

Preservation Calendar 2025

May 1 – 31 – Historic Preservation Month, sponsored by National Trust for Historic Preservation. Theme: Harnessing the Power of Place. For information, digital marketing kit and free GIF stickers go to <https://savingplaces.org/stories/preservation-month-2025>

September 24-27 – Alaska Historical Society annual conference, theme “Vital Lifelines in Alaska History”, Fairbanks, Alaska. For more information go to the AHS website www.alaskahistoricalsociety.org

October 8 - ACHP Section 106 Essentials Training, in-person, Atwood Conference Center, 550 W 7th Ave, Suite 1940, Anchorage, Alaska.
https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/InfoSheet-AnchorageEssentials-8Oct2025_0.pdf

October 9 - ACHP Section 106 Agreements Seminar, in-person, Atwood Conference Center, Anchorage, Alaska
https://www.achp.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/InfoSheet-AnchorageAgreements-9Oct2025_0.pdf

October 28-29 – NPI training “NAGPRA and ARPA: Application Requirements”, Anchorage, AK. Offered in conjunction with “NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources). For information go to npi.org

October 30-31 – NPI training. “NEPA Compliance and Cultural Resources”, Anchorage, AK. Offered in conjunction with “NAGPRA and ARPA”. For information go to npi.org

Historical Preservation Commission

Establishment and Purpose

In order to comply with the Certified Local Government Program of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has established a historical preservation commission. The purpose of the commission is to encourage, participate, and coordinate historic preservation activities within the borough, to provide local government involvement in regional and state-wide historic preservation efforts, and to advise and report to the assembly as outlined in the functions listed below.

Functions

- Advise the assembly in identifying, protecting, preserving, and interpreting cultural resources within the borough that are of archaeological, historical, cultural, scientific, or geographic importance.
- Develop and maintain an inventory of cultural resources within the borough.
- Recommend to the assembly a local historic preservation plan providing for the identification, protection, management, and interpretation of cultural resources within the borough.
 - The preservation plan shall be compatible with the Alaska Historic Preservation Plan.
 - The preservation plan will be reviewed by the commission annually and updated every five to ten years to reflect: newly identified cultural resources; changes to local, state, and/or federal laws that affect cultural resources within the borough; and any other relevant information regarding cultural resources within the borough.
- Review and make recommendations to the assembly regarding local projects that might affect properties identified in the historic preservation plan.
- Receive, review, and recommend to the assembly nominations for listing borough cultural resources on the National Register of Historic Places; and.
- Review and recommend certified local government grant applications and/or grant applications from the Matanuska-Susitna community.