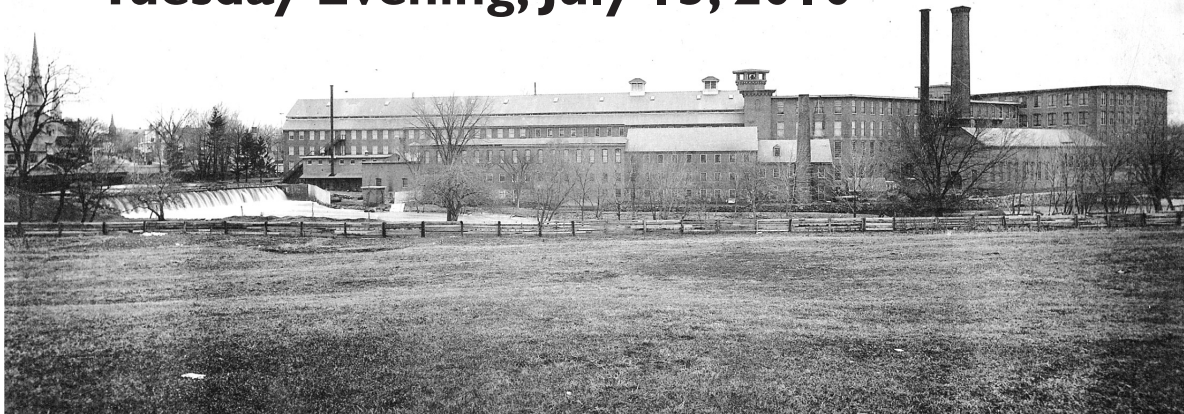


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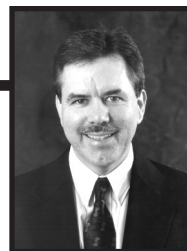


Charles River: Headwaters of Invention

The American Industrial Revolution began in 1813 on the Charles River in Waltham, Mass., when an entrepreneur named Francis Cabot Lowell figured out how to bring all the operations of milling cotton under one roof. During the course of the 19th Century, the lower reaches of the Charles became one of the most heavily industrialized regions in the country, home to textile and paper mills, machine shops and industries of all kinds. Manufacturers were drawn first to the Charles' steady supply of water power, then to the skilled workforce created to keep the mills running. *Charles River: Headwaters of Invention* takes an appreciative, if eclectic, look at the industrial history of the Charles and celebrates the culture of innovation spawned along its banks.

JOE HUNTER

Joe Hunter, Assistant Vice President and Director of Communication at Olin College of Engineering in Needham, is a veteran of 20 years in the field of educational communications. Prior posts include senior communication management positions at Boston University, Boston College and Curry College. In his current position at Olin, he provides overall strategic communication direction for an innovative undergraduate engineering college. He began his career as a public radio reporter, and is currently active as a producer of public affairs programming for NewTV, Newton's community access channel. As the owner of Remember Productions, he is also an award-winning producer of historical documentaries, family histories and other history-themed programming.



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By Laura Bernstein

Status of Threatened Historic Properties

Brooks House, 546 Moody St (1854). In early June the City Council denied TD Bank's application to build a branch with a drive-through on this site, due to traffic concerns voiced by neighbors at a public hearing. Without the drive-through, the bank has said it would not pursue permitting for this branch.

Whitney-Farrington-Cook House, 385 Trapelo Rd (1810-1840) & 1767 Trapelo Rd (1860's): 6-month demolition delays expired in mid-June, 2010.

Status of City-owned Properties

Stonehurst, the Paine Estate (1883-86). Curator Ann Clifford continues to oversee critical renovations and improvements (fire suppression system, accessible elevator) and expanding public programs. She pursues CPA and private funding.

Wellington House, 785 Trapelo (1779). Renovations could be complete by mid-2012. WHC will use some space for its offices, and will oversee rentals and other uses of this architecturally important house. It was given to the City in 2005, in connection with the development of nearby Wellington Crossing condo complex.

Status of Preservation Tools

Demolition Delay Ordinance, Enacted in early 2008, this allows WHC to prohibit demolition of a historically-significant building for 6 months, while alternative solutions are considered. WHC is working on extending the ordinance to 12 months, and requiring that abutters be informed of related public hearings.

Local Historic Districts. If enacted, an LHD ordinance would allow a local committee to control demolitions and visible external features of buildings within a district. The process of enacting LHDs is long—likely 2 years. The first step is to submit a petition with 10 signatures to the local Ward Councilor. Districts being considered are:

Moody St. business district, in Wards 8 & 9 (Councilors Rourke & Logan)

Ellison Park-Lyman Sts, in Ward 6 (Councilor Waddick)

Piety Corner, in Wards 1 & 2 (Councilors Romard & Tarallo)

WHC Internal Operations

Working with the Mayor, Chair Emberley and Preservation Consultant Bennett continue to strengthen tools, streamline procedures and digitize record-keeping. WHC provides technical assistance to residents and non-profits—including advice on applying for CPA funding—when they restore their historic properties.

From the Co-Presidents

The past two months have been extremely hectic in the Society! Our Annual House Tour, this year organized by Lucia Droby, was a great success. We showcased 9 beautiful homes, all within walking distance of one another.

With Leona Lindsay driving the Trolley, we were able to shuttle tourists to the Piety Corner Club where they were greeted by Chauncy Perry and given a tour of the Club before setting out on foot to visit the other homes.

We would like to extend our appreciation to Lucia, the gracious homeowners, and to our volunteer docents for an enjoyable afternoon of home touring. We hope to be posting photos of the event on our website very soon.

The Society also submitted a proposal to the City this month for a lease at the former Bright Elementary School on Grove Street. It is hoped that we will hear positive news soon. Until then, please visit our satellite space at 760 Main Street.

Historic Waltham Month has kicked off with a number of interesting events, and promises many more throughout the month of July. For a calendar of events visit www.discoverwaltham.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the lecture on July 13th!

—Sheila FitzPatrick and Wayne McCarthy

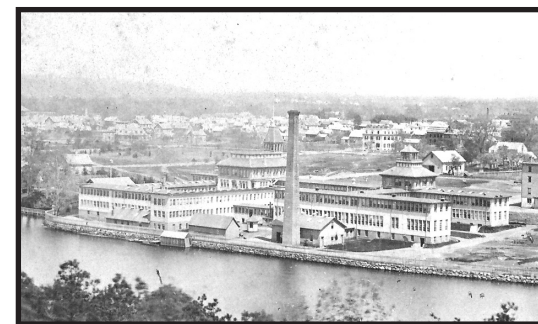
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