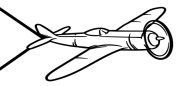


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**SUMMER 2024**

**Dear Friends and Neighbors,**

As we enter our 9<sup>th</sup> year, I am proud to be the new president of the BPHS and thank both Barbara Johnson and Kevin Reilly for their leadership over the past two years. My predecessors worked very hard and left big shoes to fill. I hope, with the help of our officers, trustees, and volunteers, I can follow in their footsteps. I welcome back Kevin as the Vice President and Artie Lighthall's return as Treasurer. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the great work of Leslie Barnett, our Secretary for the past several years, but, unfortunately, while remaining as a Trustee, she has decided not to return as this year's Secretary.

The mission of our incorporated not-for-profit organization is to preserve the history of the "Point" from the 1900's to the present by collecting and categorizing documents, be they photographs, brochures, artifacts, maps etc. We are also dedicated to conducting programs and events to educate, preserve, and maintain the legacy of a community we all love. To date we have acquired thousands of individual pieces of history and the task sorting them out has been undertaken by Angela DiLalla, our Catalog Manager. She, with Paul Balukas, Curator, and Cathy Murfitt, Office Manager, began this herculean task in January. There is a lot of initial work in setting up a catalogue, but once the framework is complete, we will have a living library of the history of our community.

We welcome newly elected trustees: Marty Ingram, Nancy Rasmussen and Mary Elizabeth Smith and look forward for their assistance in helping with the Hall of Fame Banquet, fundraising, and community presentations. This year we intend to offer two walking tours and several presentations. Information on these events will be displayed on our website, facebook page, in our newsletter and the weekly column in the Rockaway Point News. Please join us for one or perhaps all our events.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable, educational, and informational 2024 season!

Arthur "AJ" Smith, President BPHS

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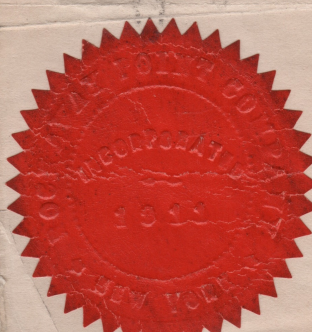
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**SEAL**



Before bungalows and houses we spent our Summer vacation in tents.

**ANNUAL MEETING**-----The Breezy Point Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with a "Then and Now" presentation on **Wednesday June 26th** at 7pm at the Point Breeze Clubhouse.

**HALL OF FAME**----- Is scheduled for **Tuesday August 20th** at the Point Breeze Clubhouse from 6:00-9:00, attendance will be limited and reservations are an absolute must.



Construction of the Colony Inn. See ad below for the finished product offering dining, dancing, and entertainment.



The Rockaway Point Bayside looked quite different in 1913.....though still patriotic with flags flying.

**SOMETHING NEW**-----Our website 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. All presentations will be held in the Point Breeze Clubhouse starting at 7:00pm.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>:** Annual Membership Meeting with “Then and Now” Presentation.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>:** Community Presentation- To be determined.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>:** Walking Tour

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Walking Tour

**August 7<sup>th</sup>:** Community Presentation- To be determined.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>:** Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Point Breeze Clubhouse (6:00 to 9:00)



Details, time, and location for the walking tours and the presentation topics will be announced. Please look for updates or any changes of the dates in the RP News.

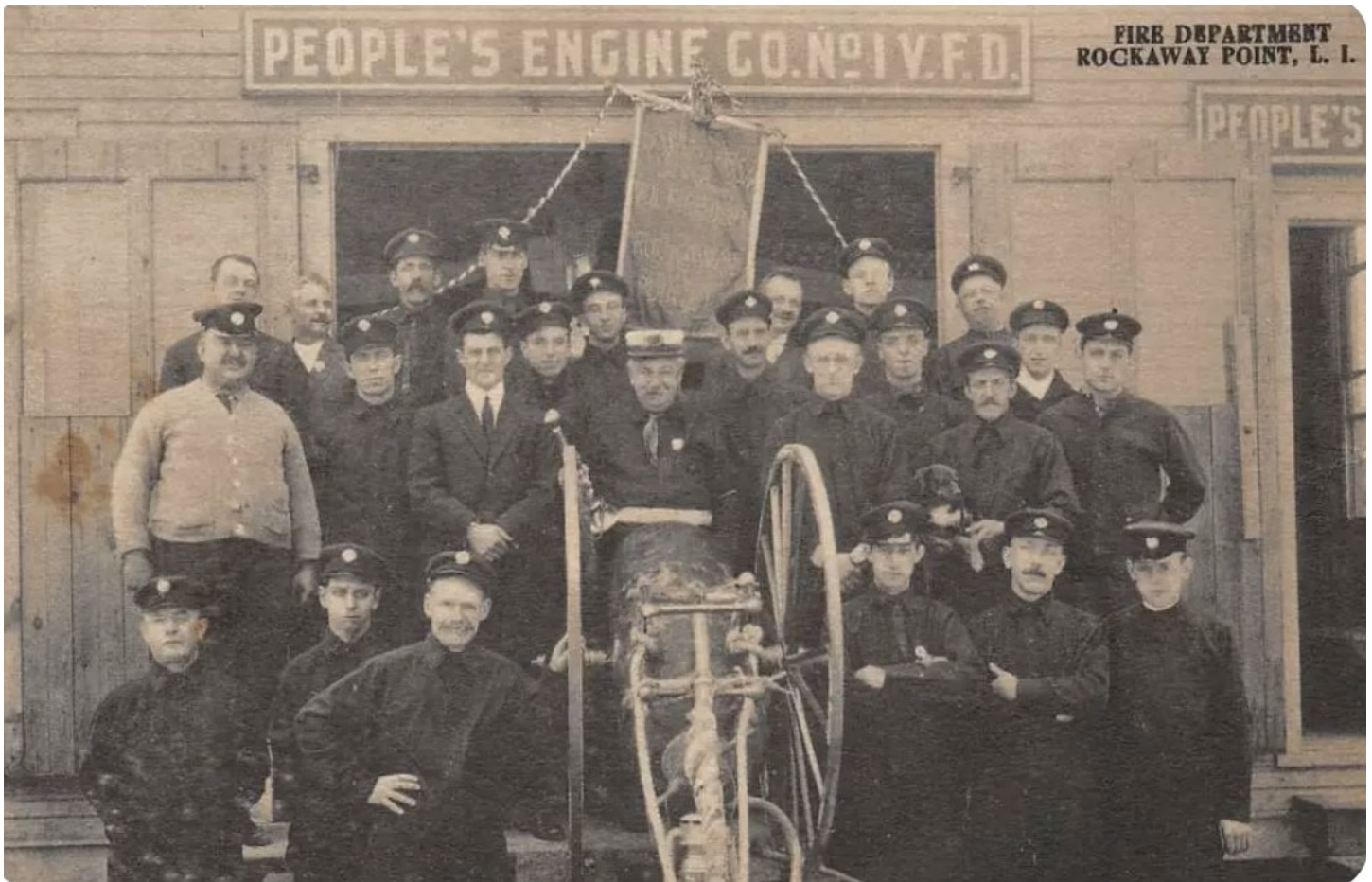
Of note as well, will be the upcoming sale of the eighth edition of the Historical Society Christmas ornament, which as in past years may be purchased at the Ridgewood Savings Bank, at our office on Thursday afternoons, or at any of our gatherings

**Our landmark “lighthouse” as originally built which was a military tower for protection of New York Harbor disguised as a lighthouse. Louie’s Pier which can be seen behind it was built to unload the boulders used to build the government jetty.**

**LIKE US**----our Facebook Page has a tremendous following and 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.



The equivalent of the Coop Office was located at Bayside and Reid Avenue. The buliding was located on the north side (on the beach itself) of the Bayside boardwalk.



Circa 1913.....one of the earliest photos of the Roxbury Volunteer Fire Department taken soon after its origin. In October 1913 an "annual fireman's ball" was held to raise funds for equipment at Schwaben Hall located at Myrtle and Knickerbocker Avenues according to an article in the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

**HELP US**---Your \$25.00 tax deductible membership allows us to continue exploring and saving our community's history. Please return the enclosed application by mail or drop it off with your check at our office, which is open every Thursday afternoon, and is located on the east side of the medical building. Thank you in advance for your support.

**BPBS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**----Paul Balukas, Leslie Barnett, Angela DiLalla, MaryJane Feimer, Marty Ingram, Arthur Lighthall, Cathy Murfitt, Ursula Odierna, Nancy Rasmussen, Kevin Reilly, Arthur Smith, Mary Elizabeth Smith, Lillian Tanguay, Joan Wilmarth.

