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Welcome to the March 2017 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.

Support Preservation Month!

Interested in sponsoring Preservation Month events like the annual Downtown Loft Tour and Cotton Ball? Sponsorships are now available for businesses and individuals for Historic Augusta's upcoming May 2017 Preservation Month events! Sponsorships start at just \$250 and include a membership.



Historic Augusta's 13th Annual **Downtown Loft Tour** will be held **Friday, May 5 from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 6 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.** in various lofts downtown. This tour is a unique way to see

Porch Repairs at the Joseph R. Lamar Boyhood Home



Much-needed repairs to the front porch of Historic Augusta's offices, the Joseph R. Lamar Boyhood Home at 415 Seventh Street, began in late February. The porch has been removed and will be rebuilt to correct issues with water retention.

If you are visiting the offices of Historic Augusta, Inc. please use the rear entrance of the building and ring the call box to speak with a member of our staff.

what it is like to live, work, and play in historic downtown Augusta!



Historic Augusta's annual membership garden party, the **Cotton Ball**, will be held at **Twin Gables**, the home of Augusta University's President Brooks Keel and First Lady Tammie Schalue, on **Tuesday, May 23 from 6:30 p.m.** until 9:30 p.m. Admission to the Cotton Ball is by current, new, or renewing membership in Historic Augusta, Inc. Preservation Month Sponsorships include membership in Historic Augusta, Inc. by giving level.

[Download a Preservation Month Sponsorship flyer today!](#) **Sponsorships must be received by March 31, 2017 to meet printing deadlines.**

Contact our staff at 706-724-0436 or info@historicaugusta.org for more information about sponsorship levels and the benefits event sponsors receive during Preservation Month. Sponsorships keep our costs to a minimum so that the maximum amount of funds can be spent saving historically and architecturally significant sites and structures in Augusta-Richmond County!

The visitors center of Boyhood Home of President Woodrow Wilson will be open during construction. The entrance at the ground level of the Joseph R. Lamar Boyhood Home should remain open during most of the construction. Please use that entrance as normal during opening hours Thursday - Saturday. Tours begin at the top of each hour from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Preservation Updates



[Historic Augusta, Inc. purchased the home of the Rev. Charles T. Walker at 1011 Laney-Walker Boulevard in November of 2016.](#) Our preservation committee and staff have been working with the Laney-Walker Development Corporation to solidify plans for the future use of this historic home. Brush has recently been cleared from the yard and grants have been submitted in order to secure funding for a conditions assessment report.

Born into slavery near Hephzibah, Georgia, the Reverend Charles Thomas Walker (1858-1921) was one of the early enrollees at the Augusta Baptist Institute (now Morehouse College in Atlanta) and became one of the most prolific ministers of his era. He was the founder and first

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pastor of Augusta's Tabernacle Baptist Church. A prolific speaker, Walker gained international following and was known as "the Black Spurgeon". C. T. Walker is the namesake for the C. T. Walker school and Laney-Walker Historic District.

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