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Restored, Redeveloped and Righteously Indignant: Newport in the 1960s A Lecture by John Tschirch, Architectural Historian

Newport, RI – September, 2017 – Urban renewal and historic preservation met on the streets of Newport in the 1960s, a time of dramatic and controversial urban transformation. Architecture, streetscapes and the social fabric of the community were dramatically influenced by different visions of how past, present and future should play a role redefining the city. On **Thursday, October 5, 2017 at 5:30 pm**, John Tschirch, Visiting Curator of Urban History at the Newport Historical Society, will share his research findings on the project “Mapping the Newport Experience.” Join him for an illustrated lecture on two opposing approaches to urban design that shaped Newport in the 20th century and raised issues that are still with us today.

Mr. Tschirch is an award winning architectural historian. He received his M.A. (1986) in Architectural History and Historic Preservation from the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia. His thirty-year career in the preservation and study of historic landmarks across the globe brought him on treks to French chateaux, English castles, Italian villas, Austrian palaces, Croatian fortresses, Argentinian mansions and the Gilded Age houses of America.

Mr. Tschirch serves as the coordinating scholar for the project “Mapping the Newport Experience” which documents the urban development of Newport from its settlement in the 17th century to the present day. Period maps, photographs, scenic views, paintings and literary descriptions from the collections at the NHS and elsewhere are used to reconstruct the evolution of the community through its city plan and its various streetscapes of buildings and open spaces. A series of walking tours and lectures, an exhibit, a web presence, and a publication are included in the project. For more information on “Mapping the Newport Experience,” visit <http://newporthistory.org/mapping-newport/>.

“*Restored, Redeveloped and Righteously Indignant: Newport in the 1960s*” takes place at the NHS Resource Center, 82 Touro Street, Newport, RI, and costs \$5 per person, \$1 for NHS members, active and retired military with ID. Please RSVP online at NewportHistory.org or call 401-841-8770.

About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.NewportHistory.org.

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