The Montana History Foundation and the Montana Heritage Commission are partnering to save Stonewall Hall, Montana’s original Territorial Capitol Building.

The Montana History Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) charity that raises private funds to support community-based history and preservation projects across the state.

The Montana Heritage Commission is the state agency that preserves and manages historic resources in Virginia City, Nevada City, and Reeder’s Alley.
Stonewall Hall, the original territorial capitol building for Montana, is in imminent danger of collapse.

Built in Virginia City in 1864, it was home to Montana’s territorial legislature from 1865 to 1875.

Recently, the owner agreed to transfer the building to the State, creating the best preservation opportunity in decades.
Virginia City Cafe  
WALLACE STREET  
THE MAIN STREET of VIRGINIA CITY, MT

"Virginia City is to the American West what Colonial Williamsburg was to early America, except that Virginia City is entirely intact and all original."

Richard Moe, Past President National Trust for Historic Preservation in the New York Times

Fairweather Inn  
Bale of Hay Saloon  
Cousin’s Candy Shop  
Virginia City Cafe

STONEWALL HALL
Located in the heart of town, the building is prime for historic preservation and commercial redevelopment.
Top Preservation Priorities

The Montana Heritage Commission

1. **STONEWALL HALL**
   Montana’s First Territorial Capitol Building (1865-1875).

2. **COGSWELL TAYLOR RESIDENCE**
   Home to Montana’s first female African American businesswoman.

3. **HICKMAN RESIDENCE**
   Home to influential Montana pioneer and territorial legislator.

4. **GILBERT RESIDENCE**
   Home to local businessman and brewery owner.
SAVING STONEWALL HALL

Steps to acquire, fund and restore.

**STEP ONE**
Montana History Foundation (MHF) raises seed money to stabilize the building.

**STEP TWO**
State Land Board accepts property on behalf of Montana and the Montana Heritage Commission (MHC).

**STEP THREE**
MHF and MHC collaborate to fund restoration phase.

**STEP FOUR**
MHC encloses and stabilizes the structure.

**STEP FIVE**
Interior restoration of legislative chambers completed, including first floor commercial space that will support ongoing maintenance of the building.
We are close to completing funding for the stabilization phase.

We are working on a plan to raise restoration funds.

In addition to private fundraising, state lodging tax dollars and federal grants could be leveraged to complete the restoration phase.
HOW YOU CAN HELP

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