

The Information Window

Land Marking: Jones-Dengler House

Built for an unknown owner during the 1700s, the original section of the Jones-Dengler residence was owned during the 1800s by the David Jones family, and was subsequently purchased by the Dengler family later during the same century.

The former farmhouse is located at 1051 Wantagh Avenue (east side), opposite the intersection with Duck Pond Drive North on the west, and in between the twin entrances to Lee Ann Terrace on the east. The dwelling was designated a Town of Hempstead Historical Landmark on June 8, 2010 in response to an application filed by the Wantagh Preservation Society. The original structure of the house was expanded circa 1875 to its current size. One portion has exposed hand-hewn ceiling beams, pressed tin ceilings, doors with hand-made wrought iron hardware and a chimney built with hand made bricks.

In the other section, although the original gas light fixtures were converted to electricity, gas pipes still extend from the walls. Some of the older, two-button electric light switches also remain.

Following the marriage of Fred Dengler to Caroline Olsen, and his brother Peter to Ruth Weibel, the build-

ing was converted into a two family house, according to Bob Sparke. The front foyer became the dining room of the northern half, and both sections were subsequently entered through their respective side doors.

Bob Sparke advised that following Fred Dengler's death in 1973, his wife Caroline married Bob's father Harold Sparke in 1983. After Caroline Olsen Dengler Sparke's death in 2007, her husband Harold continued to live in their home until his death in 2009. The house was then inherited by his son, Bob, who sold it to its present owner in the spring of 2011.

The two-family private residence is currently in the process of being renovated by its new owner. 🏠



Autumn Yard Sale

at the Wantagh Museum

Saturday, September 24, from 10 AM to 4 PM

(Vendors set-up from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM)

More Info:

www.wantagh.li/calendar/autumn_yard_sale_2011.pdf



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Members of the Wantagh Preservation Society prepare for the march in the Wantagh Independence Day Parade on July 4.


***Museum is
Open
Sundays
From
2-4 PM***



***Stop by and see our
newly renovated
exhibits!***

Mangano Announces Historic Preservation Effort in Nassau

Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano was joined by local environmental and recreation activists at a historic press conference on Friday, June 3rd to announce the completion and release of a vision plan which will mark the original route of the Long Island Motor Parkway, built by William K. Vanderbilt. The announcement took place at Eisenhower Park, in the old administration building.

The parkway, which once spanned from Queens to Suffolk, was the nation's first highway built for automobiles. It was instrumental in helping Long Island become a mature suburb and was also the site of the famed Vanderbilt Cup races. The car that won the 1909 and 1910 Vanderbilt Cup races was at the press conference along with other vintage vehicles that spanned the eras of the Long Island Motor Parkway's existence. 📖

Upcoming Eagle Scout Project

Tom Watson, WPS President

The Wantagh Preservation Society and Nassau County are working together to get the last necessary approvals to allow Scout Mike Sarlo to conduct his Eagle Scout project on the Wantagh Museum Grounds on September 17th. Mike Sarlo is a member of Scout Troop #96.

The overall objective of Mike's Eagle Scout project is to enhance the historical nature of the Wantagh Museum Complex and to enhance the condition of the museum grounds and museum buildings. The Wantagh Museum complex includes the 1885 Wantagh Railroad Station, the 1885 Railroad Station outhouse, the 1907 Wantagh Post Office and the "Jamaica", a 1912 Long Island Railroad car.

A major part of his project will be to move the 1885 outhouse to a more historical position relative to the Railroad station. The outhouse is currently located under an overhanging fir tree at the entrance of the museum property and is considered by many visitors to be only a shed or not even noticed at all. Moving (about 100 feet) and placing the outhouse near the south east corner of the railroad station platform will give visitors a true representation of the utility of the structure. In its new location, away from the obstruction of overgrowth, the Wantagh Preservation Society and County will be able to better maintain the structure. Mike's project will include:

- ◆ Disconnecting outhouse from current pilings
- ◆ Removing current pilings
- ◆ At new location digging holes for new pilings
- ◆ Installing new 6x6 pilings
- ◆ Utilizing a forklift to move outhouse to new
- ◆ Attaching outhouse to new pilings
- ◆ Painting the exterior of the outhouse existing historical colors
- ◆ Replacing the rusting metal roofing.

Additional Eagle Scout project activities that pertain to enhancing the grounds and buildings will include:



The Wantagh museum grounds will be receiving welcomed attention, thanks to the Eagle Scout projects!

- ◆ Paint black about 20 ft. of chain link fence to match already painted portion of fence.
- ◆ Scale back by 15 feet an approximate 50 foot length of the ivy overgrowth. This would provide more vendor space for the Society's fund raising events.
- ◆ Repaint the 1930s County historical marker (with the original paint colors of yellow and blue)
- ◆ Clean out and reorganize the museum basement

Mike will be managing other Scouts who will be executing many of the tasks as described above.

On site adult supervision of the project would include:

- ◆ Bruce Brickmeier (Troop #96 Scout Master)
- ◆ Mike Sarlo Sr. (Troop #96 Assistant Scout Master)
- ◆ John Robert (Troop #96 Committee Board Chair)
- ◆ Kathy Thomas (Troop #96 Committee Advancement Chair)
- ◆ Frank Freyvogel (owner of FC Freyvogel and Co) – will donate use of forklift and operation of fork lift as needed.
- ◆ Richard Bayer (owner of Bay Home Improvements) – will donate materials and his time for repair of outhouse roof
- ◆ Trustees of the Wantagh Preservation Society

The Wantagh Preservation Society is very appreciative that Scout Mike Sarlo has chosen the enhancement of the Wantagh Museum complex as his Eagle Scout project. 📖

We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting museum on a Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction |
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Wantagh's Community Inspired Brownie Troop #3015

Claire D Reisert, WPS Trustee

Last year I received a call from Debra DeRupo who is the Co-Leader of Wantagh Brownie Troop # 3015. She wanted to bring her troop down to the Wantagh Preservation Museum to see our train and exhibits. I explained that although our museum was open very often young children are more interested in seeing the inside of the train and unfortunately it was temporarily closed due to ongoing renovations. I told her we were trying to make repairs to the train so that we could reopen it to the public in the future but funds were very limited. We decided that she would hold off on the visit until this year when hopefully the "Jamaica" train would again be open for viewing.

The beginning of this year Debbie called me and we talked about the status of the "Jamaica" and I told her that it was still closed due to ongoing renovations and we lacked the funds to fix all the problems. Debbie indicated that she would like to do some fund raising to help us.

Debbie recently called me and said that along with her Co-Leader Dana McCann, their Brownie Troop had raised funds from their Cookie Sale and had a check they wanted to give to us. On Thursday, June 23rd, Debbie presented the Wantagh Preservation Society with a very generous check to help repair the "Jamaica" train.

So many people do not know about this little jewel of a museum that represents Wantagh's past. On the grounds of the museum which is located on Nassau County property on Wantagh Avenue opposite Emeric Avenue are Wantagh's original train station, the "Jamaica" train, Wantagh's first Post Office and a privy.

The Wantagh Railroad Station dates back to 1885 and was originally located where the existing Wantagh train station currently is located. When the train was elevated in 1966, the original train station was moved to this Nassau County property to save it from demolition. On May 16, 1982, it was opened to the public after having been restored to its 1904 appearance. Members and trustees of our organization have been working for the past year on updating our exhibits to make them more pertinent to just Wantagh and to make them easier to view.

Next is the "Jamaica" Parlor Car which was built by Pennsylvania Railroad for Long Island Railroad in 1912. It was saved from demolition in 1968 by a member of our society and was moved to the museum property in 1972 and then dedicated in 1996. The Wantagh Preservation Society's current goal is to restore the "Jamaica" for its 100th Anniversary next year. Donations such as the one from Wantagh Brownie Troop 3015 will help us achieve that goal.

Also on our museum grounds is the original Wantagh Post Office which was previously located where Mulcahy's is now on Railroad Avenue. The outside of the Post Office has been restored and restoration of the interior is ongoing. As you enter the grounds is a small building on the south side. Although most people think this is a ticket booth it is actually a privy. The privy will soon be moved to a new location on the grounds by a local Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout project.

Our Wantagh Preservation Museum is open on Sunday's from 2-4 PM from mid April to mid November and there is no admission fee. Please drop by and visit us and relive Wantagh's past. If you would like to help us keep Wantagh's history alive, please consider becoming a member or making a donation. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 132, Wantagh, NY 11793 or visit us on the WEB at: www.wantagh.li/museum

Again the Wantagh Preservation Society would like to sincerely thank Wantagh's Brownie Troop # 3015 for their generous donation to help keep Wantagh's History alive. We know many other scouts make donations and help out other organization and in fact we have benefited on several occasions from other troops. The Wantagh Preservation Society very much appreciates this community inspired Brownie Troop for recognizing our museum's importance to Wantagh by choosing us as the recipient of their generosity. ☺