

Preservation Link



NEWSLETTER OF THE SALISBURY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR
MONTHLY
MEETINGS
OF THE
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION
COMMISSION
ARE HELD
EVERY SECOND
THURSDAY

City Hall

**217 South Main
Street**

**City Council
Chamber**

5:15 p.m.

Submittal Deadline:
25th of preceding month

**Salisbury
Historic
Preservation
Commission**

Anne Lyles, chair
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GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR EXTERIOR WORK

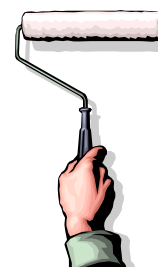
Grant applications are now being accepted. Painting, roofing, porch repairs and other exterior work is eligible.

Grants can cover 50% of total project cost, up to a maximum grant of \$2,500. Low-moderate income applicants are eligible for a higher grant award.

Work must be completed before the end of June 2009.

Applying for a grant is simpler than you might think. Just complete a short application form, submit one estimate for the work and obtain approval from the Historic Preservation Commission (most requests can be approved as a Minor Work).

**Call (704) 638-5230
for an application.**



Deadline to apply:

April 10, 2009

- ◇ Grants cannot be awarded for work already completed.
- ◇ Owner-occupied homes and businesses are eligible.

HOW TO GET YOUR PROJECTS APPROVED

All exterior changes and some types of repair work require a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission. Most routine projects are considered Minor Works which have a short turn-around time so that you can get on with your work.

Property owners should consult Historic Preservation Commission staff to determine if a permit is required before making any additions, other changes or repairs to:

**Windows/Doors
Roofs/Chimneys
Walls/Siding/Trim
Porches/Decks**

**Masonry/Foundations
Paint/Exterior Color
Garages/Outbuildings
Driveways/Paving
Fences/Walls
Mechanical Equipment
Satellite Equipment
Tree Pruning/Removal
(trees larger than 18" in diameter)**

HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- ◇ Do I need approval to add landscaping? No review is necessary to add trees or shrubbery, or to remove small shrubs or trees that are less than 18" in diameter at the trunk.
- ◇ After receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness, how long is it valid? Six months. If the work has not commenced after six months and no changes are proposed, the COA can be renewed.
- ◇ I know that vinyl and aluminum siding would not be approved, but what if my house already has this type of siding? Minor repairs can be made to existing siding, but no new vinyl or aluminum siding can be added.
- ◇ There are weeds growing in the curb and gutter in front of my house. Does the city clean these out as part of ordinary street maintenance? Property owners are advised to keep grass and weeds pulled from the concrete joints so that the street sweepers can do an effective job of cleaning loose debris from these areas.
- ◇ Does the Historic Preservation Commission regulate parking in front or back yards? Not directly. There is a city ordinance that prohibits parking in front yards on unprepared surfaces. However, historic district property owners must receive a Certificate of Appropriateness to change the configuration of existing driveways and parking, or to add new driveways or parking surfaces anywhere on the site.
- ◇ How often are Requests for Certificates of Appropriateness denied? Not often. A total of 189 applications were approved between July 1, 2007—June 30, 2008. Only two requests were denied.

For More Information

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- Historic Preservation Grants
- Information about Districts

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- Certificates of Appropriateness
- Minor Works Approvals

Historic District Design Guidelines

and other information

are available online:

www.salisburync.gov/lm&d/boards

