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Welcome to this special issue of *The Preservationist*, an e-publication of [Historic Augusta, Inc.](#)! This newsletter contains information about upcoming programs and projects of Historic Augusta, Inc. and the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson.

SAVED! Historic Courthouse Annex and Synagogue



The Court of Ordinary, built c. 1860, on the left and the Children of Israel Synagogue, built 1869, on the right.

Historic Augusta staff, board members, and concerned citizens have attended several Public Services Committee and Augusta-Richmond County Commission meetings to show solidarity in saving these two significant and irreplaceable 19th Century historic resources.

UPDATE:

What's Next?



Tile flooring in the Court of Ordinary Building.

The city will begin demolition of the non-historic additions to the Courthouse Annex in order to be in conformance with life safety codes. This selective demolition was approved by the Historic Preservation Commission in 2013 and will likely be completed by the end of July 2015.

Historic Augusta, Inc. will work with the Jewish Museum of Augusta, Inc., which is currently developing plans for the use of both the Court of Ordinary and Children of Israel Synagogue as a Jewish History Museum.

UPDATE: Historic Preservation

We are delighted to announce that at the June 2nd Augusta Commission meeting, commissioners voted to save BOTH the 1869 Synagogue and the 1861 for use as a new Jewish Museum! The vote was 8-2.

The city administrator developed three options for the commissioners to consider and the commissioners voted yes to the following motion:

Selective demolition of the old IT building and annex while saving both the Synagogue and the Court of Ordinary.

THANK YOU to everyone who attended commission meetings, signed petitions, made calls, and talked about the importance of historic preservation around town. Now the real work starts to get the buildings restored. We will keep everyone informed!

Augusta's History Matters!

This month we were successful in showing the Augusta Commission that Historic Preservation in Augusta-Richmond County is important to our community.

We want to know why Augusta's historically and architecturally significant sites and buildings matter to you!

Use the hashtag #HistoricAugusta year-round when sharing your

Ordinance

The Augusta Historic Preservation Ordinance was amended, bringing it in line with the [Georgia Historic Preservation Act](#), which specifies that although cities are exempt from their own ordinance, they do have to give the Historic Preservation Commission 45 days to comment on city-owned properties that would otherwise have to come before the Historic Preservation Commission.

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