**City Hall Annex Combines History with a Modern Makeover**

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The newly renovated [City Hall Annex](http://jaminetengineering.com/youngstown-annex/) building will be hosting an open house on Thursday, May 24th, from 1:30 – 3:00pm. The tour will showcase designs developed by local architects and engineers that embrace the history of the building while offering modern and practical solutions. The renovation of the Annex building was triggered by lawsuits and complaints regarding the Municipal Courts inside of the City Hall in 2009. Judge Elizabeth Kolby described the old building as “totally inadequate” and claimed it to be unsafe when trying to keep defendants away from their victims. In 2015, a deal was struck to officially start renovating the City Hall Annex and prepare it for the new courtrooms and other offices. Construction was completed earlier this year and the City is eager to show-off the new building.

The City Hall Annex building has been a unique project for the design team, as the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This classification required all work to embrace the original designs that were crafted during the Great Depression, while still applying current technologies and resolutions[. Jaminet Engineering](http://jaminetengineering.com/) was among the engineers who worked diligently on renovating the facilities.

“I am really proud have been part of the team that worked on this project.” says [Seth Sherick,](http://jaminetengineering.com/seth-sherick/) Project Manager at Jaminet Engineering. “The building has so much historic value and we had to come up with strategies to uphold that appeal while still providing modern electrical and technological designs. It’s really amazing to see what our team can achieve and to watch everything come to life. It was an honor to be involved in another project that betters our city.”

Updated security systems were a major point of focus during the renovation. The building received a brand-new access control system, as well as impressive video surveillance, to ensure the safety of all those in the building. In addition to the security enhancements, each courtroom is now equipped with new sound and video recording.

Joining the Municipal Courts in the move are the Clerk of Courts staff, City Health Department and adult probation services.