

SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Oppenheimer House Construction Update



Construction on the Oppenheimer House is progressing well, and we are excited to see this historic project continue to take shape. A new ADA-compliant sidewalk has been poured, providing improved accessibility and enhancing the future landscaping around the home.

Inside, the new subfloor is now in place, and electrical work is nearing completion. We are especially excited to share that the beautiful custom-made replica chandelier in the living room has been installed, and it is now LIT! This special detail brings the room one step closer to reflecting the character and warmth of the Oppenheimer home.

We are also pleased to report that the project has successfully passed all inspections conducted to date. On August 11, 2026, staff placed a time capsule beneath the floor, creating a lasting connection between the history of this remarkable home and its future as part of our museum campus.

The next phase of construction will focus on completing the electrical and plumbing work, followed by the installation of the walls and original-style wood flooring. With each step, we are getting closer to welcoming visitors into the Oppenheimer House and sharing its remarkable history and stories with the community.



When You Donate...

While the renovation continues, our staff, with the help of two consulting companies, is well underway developing the exhibits and interpretation that will make it an integral part of the Los Alamos Historical Society's museum campus.

One consulting company is helping us develop innovative, high-tech, interactive exhibits that will provide visitors with engaging new ways to explore our history. The second company is overseeing the overall museum interpretation, helping us create a cohesive and meaningful visitor experience throughout the house.

As this exciting work moves forward, we are now accepting donations specifically designated to support the exhibits and interpretation, as well as landscaping around the Oppenheimer House. Your support will help ensure that this historic property is preserved and thoughtfully presented for future generations.

When making a donation to the Los Alamos Historical Society, please indicate where you would like your contribution to go:

- **Oppenheimer House** – Supports the renovation, exhibits, interpretation, and landscaping associated with the Oppenheimer House.
- **Membership** – Supports your membership with the Los Alamos Historical Society.
- **General Fund** – Supports the Society's Archives & Collections, Education Program, and Museum Operations.

Please be sure to designate your preferred fund when making your donation. Every contribution helps us preserve Los Alamos history and share these important stories with our community and visitors.

A recent donation from the J Robert Oppenheimer Memorial Committee (JROMC) will be going toward exhibits and interpretation of the Oppenheimer House.





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*Meant to Be: A POW's Survival of
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Human Spirit*



OCTOBER
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GARY POWERS JR.

Author and Speaker

*Spy Pilot: Francis Gary Powers,
the U-2 Incident, and a
Controversial Cold War Legacy*



NOVEMBER
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DR. EDWARD KAPLAN

Dean of the Army War College

*Square Pegs into Round Holes: The
Air Force and Nuclear Weapons in
Limited War, 1950–1960*



LOCATED IN FULLER LODGE PAJARITO ROOM
7:00–9:00 PM





First Lecture

September 8, 2026

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