

BOSTON PRESERVATION ALLIANCE

2017 President's Award for Excellence

Boston Red Sox

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The **Boston Preservation Alliance** is pleased to announce the **Boston Red Sox** as recipients of the **2017 President's Award for Excellence** for their dedication to the preservation of Fenway Park and its catalytic impact on the entire neighborhood.

"We've come a long way from the days when the Red Sox leaving Fenway was a serious consideration," said **Greg Galer**, executive director of the Alliance. "Current ownership has not only embraced our unique, iconic, historic treasure but enhanced it in ways that make Fenway symbolic of Boston—a place where old and new work in harmony, and where historic resources trigger investment in an entire neighborhood."

Fenway Park demonstrates that historic resources and Landmarks can evolve to meet modern needs yet remain essential character-defining pieces of Boston.

"For more than a century, the oldest and most intimate major league ballpark in the world has become a symbol of Boston pride and tradition," said **Mayor Martin J. Walsh**. "We thank the Red Sox for their dedication to preserving such an iconic Boston Landmark."

The award will be presented at the **Preservation Achievement Awards** on September 19, 2017 at **Fenway Park**. "From the beginning, our ownership group saw the preservation and protection of Fenway Park as a fundamental commitment and obligation to the fans, the Fenway neighborhood, and the City of Boston," said **Red Sox Chairman Tom Werner**. "We are honored to be receiving this award from the Boston Preservation Alliance in recognition of those efforts, and will continue to ensure Fenway Park's rich history is accessible and safeguarded for future generations."

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The **Boston Preservation Alliance** is Boston's primary, non-profit advocacy organization that protects and promotes the use of historic buildings and landscapes in all of our city's neighborhoods. We're about *protecting places, promoting vibrancy, and preserving character*.