University Corridor project, a proposal to run a bus rapid transit line from the Fifth Ward to Westchase. As a designated consulting party, PH will help evaluate the impact the bus transit project will have on historic properties along the route.

- 16 **Media: 'What Houstonians can expect from the new River Oaks Theatre' (Houstonia)**
Houstonia interviews David Bush as part of an online feature about the future of the storied River Oaks Theatre (1939, Pettigrew & Worley), which is set to re-open after a renovation.
- 17 **Pre-restoration open house: Hille House**
PH members visit the Hille House in Audubon Place before its new owners begin a comprehensive restoration project.
- 18 **Architecture Walk: Architecture of the MFAH**
A new walking tour examines the architecture of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston and how the museum's campus has grown in the century since its first building was completed.
- 20 **2023 Member Reception and Meeting**
PH members gather at POST, the Good Brick Award-winning redevelopment of the Barbara Jordan Post Office (1961, Wilson, Morris, Crain & Anderson), to celebrate the organization's accomplishments over the previous 12 months. PH welcomes its new president, Dave Morris, and new board members Cathy Cameron, Vipul Devluk, Catherine Matthews and Kate McCormick, and recognizes retiring board members Larry Burns, Kalinda Campbell and Cheryl Joseph.

Upcoming

September 11: Good Brick Award nominations due

Nominations for the 2024 Good Brick Awards for excellence in historic preservation are due by 3 p.m. Monday, September 11. Anyone may nominate a project or person for a Good Brick; learn more and download a nomination form at preservationhouston.org/awards.

November 4 and 5: 2023 Good Brick Tour

Join us the first weekend of November for an inside look at exceptional restored homes and buildings during PH's 10th annual Good Brick Tour. Locations will be open from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5; look for details about locations and tickets later this summer at preservationhouston.org/goodbricktour.

In addition to what you've read here, you can learn more about Preservation Houston's history, work and programs at our website, preservationhouston.org. Also look for us on YouTube and social media — Preservation Houston and Pier & Beam are both on Facebook, and you'll find us on other channels @preshou and @pierbeam. If you're not already a PH member, you can become one online anytime at preservationhouston.org/join.

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