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Subject: The Town of Bluffton needs your help -- Do you own or know of a historic resource in Old Town? The Town needs your help in documenting historic resources -- See email for details
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Subject: Help Document Bluffton's Story: Old Town Historic Resource Survey

The Town of Bluffton is launching a historic resources survey of the Old Town Bluffton Historic District—an important step in preserving our shared story.

By creating a complete, accurate inventory of historic resources in Old Town, we can better protect them, plan future preservation projects, and ensure Bluffton's heritage is honored for generations to come. Knowing *what* we have is the first step toward making sure it is protected.

Why this matters:

Historic resource surveys help communities:

- Protect and maintain their unique character
- Support heritage tourism
- Provide historical context for future planning decisions
- Build a shared understanding of the community's past

This survey will focus on properties built in or before 1986 that are still standing. Fieldwork is planned for September 8-12, 2025 and will include photographing buildings, noting architectural details, and mapping properties in Old Town—all from the public right-of-way.

The Town has hired professional historians and architectural historians from Stantec Consulting Inc. to complete the work. But for this to truly reflect Bluffton's history, we need your help.

How you can participate:

Email: (BlufftonHistory@stantec.com) with stories, places, people, or events in Old Town that you believe should be part of this record. Please share this request with your neighbors—emails will be accepted until September 5, 2025.

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We especially welcome information about places that may not have received much attention from historians in the past. Your insight will help ensure the survey reflects the *full* story of our community.

Learn more:

Join us at the Historic Preservation Commission meeting on September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall, 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton.

- Watch live on Beaufort County TV (BCTV) or view later at:
<https://www.beaufortcountysc.gov/bctv/>.
- Following the survey's completion, results and recommendations will be presented at the February 4, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Together, we can ensure that Bluffton's history is documented, preserved, and celebrated.

Sincerely,

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