



Tabernacle Legacy Campaign **MAGAZINE**

Building A Community Legacy

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About



Summary

Rexburg's historic Tabernacle Civic Center was built in 1911 as a community effort to establish a space to gather. Following the Teton Dam Flood in 1976, the building sustained substantial damages. The City of Rexburg purchased the building and made critical repairs to preserve the space and ensure the safety of the structure. In the time since, the Tabernacle is showing signs of significant wear. The City is seeking financial support to restore the building and renovate it into a venue best suited for the needs of today and tomorrow.

The campaign seeks to raise five million dollars to make the repairs and enhancements necessary to prepare the facility for the next generation and preserve it for many more to come. Many efforts will be made to allow the Rexburg community and all who have experienced the rich history of the Civic Center to contribute to its restoration. Fundraising events, donation drives, and community outreach programs will be organized to engage both residents and visitors in supporting this important cause.

Contribute and be part of the Legacy of the Tabernacle!

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Campaign Team

JED PLATT



Jed is the Cultural Arts Director at the City of Rexburg. He has been in this position since 2020. His goal is to see the Tabernacle flourish in the future.

SCOTT JOHNSON



Scott is the Director of Economic Development and Public Relations. Scott has been with the City since 2011. His goal is the sustainably preserve Rexburg's heritage.

MATT NIELSON



Matt is the Chief Financial Officer for the City of Rexburg. He has been in that position since 2014. His goal is to ensure that the project is done in a financially sound manner.

JERRY MERRILL



Jerry is the Mayor of the City of Rexburg and has been in that position since 2015. Jerry is highly invested in the success of the City and its citizens. His primary role will be to promote the campaign.

AARON DENNEY



Aaron is the Economic Development Assistant with the City of Rexburg. He has been in that position since 2022. His goal is to innovate and bring new ideas to the project.

SARAH KENNETT-CROMWELL



Sarah is the Public Relations Specialist for the City. She has been there since 2021. Her goal is to share information about the TLC to the community.

DONELLA WILLIS



Donella is the Cultural Arts Office Manager for the City of Rexburg. She has been with the City since 2021. Her goal is to see the Tabernacle flourish for future generations.

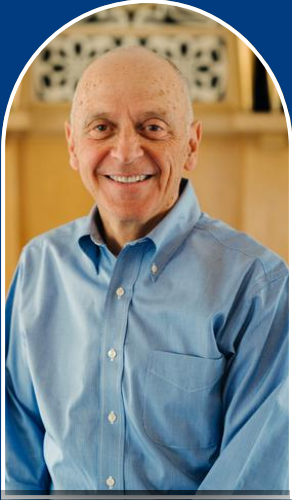
ALISHA TIETJEN



Alisha is the curator of the Museum of Rexburg. She has been in her position since 2019. Her goal is the maintain the historical significance of the Tabernacle.

Board Members

GREG PALMER



RYAN THUESON



SHANNON PACKER



RICK ROBINSON



ANNA BJORN



JACOB THATCHER



JOHN BOWEN



History

Groundbreaking of the Rexburg Tabernacle



Laying of the Corner Stone
Tabernacle 18 July 1911
Jacob Henry Flamm
C. White used very pole
Mark Austin under
umbrella
Bishop Albert Heath - held on
behind Jacob H. Flamm

A Glimpse Into the Past

In the heart of Rexburg, Idaho, stands the Rexburg Tabernacle - a testament to the city's rich history and enduring community spirit. This iconic structure, built in 1911, with funds raised and built in 8 months, was originally envisioned as a place of worship and community gathering for the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). Designed by the talented architect Otto Erlandsen, it stands as a testament to the architectural ingenuity of its time. Its Italianate style, characterized by two square towers, round stone arches, and rustic stone exteriors, sets it apart as a rare architectural gem in Idaho.

A Community United

Throughout its history, the Rexburg Tabernacle has played a pivotal role in the lives of Rexburg residents. For decades, it served as a place of worship, reflection, and community bonding. Its architectural grandeur and historical significance made it a cherished landmark for all.

A Symbol of Resilience

The Rexburg Tabernacle faced its greatest challenge in 1976 when the Teton Dam flood wreaked havoc on the region. However, the resilience of the Rexburg community shone brightly as they united to raise the necessary funds to purchase and restore the Tabernacle from flood damage. Their determination ensured that this historical icon continued to stand as a symbol of hope and perseverance.

A Performance Center

In 1977, the City of Rexburg acquired the Tabernacle from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, opening a new chapter in its history. The City utilizes the Tabernacle to host many concerts and orchestra performances. Its unique domed ceiling design enhances musical performances. The Tabernacle was also the location of the Museum of Rexburg: Home of the Teton Flood Museum, formerly known as the Teton Flood Museum.

A Civic Center for All

Now, the capital campaign team envisions the Tabernacle as the “Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center”—a vibrant hub for cultural events, community gatherings, and artistic expression. It serves as a unifying force in the city, fostering a sense of belonging among residents and visitors alike. This community fundraising effort will allow for a vision of continued cultural enrichment and communal unity. This beloved landmark remains a cornerstone of our community, promising even greater moments of inspiration, education, and togetherness for generations to come.

“Photo by F. Lewis” of the Rexburg Tabernacle Circa 1925



Moving Forward

Rendering of the future of the Rexburg Tabernacle



Preserving Our Legacy

The Rexburg Tabernacle is more than just a building; it is a testament to the enduring spirit of Rexburg and its people. As we move forward, let us cherish our past and embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, knowing that the Rexburg Tabernacle will forever be a beacon of our community's strength and unity.

Your Support Matters

We look to the future with a vision of a refurbished Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center that will inspire, educate, and unite our community. Your support in this capital campaign will help us breathe new life into this historical icon, ensuring that it remains a vibrant and thriving center for Rexburg residents and visitors alike.

Tabernacle Legacy Campaign

Mission & Vision

To **raise \$5 million** to restore the Tabernacle Civic Center, **renovating** it into a venue best suited for the needs of **today and tomorrow**.

To provide a space for the community to **gather** and **connect** through showcases of our **traditions** and **talents**.



Designing a Future

A Space to Gather

The concept for the redesigned Tabernacle Civic Center is designed to embrace the essence of modernity while paying homage to its rich historical roots. The architects drew inspiration from the surrounding natural landscape, incorporating sustainable materials and energy-efficient design elements throughout the structure. The new Tabernacle Civic Center features a striking glass facade that reflects the changing sky, symbolizing the community's commitment to progress and innovation. Inside, the spacious interior is flooded with natural light, creating a warm and inviting space for various community events and activities. With state-of-the-art facilities and versatile event spaces, the Tabernacle Civic Center stands as a beacon of unity and inclusivity, bringing people together to celebrate art, culture, and connection. This architectural marvel not only serves as a hub for creativity and collaboration but also as a symbol of the town's vibrant spirit and promising future.

Tabernacle Remodel Rendering





Project Timeline

2024

- JAN** Review bids for exterior
- FEB** Award contract for repointing exterior work
- AUG** Repair, paint soffit and fascia
- OCT** Repointing exterior work completed
- DEC** RFP: Proposals
 - Ph. 1 Remodel-interior work and HVAC

2025

- JAN** Review bids for interior remodel and HVAC
- FEB** Award contracts for interior remodel and HVAC
- NOV** RFP: Reconstruction of Annex
- Elevator and family bathroom if funding is in place
- DEC** Interior work/HVAC complete

2026

- JAN** Review bids, award contract for Annex
- JUN** Ground-breaking for construction of Annex
June 6th, 2026: 50th Anniversary of Teton Dam Flood
- DEC** RFP: Re-Landscape Tabernacle Gardens,
Exterior lighting, replace south and east steps

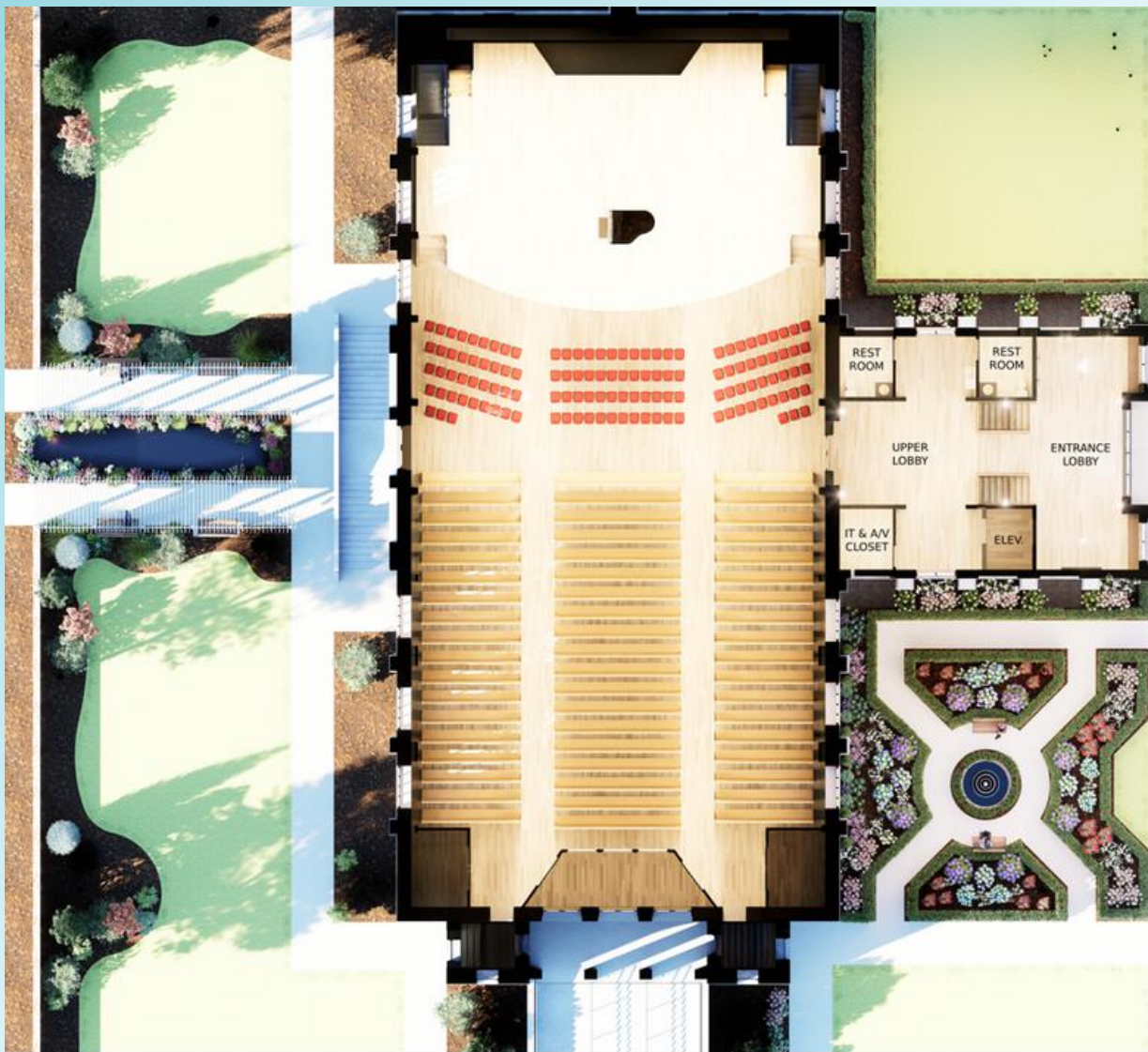
2027

- JAN** Review bids for gardens, exterior lighting, and steps
- FEB** Install new organ console
Award contracts for gardens, exterior lighting, and steps
100TH Anniversary of the organ, installed in 1927
- MAR**
- APR** Reconstruct the original windows remaining
- MAY** Garden, exterior lighting, and steps
Annex reconstruction project complete
Add new signage

Spaces and Places

A Community Legacy

The Tabernacle's vision involves revamping its spaces to offer the community more opportunities for hosting various events and activities, such as vibrant cultural performances, educational experiences, and private receptions. This vision aims to encourage creativity, collaboration, and inclusivity, transforming the Tabernacle into a cultural hub of Rexburg that fosters connections within the community and enhances the experiences of its visitors.



Upper level design concept for the Tabernacle Civic Center including gardens and lawn space surrounding the venue.

Spaces and Places

A Space to Gather

The restoration design for the Civic Center is a testament to the commitment to revitalizing the heart of our community. The fully renovated annex and lower level not only breathe new life into the building but also provide essential gathering spaces for events, meetings, and celebrations. With accessibility upgrades incorporated into the design, the Civic Center now stands as a welcoming space that meets the necessary standards for all members of our community to enjoy.



- ADA Accessibility to all areas of the facility with the installation of a new elevator and ADA ramp.
- Entry lobby and offices in the newly designed Annex of the Tabernacle.



Lower level design concept for the Tabernacle Civic Center

- Gathering spaces suitable for events, meetings, rehearsal spaces, and more.
- Updated lavatory facilities for all guests.
- Reception spaces for the public entering the building.

Get Involved

How can you help our campaign? This is a community project, and as a member of our community, we invite you to participate and get involved! There are multiple ways you can help us reach our goals.

Volunteer

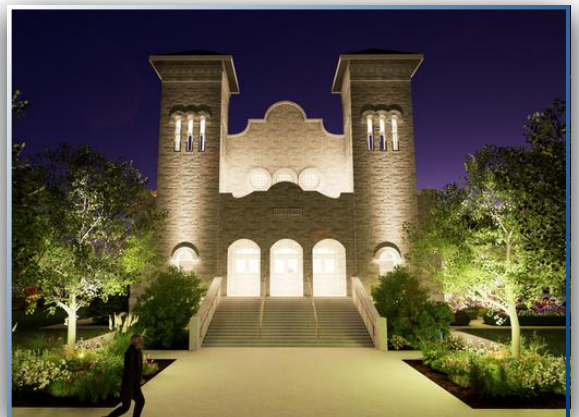
Throughout the duration of renovations (likely through 2027 and beyond) there will be multiple events and activities hosted by the City and our affiliates to help raise awareness and funds for the campaign. You can help by volunteering at one or many of our events! We hope to establish a planning committee and a list of available volunteers on our Engage Rexburg platform. You can sign up to volunteer there, or directly to our Rexburg Arts department and be placed on a mailing list so you can know all the details of help needed throughout the project.

Share

Are your friends and family local to the Rexburg community? Do you know someone who might like help us raise awareness and funds for this legacy project? Do you have access to a social media platform or other in-person group or activity? Are you passionate about the arts and your community here in Rexburg? If you answered yes to any of those questions, then you're the perfect candidate to help spread the word about the project and SHARE our campaign information with your contacts and your community!

Donate

Of course, we are also accepting donations for our patrons. Whether you can spare \$5.00 or \$5,000, your contribution is important to us. Learn more about the donation levels here in the following pages.



A Community Legacy

Preserving A Legacy

Become part of the rich history and charm of the Rexburg Tabernacle Civic Center by contributing to the Tabernacle Legacy Campaign. Your donation can assist in achieving different objectives within our project. By supporting us, you will not only aid in restoring this iconic landmark but also demonstrate your commitment to conserving our history, our heritage, and our legacy.

Give TLC

\$1.00 - \$500.00

Save a Stone

\$500.00

Save a Bench

\$2,500.00

Save a Legacy

\$5,000.00

“Forever be a part of the **Legacy** of the Rexburg Tabernacle.

- Jed Platt, *Art Director*



Give TLC

Thank you for your willingness to support the Tabernacle Legacy Campaign. With a little TLC, meaning tender loving care, we hope that the Tabernacle Legacy Campaign will help this community landmark remain an institution for generations to come. With your donation of any amount, we are grateful for your support of our efforts.



Design rendering of the East Garden outside the Tabernacle.

Save a Stone

\$500.00

Brick by brick, the Tabernacle Civic Center was originally constructed in a total of just 8 months in 1911. Community members rallied together to bring stones from a nearby quarry by horse and wagon to the building site in a way that is almost unimaginable today. The history in each stone on the facade of the Tabernacle has a story to tell. Be a part of the story. Your donation of \$500-\$2,499 will help save the history of the exterior of the building. Donors in this level will receive name recognition on our donor wall.

- **Join the Arts Community:** be automatically signed up for Rexburg Cultural Arts newsletters and a certificate of thanks.
- **Name Recognition:** leave a mark with your name on our digital donor wall name list that will be placed in the new annex of the building.
- **Gift Credit:** 25 credits to our online shop!

Save a Bench

\$2,500.00

The pioneers of the Rexburg community, first founded in 1883, established a need for a community gathering space. In 1911, the Tabernacle was erected in a mere 8 months as a result of the community's tremendous determination and dedication at the time. They started this legendary project then, and now we turn to you to see it continue to become the legacy we hope to see in the future. Your generous donation ranging from \$2,500 to \$4,999 will contribute to preserving the building for the next generation. As a token of appreciation, a plaque bearing your chosen name will be engraved and placed on a bench in the Tabernacle's newly renovated performance hall.



Design rendering of the Performance Hall from the front of the Tabernacle.

- **Join the Arts Community:** be automatically signed up for Rexburg Cultural Arts newsletters and receive a certificate of thanks.
- **Name Recognition:** leave a mark with your name on our digital donor wall name list that will be placed in the new annex of the building. Plus your name will be engraved on a plaque that will be placed on a bench in the Tabernacle's performance hall. Please note that this is not a permanent reserved seat assignment.
- **Gift Credits:** 50 credits to our online shop!

Save a Legacy

\$5,000.00

In 1911, the community rallied to begin a legendary project; construct a gathering space for the citizens of Rexburg. The Tabernacle was erected in a mere 8 months that year. In 1976, the Teton Dam Flood struck the building doing exponential damage to the structure. In efforts to save it, the City purchased the building from the Church and the community rallied again to perform essential repairs to the facility. The community's legend continued then, and now we turn to you to carry on the story as we seek to preserve the future legacy of this Rexburg icon. Your generous donation of \$5,000 or above will contribute to preserving the building for the next generation.



Design rendering of the South Garden outside the Tabernacle.

- **Join the Arts Community:** be automatically signed up for Rexburg Cultural Arts newsletters and receive a certificate of thanks.
- **Name Recognition:** leave a mark with your name highlighted on our digital donor wall with a notation in your honor that will be placed in the new annex of the building. You will also receive recognition on social media and our website with your approval.
- **Gift Credit:** 100 credits to our online shop!
- **Exclusive VIP Experiences:** Partake in VIP experiences such as behind-the-scenes group tour and an invitation to our grand re-opening event.

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THANK YOU!

We appreciate your dedication
to the legacy!

Thank you for
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