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**The Mastic Peninsula
Historical Society**

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A Message from the Society President

Dear Fellow Members,

Well, a new year is upon us, as our elections are over. I would like to congratulate our new officers Mike, Lisa, and Rich, and also our Trustees Gary, Rich, Sue, Gwen, Jack and Mercedes on their all being elected. And for myself, I thank you all again for your confidence in electing me for a second term as your President.

We had some major accomplishments last year. Our Charter renewal is almost complete, our 501c3 has been approved, and our first Grant application is in the works. The Fund Raising Committee is eager to start working, which will get the Grant money moving along.

The group is reaching one of our initial goals, which was to obtain recognition by the Community. We were invited to give a presentation to introduce ourselves to the Pattersquash Creek Civic Association. A request was made for us to give a brief history of the local area to the Smith Point Village Exploratory Committee. We were invited by the American Legion to march in the Memorial Day Parade (see photo above) and we were asked to participate in the “National Night Out”, hosted by the Community Summit in August. A year ago these groups didn’t know we existed.

Over the past year, we hosted guest lecturers who gave presentations on the History of the William Floyd Estate, The Historical Homes in Brookhaven Town, The Tallmadge Raid, and on “The Effects of Colonialism on the Indigenous Tribes of Long Island”. I have two more presentations scheduled for July and August, and an idea for another in November. These events go well with our group’s purpose, and are liked by all.

The membership has easily doubled in the last year, and continues to grow. We have registered to participate in the Country Fair at the Longwood Estate, and will again march in the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade.

This year my goal is to look into the feasibility of obtaining a “Clubhouse”, if that is what the group wants. All in all, it appears we will have an exciting year ahead of us, and I do look forward to leading our Historical Society onward.

Ed DeGennaro, President
Mastic Peninsula Historical Society



Upcoming Event - Meeting of the Fundraising Committee

Members of the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society Fundraising Committee will meet at 7:30PM on July 6 at the offices of the Mastic Beach Village Exploratory Committee. All are welcome to attend.

Historical Society's Status Upgraded

by Mike Lubrano, Vice President MPHS

Since 1999, The Mastic Peninsula Historical Society has been chartered by New York State Department of Education as the official Historical Society for the entire Tri-Hamlet Area. Our boundaries include all areas from The Carmens River to The Forge River, and from Fire Island to Middle Country Road. To mark our tenth anniversary, the Historical Society has undertaken an initiative to better serve our community by also applying for Federal recognition for our organization. This goal has now been achieved. Effective March 26, 2010, MPHS is now a federally recognized, tax-exempt public charity under section 501(c)3 of the tax code. As a result of this, henceforth, all contributions to the Mastic

Peninsula Historical society will be tax-deductible. Special thanks to MPHS member Andrea Milano and the members of the fundraising committee for their hard work on this project.

The Historical Society's next major project will be to raise funds and then hire an artist to create a map of historical sites within our charter region. Maps will then be distributed to the public in hopes of raising public awareness about the educational and cultural importance of preserving these historic sites. Public support for this project is greatly appreciated. To contribute funds, donate artifacts, or request additional information, contact the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society at P.O. Box 333, Mastic, NY 11950.

Committee Reports

Collections Committee: The Society is actively seeking items for our collection. If you would like to donate any items relating to local history, contact Committee Chair Sue Snizek .

Publications Committee: The MPHS letterhead, membership application and membership brochure have been updated per our election results. An envelope template has also been created.

Historic Sites Committee: Thanks to the offer of a grant through the office of County Legislator Kate Browning and administered through the County Parks Department, work has begun to develop a map of historic sites within the tri-hamlet area. We are also making progress on a co-venture with the Chamber of Commerce to get improved roadway signs to guide tourists to and from the historic William Floyd Estate. A written proposal has been drafted. Meetings have already been held with representatives of Brookhaven Town and of the National Parks Service. Meetings have yet to be scheduled with state and county officials.

Program Committee: At our May meeting, MPHS member James Reason was our guest speaker. He gave a presentation on "The Effects of Colonialism on the Indigenous Tribes of Long Island" and displayed tribal tools and weapons.

Membership Committee: Welcome to our new member Evelyn Green

Nominations Committee: Congratulations to our newly elected officers and Trustees.

Fundraising Committee: The Society has successfully secured 501(c)(3) status (see article above). We have also submitted our application for the Hotel/Motel Tax grant. Our thanks to Josh Slaughter and JoAnn Williams for their help on the grant project, and thanks to Mike Lubrano for filling out all the forms for both projects. A meeting of the Fundraising Committee will be held at 7:30PM on July 6 at the offices of the Mastic Beach Village Exploratory Committee. Thanks to Jerri Breschard for arranging a venue on such short notice.



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Application for Membership

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NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: (Street) _____
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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED (Please Check One)

- Standard Adult member \$20.00
- Standard Family Member (Husband & Wife) \$30.00
- Senior Adult Member (62 or over) \$10.00
- Senior Family Member \$15.00
- Junior (under 18) or Student (High School or College) \$5.00
- Institutional Member - Representative _____ \$50.00
- Contributing and Sustaining Members \$100.00
- Life Membership \$150.00
- Honorary Member (No Fee pending designation by Board of Trustees)

Please submit this application and a check for the appropriate fee to a board member or mail to:

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2010 Meeting Schedule

January 20	Annual Dues Collection
February 17	Monthly Meeting
March 17	Monthly Meeting
April 21	Officer/Trustee Nominations
May 19	Annual Elections
June 16	Monthly Meeting
July 21	Monthly Meeting
August 18	Monthly Meeting
September 15	Monthly Meeting
October 20	Monthly Meeting
November 17	Monthly Meeting
December 15	Monthly Meeting

Regular monthly meetings are held at the Mastic Fire Dept. unless otherwise noted.

Meetings begin at 7:30PM EST

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