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CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE

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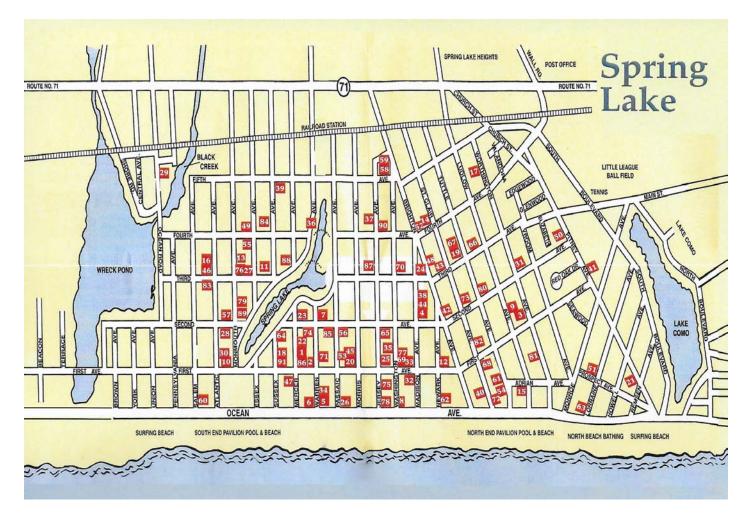
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This past summer, the Spring Lake Preservation Alliance continued to advocate for historic preservation by adding an exciting new event to its 2016 calendar. In recognition of the many homeowners who have helped enhance the unique beauty of our town, on July 29th the Alliance held a "Celebration of Gratitude" in the Spring Lake Community House. The residents of Spring Lake were all invited to honor the efforts made by close to a hundred former Preservation Award winners to preserve, renovate and/or restore their homes rather than demolish them.

As former Councilman and current Alliance Vice President Joe Rizzo noted in his opening remarks, since 2000 there have been 102 awards given to Spring Lake homeowners, churches and other local organizations for maintaining and restoring historic properties. Incredibly, only one of these properties has since been demolished, and 80% are still occupied by the original award winners. Sixty-six of the ninety-one homeowners honored were from out of town, a fact that underlines the ongoing appeal of homes with the historic qualities associated with Spring Lake. Joe used a map to point out that these properties are located all over town, and include small cottages as well as larger oceanfront estates.

Award-winner Patrick Hughes followed with a demonstration of how property owners can maintain the historic features of their homes while still incorporating the upgrades that have become necessary to a modern lifestyle. Patrick and his wife Kathleen successfully renovated both their own home at 207 Monmouth as well as a former B & B across the street at 214. He used "before and after" photos to illustrate the process, which included the restoration of original window hardware, the preservation of Tiffany windows, and the enlargement of space in the former B & B to allow for a modern kitchen.



THE SITE MAP OF AWARD WINNING HOMES IN SPRING LAKE FROM 2000 THROUGH 2015





Finally, the evening's presentation culminated in a particularly memorable fashion. Joe Rizzo recited a self-penned "Preservation Cheer" that was originally intended to be performed by Mountz cheerleaders. If you missed this, it might be worth seeking out Joe and asking for another rendition!

In other news, please mark your calendars for our 2016 Preservation Awards Night, to be held on October 1st at the Community House. Slide presentations and awards will be followed by our famous Brown Room reception, featuring wine, homemade treats and live jazz.

Make sure to read on for Joe Rizzo's update on the Duggan building, as well as Pete Saklas' summary of our work towards a new Preservation Ordinance.

Happy Fall!







DUGGAN HALL - ONE YEAR IN

BY JOSEPH RIZZO

It has now been just over a year since the formal grand opening of Duggan Hall, the former Spring Lake First Aid & Emergency Squad Building. I'm very pleased to report that practically all of our goals for this important project have been achieved, and that the newly restored and expanded facility is now being actively and efficiently utilized by several local organizations and casual visitors.

The Grand Opening Ceremony for the facility was very well attended and followed by volunteer hosted tours of the building and refreshments. This highlighted the accessibility and flexibility of the building. It also illustrated the unique mix of meeting room capacities Duggan Hall provides as a venue for activities from small meetings and conferences, to mid-sized events and activities for from 40 to 100 attendees - especially important when similar space may not be readily available elsewhere in town.

Among its first occupants was The Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce, which has relocated its office and operations to the first floor office, and has regular office hours. Another is "Common Ground", a local bereavement group that meets in the second floor meeting room one evening each week. Together these provide some rental income to help offset the cost of the building's maintenance and operations.

Of course, the Preservation Alliance now regularly meets here, as well as several of the "Umbrella Group" of local organizations that supported us with the planning of the project. The Women's Club is one such example. The organization now uses the meeting room for its Board meetings and awards program, and hosts its popular Mahjong players program there. The Men's Bridge Club also recently met there. The Garden Club is now offering its gardening book collection here as a resource for those interested in developing their "Green Thumbs". The room is equipped with a large screen TV, cable, Internet access and a DVD player, radio and CD sound systems and speaker's podium.

The Borough also makes the facility available to several other local groups, and it has been used to support special events like the Historical Society's and the Garden Club's annual house and garden tours; the Five-Mile-Run; and the Chamber's popular Irish and Italian Festivals Downtown. Last summer the second floor meeting room was used as a convenient rehearsal space for Shakespeare-in-the-Park.

Duggan Hall is also regularly utilized for several of the Spring Lake Library's popular new adult and youth patron programs. The Library is a beautiful and charming historic component of the Community House. However, it has limited space available for many of the special kinds of programs that have become common in many public libraries today. There was also concern that some programs could be disturbing to readers when special acoustically separated space isn't available.

Duggan Hall has provided a wonderful new location a short distance from the Library for programs such as: a Writer's Workshop; Mindful Meditation; College Essay Coaching; a Chess Club; Kids Sand Art and Cooking Classes; and well-attended LEGOS & Robotics "Play Days". The facility is also available for other special "one-off" activities and events such as Saint Catharine's recent "Doors of Mercy" program.

The old first floor equipment room of the facility is now filled with both traditional wall-mounted and electronic exhibits of the Spring Lake First Aid and Emergency Squad's and history of Spring Lake. There are several display cases of materials from the Historical Society and the Historic Inns of Spring Lake.





There is a convenient public restroom and a lounge seating area near the entry, where visitors can stop in and pick up local promotional materials, charge their cell-phones, and use a nearby computer station. A large screen TV located behind the service desk is regularly used to highlight many of the unique places, events and activities to be found in town throughout the year. The

Preservation Alliance is currently planning additional content to enrich these presentations to visitors.

The Principal of Saint Catharine's School recently brought a group of students to take advantage of these exhibits as part of convenient and cost-effective day-trip learning experience. The Principal of Mountz is also now considering similar class visits.



During the Christmas and New Year Holiday season Rich Clayton and Peter Casagrande installed their extensive model train exhibit in Duggan Hall, with the assistance of the Borough's Public Works staff. The Chamber and the Garden Club also helped with attractive decorations, plantings and refreshments. The train exhibit was very popular, drawing several thousand local visitors, tourist and hobbyists. Voluntary donations will help to defray the cost for this year's remarkable installation of Seward Johnson statues which are planned to be distributed throughout Downtown this Fall. We're hoping one statue might be placed near Duggan Hall.

The Preservation Alliance is pleased to have played a major leadership role in the restoration and expansion of Duggan Hall, which has made it possible to achieve the goals and support the many activities and experiences outlined above We do appreciate the financial support received from the County, State and Federal governments, who made significant grant contributions, and are especially grateful for the generous contributions received from the many private donors that helped make it all possible.

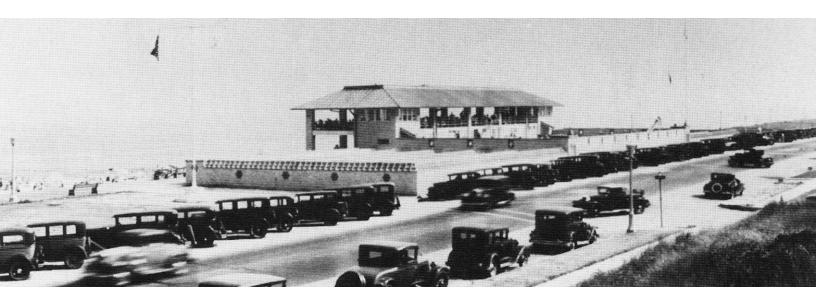








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A PRESERVATION ORDINANCE - SOON?

by Peter Saklas

Since the inception of the Preservation Alliance of Spring Lake in 1999, we have championed the concept of a preservation ordinance as the only practical way to save our towns historic homes from the wrecking ball. Our latest effort seems to have some traction. Over the past 6 months, we have met, in small, informal meetings, with members of council, the mayor, members of the planning board, the borough historians, the borough administrator and others. These small meetings gave us the opportunity to present our proposal in some detail and to clarify many of the misconceptions surrounding preservation ordinances.

More recently, we made a presentation to the Planning Board at its August meeting. While there were many comments and issues with our proposal, we felt the overall reaction was positive,

and we can address the comments and issues with modest changes. We will make a follow up presentation at the Board's September meeting and are confident the board will support the proposal. If so, the next step will be a presentation to the council. We will summarize the status via a brief presentation at our Annual Awards event.

Space prevents us from detailing our proposal in this newsletter, but you can get more information by e-mailing Pete Saklas at epsaklas@aol.com, or calling him at 732-974-0720.





Hank's Reflections by Hank Schroder

TODAY IS A GIFT

May the rising of today's sun remind me That today is a gift with a time limit Make use of its possibilities... or See those possibilities evaporate before my eyes

When the sun sets this afternoon Let me know that I have added to my dreams And let me encourage other people's dreams With a word of praise or even a smile I still remember like it was yesterday My being encouraged by a respected professor After an exam... and that was Over fifty years ago

So let us not fail to add our human touch To some act of encouraging another today That simple act of human kindness May yield benefits in a person's life forever.

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We invite you to join our organization and help us continue to be a voice for the preservation of historic and beautiful Spring Lake.

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2016 7:30 PM

AT THE SPRING LAKE MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HOUSE THIRD & MADISON AVENUES

JOIN US FOR THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS
RECOGNIZING THE BEAUTIFUL HOMES OF SPRING LAKE

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