

Grace Tower Restoration Petition

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Text of Petition

This petition should be completed only by residents of (owners and renters) and/or taxpayers on properties located in Newton, MA. Read the statement below, sign the petition after the statement to agree, and add your own comments if you wish. More than one individual per household can sign the petition. Thank you for supporting our efforts to save the Grace Tower!

As Newton residents, we support the proposal under review by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of providing CPA funds to help stabilize and restore Grace Church's tower in Newton Corner. This structure has marked the land of Newton Corner and the Farlow and Kenrick Parks Historic District since 1873. The grandeur of the towering structure and the music that emanates from the Eldredge Chime is a public asset.

The tower's preservation is a matter of public good by preserving a dominant architectural feature and historic resource within a prized neighborhood of the City of Newton. We are asking the Community Preservation Committee and Newton City Council to assist in preserving the tower through the appropriation of necessary Community Preservation Act funds.

You can access the full proposal here:

<http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/gecsr.asp>

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"I have lived in Newton for over 32 years and wholeheartedly support the Grace Tower Restoration Project. The Grace Tower is a majestic structure that defines the landscape of the community and the city." —Paul W.

"This tower has been a landmark and a bulwark to our community for nearly 150 years. Please help it to remain a beacon!" —Carol M.

"We have lived at our Kenrick St. residence for 54 years. From the very first year, we frequently went to meetings at Grace Church, and this building has been central to neighborhood discussions of community issues for every year since that time. It is a handsome building, but more important, it represents a neighborhood gathering place and landmark, more so with the beautiful restoration of Farlow Park. Grace Church and its tower have great community significance to people of all faiths, who have gathered here - and will continue to do so for meaningful personal and City-wide events. Please help save this tower!" —Connie & Bill K.

“The church and its spire are a lovely anchor to one end of Farlow Park as Eliot Church is to the other. Both contribute greatly to the sense of neighborhood in an area with elegant homes and green spaces. The carillon is lovely and will be lost if the spire has to go. This seems like a perfect use of historic preservation funding for keeping the town’s character intact.” —Myra F.

“Grace Church is an incredibly beautiful and important historical landmark in the city of Newton. My children went to Underwood school, and to this day I often stop to admire the beauty of the Church when turning onto Eldredge Street. It is difficult to place a monetary value on the benefits to all residents of Newton to live in a city that has these historical gems of architecture and to be surrounded with such beauty during our everyday lives. I fully support the spending of CPA funds, to which my taxes contribute, towards the restoration of the bell tower.” —Lauren P.

“While I am not a member of Grace Church, I am a lifelong Newtonian, and have great admiration for Grace Tower, and have enjoyed the music of its chime many, many times.
—Erika S.

“The tower is an historic landmark that complements the recently renovated Farlow Park.”
—Harry R.

“The building with its tower has been an anchor in its historic district, a landmark for its own history but also as a "navigational" landmark for neighbors and visitors. It is an important piece of the city fabric and its villages.” —Anne S.

“This is an important, beautiful piece of Newton’s history, and I hope the city can pull together to save it.” —Doug J.

“Money well spent to keep our town unique and beautiful. Thank you for your efforts.”
—Olga W.

“As a long-time member of the Grace church parish I am dedicated to preserving an attractive architectural presence in our Farlow Park community. We need the grant we are requesting for Newton's Community Preservation funds to be able, along with significant donations from members of our parish (and my family will be making a major gift) to enable the full restoration of our bell tower and spire for our several communities.” —John H.

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