

## Congratulations

*You are the proud owner of a property in Bellefonte Borough's Historic District.*

### How Does this impact me?

It is an investment in time; both the past and the future. You are the caretakers of the property during the time you own the home.

As the caregiver, you are in charge of maintaining the historic details and designs of the property.

This brochure is to help you understand the process of maintaining the historic value,



Such as the window and brick detail shown

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## Bellefonte Borough Historic Architectural Review Board

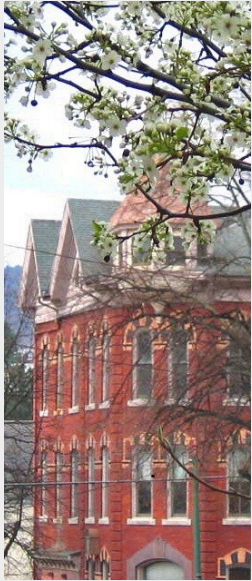
PRESERVING THE BEAUTY AND HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.



It is the responsibility of the Historic Architecture Review Board to protect and Preserve the Architectural character and Integrity of the Bellefonte Historic District

# THE HISTORY OF HARB

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. The Bellefonte Historic District ordinance was adopted in 1970 to protect the Districts distinctive historical character of the borough

A board for Historic Architectural Review was established to review the alteration of buildings in the Historic District.

They are an advisory board and make recommendation, based on the Secretary of the Interior Standards, to borough council for approval on any exterior changes. By encouraging appropriate alterations and new construction that fits in with existing buildings, design review in a local historic district helps protect and enhance property values.

In addition to being a locally designated and regulated historic district, Bellefonte's historic district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This designation assists in preserving historic properties by recognizing their significance and providing honor to the community

## What and who is HARB

**HARB is an acronym that stands for Historical and Architectural Review Board. It consist of seven volunteer members, including a licensed real estate broker, an architect, borough, code official, a business in the historic district and three other people. They meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 8:30 a.m. In the borough building**

## The Review Process

### What does HARB Review

Exterior changes visible from any public right away on all properties in the historic district, even if the property is vacant or contains buildings that are not historical.

Changes to property features include signs, awnings, fences, sheds, decks, pools, sidewalks and all other built features of a property, as well as changes to the building itself.

**HARB does not review** repair and maintenance projects where the color, size, texture, shape and composition of building materials remain unchanged. Interior changes, street trees, shrubs, etc. **However** HARB does review built features such as walls, decks and driveways.

## What You Need to Do

Obtain a HARB Application they are available online at <http://bellefonte.net/harb/review-process/> or at the borough office. Complete the application and supporting information. Turn it in at the borough office before noon on Wednesday the week before the scheduled meeting.

You or your representative must be at the meeting. If you are not there and the board has questions that cannot be answered the project will be tabled until a meeting you can attend.

If HARB approves your project, it then goes to council at their next meeting for final approval.

An important thing to remember is that HARB is regulated by ordinance so you must comply with the review process.

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