

**Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation  
"Stewardship Award"  
Brennan and Lorraine Sullivan  
719 8<sup>th</sup> Street**



Brennen and Lorraine Sullivan have received the 2017 Mayor's Award for "Stewardship" of the historic property located at 719 Eighth Street in the University Historic District. The Sullivan's are a second-time winner of the Mayor's Award for Historic Preservation. They previously received the 2012 Mayor's Award for "Interior Restoration" of The Brownstone, now Pints and Quarts at 313 Main Avenue.

This preservation minded couple has owned and lived in the American four-square circa 1914-1916 on Eighth Street for 15 years. The house has all of its original windows and hardwood floors. Although the Sullivans have made constant well thought-out improvements over the years, their biggest project was rebuilding the basement. The Sullivans hired Telkamp House Moving to raise the structure and then had a full basement constructed. It took several months to complete. Meanwhile the family went on a two-week



vacation and spent the remainder of the time enjoying the company of friends. Eager to move back, they lived for a while with temporary water and sewer connected, while it was still off the foundation, sort primitive camping in your own house.

The new basement is equipped with egress windows, which will allow the Sullivans to develop the area into living space. Plans are for two bedrooms and two baths with a staircase similar in style to the main floor staircase in the house. Remaining exterior work includes replacing and extending the brick facing for the foundation walls, finishing the front steps, and constructing the cap pieces. Once completed they plan a hundredth birthday for the house, hoping the house lasts another hundred years.