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Wantagh Preservation Society

The Information Window

The Lufbery Airfield

*The following text was based on the handout given at the dedication ceremony.

On August 14th there was a dedication ceremony for the historical marker placed at Cedar Creek Park's "Major Raoul Lufbery Aerodrome". The aerodrome is located on the site of the former Lufbery Airfield. The Lufbery Airfield as named for Major Raoul Lufbery who was a pilot in both the US Army Air Service and French Air Force. He is widely considered America's first air "ace". He was killed in action on May 19, 1918. Wantagh's Lufbery Airfield was a WWI instructional flying field that was decommissioned after the war.



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1700 Wantagh Avenue (Museum Location)
PO Box 132 (Mailing Address)
Wantagh, Long Island, New York 11793

The Wantagh Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Winter Wonderland event this year on the museum grounds on November 27th at 12:30-6:00pm.



516.826.8767
www.wantagh.li/museum

Wantagh Preservation Society

Elected Chairpersons

President: Tom Watson
Vice President: Bob Meagher
Recording Secretary: Mary Corrigan
Treasurer: Wayne Wagner

Appointed Chairpersons

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We hope you enjoy our newsletter. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome!

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The Van Tuyl Homestead, a Wantagh home that recently became a Town of Hempstead landmark.

*The Wantagh Museum
is open again! Stop by and
explore our new exhibits.*



Sundays 2 - 4pm

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.



"Preservation with a Purpose."

The Museum's Neighbor Renovates House

By Thomas Watson

The Wantagh Preservation Society is thrilled that new homeowners have renovated this early 1900s Dutch colonial home. The house is located just south and adjacent to the Wantagh museum property. The new homeowners recently attended a Society Trustee meeting and informed the Trustees that they have maintained many of the interior historic elements of the home. The house was built during the ascendancy of the Colonial Revival Architectural movement of the early 20th century. The Society is happy to have the home still standing, especially since some years ago it might have been demolished to make way for condominiums.



New Open Space On Museum Property

By Thomas Watson

In 2018 the Wantagh Preservation Society requested that a parcel of land adjacent to the museum property be purchased with Nassau County Open space funds. We are happy to report that the land (about 1/3 of an acre) has been purchased by the County. The chain link fence that once separated the parcel from the museum grounds has recently come down. In the near future the County will be doing some additional grading of the parcel and clearing of debris. The Society is thankful to the County Legislature who voted in favor of this property acquisition. With the addition of this 1/3 of an acre the museum grounds are now just shy of 2 acres.



Wantagh Preservation Society - New York State Digital Heritage Website

By Carol Poulos,

Do you enjoy historical photos of Wantagh? Have you ever found some on Facebook that you enjoyed seeing but could not find them again? Which Wantagh group were they posted in and when, and what was the title of the picture? Facebook is a wonderful place to share but it is not meant to be a historical archive. In New York State, there is a portal for learning about the people and places and events that contributed to New York State, the New York Digital Heritage Collection. Currently, there are 30 contributors in Nassau County and we are pleased to announce that we are among them! What does this mean? It means that anyone can come to the website, click on Wantagh Preservation Society and view photos and documents in our collection. They will be there forever and there is a search box! We have spent 10 years scanning and have nearly 1,000 pictures posted at present. We continue to add images and many more will be coming. (QR code to the right links to the website)



Become a WPS member - scan or click the QR code or mail in the coupon below - and thanks!

Become a member of the Wantagh Preservation Society

The money raised through membership is used for maintenance of our museum and grounds or worthwhile projects that arise. For your information, the society has started placing pictures from our collection on the NY Heritage website. You can access it on nyheritage.org and then enter Wantagh.

You are not just joining the society – you become a supporter of history by enabling the society to continue its work to educate residents, especially children of Wantagh's past.

We also invite you to become an active member of the society. Please also let us know if you have any old Wantagh photos, old newspapers or any other historical artifacts. Our contact information is on page 2. Thanks! 📖

We Need You! Join or Renew Your Membership in 2021!

Name: _____
 Street: _____
 Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ New ☐ Renew ☐
 Email: _____

I'd like to help with:

- ☐ Gardening & Planting ☐ General Meeting Planning ☐ Construction ☐ Publicity
☐ Hosting Museum on a Sunday ☐ Special Event Planning ☐ Publication & Newsletter ☐ Restoration
☐ Other _____

Check Membership Level: ☐ Individual \$15 ☐ Family \$25 ☐ Friend \$35 ☐ Patron \$50 ☐ Fellow \$100

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