

Built in 1875, the John Rast House is a distinguished Gothic Revival residence listed on the National Register of Historic Places and recognized as one of Roseburg's notable historic landmarks. Constructed by early Roseburg businessman John Rast, the home reflects the craftsmanship and architectural character of the late 19th century. Rast's enterprises included ownership of one of the region's earliest gristmills, brewing operations, mining ventures, and bookkeeping activities conducted from his residence, making the property not only a home but an early center of business activity within the growing community.

For more than four generations, the property remained in the same family, most notably associated with the Kidder family, whose legacy contributed to regional development and civic life. Members of the Kidder family were living in the residence at the time of the devastating 1959 Roseburg Blast, one of the most significant events in the city's history. After many decades of family ownership, the home eventually sat vacant for approximately twenty years prior to its purchase by the current owners, creating a rare opportunity to preserve an important historic structure that might otherwise have been lost.

Following the purchase, the current owners undertook extensive restoration and preservation-focused improvements designed to protect the home's historic integrity while enhancing modern functionality. Major upgrades included replacement of the heating system with an eight-unit mini-split heating and cooling system, installation of new insulation applied from the exterior inward, new gutters, roof replacement, interior restoration, and substantial site and landscape improvements. Today, the John Rast House represents a rare opportunity to own a nationally recognized historic property with mixed residential and commercial zoning, suitable for residential living, professional offices, hospitality use, or other creative business opportunities.

ADDITIONAL PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS

In addition to its historic significance and extensive restoration, the property offers several modern and functional features that enhance both residential and commercial usability.

- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging station installed on site
- Dedicated paved parking area accommodating approximately six vehicles
- Additional space suitable for RV, trailer, or overflow parking
- Separate guest quarters consisting of a private bedroom and bathroom with independent heating and cooling, ideal for guest lodging, office use, or extended-stay accommodations

- High-visibility location along a well-traveled corridor with an estimated traffic count exceeding 10,000 vehicles per day, offering strong exposure for potential business or professional use
- Convenient walking distance to downtown Roseburg, including restaurants, shops, professional services, public safety facilities, and access to the Umpqua River
- Centrally located with easy access to Interstate 5 and major regional routes

These features contribute to the property's flexibility, making it suitable for residential living, professional offices, hospitality use, or other mixed-use opportunities consistent with its zoning designation.