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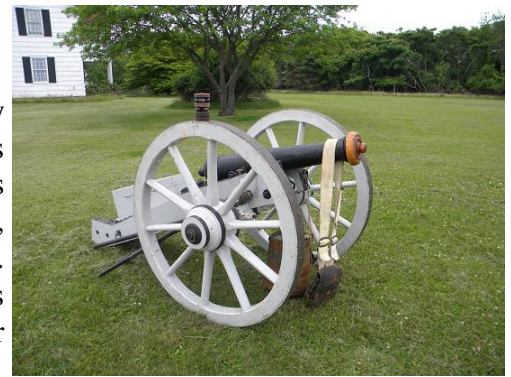
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Historical Society Participates in Tri-Hamlet Community Day

By Ed DeGennaro, President MPHS

On June 9, 2012, an event called the Tri-Hamlet Community Day was held. This event was the idea of State Senator Lee Zeldin’s Tri-Hamlet Renaissance Project Marketing Committee, which was tasked with finding a way to promote our community’s Historical Past, and to increase tourism, which in turn would help our local businesses. The Senator had invited all local Civic Leaders to sit down and discuss ways to improve conditions within our community, to help restore our reputation, and to show the outside world what we have to offer.



Senator Zeldin formed six committees: Economic Development, Infrastructure, Quality of Life, Marketing, Real Estate, and Public Safety. The Marketing Committee came up with the idea for a Community Day. This event began with guided bus tours from William Paca Middle School and passed by six of the district’s eight schools. Tourists were told who the schools were named for, plus a little History on the schools. Then the bus tour proceeded to the Wertheim Wildlife Refuge, The Manor of St. George, and the Village of Mastic Beach. On the main street, was a car show and numerous vendors who entertained the crowds. The Tour then continued to the Nathaniel Woodhull Cemetery, and ended at the William Floyd Estate. The buses ran continuous loops for six hours.

The day’s events went very well, and I am proud to say the Mastic Peninsula Historical Society had a hand in it also. We provided four Tour Bus Guides, plus two alternates if needed. We positioned one member at the Cemetery to give a presentation on Nathaniel Woodhull, and had three members manning the table set up on Main Street in the Village.



I would like to thank our members for a job well done. The Tour Bus Guides were Susan Gonzales, Shirley Jensen, Gwen Fazzina, and Lisa Olsen. The alternates were Brad Schupe and Joe Fazzina (not a member, but volunteered to help anyway). Gary Ollett gave the presentation at the Woodhull Cemetery. The table in the Village was manned by Rich Oldham, Jack Monte, and myself. Mike Lubrano was on the marketing committee, and played a large role in planning and producing this event.

Again, I thank all who participated, and look forward to doing this again next year.



State Officials Tour Woodhull Cemetery

On June 9th, the first annual Tri-Hamlet Community Day Celebration was held, with over 1000 guests participating in the festivities. In coordination with this event, Historical Society Trustee Gary Ollett led tours and gave presentations at the Woodhull Cemetery on Neighborhood Road in Mastic Beach. New York State Assemblyman Dean Murray and New York State Senator Lee Zeldin (pictured above, right) stopped by at the Woodhull Cemetery to hear Trustee Ollett speak



about Revolutionary War hero Nathaniel Woodhull and to learn about his family's contributions to the development of our community. The Woodhulls were among the first families to settle in this region.

Historical Society members and volunteers from the William Floyd Republican Club (pictured below, left) worked together to distribute literature about the Woodhull Cemetery, and to raise public awareness about this important historic site. — **By Mike Lubrano**



Committee Reports

Collections Committee: Please contact the Historical Society if you have any documents, photos or artifacts that you would like to donate.

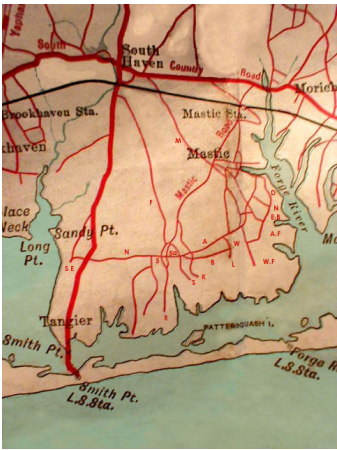
Publications Committee: “Mastic Peninsula Historical Society” is now on FaceBook! Check out our photo gallery on the FB. A web site for the Historical Society is also under construction at www.mphistorical.org with event announcements and back-issues of the newsletter.

Historic Sites Committee: The Society's members have been conducting ‘research workshops’ at the Community Library in the

Local History Room on Thursday nights at 7:00PM. Contact Gary Ollett for details.

Program Committee: Historical Society Trustee Gary Ollett gave presentations at the Woodhull Cemetery in connection with Tri-Hamlet Community Day on June 9. MPHS members Gwen Fazzina, Susan Gonzalez, Shirley Jensen and Lisa Olsen served as tour bus guides for the event. Over 1000 people participated.

Fundraising Committee: Please contact the Society if you would like to make a donation. The MPHS is a federally registered 501(c)3 charity.



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2012 Meeting Schedule

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

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

Meetings begin at 7:30PM EST

* Meetings for July/August will be held at 7:00PM at the Community Library

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