

**Art in the
Park**
Sat, 9/16
Vendors,
Food,
and
More!

**History
Lecture**
Wed, 9/27
The One-Room
Schoolhouse:
An American
Icon

Ghost Walk
Fri, 10/20
>>>Tickets<<<
will go on
sale beginning
Oct, 1st.



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In The Spotlight



Congratulations to our volunteer, Patrick McDonough and his wife Tara. They recently welcomed their 2nd Son, Emmett, into the world. Older brother Philip is delighted to have a brother.



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Who is the "Lady in Waiting" - the statue on top of the fountain in Memorial Park? The fountain was placed in the park because of a bequest of one man, John W. Underhill. Underhill, a black merchant, lived in Mays Landing during the 1920s. The statue, a four foot six inch maiden stands on top of a granite pedestal, which is surrounded by a thirty-foot wide octagon basin. From the base of the fountain to the top of the statue it is twelve foot high. Originally when the fountain was placed in 1932 the plumbing was attached to the Township water supply and pumped over 1,000 gallons of water per day. The water then drained into the Township sewer system. The fountain provided a beautiful background for many of the Township activities. Many people remember the goldfish that swam in the greenish water and the brass frogs that sat on the fountains edge. Eventually, erosion took its toll on the fountain and it quit functioning. The statue was placed in storage to preserve it. **The statue was dubbed the "Lady in Waiting"** by the media in regards to the townspeople hoping it would be returned to its proper place in the park. In 1974 the Township using the remaining funds in Mr. Underhill's estate, refurbished the statue and fountain.

FAST FACT

Mays Landing was once referred to as Iliff Town. Edmond Iliff had owned a lot of property in the Babcock Creek Area. He eventually lost it in a Sheriff Sale. Capt. George May purchased most of the land.



Volunteers Wanted

We offer a very
flexible
Volunteer Program.
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