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Welcome to the July 2018 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.

**Save the Date for *Perfectly Aged:*
Thursday, September 13, 2018**



Please mark your calendars for *Perfectly Aged: Historic Augusta's Benefit Auction* on **Thursday, September 13, 2018** at Saint Paul's River Room. This fun, festive evening will include cocktails, wine and beer tastings, and specialty hors d'oeuvres provided by Augusta's top caterers. A silent auction will feature a variety of desirable goods and experiences, including exclusive travel and event opportunities, quality antiques, and fine wines and art from local artists. All proceeds support Historic Augusta's mission to preserve historic sites and structures in Augusta and Richmond County.

Sponsors at the **Bronze Level or higher** will also receive admission to our **VIP Champagne Reception** and preview party on **August 23rd**. Grab your sponsorship now by clicking the link below! **The deadline to appear in the invitation is August 1.**

[Click here to purchase your tickets and sponsorships.](#)

We sincerely hope you will join us on September 13! Tickets are \$100 per person or \$50 per person, age 35 and younger.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, to purchase a ticket, or to donate an item for our silent auction, please contact Historic Augusta at 706-724-0436 or click [here](#).

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Office and Wilson House Closed



Historic Augusta's office and the Boyhood of President Woodrow Wilson will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in honor of Independence Day.

Interested in learning

more about your ancestors?

The Augusta Genealogical Society will hold its

Lightning Strikes Responsible for 2 Fires in Historic Districts



Richard B. Morris House, 611 Telfair Street, Augusta Downtown Historic District

Recent severe weather has impacted two of Augusta's historic neighborhoods. On Sunday June 24th, lightning struck the Richard B. Morris House, **611 Telfair Street**, causing significant fire damage to the attic and extensive water damage throughout the building.

Built c. 1871, this house is an example of the Italianate style found in the Augusta Downtown Historic District. Richard Morris was a cotton broker in the firm of Roberts, Morris & Shivers and in 1891 formed a partnership with William J. Rutherford in a brick and contracting business. Currently owned by **First Presbyterian Church of Augusta**, the house served as offices and residential space. On Wednesday June 27th, the **rectory of St. Mary's on the Hill Catholic Church** was also struck by lightning and the subsequent fire caused extensive damage to the attic and second floor. Located on church grounds at **1420 Monte Sano Avenue**, the large house was acquired by Father Patrick H. McMahon upon instruction by the Bishop as a location for a suitable parish church. The house was used by parishioners until the original church was built next door in 1919. Historic Augusta will continue to monitor the situations and will work with the churches to offer guidance for the rehabilitation of the historic resources.



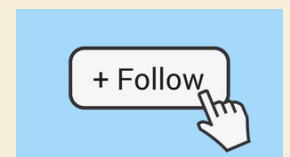
Rectory, St. Mary's on the Hill Catholic Church, Summerville Historic District

annual Homecoming Seminar on Saturday, August 4 at First Baptist Church.

The presenter will be Judy G. Russell (the Legal Genealogist).

[For more information and registration, click here.](#)

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Trinity CME Moved to New Location



[Click here to watch a time-lapse video of the move!](#)

The former **Trinity Christian Methodist Episcopal Church** has been moved to its new location across Taylor Street thanks to the **Augusta Canal Authority** and **Hercules House Movers, Inc.** Historic Augusta's staff and members of the community joined the Canal Authority and the Trinity CME congregation on June 13 to witness the initial stages on the move. Although the relocation is now complete, the structure will remain on the dollies until the foundation has cured.

Historic Augusta's members may remember that Trinity received a stay of execution from the Augusta Historic Preservation Commission at its July meeting last year, when a request for demolition by Atlanta Gas Light Company was denied. Trinity is considered the "Mother" church of the C.M.E. denomination, having been established in 1840 by African American members of the present-day Saint John United Methodist Church. Located at the northeast corner of 8th and Taylor Streets the ground underneath was contaminated by a gas manufacturing plant that was established across the street in 1852. After several failed attempts to mitigate the environmental problems in other ways, AGL remained under orders from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division to remediate the soil under building.

The Augusta Canal Authority spearheaded the campaign over the past year to find a solution, forming a steering committee with Historic Augusta, Inc. and other interested parties. Moving the structure to a nearby lot adjacent to the canal's third level was a win for both preservationists and environmentalists, as the building will be preserved while also allowing AGL to remediate the contaminated soil in its former location. Proposed future uses include a community center, arts venue, or trail head.

Summer at the
Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson



"America lives in the heart of every man everywhere who wishes to find a region where he will be free to work out his destiny as he chooses." - Woodrow Wilson

Feeling patriotic? July is the perfect time to visit the Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson and learn about the experiences in young Tommy's life that influenced his later careers as a professor, politician, and president during the First World War. These family-friendly tours are fun for all ages!

The home will be open during normal business hours this week. Guided tours of the home are given on the hour every Thursday - Saturday between 10:00 - 4:00pm.

Tours last approximately 45 minutes and admission is \$5 adults; \$4 seniors and active military; \$3 students (K-12), and free for children 5 and under. (The home is closed on most national holidays, including this Wednesday, July 4th.)

Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more. If you would like to schedule a group tour, please give us a call at (706) 724-0436.

The Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson is located at 419 Seventh Street, Augusta, GA 30901.

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