

The SOCIETY PAGES

HARSENS ISLAND / ST. CLAIR FLATS HISTORICAL SOCIETY



From the President

Dear Members,

Summer is here, the Museum is open and we're off to a fine start for the 2014 summer season. There was a special treat on the opening of the Museum this year. In addition to hot dogs and lemonade, we invited Wally's Frozen Custard to bring their big yellow fire engine to sell Wally's famous frozen custard. It was a big hit with the kids! See photo to the left and page 3 for an article.

The **Archaeology Project** is getting closer to reality. The paperwork is always fun and it looks like we're getting closer to getting that completed, which means the project should actually get underway in the next couple weeks with surveys and the dig that will continue thru Tashmoo Days and beyond.

The **May 10 lecture "History under your Keel"** Maritime Archaeology, presented by Dan Harrison, maritime archaeologist was excellent.

Tashmoo Days 2014 will have an added attraction this year. Place Make America will organize a 5K run & 1 mile walk on the morning of Tashmoo Days, Saturday, July 19. If you are a runner or walker look for information on the Tashmoo Days website...it should be posted soon (also posted to the left!).

The **Buy a Brick Program** is well underway, please contact by Bob Williams for more information at 248-388-0465 or xharpspah@aol.com.

Social Hour has been moved to Friday evenings this year. Don't forget to mark your calendars, come and meet new neighbors and fellow members the second Friday of each month from 6 to 8 pm at the museum.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Museum in the upcoming weeks!

Thank you,
bernard

SAVE THE DATE July 19, 2014 Tashmoo Days

Return to Tashmoo 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run (certified/sanctioned)

Registration: 7:30 – 8:45 AM
Race: 9:00 AM

Race Perks:

Beautiful Scenic Route on River
Freighters, Victorian Homes, Wildlife, Spot a Bald Eagle

- Participation Shirt
- Finish Medal
- Hydration Stations
- Entertainment on Course
- Fruit & Hydration at Finish Line

Complete your outing with a
Fun Day at Tashmoo Days
10:00 AM to 7:00 PM
www.tashmoodays.com

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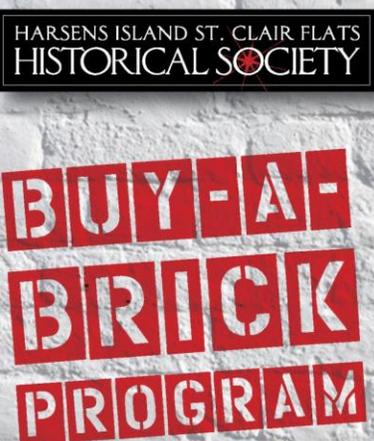
RESORT HOTEL BURNS

The Grande Pointe hotel on Harsens Island, in the St. Clair River, burned to the ground.

The hotel was a four-story frame structure. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. Dr. J. D. Kennedy of Detroit is the owner.

Elementary School Students Visit Museum

Two classes of Millside Elementary school students visited our Museum, the DNR and the Stewart Farm Ecology Center on Wednesday, May 28. The students, teachers and chaperones enjoyed the museum. Additional classes are scheduled to visit the Museum in June. If you wish to volunteer to assist in hosting these educational programs, please contact one of your board members to get details, times etc. It is an experience you will enjoy.



**Become a Permanent Part
of Island History Today!**

Historical Society members and friends can show their support, and ensure the continuance of the museum, by paying one of the 200 monthly \$350 land contract payments for the Historical Society Museum Building. Donors will be recognized on - or may designate as a memorial - one of the bricks inside the museum. Of course, they may remain anonymous if they wish.

Make checks payable to HISCFS with "BRICK" in the memo line, and mail to:
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Please provide your phone number so we can contact you about the exact wording you want on YOUR brick.

For more information about the program, or to sign up, contact Bob Williams at 248-388-0465 or xharpspah@aol.com.

The Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society is a 501-(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

June 1909 – Resort Hotel Burns



Memorial Day Open House

We held our annual Open House during Memorial Day weekend to launch the 2014 summer season with hot-dogs, lemonade and a special treat. We sponsored the Wally's Frozen Custard Fire Engine to serve the best frozen custard this side of I-94!

The weather was perfect and the kids had an outstanding time eating frozen custard and hot dogs and learning about Harsens Island History. The adults had a good time as well.



"We try to do something interesting and fun each year at the Museum Open House", said Bernard Licata, President of The Society.

"This year we thought it would be fun to have Eliza and Matt Ahern bring their re-purposed fire engine that is outfitted to serve their famous frozen custard to the open house", he continued.

"The kids had the best time, not only eating custard, but getting a chance to sit in the driver's seat, wear a real fireman's helmet and sound the siren. Moms & dads also took them on a tour of the Museum".



Also on display was the fully restored Rescue Vehicle that was used by Harsens Island Firefighters in the early 1960's.

"It was a really great day and the kids had a fun time not only eating frozen custard and hot dogs, but going through the museum and learning," said Nancy Boulton, Founder and Curator of the Museum.

"Our Grand Opening was Memorial Day 2011, this is the start of our fourth year and we're excited about our growth and what the Museum has brought to the community," she said. "This year we have more school groups visiting the Museum and we are planning an Archaeological Dig that local schools are expressing an interest in," she concluded.





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Harsens Island St. Clair Flats Historical Society 2014 Calendar of Events

subject to change

Members are welcome to attend any Board / Membership Meeting to keep apprised of Society activities and to bring issues before the Board.

Museum Hours

June through September – Saturdays – 10 AM – 3 PM and Sundays – Noon – 4 PM.

- June**
- 13th – Friday – **Social Hour** – 6 to 8 PM.
 - 14th – Saturday - 10:00 AM – **Board/membership meeting** at Museum.
- July**
- 4th – Friday – Museum open special for the holiday.
 - 11th – Friday – **Social Hour** – 6 to 8 PM.
 - 12th - Saturday - 10:00 AM – **Board/membership meeting** at Museum .
 - 19th – Saturday – 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run. Registration from 7:30 – 8:45 AM. Race at 9 AM.
 - 19th - Saturday - **Tashmoo Days** – 10 AM at Tashmoo Marina.
- August**
- 8th – Friday – **Social Hour** – 6 to 8 PM.
 - 9th - Saturday - 10:00 AM – **Board/membership meeting** at Museum.
 - 16th – Saturday – 5 to 7 PM **Annual Meeting** followed by spaghetti dinner.
 - 30th, 31st & Sept. 1 – Saturday, Sunday, & Monday – Labor Day Weekend – Museum open.