

The Franklin Square Historical Society NEWSLETTER

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FALL FESTIVAL SATURDAY, SEPT. 21 — 10 A.M. — 4 P.M. (RAIN DATE — SATURDAY, SEPT. 28)

We need everyone's help with the upcoming Fall Festival

Sept. 20th at 1:00 p.m. — Help set-up the large Tent on the Museum grounds

Sept. 21st — 7:00 — 10:00 a.m. — Help with set-up for the event

10 a.m. — 4 p.m. — Help staff the Society sale booths, crafts table & sell the food

4:00 p.m. — Help with clean up and packing up our supplies, food and EZ up tents

Better yet — come and spend the day with us!

It's fun and a great service to the museum and our community.

- *Museum activities for the day include: selling tickets for raffle baskets, and Society merchandise including many books written by Dr. Paul Van Wie, sweatshirts, T shirts, DVD's, Christmas ornaments and firehouse pillows, plus our "trash & treasures" booth.*
- *Over 25 vendors have paid for a spot to sell their items on the day.*
- *There will also be a craft area for the children, as well as a decorated photo area and we hope to have a person in costume for photos with the children.*
- *Festival Food will be available!*

**If you can help with setting up on Sept. 20 or any time on Sept. 21 -
the day of the Festival, please call Nancy Youngfert at 516-352-8376**

or email her at nyoungfert@aol.com

and let her know how you can help us raise funds



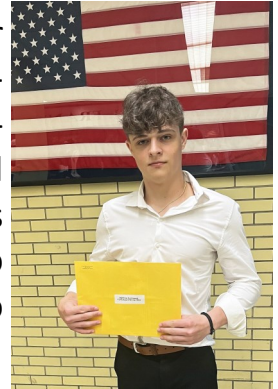
Planting at the Museum Grounds

We are planning to call on the folks who volunteered to be on our Gardening Committee at a recent Society membership meeting in February. In November we will do some pruning, removal and planting of native plantings on the Museum grounds. If you are interested in helping and have not signed up yet, please call Nancy Youngfert at 516-352-8376.



Fr.Sq. Historical Society Scholarship Winner

On Thursday, May 23, Bill Youngfert attended the H. Frank Carey High School Senior Award Night representing the Fr. Sq. Historical Society. He presented the Historical Society's Scholarship award to Matthew Guzikowski who was our winner this year



It's Here—Another 50-50 Raffle!

We are excited to announce the return of our very popular 50/50 Raffle Fundraiser. Tickets cost \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. We're enclosing six tickets (be sure to fill in your name and phone number so we can contact our winner). If you want additional tickets, feel free to make copies. Tickets must be received by September 1, 2024. The prize drawing will take place at our Fall Festival. Send your completed tickets with your payment to the Franklin Square Historical Society, P.O. Box 45, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

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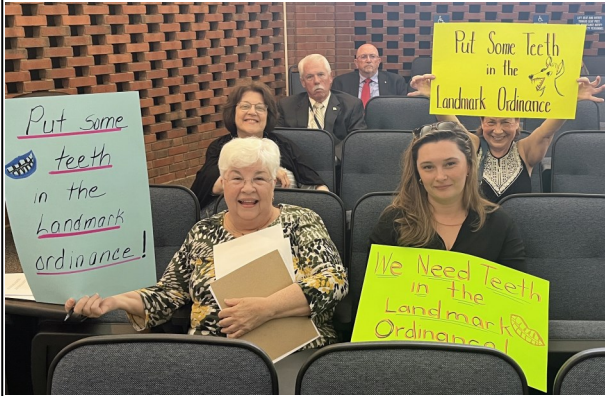
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Move Franklin Square Forward



On June 4, 2024, representatives of the Franklin Square Historical Society and Museum and the Franklin Square Civic Association attended the Town of Hempstead Board Meeting. We spoke about the need to protect the Landmarked Franklin Square Theatre from further destruction through neglect by the building owner. There is a need to strengthen the current landmark laws that other towns on Long Island have that better protect our rich historical landmarks. We also mentioned how one of the empty stores for rent in our town has no floor in it! There is a need for our elected officials to help us access funding to revitalize our downtown area before there is more decline.

We invited Town officials and local group leaders to come to a meeting at the Franklin Square Museum on June 11th at 7:00 PM to discuss how to Move Franklin Square Forward! We will continue to work with the Town, County and State to access funding to revitalize our community. The Franklin Square Historical Society intends to keep the community informed on any progress we make toward this goal.

May 2024 Membership Meeting

We held our membership meeting at the Franklin Square Public Library in the 1st floor Meeting Room and showed some historic films from Franklin Square's past that were recently digitized with the help of the Long Island Library Resource Council. Our members watched the color silent film of the Rath Park dedication and parade while Paul Van Wie provided commentary on the film. We also showed a black and white film from the 1937 NYC World's Fair held at Flushing Meadows Park. After the films we updated the members



on the latest news on the landmarked Franklin Square theatre and Krauss Funeral Home landmarking request. Two petitions were available for folks to sign to show the Town of Hempstead that we want action on these two items soon.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence

On July 2nd the Society worked with Assemblywoman Michaelle Solages's office for a celebration of Independence Day by reading the Declaration of Independence.



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