

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## **Santa and NJ Operation Toy Train Visited Maywood Station on December 10, 2011**

Santa made a special visit to the Maywood Station Museum for the **10th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on December 10, 2011. A record turnout of children and their parents visited the museum while Santa met with each good little boy and girl and every child received a bag of treats courtesy of **Myron Corporation, Operation Lifesaver, Atlas Model Railroad Company, Atlas O, LLC, Piko-America**, the **New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway** and the **Maywood Station Historical Committee**. Each child attending was also given a free chance to win special raffle prizes including a BMW Roadster Child's Pedal Car courtesy of **Park Ave BMW**, which was won by Annabella Tucci; An Atlas O-Gauge Complete Train Set, courtesy of **Atlas O, LLC**, which was won by Jabran Babar; an Atlas H.O. Scale Starter Train Set courtesy of **Atlas Model Railroad Company**, which was won by Wei Zhang; a Wooden Train Set courtesy of **Children Are Creative**, which was won by Luke Weisgerber; a Zoo Animal Train Set courtesy of **Children Are Creative**, which was won by Jayden Soto; and an Alphabet Train Puzzle courtesy of **Children Are Creative**, which was won by Christian Bueno.

Immediately before the **Maywood Station Museum's 10th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event, the **Military Transport Association** ran a special **NJ Operation Toy Train** to Maywood Station where it stopped to collect donations of new, unwrapped toys for the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots Foundation**. Visitors were invited to experience a variety of working railroad equipment and meet members of the **U. S. Marine Corps, Military Transport Association** and the **Maywood Station Historical Committee**. After the Maywood Station stop, the train continued onto additional collection points in northern New Jersey on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 11th collecting new, unwrapped toys along the route. Four railroads loaned engines, rolling stock, and use of their tracks to **NJ Operation Toy Train** including the **New York, Susquehanna & Western; Morristown & Erie; Norfolk Southern;** and **New Jersey Transit**. The mission of the **U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation** is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November, and December each year and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community where the campaigns are conducted.

The Maywood Police Department also set up a collection point for toys at their headquarters at 15 Park Avenue, Maywood in advance of **NJ Operation Toy Train** and delivered the toys to the train when it arrived at Maywood Station.



*The Maywood Station Museum's 10th Annual Santa at Maywood Station event was held on December 10, 2011. The above photos show scenes during Santa's visit. A record turnout of visitors came to see Santa. (All above photos by Ed Kaminski)*

## **The MSHC 2011 Year in Review**

Year 2011 was an extremely busy time for the Maywood Station Museum. Aside from the usual preservation and maintenance items, which must be addressed as they come up, membership undertook a very challenging schedule of museum open house events including a new series of free concerts at the station.

A highlight of 2011 included the Maywood Station Museum receiving the **2011 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award** in the category of **Preservation or Restoration of a Historic Structure, Site or Object** on May 26th for its work to restore New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad ALCO S-2 Locomotive #206. The locomotive previously was added in 2009 to the National and State of New Jersey Historic Register's. The Maywood Station Museum received the award from the **Bergen County Historic Advisory Board** at a ceremony at Hackensack's Historic Church on the Green conducted by the **Bergen County Assembly, Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs.**

Year 2011 also brought many new additions and donations to the museum and portions of the interior of the station museum was remodeled by the membership and new displays and photographs added.

Public attendance figures to the museum's 2011 schedule of three open houses on Wednesday evenings and three Sunday afternoons between May and November and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** on Saturday, December 10th set a new record. In 2011, we added free concerts on the station grounds to our three Wednesday evening open houses in May, June and August. The concerts were called **The Maywood Station Museum Backyard Summer Concert Series** and were sponsored by **Park Avenue Acura**. The concerts featured performances by local bands and musicians and were extremely well received. On October 2nd, the museum hosted what was their most ambitious open house to date – a combined **Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station** and **RocktoberFest 2011**, which featured free concerts by four bands on the station grounds during a 5-hour open house. The event went on flawlessly and it was estimated that over 500 people visited the station that day. For the year, the Maywood Station Museum schedule of six open houses and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event drew 2577 visitors up from our previous high of 2351 visitors in 2010. Prior year totals were 2289 in year 2009; 1982 in year 2008, 2142 in year 2007, 1967 in year 2006 and 1621 in year 2005. The museum saw an 18% increase in revenue from open houses as compared to year 2010. The books, **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** and **The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey** and continued good sales from Museum Store items including **The Maywood Station Story DVD**, holiday ornaments, calendars, engraved bricks and Maywood Station models contributed to much of the revenue gains as well as general donations and commercial photo shoots.

We invite you in 2012 to visit and experience our museum for the first time if you haven't already in the past, or come and visit us again and see history.

- Ed Kaminski



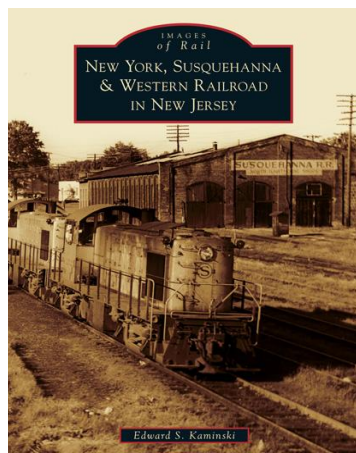
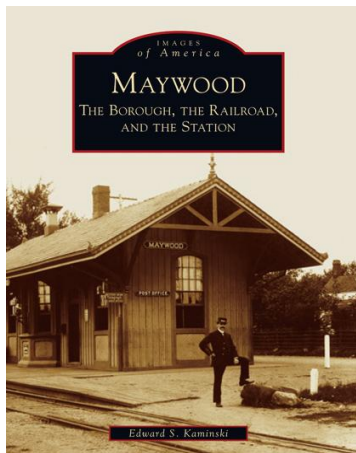
**NJ Operation Toy Train** led by NYS&W SD40-2 #3018 (top) is shown arriving at Maywood Station on December 10, 2011 to collect new, unwrapped toys for the **U. S. Marines Corps Reserve's Tots For Tots Drive**; U. S. Marines Corps Reserve members, Santa and his helpers from **NJ Operation Toy Train** pose for a photo (middle) at Maywood Station while collecting new, unwrapped toys for the **U. S. Marines Corps Reserve's Tots For Tots Drive**; and a view (above) of **NJ Operation Toy Train** next to MSHC Caboose #24542 before departing Maywood Station for more collection stops along the route of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway in northern New Jersey. (All above photos by Ed Kaminski)



Santa poses for a photo with a family aboard the **NJ Operation Toy Train's** caboose before the **10th Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on December 10, 2011. (Photo by Robert P. Pisani)

**Available Now!! - Maywood & NYS&W in New Jersey Books!**

The Maywood Station Museum Store now has available two new books written by historian, author and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski and published by Arcadia Publishing Company. **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** traces Maywood's history from a farming community through its population and industrial growth brought on in part by the coming of the New Jersey Midland Railway in 1872. Separate chapters include The Borough of Maywood; The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in Maywood; and Maywood Station including its role in the development of Maywood and its recent restoration and museum. **New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey**, traces the history of the railroad from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century and covers the complete route of all its mainline track and branches in New Jersey. Each 128-page book contains over 200 quality images with detailed captions and are available for \$22.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds from the sales of books through mail order on the Maywood Station Museum website and at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates, including the author's royalties, will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



A model poses inside Maywood Station at the D'clase Salon model photo shoot at Maywood Station on January 6, 2012. Permission must be obtained in advance from the Maywood Station Museum for anyone wishing to conduct a photo shoot on the station grounds. (Photo by Kristina Traficante)

**The Maywood Station Museum  
Backyard Summer Concert Series  
Sponsored by Park Ave Acura**

**Returns Again this Year!!!**

Please check our website for concert dates and performers.

**Maywood Station Museum is Now on Facebook**

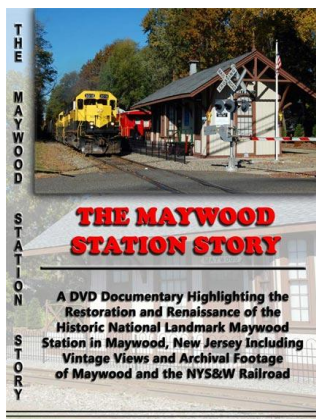
The Maywood Station Museum now has a page on Facebook. Information about the Museum, photos and Open House dates can be readily accessed. Visitors to the page can also choose to "Like" the page and will automatically receive news updates about the Maywood Station Museum when appropriate.



**The New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society** offers seasonal train rides and excursions operated out of Phillipsburg, New Jersey along the scenic Delaware River. Popular train rides and excursions include the **The Polar Express; A Day Out With Thomas; The Easter Bunny Train; The Mine Train; The Pumpkin Train; The Wine Train; Fall Foliage Excursions;** and others. Please visit the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society website at [www.nyswths.org](http://www.nyswths.org) for a full schedule of train rides, excursions, events, ticket ordering, attractions and additional information. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

### Maywood Station Museum Store

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items in the Museum Store on Open House dates and by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). These include the award-winning DVD documentary *The Maywood Station Story*; *Maywood – The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station* and *New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey* Books; Atlas Model Railroad Company HO and N-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™; Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornaments and Pens; Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Windshirts and Caps; NYS&W Railway Caps; NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks; NYS&W Railway Calendars; NYS&W Railway Lithographs and Postcards; NYS&WT&HS Calendars; Engineer Hats; Children's Train Whistles; Children's Pull Toy Trains; and Atlas Model Railroad Company Train Sets. All proceeds help support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



Among the items available in the Maywood Station Museum Store are the award-winning DVD Documentary, *The Maywood Station Story*, and HO and N-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™.

### Membership in the MSHC

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is an all-volunteer, 501C3 non-profit, educational and historical society dedicated to the preservation, education and maintenance of the 1872-built New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad station in Maywood, NJ. The station is listed on the National, State of New Jersey and Bergen County Registers of Historical Places and is listed as a State of New Jersey Historic Archive. Membership in our organization includes participation in our meetings and work sessions; periodic e-mail updates on station news and events; discounts on MSHC merchandise; and our quarterly newsletter. It is a requirement that all MSHC members must join our parent organization, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society. Dues are \$25 for individuals per calendar year and include *The Reflector* Magazine and the annual all-color calendar as well as help support the restoration, preservation and maintenance of all NYS&WT&HS/MSHC sites, equipment and operations. Membership applications are available at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or online at <http://www.nyswths.org/>.

### A Limited Number of Engraved Bricks Are Available

The MSHC continues to accept orders for engraved bricks that will be incorporated into the brick platform that surrounds Maywood Station. **A limited number of Engraved bricks remain available in 4" X 8" size for \$75 each. The 8" X 8" size is NO LONGER AVAILABLE and all spaces have been filled.** Ordering forms are available at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates and a printable ordering form with more information is available on our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All orders are tax-deductible and will be confirmed by mail with a donation letter. Engraved bricks ordered between July 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 will be installed at the station in early spring 2012. Engraved bricks ordered between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2012 will be installed at the station in early fall 2012.

### 2012 Maywood Station Museum Open House Dates

The Maywood Station Museum will be open of the following dates and times in 2012:

**Sun. April 15 – Noon to 3pm**      **Weds. Aug. 15 – 7pm to 9pm**  
**Weds. May 23 – 7pm to 9pm**      **Sun. Sept. 30 – Noon to 3pm**  
**Weds. June 27 – 7pm to 9pm**      **Sun. Nov. 4 – Noon to 3pm**  
**Sat. Dec. 15 – 10am to 11:45am (Santa at Maywood Station)**

\*Additional events may also be added to the above schedule

### Spring 2012 MSHC Membership Meeting Schedule

The membership of the MSHC meets twice monthly for work sessions at Maywood Station on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm. Membership Business Meetings will be held quarterly starting at 7:30pm. Membership will be notified in advance of each meeting date.

### MSHC Membership News

**Kikeara Imaging Group** arranged with the Maywood Station Museum for a teen modeling photo shoot at the station on December 10th.....The Annual MSHC Holiday Party was held on December 28th at Session Bistro.....**D'clase Salon** arranged with the Maywood Station Museum for a model photo shoot at the station on January 6th.....The Maywood Station Museum thanks **Children Are Creative for** donating a new display case to match an existing display case inside the museum.....Rob Pisani attended the Nuremberg Train Show in Nuremberg, Germany on business in early February.....**Nerakevad Studios** arranged with the Maywood Station Museum to film a music video featuring the band **Designs for Living** at the station on February 4th.....The Maywood Station Museum participated with information and sales tables at the Jersey Central Chapter National Railway Historical Society Annual Train Show at Mother Seton High School on March 4<sup>th</sup>.....Ed Kaminski visited Hilton Head, SC for business conference in mid-March.....Keith Smollin's radio show can be heard on Saturday mornings on William Paterson University's radio station.....The Maywood Station Museum wishes a speedy recovery to Joe Katzenstein and Marie Quinn.....

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