

THE  
HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY OF  
**MOUNT  
LEBANON**



PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE... BUILDING OUR FUTURE

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN





# PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE...

“ While national and global history is so important to shaping a full world view, we can’t overlook the value of the people, places and institutions in our communities and how they have enhanced and impacted our lives. ”

— Matt Smith  
State Senator, 37th District

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon serves and educates the community by collecting, preserving, interpreting and sharing its history in ways designed to inspire our present and guide our future.

## CALL TO ACTION

The purchase and restoration of our Center is critical to the future of The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon. The Mt. Lebanon Municipality has provided a loan to begin renovations.

We have an opportunity to create a permanent History Center for our community. Please consider joining us in Preserving Our Heritage... Building Our Future by making a contribution today.





# BUILDING OUR FUTURE

## OUR NEEDS

Through a careful and deliberate Board planning process, the Society has identified the following items that are needed:

- a handicapped-accessible permanent location
- larger exhibit space
- expanded educational programming space
- educationally-focused research space
- community meeting space
- storage space

## OUR SOLUTION

The total investment required for the facility plan is approximately \$1,000,000 for the property acquisition, restoration, improvements and establishment of an endowment for our increased operating costs. These include:

- Purchase of the house at 794 Washington Road from the municipality of Mt. Lebanon.
- Renovate and refurbish as a permanent home for the History Center. (The Society currently occupies only the basement of the building.)
- Create an endowment to provide funds for on-going operations.

### **The History Center renovation and expansion will include:**

- Approximately 1,083 square feet of exhibit space for permanent and seasonal exhibits.
- Exhibit space for traveling exhibits in collaboration with the Senator John Heinz History Center (associated with the Smithsonian Institution).
- A multi-purpose room/lecture hall (approximately 1,063 square feet) for educational programming in partnership with the Mt. Lebanon School District and various community organizations.
- Climate-controlled archive space (approximately 665 square feet).
- A library of historical materials for research.
- Office space for volunteers and staff.
- Work space and research rooms.
- Restoration of stained glass windows, atrium fountain, stenciling and a mural that were hidden by layers of paint
- Handicapped-accessibility.

“ A permanent History Center ... will be a place that will educate, inform and entertain all generations of visitors. It will be the first place you will go for an answer to a question or to conduct research on all things related to Mt. Lebanon's history. We want to establish ourselves as the model for what a local historical society should provide in programming, location, artifact and object handling and preservation, and serving the community. ”

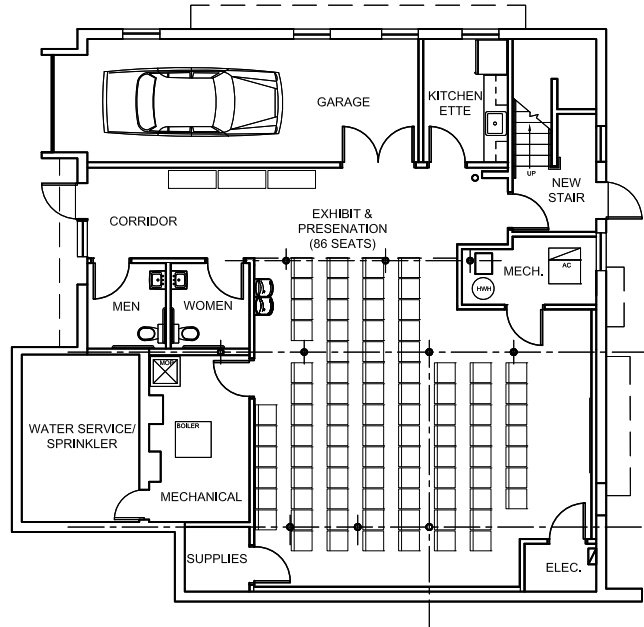
— Jim Wojcik  
President, The Historical  
Society of Mount Lebanon

# RENOVATION PLANS

(GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR)

“ The Municipality has formed a strong partnership with the Historical Society to restore and adaptively re-use the building at 794 Washington Road. The end result will be a permanent History Center that will make our entire community proud. ”

— Steve Feller  
Mt. Lebanon  
Municipal Manager

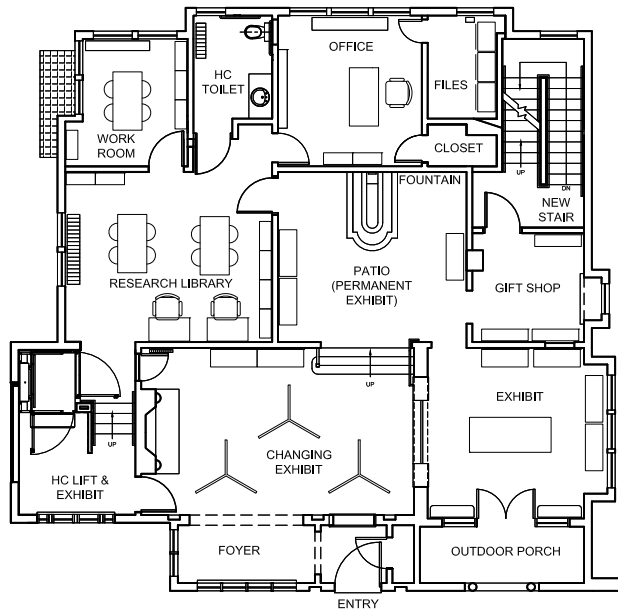


PROPOSED GROUND FLOOR PLAN



“ The project is important to Mt. Lebanon because it creates community involvement and broadens the community’s horizons... It is to be maintained for generations to come and be kept in the forefront so that the integrity of the community can be preserved... ”

— Virginia Nicklas  
Campaign Committee,  
Honorary Chair



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



**McMILLAN HOUSE**  
NEW HOME FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MOUNT LEBANON  
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## HISTORY

The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon started as an idea in 1998 and has evolved into a valuable community resource. What began with occasional lectures, a display case in the Mt. Lebanon Library and the storage of an old object or two, now offers rotating exhibits, regular education programs, ongoing research and community-wide events. In 2009, the Society established its first History Center at its present site, the basement of 200 Lebanon Avenue. This is the former home of Dr. Donald L. McMillan, a noted Mt. Lebanon physician who moved to Mt. Lebanon after WWII to practice medicine out of the basement of his residence until he retired in 1988.

Sources of revenue include annual membership dues, an annual fund-raising dinner, donations from community groups and the Mt. Lebanon Municipality as well as revenues from tours, sales and royalties.

The Society is managed by a dedicated fourteen member board of directors, and all activities, programs and events are volunteer-driven. The History Center is open Thursdays, Saturdays and first Fridays (June-September).

## PROGRAMS

Recent Society programs, exhibits and educational highlights include:

- Authoring and selling over 550 copies of the book, *Images of America: Mt. Lebanon*.
- Creating and displaying eight, free public displays over the last five years including, "Mt. Lebanon: The First 100 Years" which documented our community's history for Mt. Lebanon's Centennial Celebration.
- An annual Speakers Series, featuring five free programs each year – 25 over the last five years – including talks on Mt. Lebanon's development; the life of the area's first doctor, Dr. Cyrus Schreiner; and the glories of Mt. Lebanon football under Coach Art Walker, Sr.
- Multiple walking tours of locations including Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Washington Road, St. Bernard's, Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian, and Southminister Presbyterian churches.
- Educational programs for high school and middle school students and teachers featuring the exhibit on the impact of WW II in Mt. Lebanon.

“ My family and I have personally visited the History Center many times and at every visit we learn something new about the history and lives of those who helped grow and build our town. Giving the History Center a permanent and suitable home is important to me because the uniqueness of our community is a story worth preserving. ”

— Daniel Miller  
State Representative,  
42nd District

# RECOGNITION OPPORTUNITIES

## Preserving Our Heritage... Building Our Future

As an expression of our appreciation for your generosity, a variety of donor recognition opportunities are available at various gift levels. A beautiful donor recognition plaque will be prominently displayed on the wall on the First Floor in the Changing Exhibit Area. Recognition can be listed in honor or in memory of a special loved one.

Please help secure the present and the future of our History Center. Thank you.

### Sharing the gift of history.

#### Honorary or Memorial Naming Opportunities, Gifts Paid Over 1–3 Years.

*(Please indicate recognition location below, and complete form on page 7)*

##### **\$1,000,000**

- Historical Society of Mount Lebanon Building

##### **\$250,000**

- Atrium (First Floor)

##### **\$100,000**

- Exhibit/Presentation Area (First Floor)
- Exhibit/Meeting Room (First Floor)
- Multi-Purpose Room (Ground Floor)

##### **\$50,000**

- Permanent Exhibit (First Floor)
- Stained Glass (First Floor)
- Fountain (First Floor)

##### **\$25,000**

- Library/Research Room (First Floor)
- Exhibit/Gift Shop (First Floor)
- Kitchen (Ground Floor)
- Office (First Floor)

##### **\$10,000**

- Outdoor Gardens (3)
- Archive Room (3) (Second Floor)
- Foyer (First Floor)
- Outdoor Porch
- Handicapped Lift
- Sidewalk

##### Wall of Honor Categories

- \$5,000**
- \$2,500**
- \$1,000**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

“As a high school history and government teacher, I can attest to the numerous benefits the Society provides for our community and in particular the aid they have given my students; particularly lectures, exhibits, interviews and volunteer experiences.”

— Pete DiNardo  
Teacher, Mt. Lebanon High School

# CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT FORM

## Preserving Our Heritage... Building Our Future

**Yes!** I am pleased to participate in the campaign to help ensure the financial future of The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon.

*Please make all gifts payable to The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon.*

### GIVING LEVELS (please check one):

- |                                      |                                    |                                    |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000   |

I/we will pledge to the Campaign payable over:  One year  Two years  Three years

Payable:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annually  Other

Enclosed is my first contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_

Payment made by:  Check  Electronic Bank Transfer (EBT)  Credit Card

I wish my gift to be:  in honor of  in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we cannot commit to an annual pledge, however, my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

*All gifts will be acknowledged by gift level in Society publications. I understand my gift may be used to inspire gifts from other individuals, corporations, and foundations. Gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE LISTED IN SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in planned giving options, please contact me.  I wish my gift be anonymous.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

The official registration and financial information of The Historical Society of Mount Lebanon may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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# Thank You!

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“ The partnership between the Municipality and the Historical Society is paramount to the success of our community’s future and the History Center is one large step in renewing our community’s commitment toward preservation for future generations. I am humbled and proud to be a part of the Commission that made the dream of finding a home for the Historical Society a reality. ”

— Kelly Frاسasch, Ward 5 Commissioner, Mt Lebanon

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