

Summit Historical Minute
Summit Architecture
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During Architecture I, one of my favorite classes was the day that Mr. Fern brought us on a tour of Kent Place Boulevard. He pointed out the various styles of homes, and their distinguishing features. Then, we were assigned to focus on an interesting architectural feature in Summit; I chose turrets. This eventually led to my work with the Historic Preservation Commission where I documented historic homes with plaques.

After sharing my photos at The Carter House, I was shown a book which included black and white photos of Summit. My interest was sparked when I read about the Comstock House, whose plot I once lived across the street from. This home was built in 1892 for Anthony Comstock, the man who held immense power as an agent of the U.S. Postal Service. The architect is said to have been John N. Cady. Coincidentally, the house pictured for 35 Beekman Road had a round corner turret.

Since creating the historic homes presentation, I have created an interactive walking tour on the website <https://summitarchitecture.wixsite.com/summit> using Google's My Maps. Maroon stars represent the Four Centuries, and dots show historic buildings in town. The tour can be extended by also visiting nearby homes, shown in yellow.

Now, the Historic Preservation Commission is working to attract the next generation; this includes the possibility of creating Snapchat filters, or introducing Geocaches to public spaces with historical significance. Geocaching is essentially a treasure hunt, and puzzles using plaques to teach facts could be included in a similar fashion as at the Great Swamp.