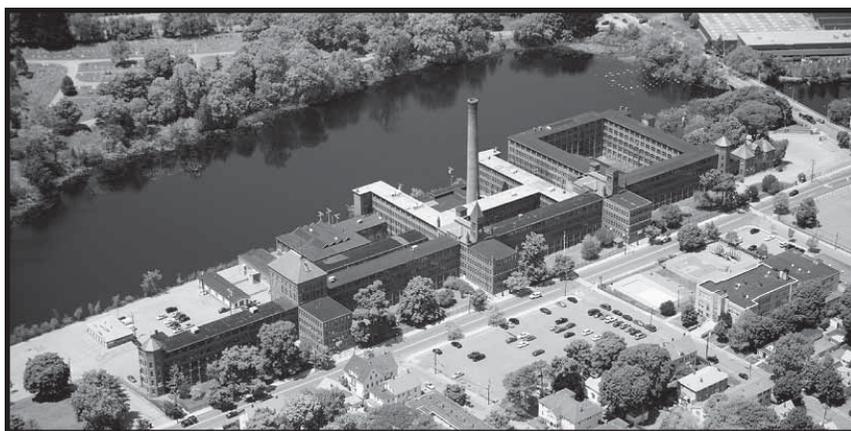


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## The Redevelopment of the historic Waltham Watch Factory

*With Eric Eckman*

January's lecture promises to be a quite interesting and enlightening opportunity to see what is happening at the former Watch Factory building on Crescent Street. Perhaps you have passed the property recently and noticed a flurry of activity, including cleaning and



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7:00 p.m., Tuesday evening

January 13, 2009

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clearing of the parking lots,  
and scaffolding surrounding  
much of the structure.

If you have been in the area  
during the evening, the lights  
bring a view that hasn't been  
seen in quite some time!

Join us to learn more about  
the undertaking from Project  
Manager Eric Eckman as he  
takes us through the phases  
that will restore the property  
to its former prestige and  
place in the community.

The historic Watch Factory  
complex, located along the  
Charles River in Waltham,  
Massachusetts, consists of  
approximately 400,000 square  
feet of space in 22 intercon-  
nected buildings. The Queen  
Anne and Romanesque  
Revival style complex was  
constructed by the Waltham  
Watch Company over half a  
century starting in the 1860s.

The Watch Factory is char-  
acterized by a series of nar-  
row wings with regimented  
rows of windows designed  
to maximize day-lighting for  
the detailed production of  
watches. Watch City Ventures  
LLC, a joint venture between  
Berkeley Investments, Inc. and  
The First Republic Corpora-  
tion of America, acquired the  
property in May 2007. Berke-  
ley, as the managing member,  
is overseeing the redevelop-  
ment process and managing  
the property. The multi-phase  
project consists of the rehabili-  
tation and adaptive reuse of  
the complex as a vibrant mix  
of office, residential and retail  
uses with riverfront amenities.

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## Waltham Watch Factory Redevelopment

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The Watch Factory redevelopment is being pursued in the following phases:

### Phase 1:

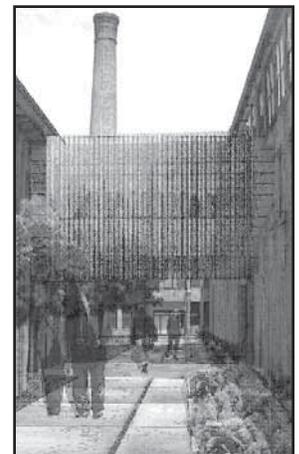
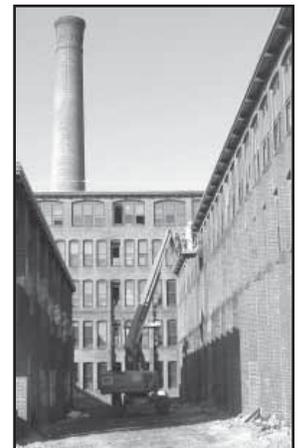
160,000 square feet of brick & beam office space in 12 existing buildings, new pedestrian bridge connection between two buildings, a fitness center, Waltham Watch Company history exhibit and cafeteria space. Phase 1 is currently under construction and scheduled for completion in May 2009.

### Phase 2:

96 loft-style apartments in six existing buildings, a 2,050 square foot café/deli and a 4,660 square foot restaurant with riverfront dining. Phase 2 is currently in design and permitting stages. Construction is targeted to begin in early 2009 and reach completion in spring 2010.

### Phase 3:

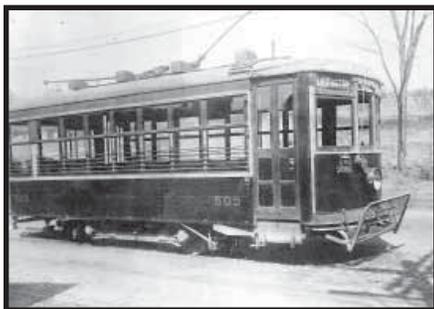
77,000 square feet of brick & beam office space in four existing buildings, structured parking, and a 5,000 square foot retail or office space in the former central plant building. Phase 3 improvements are targeted to begin in late 2010.



## Upcoming Activities and Events of Note

Douglas Carrier, a member of the New England Electric Railway Historical Society better known as The Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport, ME has recently written to inform us that in 2010 the only surviving electric trolley that served our community will be moved into the museum's restoration shop. Work will begin to bring it back to its operating glory days from 1901-1927. The Trolley was part of the former Middlesex & Boston Street Railway.

A restoration fund started in 1998 has raised \$70,000.00. The car needs about \$120K to make this a smooth restoration project.



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Project Manager M&B 41  
Seashore Trolley Museum  
PO Box A  
Kennebunkport, ME 04046  
617-686-5930  
558 Washington Street  
Brighton, MA 02135

The National Archives Center in Waltham, MA, announces the receipt of over 1000 volumes of Civil War records previously held in Washington, D.C. These records document of the activities of the Provost Marshal General's Bureau, which arrested deserters, enrolled men for the draft, enlisted volunteers, and compiled statistics on the physical condition of recruits and on army casualties.

These records became available for public use on December 8, 2008. It is recommended that

you call prior to coming, so that the records can be ready for you. In addition, the National Archives offers free access to Footnote.com, which has significant Civil War records; no appointment necessary.

The National Archives is open to the public M, T, W, and F 7 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Thursdays 7 A.M. - 9 P.M., and the first Saturday of each month 8 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. The National Archives and Records Administration is located at 380 Trapelo Road, Waltham, MA.

The National Archives  
&  
The Civil War Roundtables  
Present:

April 26, 2009

# Oliver Wendell Holmes Award Dinner

1:00-4:30 pm Civil War Reenactors: Marching and Firing Drills  
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(Open to Dinner Attendees Only)*

6:00 pm Dinner honoring Civil War historian Professor James McPherson (*Battle Cry of Freedom*) Tom Mills, Assistant Archivist of the United States, on Civil War records available for research Emceed by Jack Williams of *WBZ-TV*

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Price of Admission is \$40.  
*Space is limited. This event will sell out.*

Contact David L. Smith at [cwrtmass@comcast.net](mailto:cwrtmass@comcast.net) for further details.

Image of Fort Massachusetts, Sallyport and soldiers, 1861. Battery Company 111. Records of the Office of the Chief Signal Officer

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## House Tour '09

*The Waltham Historical Society's 2009 House Tour plans are now underway*

The 2009 Tour will be held on Sunday, June 14, 2009. To have your home included, please contact Louise Hamilton at 781-899-7625.

## The Waltham Water Works Building

*We need your help now!*



Activities surrounding the Lease of the former dog pound at 92 Felton Street have progressed to the point of signing the Lease.

The Waltham Historical Society and the City of Waltham have entered into an agreement to lease the property for ten years.

Anyone who had seen the dog pound in recent years might be wondering at the wisdom of using the building for anything except kindling. The grounds had been overgrown and strewn with

debris from a number of sources around the city. Much of the exterior of the building was hidden by an overgrowth of ivy that encapsulated three-quarters of the building. The parking lot was covered with dog cages, fences, light poles, pipes and other objects for which there had been no other storage locations available.

The interior of the building was not much more welcoming. The cages, drains, ventilation fans, and concrete floors had seen much activity and neglect during its years serving as housing and care for the city's wayward animals.

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The accompanying photos give some idea of the condition of the property when we first entered into our investigations for its use as a headquarters. Frankly, the property was not very inviting.

Mayor Jeannette McCarthy was instrumental in restoring some of the lustre of this diamond in the rough. The building has been nearly gutted, and now needs mostly cosmetics to bring it to a condition suitable for an organization like the Historical Society.



*The Building at 92 Felton Street served as the Waltham Water Works before becoming the City Animal Control Office.*

With the promise of assistance from various community organizations, public spirited individuals, and city departments, the Society is committed to continuing the salvage of a building we can make our headquarters.

Fundraising will begin immediately with an event at the Chateau Restaurant. Mr. Lou Nocera and family have offered the Chateau for an event honoring the memory of Lillian Movsessian.

Lil was an instrumental part of Waltham's history, providing the driving force for many a philanthropic organization. Her efforts were most often unseen, as she worked her magic in the background.

Most visible was her work for the Centennial Scholarship Foundation. She also had an affinity for the Waltham Historical Society, collecting and donating items that have been a part of the City's story for many years.

Her recent passing has left a hole in the hearts of those who always marveled at her boundless energy. We hope to take this opportunity to recognize her spirit and energy, and at the same time bring an awareness of the Society's efforts to continue her work.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday evening, April 28th, 2009 as an event not to be missed. Proceeds from the event will be put towards efforts at converting 92 Felton Street to a home for the Historical Society. As these plans are still in the early stages, more information will be forthcoming, but you can reserve your tickets in advance by sending a check for \$50.00 per person to the Society at 190 Moody Street. Donations in Lil's name in excess of the ticket price will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

## *Save the date!*

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

### **Chateau Restaurant**

Reservations can be made  
by calling 617-448-6706

The event will feature a raffle of prizes donated by local establishments and individuals. Should you wish to contribute a raffle prize please contact us at:  
617-448-6706.

With your support, we can make this former eye-sore, a piece of Waltham's history of which we can all be proud. You can make a difference.

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## Homes of Waltham

*Now on Display at 760 Main Street*

The Waltham Historical Society has a new exhibit at our satellite office that shows many of the homes in Waltham that are currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Homes that over the years have been lost to re-development, replaced by newer structures, or renovated to like-new condition are depicted in photos from the collection of the Historical Society.

The Society is compiling and documenting homes that still stand in the city, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Some of these homes will be included in the upcoming release of Mort Isaacson's *Driving Tour of Waltham, The Main Street Corridor*.

Check our website calendar or call: 781-891-5815 for more information.



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### *Waltham Historical Society and Charles River Museum of Industry collaborate to create exhibit at Watch Factory*

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Berkeley, the developers of the former Waltham Watch Factory have asked the Historical Society and the Charles River Museum of Industry to assist with creating an exhibit to adorn the main entrance of their new home.

Together with Dan Yaeger of CRMI, the Society has been collecting and scanning images from our collection in an effort to create the graphics and stories to accompany the display.

The space is scheduled to open on June 1, 2009. As part of the exhibit, plans call for pieces of equipment used at the factory in its heyday to be displayed. The story accompanying each piece will describe its purpose and significance to the process of watch making.

Another important part of the exhibit will be the human aspect of the American Waltham Watch Company. Depictions of the workers will be prominently displayed to give today's employees a connection with the employees of the past.

If you have stories of family who worked at the factory please send them along and we will try to work them into the exhibit.

We will keep you posted on activities as we proceed.

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**merry maids.**

# ***Official Notice of proposed changes to the By-Laws of the Waltham Historical Society***

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At January 13, 2009, a proposal has been put forth by the Board of Directors to change the by-laws of the Waltham Historical Society, Inc. because the new insurance policies being entered into require the inclusion of these articles. Motion to Amend

The  
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the Waltham Historical Society, Inc.  
AS RECORDED IN MAY 2007

The proposed changes include:

*inserting new articles immediately following ARTICLE 11. DISSOLUTION, and renumbering ARTICLE 12 AMENDMENTS to read ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS.*

The By-Laws currently read as follows:

## **ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed at any regular meeting of the Society, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, provided notice of the intended amendment, alteration or repeal be given in the notice calling the meeting.

The proposed Amendments include inserting ARTICLE 12. INDEMNIFICATION, ARTICLE 13. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY, and ARTICLE 14. SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY, immediately preceding the final article number 12. AMENDMENTS, and then renumbering ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENTS to read ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS. The content of ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS will remain unchanged.

The By-Laws shall read as follows:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
of the Waltham Historical Society, Inc.  
AT JANUARY 2009

## **ARTICLE 12. INDEMNIFICATION**

The Society shall indemnify reasonable expenses for an act or failure to act which occurred while a person serves on the Board of Directors, or as a committee member, employee or agent to the extent permitted by Massachusetts law or not covered by Society insurance, provided that the act or failure to act was not illegal or the result of malice or gross negligence.

## **ARTICLE 13. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The Society encourages the support and participation of all interested persons regardless of political or religious opinion or affiliation, marital status, race, color, creed or national origin, sex or age, or physical or mental handicap.

## **ARTICLE 14. SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY**

It is the policy of Society to prohibit sexual harassment of its volunteers, clients, and participants in any of its activities or functions by any person, in any form. All volunteers, clients, and participants shall be given the protection they are allowed by law.

## **ARTICLE 15. AMENDMENTS**

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