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Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp in Tuckahoe-Petersburg area of Upper Township in the 1930s later became a POW Camp for German prisoners of war during World War II. The CCC camp was on the site of the World War I Bethlehem

steel proving grounds. (See detailed review of the CCC history here in Upper Twp. with a researched article by HPSUT Historian Bob Holden in this newsletter edition.)

Upper Twp. Covid-19 Virus Year 2020 Artifacts Project

The Historical Society cannot help but wonder - how will this Covid-19 experience for the past several months in Upper Township be recorded for future generations?

Today is tomorrow's history. You can help write or photograph it for our community and be part of the HPSUT's new story-gathering project called "The Covid-19 Virus Year" 2020 in

FLATTEN THE CURVE

WASH YOUR HANDS. STAY AT HOME.



Upper Township.

The local Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township has initiated the project to collect types of digital artifacts

related to the current pandemic pause for all of us.

Here is the link to submit your photo or written story files > <https://bit.ly/UTCovid-19VirusArtifacts>

Examples of Covid-19 artifacts:

- Photos you and your family wearing face protection.
- Written stories / journal entries that capture your experiences during the time

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The Residents in the Township of Upper, and most of the county experienced an unprecedented period of stay at home regulations from early March thru May 2020 as part of the effort to reduce the rate of infection for Covid-19. When families ventured out to do food shopping, etc. they were greeted with an array of signs like these. From left, Caldwell Park and all Upper Twp. recreation facilities

were closed down; many small businesses such as the Frog Hollow Bakery were left wondering when it would be permitted to open for business; the Acme in Seaville instated numerous Covid-19 related best-practices to help ensure health safety for their customers and employees.

Tw. Residents Provide 2020 Covid-19 "Time Capsule" Artifacts -See Pages 8-9-10

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spending at home during these trying weeks

- Stories of coping with employment / un-employment during Covid-19.
- Essential business stories about service / employee and customer experiences.
- Stories of how you were affected by remote working and/or remote learning?

Thanks for participating. ##



Annual HPSUT Pot-Luck Covered Dish dinner held in March 2020 was a fun-filled evening for Historical Society members and guests. The event was held at the Tuckahoe United Methodist Church. Pictured, left, Janice Holden and right, Stoddard Bixby and Harriet Reardon Bailey. Members shared examples of family heirlooms and stories. ##

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HPSUT Joins National Clio Website

The HPSUT has engaged with the Clio project, based at Marshall University in West Virginia and now has the three historic sites in Upper Twp. available with the online platform. Tuckahoe Station <https://theclio.com/entry/100868> Gandy Farmstead <https://theclio.com/entry/100872> Friendship School <https://theclio.com/entry/102308>

The Clio web-based platform was a featured webinar with the AASLH in March 2020 and was attended by HPSUT Board member Ralph Cooper. Cooper followed-up by contacting the webinar presenter and founder / developer of Clio, Dr. David Trowbridge, Associate Professor of History at Marshall University in Huntington, WV.

After reading up on the capabilities of the virtual system, and informing the HPSUT Board, Cooper enrolled the Historical Society with the program and established placeholder pages with photos for the Gandy Farmstead, Tuckahoe Train Station and the Friendship School.

HPSUT Historian Robert Holden was contacted and he continued the process by adding context

narrative and the background stories for each of our historic site.

In addition, links are now embedded in the HPSUT's Clio pages with special 360-degree video presentations by Bill Banks.

Cooper noted that in the future, the HPSUT hopes to develop virtual tours for our sites, narrative audio files and an additional Clio page with a Virtual Site Tour of Upper Township.

There are now over 700 historical locations from throughout the United States on Clio.

According to the Clio FAQ's, it is not only a website and mobile application, but also a collaborative research, interpretation, and map-building project.

Entries are created by museum professionals, local historians, and educators and their students.

This partnership of local history experts and professional historians is building a comprehensive, dynamic, and interactive map of American history. ##

Pandemic Halts Historical Society Programs

Tidal Wave: The Great Appalachian Storm of 1950 and Its Impact on New Jersey's Bayshore Towns

by Drew Tomlin with contributor Rachel Dolhanczyk

The author Drew Tomlin was to speak at our May meeting but due to Covid-19 could not.

We hope someday he and Rachel are able to tell us the story in person that is described on the cover: "November 25th, 1950 is a day that the new Jersey Bayshore residents have never forgotten.

On that fateful day, storm conditions resulted in a devastating tidal wave that destroyed communities and took lives...it is the best known secret of the Bayshore area." The book can be bought at Amazon.com. ##

Prohibition in Cape May County: Wetter than the Atlantic

by Raymond Rebmann

His book cover explains, "With its proximity to Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, Cape May County was a perfect location for lawbreakers during prohibition. Rumrunners operating along the Atlantic Seaboard and Delaware Bay teamed up with backwoods bootleggers to make Cape May County a bustling center of the era's illegal liquor business."

Ray presents an interesting timeline of court cases, newspaper articles, and pictures, about how prohibition affected Cape May County.

We missed his presentation in April due to the Covid-19 virus but you can obtain his fascinating book through Amazon.com. We hope someday to hear his story in person. ##



A recent acquisition, this copy of an original 1930’s poster was found by HPSUT Board member Barb Horan during an internet search. It shows a variety of photos from the CCC extension camp (Camp MC -3-, NJ Company 1269-C, CCC) at the old

Bethlehem Steel Proving ground in Petersburg (noted as Tuckahoe, NJ). ##

Upper Township’s Own CCC Camp History

Most readers of the SHOUT are aware of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) since they grew up during World War II or are students of Depression era history.

But for those who know little or nothing about the CCC, here is a brief primer from the CCC website:

The Civilian Conservation Corps was one of the first things that President Franklin D. Roosevelt did when he entered office. It was part of “The First Hundred Days”. The CCC was part of his New Deal Program to combat the Great Depression. It was due to Roosevelt’s strong beliefs in Conserving the nation’s natural resources and his wish to create a federal program that aided the unemployed, especially young men, that the CCC was developed. Even before Roosevelt took office, he was talking about a program that put men into forests for work. On March 31st, 1933, (a proposal had been sent to Congress) the proposal was approved and signed; it was known as the Reforestation Relief Act and Emergency Conservation Work Act. The name given at that time to the program was “Emergency Conservation Work” but that was later changed to **The Civilian Conservation Corps** in 1937. The CCC was technically established on April 3, 1933 because it was known as another name before.

On April 17, the first camp, Camp Roosevelt in Luray, Virginia was started. After that more and more CCC camps popped up all over the U.S.

More than 150 types of work were provided by the CCC. They included; Reforestation, Wildlife aid, Flood control, Emergency

Rescue Work, Conservation of soil, Forest improvement and protection, Rehabilitation of ranges, Recreational Development, Reclamation, and Erosion control.

One simple accomplishment of the CCC was the planting of hundreds of millions of trees. These jobs added millions of dollars to the wealth of the nation, and successfully made the nation realize the importance of conservation for the nation.

The CCC solved two issues with one task. It was meant to restore and conserve the forests, national parks, and farmlands across the nation.

It also provided jobs for unemployed young men. The main requirements that the man was in between the ages of 17-23, but was later changed to 17-25., a citizen of the United States, unmarried, not on probation or under conviction of a crime, and was unemployed and needed a job to maintain his family. If the man was a veteran, the age and marital restrictions were void. Pay was \$30 a month, with 90% going to each of the worker’s families. On April 24, 12,000 Reservation Indians were added to the rolls with no restrictions on age or marital status. By the end of the CCC, more than 88,000 Native Americans were employed.

The camps were run by the army and administered by the Labor Department, headed by the first woman cabinet Secretary, Florence Perkins. Typical enrollment for each person

CCC Camp at Tuckahoe-Petersburg crossroads on former Bethlehem Steel proving grounds

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was six months.

Each state had at least one camp (There were a total of 1,437 camps) and New Jersey had a total of nine camps, but was committed to conserving numerous other state parks and forests.

(From the CCC Website)

Note: The CCC camp in Upper Township was not an officially established New Jersey CCC Camp, but was more than likely an extension of the established CCC camp in Woodbine.

The Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which had already established a factory in Atlantic County in Belcoville, decided to expand into Cape May County.

A few months after the U.S. became involved in World War I in April, 1917, the company bought additional land from Rolla and Mary Garretson heirs to the Theophilus Corson estate in Upper Township. The testing ground for naval ordnance extended from the Tuckahoe River south across the Tuckahoe-

Marmora Road and then north to Willets Thoroughfare. The company fenced off the land, posited armed guards, built ammunition storage sheds, and secured permission from the county board of Freeholders to use a railroad spur to Petersburg.

The Cape May County Times reported that by May, 1917, seven carloads of ammunition lay on the Tuckahoe siding waiting for shipment to Petersburg. Several residents complained about the noise of the incessant gunfire from the proving grounds, but county administrators ignored the complaints.

Recognizing that Bethlehem Steel meant a revival of prosperity, Freeholders Joseph MacKissic of Lower Township and Uriah Gandy of Upper Township introduced a resolution to the board to "commend the said Bethlehem Steel Company and its manager for the orderly manner in which its business had been conducted in the County of Cape May."

(Dorwart continues...) Fast forward to 1933 and the Great Depression.

Meanwhile, local officials turned to the New Deal programs to help Cape May County battle the Depression. Edwin C. Mann, a Strathmere resident, asked his friend Harold Ickes, Roosevelt's Secretary of the Interior, to grant federal monies to the barrier islands to stop beach erosion. The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce petitioned Secretary of labor, Frances Perkins to locate one of the reforestation and reclamation camps in the county provided for under the *Reforestation Relief Act* of 1933 that created the CCC.

Sixty Cape May County residents, nearly half of them African Americans from Wildwood and Middle Township, enrolled in the Forestry Service and went to Camp Dix in Burlington County for training. In May, 1933.

Five months later, the government established a CCC Camp in Woodbine (and an extension site in Belleplain) and another extension camp (see author's note) at Tuckahoe-Petersburg crossroads on the former Bethlehem Steel proving grounds. (described at the be-



By Michael Houdart, HPSUT Member

The 1920's ushered in a period of unbound prosperity, changing moral values, and ended with the greatest stock market crash in our history. It plunged our country into a Great Depression.

Our little town of Tuckahoe, New Jersey experienced all the vicissitudes of those times and weathered the storm.

In 1920 the Prohibition Amendment (18th) went into effect and made the nation "Dry." New Jersey, however, was one of only three states that did not ratify the amendment. New Jersey Governor Edward I. Edwards promised to make New Jersey "as wet as the Atlantic Ocean." When he left the Governor's chair and ran for the U.S. Senate, which he won in 1922, his slogan was "Wine, Woman, Song and repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment."

Illegal stills sprung up all over Cape May County and especially in the northern part of the county around Tuckahoe. The Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township has in its' possession a small moonshine still that was discovered on the Godfrey property on the Tuckahoe River. Another still was discovered on the property of Jerry and Carroll Bailey in Steelmantown. Parts of the still are scattered in the woods along with an old

iron water pipe leading to a small stream. It is located deep in the woods and only Jerry can find it! The Eighteenth Amendment could not stop all the booze from flowing and the old "Tuckahoe White Lightning" could be found throughout the area.

At the same time our country was also experiencing a "Religious Rival" as churches and communities across the nation were clamoring to reclaim our moral values. Methodist churches were firmly behind Prohibition, and that included our very own Tuckahoe United Methodist Church. Members of the congregation were united against the effects of this evil in their community.

There was a big hotel in Tuckahoe with a very inviting wide front porch with lots of rocking chairs. The Kerchoff family owned and ran it and they were very nice people, but most of the town's folks shunned them because they sold whiskey. There were exactly two men in town who drank and they, too, were ignored. One winter's night when the Tuckahoe Methodist Church was having a "Revival" meeting, one of them was converted and never drank another drop for the rest of his life. That church is still there today, reaching out and helping all those in need. ##

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President's Column

Spring Message In Uncertain Times

Carol Williams, President,

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Twp.

Hello Everyone...I am writing this column as I sit at my kitchen table looking out at my pink azaleas in full bloom... a beautiful sight in uncertain times... I am sipping a cup of lemon tea...a comforting taste in uncomfortable times... I am thinking about all of you...a lovely feeling in a historic time... we are living through a moment in time that will be written about in the annuals of history and we can record our own history as we live through it...some of my closest friends have had to go through extraordinary

upheaval in their lives...who could have imagined in January, what February through May would have looked like... as a historical society, we should have a record of these times ... a history, so to say...

How do we do this?

We are asking you to think about submitting photos you have taken, a video, a short journal entry about how you have been affected...so we can leave a journal for the next generation showing how we fought this pandemic and how we came through it ... please save these items/artifacts for us.

Our society has had to cancel events that

had been planned but we look forward to future events and these will be published as soon as we can offer them. As you know, our facilities are under township guidance and we abide by their rules. As soon as we feel we are able to resume activities, we will.

Meanwhile, please stay safe and stay healthy! ##



CCC Camp at Tuckahoe-Petersburg Crossroads

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ginning of this section of Dorwart's book)

A third camp was developed at Dias Creek on the Bayshore to fight mosquitoes. (Writer's note: The current site is the Cape May County Mosquito Commission)

The development of the CCC camps caused quite a controversy. Upper Township residents feared that the government planned to encamp hundreds of African- Americans from New York City and northern New Jersey at the Tuckahoe barracks. Upper Township Women sent a letter of protest against the CCC camp to U.S. Congressman Isaac Bacharach.

Nevertheless, two hundred African-American workers lived in the CCC camp and developed the Tuckahoe Hunting and Fishing Grounds in the thirties (Today The Tuckahoe (MacNamara) Game Preserve in Petersburg)

Workers at the Woodbine CCC camp stayed in the old Bayard machine shop and used the facilities of the Jewish Community Center and gymnasium.

These CCC laborers traveled five miles west to the Belleplain State Forest, a huge tract of land acquired as a recreation site by the state at the behest of Roland B. Mason, a powerful Democrat party leader and Belleplain basket factory owner.

The CCC workers in the state forest

developed roads and campsites and created scenic Lake Nummy out of an old cranberry bog.

Cape May County endorsed the controversial National Recovery Act (NRA) created by the National Industrial Recovery Act of 1933, and later declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

(From Cape May County, New Jersey by Jeffrey Dorwart, 1996)

End Note:

During World War II the CCC camp extension at the Bethlehem Steel proving grounds in Petersburg was established as a POW camp for German prisoners of war. These prisoners were required to work on local farms and work in the camp itself. At this time, we do not know how many prisoners were housed there or when it was closed for that use. Research into this subject is ongoing.

The photos (a few seen here), are part of a recent acquisition (an original 1930's poster) made by Barb Horan and paid for by the HPSUT Board.

It shows a variety of photos from the CCC extension camp (**Camp MC -3-, NJ Company 1269-C, CCC**) at the old Bethlehem Steel Proving ground in Petersburg (noted as Tuckahoe, NJ)

The men who were stationed there (the bulk of whom were African-American men) are noted in a roster at the top of the poster.

The HPSUT considers this an important acquisition and it will be properly conserved and framed. Many thanks to Barb Horan who saw this for sale on eBay, bought it and will be reimbursed by the HPSUT!

- **Article composed by HPSUT Historian, Robert F. Holden. ##**



Upper Twp. & Its Ten Villages

Upper Twp. and Its Ten Villages book is available for purchase at numerous locations. Kate Austin, with the Heist Insurance Agency in Marmora, shows their office display of our Society books. It is also noted that Kate grew up and lives in Marmora and has followed in her family's footsteps, as she has served in the Marmora Volunteer Fire Department since 2008 as a firefighter. The HPSUT book, released in Feb. 2020, is now also available online > www.uppertwphistory.org



History In Your Neighborhood: Peter Harp invited the HPSUT Board members for an informative tour of his residence in March 2020. Harp and his family owned and operated the nearby Tuckahoe Inn in Beesley's Point for many years. He provided delightful stories that accompanied his showing of various historical memorabilia.

Upper Township:

An Oral History by Somers Corson

Historical societies preserve and document local history through oral interviews and stories from local historians. In Cape May County and Upper Township, one of our best known storyteller historians was Somers Corson III.

From his bedside in his beloved Rising Sun Inn on Shore Road in Ocean View at age 86, Somers requested that his stories and memories be recorded one last time.

Barbara Horan and Lynn Dress were delighted to fulfill his request.

Recently those recorded memories have been transcribed and edited in order to become a printed genealogical book and reference for local historical societies and museums.

This was accomplished as a result of a grant from the NJ Historical Commission and the Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders through the Cape May County Dept of Tourism, Public Information, and Culture & Heritage. ##

HPSUT Sponsors Bus Trip Up & Down the Hudson River

Hi Everyone,

As those of you who registered for the March bus trip already know, it was cancelled due to the Covid 19 epidemic. I have been able to reschedule it for September 19th & 20th 2020. The trip is still pretty much the same, with the exception of our visit to Olana since I was not able to reschedule that. Here's the amended itinerary. We'll start at the Revolutionary War Headquarters of Generals Henry Knox and Horatio Gates on the west side of the Hudson River. We'll have a guided tour of the site and then have lunch in the picnic area (or indoors if it's raining. Memories of last year.)



Our second stop will be a visit to the New Windsor Cantonment, a Continental Army encampment, where we'll have a tour of the army's quarters with a special guide. We'll then hop on the bus for a 15 minute ride to Washington's Headquarters, where we'll see a special program on Martha Washington. Not many know of her significant role in supporting the army during the war. We'll then enjoy a tour of the headquarters and adjacent museum with a guide.

From there, it's a short drive to our hotel. After checking in, we'll leave for dinner at the Red Line Diner, with a cash bar of course. After dinner, it's rest up for Sunday. If anyone feels they'll still have energy to burn, the hotel does have an indoor pool and fitness room.

Sunday, we'll start our day with a 45 minute drive to the Clermont Mansion Historic Site, home of the New York Livingstone family. After a short video on the history of the Livingstones,

we'll enjoy a tour of the mansion. Clermont was one of the "America's Treasures" that Bob Villa restored years ago as part of his "This Old House" series.

After lunch at Clermont, we'll leave for our next stop, the National Trust for Historic Preservation site, Lyndhurst Mansion. For those who are disappointed at missing Olana, I think this will more than make up for it. It's a beautiful mansion overlooking the Hudson in Tarrytown and houses an impressive art collection as well as being an outstanding architectural masterpiece.

We'll leave Tarrytown for home, with a quick stop on the parkway at Cheesequake for a light dinner. We should be home around 7:30 – 8:00. We think this will be a nice trip to some sites that you may not have visited before.

Proceeds from this year's trip will benefit the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township. Cost is \$250 per person if you're sharing a room, \$315 if you're rooming alone.

If you have any questions or would like registration information, you can email us at parytell@gmail.com or call us at 609-886-8577. The mailing address is 397 Corson Lane, Cape May NJ 08204.

Registration forms will be emailed or mailed as soon as we can confirm meal choices with the restaurants.

We hope you can join us for this new trip.

Pary & Bruce ##

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Sept. 2020 Bus Trip Tour Plans

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020:

Tour of General Knox's Headquarters

On several occasions during the Revolutionary War, Major General Henry Knox, Commander of the American artillery, established his military headquarters at John Ellison's 1754 Georgian-style house in Vails Gate. From October 1782 until the spring of 1783, as 7,000 soldiers and 500 "camp followers" were establishing winter quarters at the New Windsor Cantonment, and General Washington was lodged at Jonathan Hasbrouck's house in Newburgh, New York, Major General Horatio Gates occupied the elegant home from which he commanded the cantonment. Here the army awaited the end of the Revolutionary War that became effective when Washington issued the cease fire orders on April 19, 1783.



Tour of the New Windsor Cantonment

New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is where the Continental Army under General George Washington spent the last winter and spring of the Revolutionary War. In October 1782, General Washington moved his northern army to New Windsor to establish winter quarters. Some 7,500 soldiers and 500 women and children civilian refugees encamped here. By late December 1782, they had erected nearly 600 log huts into a "cantonment," a military enclave. It was at the New Windsor Cantonment that the cease fire orders were issued by Washington ending the eight-year War of Independence on April 19, 1783.

Tour of Washington's Headquarters

In the critical months that General George Washington spent at Newburgh, he made some of his most important contributions to shaping the American republic. It was here that Washington rejected the idea of an American monarchy; ended the Newburgh Conspiracy, preventing potential military control of the government; created the Badge of Military Merit, forerunner of the Purple Heart; and circulated an influential letter to State Governors outlining the key principals he felt necessary for the new republic.



Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020:



Tour of Clermont Mansion

Clermont State Historic Site was the Hudson River seat of New York's politically and socially prominent Livingston Family. Seven successive generations of the family left their imprint on the site's architecture, room interiors and landscape.

In October 1777, British Major General John Vaughan, who led a raiding party up the Hudson River, came to Clermont and burned Livingston's home because of his prominent role in the American Revolution. Margaret Beekman Livingston rebuilt the family home between 1779 and 1782. Her son Robert R. Livingston became the estate's most prominent resident, serving as a member of the committee that drafted the Declaration of Independence, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and negotiator of the Louisiana Purchase. He was also a partner with Robert Fulton, creating the first commercially successful steamboat, the North River of Clermont, commonly called the Clermont, which stopped at the house on its inaugural trip.

Tour of Lyndhurst Mansion

Overlooking the Hudson River in Tarrytown, New York, is Lyndhurst, one of America's finest Gothic Revival mansions. Designed in 1838 by Alexander Jackson Davis, its architectural brilliance is complemented by the park-like landscape of the estate and a comprehensive collection of original decorative arts. Its noteworthy occupants included: former New York City Mayor William Paulding, merchant George Merritt, and railroad tycoon Jay Gould. Today, Lyndhurst's vast collection of art, antiques, and furniture have remained largely intact due to the mansion's use primarily as a country residence. The grounds at Lyndhurst survive as an outstanding example of 19th-century landscape design. ##



Twp. Residents Provide 2020 Covid-19 Time Capsule Artifacts



Feeling pretty accomplished. Got gas for \$1.97

New Jersey State League of Municipalities
Yesterday at 3:31 PM

Governor Phil Murphy has put out the call for COBOL programmers. If you can help, please see this NJ-specific portal for people to volunteer their tech skills: <https://forms.business.nj.gov/tech>



Because those without symptoms can still carry the disease.

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Cape May Live How Coronavirus Changes Everything -

U.T. discusses reopening

By BILL BARLOW
Special to the Sentinel

UPPER TOWNSHIP — With businesses struggling and residents frustrated as the COVID-19 crisis drags on, Township Committee began to take its first steps toward reopening.

But what to reopen and how quickly to proceed remain in question.

At the Monday Township Committee meeting, members unanimously endorsed a consensus plan presented to Gov. Phil Murphy by the Cape May County-Wide Recovery Initiative, which outlines plans for a phased reopening of businesses and facilities. Township officials also moved to reopen some local recreation options, including tennis courts. (See related story, page A1.)

But at the same meeting, members rejected Committeeman Hobie Young's suggestion that the skate park also be reopened. He said young people are already climbing the fence at the park at Amanda's Field and expressed concern that someone could get hurt.

Through the extensive discussion at the meeting, the same issues that have played out on national platforms were covered by members of Township Committee, the push and pull between efforts to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus virus and an eagerness to get back to work and back to normal.

As have all recent meetings, this one was held remotely, with members and residents attending through an online platform or phoning in. Committeeman John Coggins suggested meetings could soon be held in Township Hall, even if members of the public could only attend remotely.

"Let's show people that it's time to get Cape May County back open for business," he said.

Throughout the meeting, Mayor Richard Palombo sounded a more cautious note, in several instances suggesting things move slowly and in stages to avoid a local spike in COVID-19 infections. He said the meeting room at Township Hall would need to be rearranged to allow enough space between committee members to maintain the recommended six feet of distance.

In any case, the township has already advertised its future meetings would be held remotely, pointed out township attorney Daniel Young, no relation to the committee member.

"I'm not sure how we're going to do that yet. It may well be that the five of us will be there and we'll ask staff to be in their offices to be on the video part of it as well," Palombo said. "Let's not jump to conclusions. We have about a month to get to that point, so let's see what we come up with first."

Committeeman Curtis Corson said other sites could be considered, mentioning that the Community Center has been used for meetings in the past.

There were some areas of disagreement among the committee members, but nothing that could be termed an argument, and the decisions made were each unanimous after members reached a consensus.

Members agreed to open the tennis courts in the township, with some outside courts to be set aside for the popular game of pickleball. Indoor pickleball at the community center was discussed but will not be opened.

In addition to keeping the skate park closed for now, committee members also rejected a suggestion from Hobie Young to have the popular Easter egg hunt as part of the township July 4 celebrations.

The fireworks are still planned to proceed at Amanda's Field, and the annual Strathmere parade is also still on the schedule. As committee members pointed out, that could change before the summer holiday.

The Easter egg hunt has been a popular event. Young said the township has 20,000 eggs, and he believes children would like to have something to look forward to.

"That would be a great draw for us to get the younger people out there," Young said.

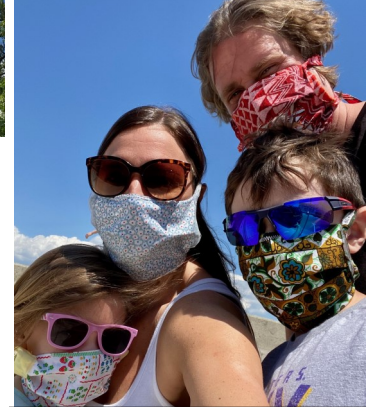
"I'm not sure we should have any big celebration," Palombo said. "I hate to be a naysayer, because I'm as gun-ho as anybody to get started here, but I'm concerned if we have anything above the activity of the fireworks."

He raised the issue of enforcing distance guidelines.

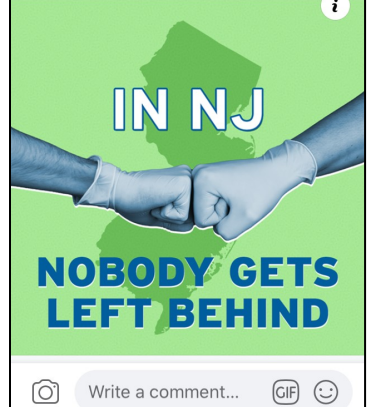
"From what I'm seeing out there is people are looking for an event to get out of the house if it's possible for the kids to have something to do, and to get their freedom out of it, and what better day than the Fourth of July?" Young said.

Committeeman Curtis Corson suggested people could watch the fireworks from their cars. But he spoke against holding the egg hunt.

"We canceled the Easter egg hunt already. To resurrect the Easter Egg Hunt, the next thing you know we're going to have Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving all at once," Corson said.



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Apr 20th, 2020
33,346 Operations

Residents in the Township of Upper, Cape May County and our state of New Jersey followed the Covid-19 stay-at-home regulations from early March into the month of June 2020 to reduce the rate of infection. The Upper Twp. Historical Society has established a collection process for digital artifacts that reflect these trying times for our com-

munity residents and businesses. Here is the link to submit your photo or written story files > <https://bit.ly/UTCovid-19VirusArtifacts> Samplings of submitted items are shown above on this page and elsewhere in the newsletter. Also watch for postings on social media and the HPSUT website. ##

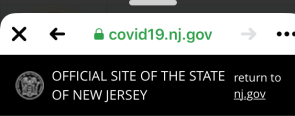
Dear Corona Virus,

By now I should have been back from a second honeymoon in the Caribbean with my new husband, been in Strathmere for 3 weeks, fun, about 10 lbs thinner, my daughter should have had a big graduation ceremony for her big graduation ceremony, and I should be looking forward to leaving for Tuks + Cars with my kids when Ben's work slows down.

What in the actual f--- have you done to us?

Even the dog is depressed

Sincerely,
Catherine



NEW JERSEY COVID-19 Information Hub

Call (General COVID-19 Questions): 2-1-1 (7a-11p)
Call (Clinical Questions): 1-800-962-1253 (24/7)
Text NJCOVID to 898-211 to receive alerts
Text your zip code to 898-211 for live text assistance

COVID-19 Update

Governor Murphy Announces Statewide Stay at Home Order, Closure of All Non-Essential Retail Businesses. [Learn More](#)

Ask Your COVID-19 Questions

quarantine meal schedule

7:00 am	• breakfast
7:45 am	• breakfast dessert
9:00 am	• panic snack with morning news
10:00 am	• post panic morning snack
11:00 am	• lunch appy
12:15 pm	• lunch
2:00 pm	• post lunch nap snack
3:00 pm	• panic snack with afternoon news
6:00 pm	• dinner
9:30 pm	• ice cream



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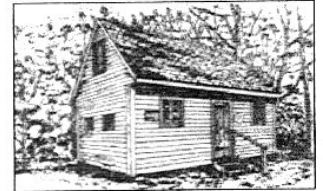
HPSUT Membership

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____



Friendship School - Circa 1830

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township (HPSUT)

Membership Category

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| ___ Individual @ \$15.00/ea. | ___ Student@ \$5.00/ea |
| ___ Couple (Both under 65) \$25.00 | ___ Sr. Couple (Both 65 or older) \$20.00 |
| ___ Business or Organization \$75.00 | ___ Society Donations Always Welcome |

Payments Accepted online via PayPal

www.UpperTwpHistory.org/membership.htm

or

Make your check payable to HPSUT

Remit with this completed form to Society Treasurer:

Carroll Bailey, PO Box 507, Tuckahoe, NJ 08250

Web: www.UpperTwpHistory.org | Facebook: www.Facebook.com/UpperTwpHistory
Email: UpperTwpHistory@Yahoo.com | Phone: (609) 390.5656 (Please leave a message)

Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township
Your Application



Upper Twp. Covid-19 Virus Year 2020 Artifacts Project
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"Handy Person" Volunteer Needed For Upper Twp. Historical Society

Can you drill holes, paint a straight line and measure twice before making the cut? If so, you are needed as a volunteer with the Upper twp. Historical Society here in northern Cape May County.

From time to time, the Historical Society needs small wood working projects completed on our collection items as part of our ongoing restoration and preservation.

If you are handy with tools and would like to help preserve history here in Upper Township, please volunteer and join our Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township.

Needed skills include general and interior finishing carpentry, painting, light maintenance.

Volunteer duties would follow HPSUT methods and expectations with outcomes consistent with the Society heritage practices.

Email your information to uppertwphistory@yahoo.com or call our messaging service at (609) 390.5656 and a volunteer will contact you. ##

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