



# The Information Window

## Tiger Cubs Learn Local History

*By Chris Wendt, WPS President*

On Sunday, November 11, first-year Tiger Cub Den of Cub Scout Pack 206 from Merrick visited the Wantagh Museum under the tutelage of their Den Leader, Kathy Sileo. They toured the museum and grounds, explored the many exhibits and photos of old Wantagh, in hopes of earning their local history merit badges. Many of the Cub Scouts parents also attended the day's outing. 📖



*WPS President, Chris Wendt discusses some of the Wantagh artifacts with the Cubs*



*Cubs enthusiastically visit the original Wantagh Post Office*



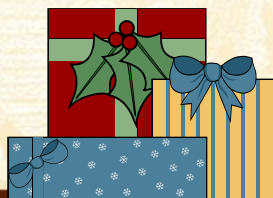
*Den leaders and some of the Tiger Cubs accompanied by WPS president Chris Wendt and trustee Jim Colotti*

## 2013 Membership Drive in Full Swing

*By Mary Wagner, WPS Membership Chairperson*

Our membership year for 2013 begins on January 1 and ends on December 31. An application to renew or join the Wantagh Preservation Society is included in this Information Window on the bottom of page 3. Please print and fill out the application and mail it with payment to the address shown on the application. As an alternative we have also implemented a secure online payment option accepting all major credit cards. Visit [museum.wantagh.li](http://museum.wantagh.li) or click on the QR Code on the right to pay online if you wish to use this.

In the 2013 year the Wantagh Preservation Society will continue the restoration on the Jamaica parlor car and the post office. We will also present informative programs. We encourage our members to renew and enlist new members to partake in our programs and community events, and to lend a hand with the production of these activities. 📖



***Renew your membership now!  
Be a part of the  
Wantagh Preservation Society!***



*Join your friends and neighbors.  
Scan or click the QR code or fill  
out the form on page 3.*

### Wantagh Preservation Society

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PO Box 132 (Mailing Address)  
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[museum.wantagh.li](http://museum.wantagh.li)

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hanukkah

Merry  
Christmas

# Wantagh Preservation Society

## Officers

*President:* Chris Wendt  
*1st Vice President:* Bob Meagher  
*2nd Vice President:* Bob Cook  
*Recording Secretary:* Tom Watson  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Elaine Yarris  
*Treasurer:* Wayne Wagner  
*Curator:* Carol Poulos

## Trustees

Karen Chowske  
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*The Information Window is the official newsletter of the  
Wantagh Preservation Society. Your comments, ideas and  
suggestions are welcome!*

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Santa makes an appearance at the Holiday Open House.  
Please see page 4 for more details. Ho Ho Ho!

**Museum is  
now closed  
On Sundays  
until  
April 14**



**More renovations are  
underway!**

## New Officers & Trustees for 2013

*At the October trustee meeting, a vote was held for  
the new officers and trustees. Those elected (listed  
below) will be officially sworn in at the November  
general meeting.*

*President:* Bob Meagher  
*1st Vice President:* Karen Chowske  
*2nd Vice President:* Bob Cook  
*Recording Secretary:* Tom Watson  
*Corresponding Secretary:* Elaine Yarris  
*Treasurer:* Wayne Wagner

*New Trustee:* Robert Leuchtman

*Reelected Trustees:* Elaine Yarris, Chris Wendt

## Hempstead Town Board Bestows "Landmark" Status on Wantagh's Jackson Family Cemetery

*By Chris Wendt , WPS President*

Earlier this year on Tuesday, November 13, the Wantagh Preservation presented an Application for Landmark Status for the Jackson Family Cemetery to the Hempstead Town Board.

Founded in 1744, the cemetery is located on Wantagh Avenue adjacent to the St. Frances de Chantal Roman Catholic Church. Sixty three people, descendants from the Robert Jackson, one of the founders of what is today Wantagh. are interred there. Thomas Jackson fought in the American Revolution as a member of the 4th Line and the Second New York Regiment. He was involved prior to the Battle of Long Island and saw action at the capture of Fort St. George in 1780. He died in 1842 at the age of 87. The other famous interred is Brigadier General Jacob Seaman Jackson who served in the War of 1812; he died in 1829 at the age of 65.

After a presentation of painstaking documentation gathered by Society members and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), the Town Board unanimously approved the Application and granted Landmark status to this important site in Wantagh's rich history.

The WPS filed its application with the Town of Hempstead to landmark this site on 2011 May 11. The Jackson Cemetery is located on the east side of Wantagh Avenue, immediately north of St. Frances de Chantal Church (1309 Wantagh Avenue), and directly across the street from the King Kullen Supermarket (1340 Wantagh Avenue). 📖



*Legislator Denenberg swore in new officers for the Wantagh Preservation Society (from the left are Dave Denenberg, Bob Meagher, Tom Watson, Wayne Wagner, Elaine Yarris, Robert Leuchtman and Chris Wendt)*

## New Trustees Sworn In

The new officers for the Wantagh Preservation Society were sworn in during the WPS general meeting on November 27 by Nassau Legislator Dave Denenberg. The officers include Bob Meagher (president), Tom Watson (recording secretary), Wayne Wagner (treasurer), Elaine Yarris (corresponding secretary), Robert Leuchtman (trustee) and Chris Wendt (trustee). The officers were also presented citations by Denenberg, whose 19th legislative district encompasses the southern area of Wantagh.

Officers that were not present at the meeting include Karen Chowske (1st Vice President) and Bob Cook (2nd Vice President). 📖



***Be a part of the  
Wantagh Preservation Society!***  
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out the coupon below.*

**\*\*\* Membership drive is in full swing. Renew your membership today for 2013! \*\*\***

### ***We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ New ☐ Renew ☐  
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I'd like to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening & Planting       | <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Meeting planning   | <input type="checkbox"/> Publication & Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event planning     | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting museum on a Sunday | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                |   |

Check Membership Level: ☐ Individual. \$10 ☐ Family \$20 ☐ Friend \$30 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Fellow \$100

**Please Make Checks Payable To: Wantagh Preservation Society PO Box 132 Wantagh, NY 11793**

*"Preservation with a Purpose."*

## High Spirits at the Holiday Open House

*By Jim Colotti, Trustee*

The Wantagh Preservation Society kick-started its holiday celebration with the Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 9. Taking place on the Wantagh Museum grounds, special guests included the Wantagh High School Modern Jazz Ensemble Chorus and of course, Santa. The Chorus delighted all with their stylistic medley of classical Christmas carols, Chanukah melodies and other holiday favorites. Also in attendance were our friends from the Paumanacke Garden Club who helped decorate the area.

Trustees Elaine Yarris and Cookie Reisert served up home-made holiday cookies that were "beyond a plus" according to one guest. While the Jamaica train is still closed for renovation, limited viewing was available to guests thanks to preparations made by trustees Bob Leuchtman and Bob Meagher, and Laura Leuchtman. Much-needed assistance was also provided by Trustee Tom Watson.

Santa cheerfully listened as the young children (and those young at heart) recited their Christmas wish list. Thanks to trustees Joan Mallon and Karen Chowske, all the children were given goodies as memorable souvenirs of their visit. The Wantagh Preservation Society extends our best wishes for a Happy Chanukah, a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! 📖

