



## NJ FIRE MUSEUM & FALLEN FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL NEWS



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### A Year's Worth of Progress!

Its about a year since our lease was signed, giving us office space and a storage building. NJ Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks, the NJ Fire Museum, and Monmouth County Park System spent countless hours over many months working together to reach this agreement. Signing the paperwork was the first step toward our goal of opening a museum. We continue to work with NJDEP looking for a suitable location we can open to the public.

Initially we concentrated on readying the site for use. The grounds were overgrown, making the site look unoccupied, and there was some vandalism to the buildings. Around the grounds, a wooden fence was removed, a new chain link fence installed, some crushed stone spread, and much trimming of the shrubbery was completed. Inside the storage building: the walls were pressure washed, the floor was hosed down, one of the overhead doors was repaired, some shelves put up, electrical outlets added, and some of the lights rebuilt. We are continuing our efforts to keep the birds out of the building, and this seems like a never ending project. Hopefully our new Bird Gard will help with this issue.

The office building needed a lot of cleaning, having been unoccupied for several years. The cobwebs were out of control. You couldn't walk



thru the building without hitting several. There were broken windows, the plumbing had several issues: broken fixtures as well as pipes, the heating system needed repairs, and we upgraded the alarm systems. There are still many minor issues to address, such as missing pieces of trim, and we're working on them. The first Saturday of each month (Sept. is 2nd Sat.) we have work parties at the buildings to address these items. If you can lend a hand, we'll find work for you.

Furniture came from several sources. Someone spotted a large desk at a curb with a 'free' sign. Someone else heard about a business moving out of an office building: the business wanted to get rid of file cabinets, chairs, folding chairs, etc. And yet another person brought us several bookcases and other items, including paint. The walls needed that! We now have tables, chairs, a refrigerator, microwave oven, display cases, supplies and too many other items to mention. There are still items we don't have, and they are posted on our website. Look for the *Wish List* page.

During the winter, a board member noticed a support beam was sagging. Upon examination, the structure of the building was deemed inadequate. A structural engineer was hired to determine what was needed, and a construction com-



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**Ways to Help!**

- Become a member.
- Make a donation.
- Personalized granite pavers are a tribute that will be part of the memorial plaza for future generations to appreciate. The order form is on the website.
- Join the Volunteer Committee contact Judy at 732-446-3728 or [volunteer@njfiremuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@njfiremuseum.org)
- Stop by while we are at a flea market. Patches, pins, T shirts, and hats are available so you can wear the logo. We also have many books available.
- Donations! There are many items we don't have. For a complete up-to-date list of things, check out the Wish List page on the website.

WTC Steel is on display at the Firefighter's Museum of Southern New Jersey  
 333 East Ridgewood Ave  
 Galloway Township, NJ

**HOW TO CONTACT US!**

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[www.njfiremuseum.org](http://www.njfiremuseum.org)

**Coming Events in (or near) New Jersey**

July 27-31, Freehold, NJ, Monmouth County Fair. Look for our exhibit of trucks in the Outdoor Entertainment Area. For more info visit [www.MonmouthCountyParks.com](http://www.MonmouthCountyParks.com).

**Work Parties are set for Aug 6, Sept 10, Oct 1, Nov 5, Dec 3**

August 6, 9AM - 4PM, Rain or shine. New Hampton, NY, Orange County Fire Training Center, muster run by the Catskill Fire Cats. 9 Training Center Ln, New Hampton, NY 10958. For more info visit [www.catskillfire-cats.org](http://www.catskillfire-cats.org).

August 7, CLAFAA muster, Cherry Hill, NJ. Delaware Valley Fire Muster run by the Cradle of Liberty Antique Fire Apparatus Association. Cooper River Park, North Park Drive, Cherry Hill. For more info visit [clafaa.org](http://clafaa.org).

August 10-13, Circleville, NY - FHHA is hosting the SPAAMFAA summer convention.

August 13, Circleville, NY, at the apparatus warehouse, open house run by the Fairchester Hose Haulers. This year the FHHA is hosting the national SPAAMFAA convention and muster. For more info visit [fairchesterhosehaulers.org](http://fairchesterhosehaulers.org).

August 14, Warminster, PA - German American Firefighters Association. Vereinigung Erzgebirge, 130 Davisville Rd., Warminster, PA - Gates open to public at 10:00 AM - Awards Ceremony at 3:00 PM [www.igafa.com](http://www.igafa.com)

Aug 21, Millville, NJ, Muster and Flea Market at Wheaton Arts Millville NJ. Muster starts 10 AM. No admission charge for the muster, only for the Wheaton exhibits. NJ Fire Museum is planning to attend! For more info visit [www.gafb.net](http://www.gafb.net).

**Sept 16 & 17, Wildwood, NJ, Convention & Expo  
 Look for us just outside the convention center. We'll be selling T-shirts, patches, pins, toys, books, and more!**

Oct 23, Allentown, NJ, Open House at the Fire Museum.

Check FaceBook or the 'Events' page of the website for more info.



## Progress! (continued)

pany was hired to make the necessary repairs. While making the repairs, they saw that the roof did not meet code. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the repairs, along with a blizzard in the forecast, we could not put the work on hold for the amount of time it would take to receive grant money. All the major repair work is now complete, leaving our treasury quite a bit lighter.

And that was just the buildings! We also moved into them. Our organization has been working out of various homes for a long time. Also, some of the apparatus owned by the non-profit was in a warehouse in NY. Other apparatus was stored various places around NJ. Trucks began moving in as soon as the lease was signed.



Part of the state's collection also moved. In October, over a four day period, the apparatus was moved. The Jersey City water tower was not moved, due to its size. At our membership meeting in May we talked about the effort involved. A thirty minute slide show and speaker are available if you want to schedule a visit. Contact secretary@njfiremuseum.org to set a date and location.

More recently, some large crates were moved. These included part of an alarm system and a huge picture frame with dozens of pictures in it. Smaller items, such as pins, helmets, badges, etc. will be moved at a later date.

What's next? The task of readying the artifacts, as well as getting the motorized trucks running! Everything needs work done: some need cleaning, many need tune-ups, but most need more expensive items, such as tires, before they are road worthy. Anti-freeze, motor oil, spark plugs, brake parts, hoses and wires must be purchased, not to mention gasoline. Fortunately, there are many volunteers providing labor, which keeps our costs down.

Here's where you can help: we need your donations now more than ever! If you are already a member, please pass this newsletter on to some-

one. If you, or your organization, are not members, now is the time to join. Consider making a donation. Attend one of our fundraisers: they will be announced on our FaceBook page and on our website. While at Wildwood, stop by our tent, just outside the convention center, and buy a T-shirt or some books. And mark your calendars: Oct. 23rd we are holding an open house. You can see for yourself how much progress we've made in the past year.

## Looking for volunteers!

Want to get involved? We need help on a variety of projects and events. We have something for everyone. Just contact us and let us know what your special gift is, or how you can help.

Regular work parties are held each month.

9AM until at least noon, but you don't have to stay for the entire day. If you can let us know you are coming we would appreciate your time, and if you have a special interest in certain areas of help, please let us know - or you can just show up; we'll find something for you to do.

We could use a hand at these events:

Monmouth County Fair - July 27 thru July 31. Hang out with our trucks, talk to people, and help with merchandise sales. Wednesday thru Friday the hours are from 5 till 11. Saturday from 3 till 11. Sunday hours are from 11 till 6 helping with the House-A-Fire. If you can help for a few hours one day, we can provide you with an entry ticket.

Merchandise sales at Wildwood: Sept 16 & 17. We are set up from 8 AM till 5 PM on Friday, and on Saturday from 8 AM till about 1 PM. Just outside the convention center. Work all day or just a few hours. Just let us know!

# Museum Membership Application Form

Please circle dollar value:

	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Other
Individual	\$20	\$40	\$60	\$75	\$_____
Family	\$25	\$50	\$75	\$100	\$_____
Company	\$75	\$150	\$300	\$500	\$_____

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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***Please mail form and your check made payable to:***

***NJFM***

***P O Box 241***

***Piscataway NJ 08855-0241***

***Or visit the website to use a credit card!***

NOTE: Please provide your email so we can send the full-color newsletter electronically in PDF format (up to 1MB).

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