

# The Information Window

## Wantagh Museum gets a new platform

By Thomas Watson

The Wantagh Preservation Society is happy to report that the old and deteriorating platform that surrounded the museum building (aka Wantagh's original 1886 train station) has been completely rebuilt. The Society is grateful to the Nassau County Parks department for the new platform. Specifically the Society would like to thank former Nassau County Parks Commissioner, Eileen Krieb, for her tireless efforts to make this happen. The men from the Nassau County Carpenter shop did an outstanding job and always went the extra mile to make sure the new platform was built to the highest standards. During the construction of the platform the County also installed new electrical outlets around the platform, replaced the drainage pipes under the platform that diverted water runoff from the building's gutter system, and repaired the brick steps up to the platform. All the work was completed in time for the November 30<sup>th</sup> Winter Wonderland event that was sponsored by the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce.



Hawk after capturing a pigeon at the Wantagh Train station.



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# Wantagh Preservation Society

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**Guess who? Who is this gentleman?**



*The Wantagh Museum  
Stop by and  
explore our new exhibits.*



*Sundays 2 – 4pm  
Apr 24 - Nov 6*

## Attention: Professional Photographers

Whether it be spring, summer, fall or winter, the grounds of the Wantagh Museum provide a scenic venue for professional photographers. However, a Photography Permit is required for all professional photographers that use the museum grounds.

The permit fee is only \$50 per hour (an additional fee of \$25 applies for access to the train observation deck). Your fees provide an important source of revenue for our Museum and helps us maintain its beauty that you depend on.

During your photo shoot, the museum grounds remain open to others and there can be no reservations of any particular area. However, residents that visit the museum have always been courteous.

Photography cannot take place before 10 AM or after dusk. Permits are rain or shine.





The November 2021 Winter wonderland event on the museum grounds was a great success. The event was sponsored by the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce. If not for the new platform the Irish dancers would have fallen right through.



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below - and thanks!

## Now is the Perfect Time to Join/Renew your Membership

*Mary Wagner, Membership Chairman*

Our membership drive for 2022 is underway. The money raised through membership is used for maintenance of our museum and grounds. For your information, the society has started placing pictures from our collection on the NY Heritage website. You can access it on [nyheritage.org](http://nyheritage.org) and then enter Wantagh.

Please join us by paying your dues for 2022. We also invite you to become an active member of the society. Thanks! 📖

### ***We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership in 2022!***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I'd like to help with:

- ☐ Gardening & Planting   ☐ General Meeting Planning   ☐ Construction   ☐ Publicity  
☐ Hosting Museum on a Sunday   ☐ Special Event Planning   ☐ Publication & Newsletter   ☐ Restoration  
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Check Membership Level:   ☐ Individual \$15   ☐ Family \$25   ☐ Friend \$35   ☐ Patron \$50   ☐ Fellow \$100

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*“Preservation with a Purpose.”*

## Landmarking update

By Thomas Watson

The home of Col. John Jackson (1673 – 1743) has been granted New York State and National landmark designation. The home is located on the corner of Wantagh Avenue and Silverton Avenue.

New York Governor Hochel announced the landmark nomination of the house on December 10, 2021.

Col. Jackson was the grandson of Robert Jackson who settled in the Wantagh area in the 1640s. The home was built between 1690 and 1710.

The home was purchased by Beth Obergh a few years ago and she has done the heavy lifting of researching the history of the house and submitting the landmark application.

The picture of the house, below left, is circa 1900. Wantagh Avenue was just a dirt road. The picture, below right, is what the house looks like today.

Thank you Beth Obergh for doing your part in saving Wantagh’s historical and architectural past.

