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## 2021 NEWSLETTER

**BELEATED HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**-----The Breezy Point Historical Society's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary happened in a year that was historically memorable due to the Corona Virus Pandemic that not only took lives and brought illness to many, but also disrupted the way of life of virtually everyone.

Organizations across the country, including this one, essentially cancelled all their activities. Despite the restrictions imposed we continued, behind the scenes, to accumulate an amazing assortment of historic memorabilia of our community from its earliest days in the 1890's to the present. In addition, being it was our 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, we were able to recognize the BPHS Charter Trustees who signed our charter on January 21, 2015. They were Paul Balukas, Leslie Barnett, Marilyn Harvey, Thomas McCarthy\*, Maureen McGuire\*, Cathy Murfitt, Kevin Reilly, Raymond Shawney\*, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Mary Sweeney\*, and Joan Wilmarth.

\*Deceased



**A BETTER YEAR THAN LAST**-----yes we did have an entire 2020 spring and summer schedule of planned events, walking tours, presentations and the Hall of Fame Dinner.....**BUT**.... the COVID 19 disaster was cause for even our attempted revised plans to be cancelled. Still subject to the decisions of Governor Cuomo and Mayor DeBlasio as far as gatherings and group meetings are concerned, we do hope to bring back community activities in 2021. Therefore, the information

below may change as stemming of the virus outbreak continues and New York City is allowed to return to normal.

**ANNUAL MEETING**-----The Breezy Point Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with a repeat and updated version of the "Then and Now" presentation on Wednesday July 7th at the Point Breeze Clubhouse.

**HALL OF FAME**-----This year's induction ceremonies is scheduled for Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, at the Colony Theater from 7:00-10:00. In order to maintain social distancing, the Hall of Fame Celebration **may be** limited to a Cocktail Reception rather than a dinner. In any event attendance will be strictly limited and reservations are an absolute must. The individual honorees from last year, Colonel Ted Feimer, Sr., the Friberg/Schaffner Families, along with Thom McCarthy for 2021, will be inducted. We will be honoring the Joint Action Committee, which was so pivotal in the formation of the Cooperative in 1960, at the 2022 Hall of Fame, and we invite residents to contribute information about the Committee members and their efforts.



**The Friberg Hotel was located just east of the Colony Theater and the Rockaway Point Dock**

**SOMETHING NEW**-----Try it you'll like it....We mean our newly launched website which can be found at [breezypointhistory.org](http://breezypointhistory.org). And those familiar with YouTube can find our site at Breezy Point Historical Society or via a link from our website.

**WHAT ELSE????-----**The Breezy Point Historical Society has scheduled a series of community presentations and events for this Summer. Please understand this listing is still TENTATIVE and our aim is to hold community presentations, except for those in Roxbury, in the Point Breeze Clubhouse with start time of 7:00pm.

**July 7<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Meeting with “Then and Now” presentation by Artie Lighthall

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:** Community Presentation “Barren Island” by Miriam Sicherman

**August 11<sup>th</sup>:** Community Presentation “The Jetty” by AJ Smith

**August 27<sup>th</sup>:** Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Colony Theater



We also plan walking tours during the Summer on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**, on **July 24<sup>th</sup>** and one in Roxbury in August with time and location to be announced. Please look for updates or any changes of the dates in the RP News.

Of note as well, will be the upcoming sale of the fifth limited edition Historical Society Christmas ornament, which as in past years may be purchased at the Ridgewood Savings Bank, at our office on Wednesday afternoons, or at any of our gatherings.

**Jetty construction equipment on pier built @ B**

**216 St**

**Rockaway & Breezy Point before the Government Jetty that pointers called “the rocks”**





**Look for Oceanside, Reid, Bedford and Ocean Avenues and the beginning of “the wedge”**  
**LIKE US---**Yes, we do have a Facebook Page and have in excess of 1,200 followers. It is regularly updated with the organization’s information and fascinating photos from our collection as well as articles of interest. Why not join our group and get a glimpse back to the days of old when summer vacations were spent in a tent.



**A Summers day on the front porch at the beach.**

**HELP US---**a 2021 membership application is included with this newsletter. Your \$25.00 tax deductible annual membership allows us to continue exploring and saving our community’s history. Please return by mail or drop off the application at our office which is on the east side

of the medical building. The office is open every Wednesday afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support.

**BREEZY POINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**---Paul Balukas,  
Leslie Barnett, Barbara Johnson,  
Joan D'Emic, MaryJane Feimer,  
Arthur Lighthall, Cathy Murfitt,  
Thomas Murphy, Ursula Odierna,  
Kevin Reilly, Arthur Smith, Kathy  
Willis, Joan Wilmarth.

