

The MSHC Newsletter

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Ceremony Held on June 28 at Maywood Station

An official ceremony to dedicate the placement of Maywood Station on both the New Jersey and National Historical Registers was held on Saturday, June 28. The ceremony was held in conjunction with Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney's office and the MSHC. The MSHC unveiled the bricks from their recent engraved brick drive and dedicated a new station sign on the trackside of the station, which was hand carved by MSHC member Tim Moses and painted by MSHC member Ed Kaminski's 10-year old daughter, Kristen. Guest speakers included U. S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, N. J. State Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, Judge Linda Baer, Bergen County Freeholder Valerie Huttle, Bergen County Freeholder Jim Carroll, Bergen County Freeholder David Ganz, Maywood Councilman Tom Richards, Bergen County Arts Program Director Carol Messer and retired Vice President of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway Robert Kurdock.



Guest speakers posing for a group photo at the June 28th ceremony included from left to right: N.J. State Assemblyman Gordon Johnson, County Freeholder Jim Carroll, County Freeholder Valerie Huttle, County Freeholder David Ganz, U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg and Judge Linda Baer. (photo by Paul Dlugos)

Maywood Station Formally Placed on the National Register of Historical Places

The MSHC was notified on June 10th by the New Jersey Historical Preservation Office that on May 29th the station was formally placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The placement was one of the fastest on record. The station was previously placed on the New Jersey Register of Historical Places on December 4, 2002. The announcement date of May 29 also marked exactly one year since the MSHC was formed.

Engraved Bricks Placed at the Station

The engraved bricks from our first fundraising drive were permanently placed at the station in the end of June. Through the efforts of Jim Van Rensulier, George Haag Construction Co. and members of the MSHC, the area around the east and south perimeters of the station was graded, compacted and the bricks applied. MSHC's Architect, Thomas Fenniman, designed the platform pattern and the station looks great. Thanks all!

2nd and Final Brick Drive Commences

Due to the enormous response to our first engraved brick drive and many calls for more orders after the deadline, the MSHC has begun a second fundraising drive for placement of engraved bricks on the north and west perimeters of the station. The price for engraved bricks on the second drive will be \$55. The brick size is 4" X 8" and can contain inscriptions of up to 13 characters per line with a maximum of 3 lines. The drive will officially end on February 15, 2004 and the bricks will be placed at the station in late Spring/early Summer 2004. This will absolutely be the last drive and no orders will be accepted after the February 15, 2004 deadline. All orders are tax-deductible and order forms can be found in the Our Town Newspaper and at numerous merchants and businesses throughout Maywood.

The Bay Window Returns!

Thanks to a State Grant, the MSHC contracted Gary Loffler Carpentry to build new bay windows for the station to replicate the original ones that had been removed from the station over 50 years ago. The windows were installed on June 27th after the bay box was built a week earlier by a crew donated by George Haag Construction Co. The bay windows complete the exterior of the station and the majority of the outside work on the station has now been completed.

Let There Be Light

The MSHC received generous donations of electrical help recently when Ed Hizuka and Louis Turro, Maywood electricians, assisted us by working with PSE&G, running new electric line and turning the station power on. All electric lines were run underground with a trench dug by George Haag. Having accomplished this, they will next turn their attention to replicating the original exterior lighting by installing 10 period-type lights. The old girl will surely look great lit up at night!

Progress is Being Made on the Interior

During the month of June, the MSHC contracted out Wojciech Kubik Painting and had the interior of the station professionally stripped of existing paint. The earliest interior "Victorian" paint colors of a blue-green ceiling with light green trim will be matched when it is painted later this summer. The walls will be brought back to their natural wood color and lightly stained.

The Safety Train is Coming

The Massachusetts Call Volunteer Fire Association (MCVFA) Safety Train is scheduled to be at Maywood Station on Saturday, September 20. The train will be brought to Maywood by the MSHC and it will be available for training use by local fire, police, ambulance and EMS departments. The train has toured the East Coast for several years receiving tremendous reviews. The Safety Train offers local authorities the opportunity to train in the event of a railroad derailment, hazardous spill or accident. The train will be open to the public as well and there will be a classroom car with exhibits. Admission is free. More details will be released in the local press later this summer.

What's Next?

The MSHC continues to make exceptional progress, and through the summer, the plan is to concentrate on starting work on the interior and continuing enhancements on the exterior. The bathroom work will be contracted out through the terms of a County Grant while MSHC volunteers will address, among other interior items, installing a new slate floor and light fixtures.

Summer Work Session Schedule

Throughout the summer, our weekly work sessions will be held each Wednesday evening starting at 6:30pm at the station.

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