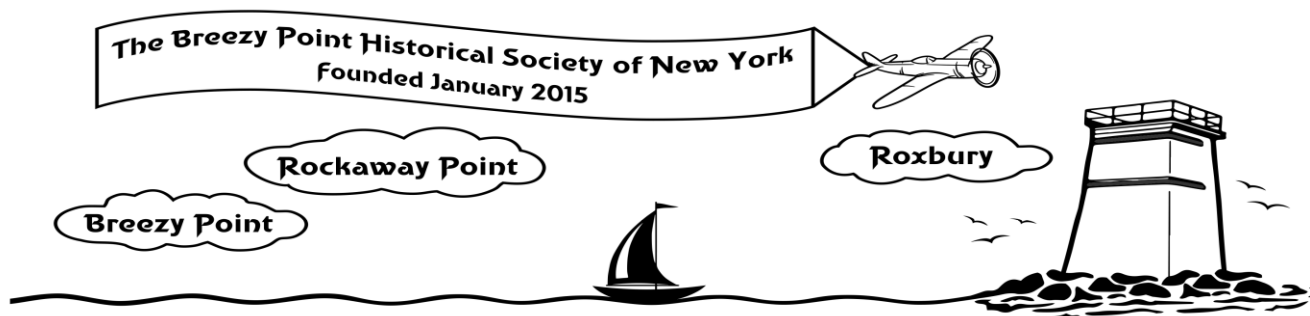




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SUMMER 2025

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This year promises to be a very historic one for the Breezy Point Historical Society as we are celebrating our own piece of history, the 10th year since the start of the Society. The Breezy Point Historical Society was formed in 2015 following the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. As a result of the flooding and fire, most residents lost all their photographs and other precious memorabilia. The founding members were determined to preserve for future generations what was left of our past. The group gathered at a local church, which had also been flooded with five feet of water during Sandy, to organize a non-profit and begin the process. The mission of the BPHS is to preserve the history of the "Point" from the 1900's to the present and to educate the community on our great history. For 10 years we have been busy collecting and categorizing photographs, brochures, artifacts, maps, etc. We have also conducted many programs, including presentations, walking tours, and a Hall of Fame Dinner. The Hall of Fame was created to honor individuals or groups selected based on their contributions to our community. I am very pleased to announce that, after a 1 year hiatus, we are bringing back the Hall of Fame Dinner to its original location, the Point Breeze Clubhouse. This year's honorees will be the Rockaway Point News (celebrating its own anniversary: 100 years) and Patricia Tissot. The dinner will take place on Thursday, August 21, 2025.

In Addition to the Hall of Fame Dinner, we will be holding our annual meeting at the Point Breeze Clubhouse on June 25th. Open to all, we have a brief business meeting, followed by our traditional "Then and Now" presentation by Artie Lighthall, highlighting comparisons of current locations with how they appeared "then". We are also planning a presentation on the history of our bars and restaurants for mid-summer, with lots of photographs of our favorite watering holes.

We are 10 years strong. Please join us as we continue to make further history while we preserve our history.



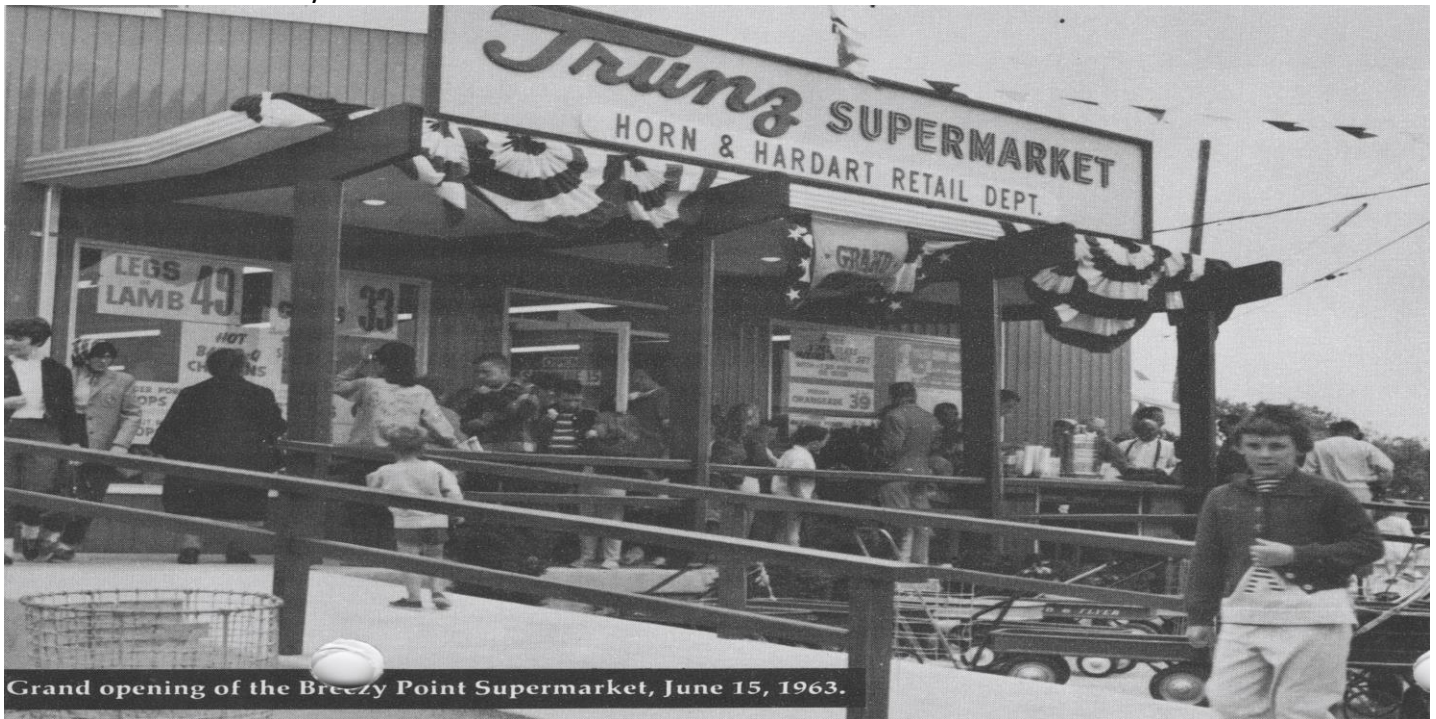
The original Cooperative entrance gate token.



A Hall of Fame NY Yankee visited often in Roxbury.

ANNUAL MEETING-----The Breezy Point Historical Society's Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with a "Then and Now" presentation on **Wednesday June 25th** at 7pm at the Point Breeze Clubhouse.

HALL OF FAME-----**Thursday August 21st** at the Point Breeze Clubhouse from 6:00-9:00. Honorees are Patricia Tissot and the Rockaway Point News. Reservations are an absolute must as attendance is limited.



The Breezy Point commercial area in the 1960's....the grand opening of Trunz and the BP Drug Store above.

SOMETHING NEW-----Our website can be found at 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 25th: Annual Membership Meeting with "Then and Now" Presentation.

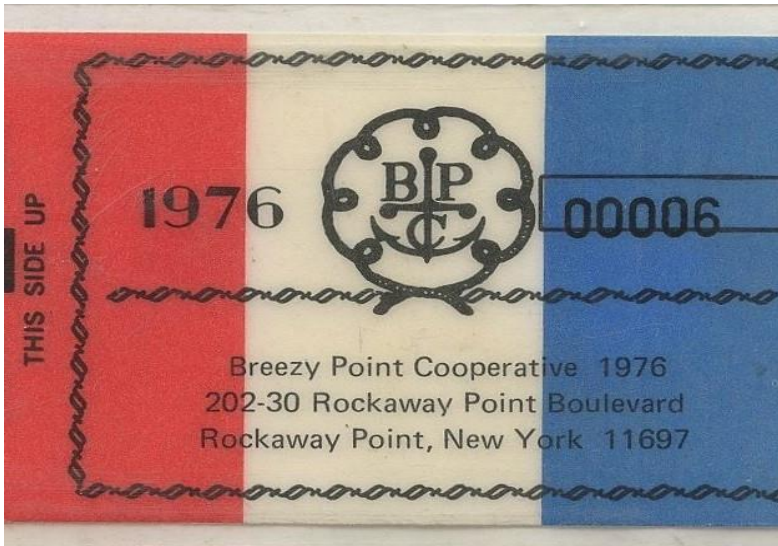
July 16th: Community Presentation- The bars of Breezy.

August 13th: Community Presentation- To be determined.

August 21st: Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Point Breeze Clubhouse (6:00 to 9:00)

Walking Tours: are being planned. 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 ninth edition of the Historical Society Christmas ornament, which, as in past years may be purchased at any of our gatherings, the Ridgewood Savings Bank, and at our office on Thursday afternoons



The 1976 Cooperative "Key Card" was a colorful

one....red, white and blue for the Bi-Centennial.

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.



Mardi Gras Parade on Market Street...circa 1958....photo is looking west from Highland Place toward Bedford Avenue. The liquor store, beauty parlor and vegetable/fruit stand is on the right side of the photo.



Circa 1942.....Soldiers enjoying time off at the Roxbury Candy Store which was located on the Bayside and later was well known as Taphouse.

HELP US---Your \$25.00 tax deductible membership is vital. Please return the enclosed application by mail or drop it off with your check at our office which is located on the east side of the medical building. Thank you in advance.

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Bedford Ave boardwalk looking north.....the church can be seen on the right.