



Notable Updates and News

We know, we know: it's been a long while since we've put out an official Courthouse Restoration Project Update. So let's not waste any time and get right to the updating!

The brick restoration is complete! It's truly remarkable to see the difference between the red painted brick and the brick as it was intended to be. If you haven't seen it in person, plan to do a drive-by as soon as possible. While we're talking about the exterior, the Courthouse roofing and replacement shingles are *almost* completed. The cedar shake shingles have been replaced with Class -A, fire resistant composite shingles intended to mimic the look of the cedar shake. A beautiful golden ornament called a finial adorns the Courthouse top. A finial is a decorative device, typically used to emphasize the apex of a dome. The finial has oft been an overlooked feature on the Courthouse, but after a full restoration and a fresh layer of gold leaf, it now justly gleams at the top of the County Courthouse, resplendent in the sun. While it may look diminutive from the ground, we assure you that the finial is actually quite large – nearly 6 feet tall!



Finishing work has begun on the new Sheriff's Annex with an anticipated completion date of February 2020! The Courthouse Addition is similarly close to completion. Millwork (wood work) is under construction, and finishing work has begun in all areas of the Courthouse. The Courthouse Campus is beginning to look less like a construction site and more like the Courthouse we all know and love, but with a majestic face-lift!

One of the most frequent questions we received about the restoration was regarding the stencil work in the Courtroom. In 2006 Evergreene Architectural Arts performed a historical finish analysis revealing elaborate stenciling and details along the wall border and ceiling of the Courtroom. An important part of the restoration has been to recreate and restore the border and the other details in the Courtroom. As a part of that historical finish analysis, it was discovered that the Courtroom was not originally painted white; in fact, it was adorned with colors intended to highlight the natural beauty present outside the plentiful windows and the decorative stenciling inside the Courtroom. Painters have already begun meticulously painting the Courtroom and the stenciling will begin in the final weeks of 2019.

"On schedule and on budget!" has been our mantra and our goal for the Courthouse Restoration Project. As of December 10, 2019, \$6.4 million of the project had been expended, leaving approximately \$1.7 million to complete the project. FCI Constructors, the County's general contractor for the project, anticipates that the Courthouse will be completed by March 30, 2020. That's on time and on budget for those of you keeping score at home. Much like when offices moved out of the Courthouse, offices will be moved back in in stages. A schedule for relocation will be announced soon.

While the project is expected to be "done" in March 2020, some additional work will inevitably still be left to do. As you can imagine, March isn't the greatest time for installing irrigation and landscaping, so that will happen later in the spring. A formal ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in June to celebrate the completion of this momentous project. Please stay tuned for more information as we restore the grandeur to this beautiful and functional historic landmark.



“drape-and-wreath” design using two or possibly three colors, and included a final hand application of highlights using a gold metallic paint.



A rendering of the Sheriff's Annex— EMS personnel and the Emergency Manager will also have offices in this building.



Electricity to the building was restored in December. New



Vintage wallpaper