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CITY OF PATERSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION'S 22nd ANNUAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 AT 6:30 – 9:30 PM

WHERE: CHARLES J. MUTH MUSEUM OF HINCHLIFFE STADIUM HINCHLIFFE STADIUM, 186 MAPLE STREET, PATERSON

The City of Paterson Historic Preservation Commission invites the public to celebrate and honor notable individuals and organizations at the 22nd Annual Historic Preservation Awards Dinner on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Charles J. Muth

Museum of Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson.

Each year, the Commission recognizes institutions, agencies and individuals that have sustained historic preservation through stewardship of public and private historic sites. The *City of Paterson* will be honored with the "Stewardship Award for Outstanding Public Project" for the development of the Quarry Lawn & River Walk Park in the Great Falls Historic District. The Commission will also present *Passaic Valley Water Commission* with the "Stewardship Award for Outstanding Public Project in Historic Rehabilitation" for excellent rehabilitation of the Screen House and Pump House Buildings in Mary Ellen Kramer Park near the Great Falls. *Jimmy Richardson and Dr. Flavia Alaya* will also be honored with the "Stewardship Award for Outstanding Local History Research Project" for their research on the Underground Railroad activities in Paterson. *HPC's Executive Director Gianfranco Archimede* will be honored with the "Stewardship Award for Outstanding Historic Rehabilitation of a Public Building" for his long-term guidance and support of the rehabilitation of Hinchliffe Stadium. Certificates will also be presented to the building professionals, contractors and their firms who were also instrumental in the various projects.

The Commission will also welcome the latest addition to the Paterson Register of Historic Places, *Bible Way Church of Christ*, that was designated as a historic landmark by the Municipal Council this year.

The recipient of the 2025 Good Graces Award is *Ms. Tamara Rivera* for her decades of outstanding community service in the stewardship and promotion of Paterson's history, historic places, and its people.

The 22nd Annual Historic Preservation Awards dinner is open to the public participation. Seats are \$65.00 per person, for a buffet dinner and dessert catered by The Brownstone House. Profits realized from the event will be dedicated to the Historic Markers Fund administered by the Commission. The Fund is used for public education programs and for the fabrication of historic markers and their installation throughout the City of Paterson.

If you are interested in purchasing seats for this event or for further information, please contact the Division of Historic Preservation at (973) 321-1220 ext. 2263 or bramirez@patersonnj.gov