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Nominations open for 2026 Rockingham Old House

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The Rockingham Historic Preservation Commission  
invites residents to nominate properties for the 2026 Rockingham  
Old House Awards.

For nearly three decades, the Old House Awards have  
celebrated the people who help preserve the character and  
history of Rockingham through the care, restoration, and  
improvement of older buildings. Since the program began in

12 1997, more than 180 historic properties throughout the town  
13 have been recognized.

14 "Every restored porch, fresh coat of paint, repaired  
15 window, or carefully maintained storefront helps keep  
16 Rockingham's history alive," said John Leppman, chair of the  
17 Commission, in a news release. "We hope residents will help us  
18 discover the many projects — large and small — that deserve a  
19 shout-out this year."

20 Anyone may submit a nomination, whether or not they  
21 own property. Eligible properties must be at least 50 years old  
22 and located anywhere in the town of Rockingham, including  
23 Bellows Falls, Saxtons River, Bartonsville, Cambridgeport,  
24 Brockways Mills, and the surrounding rural areas.

25 Awards are presented in several categories, including  
26 residential, commercial, and multi-family properties. To nominate  
27 a property, simply send the property address — and, if known,  
28 the owner's name — to [clg@rockbf.org](mailto:clg@rockbf.org). Nomination forms are  
29 also available from the Rockingham Historic Preservation  
30 Commission.

31 Nominations will remain open through Labor Day, with  
32 award recipients announced in the fall.

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