

This Old House

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Thomas T. Walsh
Director of Communications
Springfield City Hall
36 Court Street
Springfield, MA

Dear Mr. Walsh,

Congratulations! Forest Park Heights in Springfield has been selected as one of *This Old House's* Best Old-House Neighborhoods 2010.

After researching hundreds of cities, towns and neighborhoods throughout the United States and Canada, we've decided Forest Park Heights deserves special recognition for its astonishing selection of great homes, and the community spirit that supports them.

Our goal for this contest was simple. We wanted to recognize cities, towns or individual neighborhoods that might not be on our readers' radar, but deserve to be; places overflowing with beautiful, architecturally significant, or even, historic houses with special appeal to old-house-loving buyers. We also looked for places where people are happy to lend a helping hand on a neighbor's home improvement project; where spur-of-the-moment porch parties are among residents' favorite summer activities; where amenities, such as restaurants, hardware stores, or hiking trails, are just a short walk or drive away, and where people come together for special events, whether it's a holiday festival or a house tour; a 4th of July parade or a chilly night outside watching a local college or high school's football game.

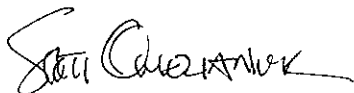
We're hoping this designation will help ensure your community's continued success or revitalization by getting the word out to hundreds of thousands of old-house-enthusiasts nationwide.

Six of our winners are included in the enclosed issues of *This Old House* magazine (page 34). All 51 winners can now be seen on our Web site, thisoldhouse.com.

We are also sending along a disk with our Best Old-House Neighborhoods logo. Please feel free to use it on your Web site, or print it up and post it in the windows of local businesses and real estate companies to publicize this honor.

If you have any questions regarding the logo usage, please contact Senior Public Relations Manager Karen Affinito at 212-522-3740, or at karen_affinito@timeinc.com.

Again, congratulations.



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THIS OLD HOUSE NAMES THE BEST OLD-HOUSE NEIGHBORHOODS

Third Annual List Honors Brooklyn, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Detroit

Plus: ThisOldHouse.com Lists the 51 Best Old-House Neighborhoods, One in Every State & Canada

New York, NY (Tuesday, February 16, 2010) – As the housing market stabilizes, now's the time to find masterfully crafted homes in communities that truly appreciate them. The editors of *This Old House* magazine have tracked down 51 great neighborhoods that have promising futures, people that care, and homes that truly deserve a long-term commitment. The **Best Old-House Neighborhoods** appear in the March issue, on newsstands February 19th, and online at www.thisoldhouse.com/best-places.

This Old House scoured the United States, and Canada, to find unique, tight-knit neighborhoods for their third annual search for the Best Old-House Neighborhoods. These places might not be on your radar, but deserve to be, according to the magazine's editors.

This Old House magazine (p. 34) and thisoldhouse.com feature 51 great spots that fit the criteria of old-house neighborhoods – architectural diversity, craftsmanship of the homes, and the preservation momentum in the area as well as neighborhood amenities including walkability, safety and community. With the help of PreservationDirectory.com, neighborhood groups, real estate agents, and preservation societies, *This Old House* compiled their list of the best places to track down, fix up, and fall head over heels for. The National Association of Realtors, the voice of real estate, is the sponsor of the 2010 Best Old-House Neighborhoods list.

The Best Old-House Neighborhoods are:

ALABAMA

Unions Springs

ALASKA

Anchorage

ARIZONA

Coronado Historic District, Phoenix

ARKANSAS

Park Hill Neighborhood, Little Rock

CALIFORNIA

West Adams, Los Angeles

COLORADO

Curtis Park, Denver

CONNECTICUT

Harwinton

DELAWARE

Quaker Hill, Wilmington

FLORIDA

Thornton Park, Orlando

GEORGIA

Brunswick Historic District, Brunswick

HAWAII

Manoa

IDAHO

West Side, Pocatello

ILLINOIS

North Mayfair, Chicago

INDIANA

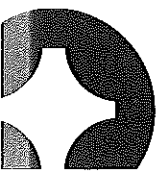
West Central Neighborhood, Fort Wayne

IOWA

The Longfellow Neighborhood, Iowa City

KANSAS

Historic Midtown, Wichita



KENTUCKY
Harrodsburg

LOUISIANA
Garden District, Monroe

MAINE
Bangor

MARYLAND
Chestertown

MASSACHUSETTS
Forest Park Heights, Springfield

MICHIGAN
The Villages, Detroit

MINNESOTA
St. Cloud

MISSISSIPPI
Holly Springs

MISSOURI
Old Lee's Summit, Lee's Summit

MONTANA
Uptown Butte, Butte

NEBRASKA
Central Hastings Historic District, Hastings

NEVADA
Carson City Historic District, Carson City

NEW HAMPSHIRE
North End, Nashua

NEW JERSEY
Greenwood-Hamilton District, Trenton

NEW MEXICO
Mesilla

NEW YORK
Stuyvesant Heights, Brooklyn

NORTH CAROLINA
Salisbury

NORTH DAKOTA
Grand Forks

OHIO
Wellington

OKLAHOMA
Midtown Tulsa, Tulsa

OREGON
McLoughlin Conservation District, Oregon City

PENNSYLVANIA
Mt. Airy Neighborhood, Philadelphia

RHODE ISLAND
Cranston

SOUTH CAROLINA
The Northwest Quadrant, Beaufort

SOUTH DAKOTA
Pierre Hill, Pierre

TENNESSEE
Cornstalk District, Harriman

TEXAS
Junius Heights, Dallas

UTAH
Old Historic Sandy, Sandy

VERMONT
Bennington

VIRGINIA
Solar Hill, Bristol

WASHINGTON
McKinley Hill Neighborhood, Tacoma

WEST VIRGINIA
Harpers Ferry

WISCONSIN
Beloit

WYOMING
Downtown Laramie, Laramie

CANADA
The Junction Neighborhood, Toronto

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