

# The MSHC Newsletter

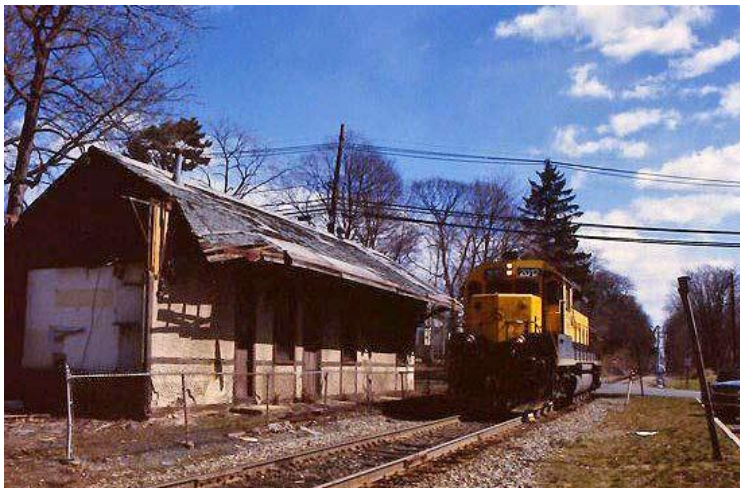
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## **The Maywood Station Historical Committee Celebrates 10 Years!**

The all-volunteer, 501(C)3 non-profit Maywood Station Historical Committee Division of the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society, Inc. was formed by member Ed Kaminski on May 29, 2002 in an effort to save and restore the historic 1872 built New York, Susquehanna & Western train station on Maywood Avenue. Ten years have now passed and the National Register Landmark station was restored and opened as a museum 2004; expanded in 2005 with acquisition of Caboose 24542; and expanded again in 2008 with original 1942-built New York Susquehanna & Western Railroad ALCO S-2 diesel locomotive #206 (also listed as a National Register Landmark).

A hallmark of our success has been a strong volunteer membership that maintains the museum and works hard to archive and display many of the museums holdings to the public during our museum open house schedule each year. The museum offers many opportunities to increase historic awareness and we are very fortunate that a stream of inventive ideas is always forthcoming from our membership. One of the more recent ones began in 2011 when we started combining summer museum open houses with a free outdoor concert series on the station grounds on Wednesday evenings featuring local performers in partnership with our sponsor Park Ave Acura. Look for the summer concert series to expand even further in 2012.

We also wish to thank the many individuals and local businesses through the years for their continued support and donations to the museum.



***Remember When?*** This photo was taken in March 2000 when Maywood Station was very close to becoming a memory. At the time of this photo, the rear wall of the station was severely compromised. A little over two years later, the Maywood Station Historical Committee would begin their restoration efforts. (Photo by Keith Smollin)

## **The Maywood Station Historical Committee's All-Time Volunteer Membership Roster**

In continuing with this issue's theme of our tenth anniversary, we'd like to recognize the Maywood Station Historical Committee's all-time roster of members who have selfishly volunteered their time to restoring, preserving and maintaining the historic landmark Maywood Station as well as the Maywood Station Museum. The restoration and museum would not be what it is today without the efforts of these individuals. Many of our members have been with the Maywood Station Historical Committee since its inception on May 29, 2002; some have volunteered for specific aspects of the restoration; others have moved on or retired from the area; while two have passed on. Each of their contributions and achievements in making the Maywood Station Museum what it is today can never be underestimated. The Maywood Station Historical Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of them for their current and past involvement and for their volunteerism. To date, a total of over 20,000 volunteer hours of time to Maywood Station have been contributed by these dedicated individuals:

*Gus Aversa, 7/2002-present; John Brown, 5/2011-present; Veronica Bruno, 7/2002-present; Tom Callan 7/2002-present; Carl Cinnante, 7/2002-11/2006; Les Coleman, 6/2002-present; Sherry Conniff, 6/2002-10/2002; Sidney Denny, 4/2004-present; Doug Dezso, 6/2007-4/2010; Patricia DiLorenzo, 6/2002-9/2002; Paul Dlugos, 7/2002-11/2003; Douglas Earls, 7/2002-present; Karl Erk, 7/2004-6/2006; Horcio Escudero, 7/2002-10/2002; Glenn Fedkenheuer, 7/2002-3/2003; Thomas Fenniman, 6/2002-present; Dave Ferrari, 11/2006-present; Richard Fritz, 6/2002-4/2004; Matthew Greco, 9/2004-present; George Haag, 7/2002-11/2006 (Deceased); Edward Hazuka, 7/2002-12/2006 (Deceased); Richard Henion, 6/2003-5/2004; Hector Hernandez, Jr., 7/2006-4/2009; Edward Kaminski, 6/2002-present; Rosemarie Kaminski, 6/2002-present; Joseph Katzenstein, 9/2003-present; Richard Kugel, 5/2010-present; Michael Litvin, 6/2007-present; Gary Lofler, 6/2002-5/2004; Kevin McCoy 5/2006-present; Joseph Mele, 12/2002-present; Joseph Molodowec, 11/2007-present; Vincent Molodowec, 5/2003-present; Timothy Moses, 6/2002-present; Thomas Murphy, 7/2002-present; Thomas O'Donovan, 7/2002-11/2006; James Pepe, 4/2007-11/2009; David Percival, 9/2008-present; Robert Pisani, 6/2002-present; Roger Post, 4/2003-present; Matthew Posthumus, 10/2002-7/2003 and 9/2005-2/2006; Kevin Quinn, 10/2009-present; Edwin Quinn, 6/2002-present; Patrick Reynolds, 7/2002-present; Cynthia Sansone, 6/2002-present; James Schmitt, 1/2008-present; Keith Smollin, 6/2002-present; Michael Szymanski, 7/2002-present; David Stein, 4/2004-6/2004; John Tammi, 6/2002-5/2004; Tracy Tronolone, 6/2002-2/2003; James Van Rensalier, 6/2003-present*

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# Looking Back at Ten Years Through Some Early Photos.....



Maywood Station as it appeared in October 2001 as a New York, Susquehanna & Western Railway freight train was approaching. The station was near a state of disrepair and in the process of being reclaimed by nature. (Photo by Keith Smollin)



Completed battens stand in waiting for application on the south side wall while others are being cut and mitred through a saw to the original specifications by MSHC member John Tammi in this October 26, 2002 view. By winter, all battens would be applied to the station walls. (Photo by Rosemarie Kaminski)



**Remember the Saturday Morning Work Sessions?** MSHC members Tim Moses, Rob Pisani, Glenn Fedkenheuer and Keith Smollin are shown removing stucco from the wall on the south side of the station on July 20, 2002. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



At the March 15, 2006 MSHC Membership Meeting, Ed Hazuka, President of Hazuka Electric Co. and George Haag, President of Haag Construction Co. were honored by the MSHC for the invaluable assistance they provided to the Maywood Station restoration. Each was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the MSHC. Pictured from left to right are MSHC member Tim Moses, Ed Hazuka, MSHC member Gus Aversa, and George Haag. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



On July 24, 2002, stabilization of the roof commenced and all existing roofing shingles were removed to the bare roof. Most of the exterior stucco has also been removed. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



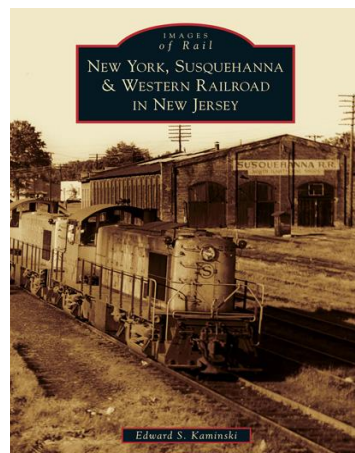
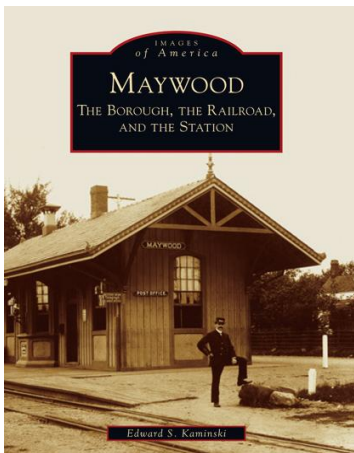
A milestone was achieved on April 29, 2006 when the **2006 State of New Jersey Historic Preservation Award** was presented to the MSHC at the New Jersey State House in Trenton, NJ by the State of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and the New Jersey Historic Site Council (NJHSC). In the photo, a group of MSHC members are seen receiving the award in the State of New Jersey General Assembly Chambers. (Photo by Keith Smollin)



***The Fruits of Our Labor*** – The Maywood Station Museum looking great under brilliant blue skies on a day last winter. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**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 member of the band, ***Designs for Living***, is shown being filmed by ***Nerakevad Studios*** on Caboose 24542 for their music video shot at the Maywood Station Museum on February 4, 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 Ed Kaminski)

***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**

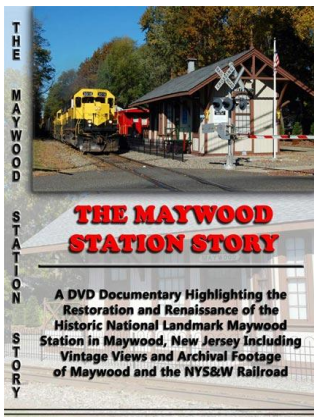
The Maywood Station Museum now has a page on Facebook. Information about the Museum, photos and Open House dates can be readily accessed. Visitors to the page can also choose to "Like" the page and will automatically receive news updates about the Maywood Station Museum when appropriate.



***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 January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2012 will be installed at the station in early fall 2012. Engraved bricks ordered between July 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 will be installed at the station in early spring 2013.

### 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

### Summer 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

Gus Aversa retired from his job at AT&T in January.....Pat Reynolds participated in a half-marathon in mid-March.....Sid Denny retired from Conrail after 47 years of service on March 27th.....Pat Reynolds and his wife Barbara vacationed in Florida in mid-April.....Joe Mele's bachelor party was held in Atlantic City on April 14th and his wedding was on May 5th.....Steve Johnson, Sr. Vice President of Sales at American Railcar Leasing in St. Charles, MO visited the Maywood Station Museum on May 2nd.....Matt Greco caught a total of 27 Striped Bass while fishing in Raritan Bay on May 5th.....Rob Pisani visited China on business in early May.....Gus Aversa performed with the theatre group *Maywood & Music* in mid-May.....American Railcar Industries in Tennille, GA donated reflective striping decals to be used on the NYS&WT&HS's repainted 18-ton Plymouth locomotive in Phillipsburg, NJ.....The NYS&W Railway has updated their locomotive roster with six remanufactured 3800-horsepower SD60's to be used on their road freights. The new locomotives began appearing in May.....Dave Percival attended a concert by *Wishbone Ash* in May.....Gus Aversa and his wife Cookie vacationed in late May.....Joe Katzenstein and his wife Diane visited family in Canada in late May....

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