

2015 Historic Preservation Awards Properties



Colebrook Farmhouse sits within the Evian development on West Lincoln Highway. Originally built in 1750 with one core section, it was completed with a second section by 1798, creating the house visible today. At one time the farm occupied 540 acres of land. In 1914 the property was bought by Wikoff Smith of Bryn Mawr who became the master of the Whitelands Hunt. Kennels and stables were maintained on the property and members hunted the local lands, which at the time were mostly agricultural and included the current Whitford Country Club lands

and subdivisions to the north and east.

In the late 1980's the property was bought by the Hankin Group and work began on development of the townhome community that is now Evian. The former Colebrook Farmhouse, once a gracious home for entertaining, continues the tradition today as an elegant clubhouse for entertainment and social activities.

It is with gratitude and appreciation that the Historical Commission recognizes the Homeowners Association of the Evian complex for outstanding preservation efforts.

St. Paul's Parish House faces Lincoln Highway. It is a 2 story rectangular stone structure built in the Gothic style in 1912. The building replaced the horse sheds that had stood there.

The efforts of the congregation are truly inspirational. Throughout the history of the church the congregation and its pastors have worked to preserve the historic character of the structures. St. Paul's is one of the oldest churches in the Township continuing its original mission. We honor today the exceptional efforts the church has made in rehabilitating the Parish House.



Davis Dairy Farm Springhouse sits beside Samuel Road across the street from Sunset Grove Park. Originally built in the nineteenth century, the spacious springhouse functioned as the “refrigerator” for the milk and milk products produced at the Davis Dairy Farm. When farming became no longer viable, the property was subdivided. The barn was bought by Michele and Nick Porco, who with great vision, incredible craftsmanship, and steadfast belief in the preservation of historic places, rehabilitated the barn into their home.



The springhouse was another issue. Below the barn, dangerously deteriorated, next to a stream, relatively useless for any practical application, Mr. Porco had conversations with the Historical Commission regarding demolition. The Commission was sympathetic to his concerns, but endeavored to convince him of the importance of the springhouse as a visual reminder, one fast disappearing, of the farm family history of the area.

Mr. Porco reconsidered. Using his skills as a stone mason and builder, he completely restored the springhouse. It appears today as an excellent historic example and as a great tribute to its dedicated owners, Michele and Nick Porco.