

# PRESERVE & RESTORE

## FYI & DIY

• BROADWAY HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION — ROCK ISLAND, IL •

For more than 25 years BHDA has devoted its energy to advocating for restoration & preservation of the neighborhood's architectural treasures. Preserving the architectural, historical and aesthetic character and heritage of Rock Island defines it as a community, reminding people of our past & culture, and giving it a sense of place, continuity and uniqueness.

### DID YOU KNOW?

***Your old home is unique & located in a historic district.***

The Broadway Historic District is a defined area with a significant concentration of structures unified by their architectural style or related historical importance. Broadway's significance is recognized by its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Only certain "Landmark" designated structures in Broadway are protected by historic district ordinances and need to meet preservation criteria, administered by the Rock Island Historic Preservation Commission.

<http://www.broadwaydistrict.org/>



### New to Broadway?

◆ Welcome! Keep up to date & connect with Broadway events, activities, homes for sale, etc. on Facebook ("Broadway Historic District") & Nextdoor.com

◆ Sign up for the Broadway Broadcast e-newsletter

## ARCHITECTURAL FEATURES

Retaining the unique & original architectural features of your home can add value & help preserve Rock Island's history. *(Studies show that homes in a protected neighborhood increase in value by 5-35% per decade over homes not in a historic district. See <http://www.oldhouseguy.com/historic-districts-property-value/> ):*

#### Exterior Features:

Brackets, railings, columns  
Cedar hardwood siding  
Decorative shakes, window hoods

#### Interior Features:

Original lighting fixtures – sconces, chandeliers  
Decorative wood trim  
Solid hardwood doors & pocket doors  
Metal hardware – knobs, handles, drawer pulls  
Antique wavy window & door glass  
Vintage sinks

### Helpful websites:

#### RenovateQC

<http://renovateqc.org/>

#### Rock Island Preservation Society

<http://www.rockislandpreservation.org/>

#### City of Rock Island/Preservation

<http://www.rigov.org/index.aspx?NID=90>

**Need vintage replacement items? Visit local Salvage Shops: The Restoration Place (Rock Island); Architectural Rescue Shop at Jipp (Davenport); Habitat Restore (Davenport).**

# WINDOWS

Does your house still have its original and beautiful handcrafted wood windows?

These windows have lasted 100+ years and can be easily maintained at a fraction of the cost of newer windows to last another 100+ years!

A Preservation Green Lab report—project of the National Trust for Historic Preservation—produced key findings that offer the merits of retrofitting windows vs. outright replacement. Retrofitting original windows also reduces landfill waste and preserves a home's character.

Check it out at:

[http://www.preservationnation.org/information-center/sustainable-communities/green-lab/saving-windows-saving-money/#.VXHoBM\\_BzGd](http://www.preservationnation.org/information-center/sustainable-communities/green-lab/saving-windows-saving-money/#.VXHoBM_BzGd)

## TIPS: INCREASE YOUR WINDOWS' ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- ◆ Add quality interior or exterior storm windows
- ◆ Cellular shades & thermal curtains insulate against heat/cold exchange
- ◆ Use rope caulk to prevent cold weather drafts
- ◆ Solar roller shades can also help with indoor temperature control
- ◆ Keep windows painted and properly glazed on the exterior

Insulating your walls & attic, along with a new efficient furnace/boiler will also produce utility bill savings!

\*\*Save that old wavy window glass! Many homeowners use this antique glass to replace broken panes.

