



March 2024

Ogdensburg Historical Society

14 Highland Ave.
Ogdensburg, NJ 07439

February 2024 seems to have been the month for change.

On February 8th, Christine Dabrowski, tendered her resignation as Secretary of the Board. Christine stepped up to help fill the Secretary position approximately 10 years ago “till they found someone else”... After much thought and consideration, Christine has to decide to pass the pen over to the next Secretary.

Then on February 20th, John Kibildis also tendered his resignation from the Trustee Board for unforeseen health reasons. John has been instrumental in the organizing and developing the Ogdensburg Historical Society to what it is today. The then Mayor, approved the inquiry for a suitable Museum to house the “treasures” of Ogdensburg. He signed all the documents to make it happen and researching the grant process, was able to transform the space of the Old Schoolhouse and Fireman’s Museum from a storage area to what it is now.

John and Dianna have been here from inception of the need to preserve Ogdensburg’s history. The Kibildis’ along with Wasco Hadowanetz and Patricia Dolan fulfilled the vision of preserving the history of Ogdensburg.

Christine & Stanley Dabrowski also have been part of the core group who has also helped sustain the Ogdensburg Historical Society over many decades.

Both of these families have gone above and beyond to serve this community and the Historical Society in setting a solid foundation to allow the Historical Society sustain the next 40 years!

While they have stepped down, they by no means have “left the building”. We welcome them at all of our future events.

Thank You for your Service!

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Borough of Ogdensburg: ogdensburgnj.org/committees/historical-society



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 9 - 7pm - Board of Trustee’s meeting
- June 1 - OHS 40th Anniversary Celebration
- August 9 - 7pm- Board of Trustee’s meeting
- September 14 - Picnic at Sterling Hill Mine & Museum at 4pm for tour; 5 pm picnic
- October 12 - 10am-3pm Sussex County Arts & Heritage Weekend Museum Open 10am–3pm



Revolution 250

The United States of America is turning 250 in 2026 and New Jersey is commemorating this once-in-a-generation moment through its RevolutionNJ initiative.

RevolutionNJ is New Jersey's commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. Crossroads of the American Revolution is the not-for-profit partner of the New Jersey Historical Commission in planning observances and commemorations, with support from the NJ Division of Travel and Tourism and the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry.

More information will be forthcoming for both the Town and the School. Please visit this link to see all the planning efforts so far into this milestone event.

<https://revolutionarynj.org/revolution-nj/>

December General Membership Holiday Party

The OHS took a few minutes to take care of some new business before celebrating our annual Holiday Party on December 4th. The new business of voting on renewing terms for all the Officers and Trustees whose terms were about to expire. The Board would like to thank Tom Kuplin for serving as a Trustee for 2023 and we welcome Judy Perentin to fill the open Trustee slot. Once our general membership meeting was concluded, we enjoyed the watching the nostalgic "Honeymooners: Christmas Special." A reminder that the art of the surprise of the perfect gift is best to really know and understand the thought is what counts the most.

Donations



One of the last items out of the Ogdensburg First Aid Squad building is this free standing display case that was donated to the Historical Society. We can't wait to display our Fox Film and Sports items. A huge thank you goes to Adam Perentin, Mike Franek, Eric Slater,

Bill Allen, Rick Keslo, Alec Chubay and Tom Horuzy for brining the display case upstairs and to Alan Arduini, Robert Pugh and Adam Perentin for moving the case from the OFAS building to the museum. Thank you gentlemen for all your help.

Brenda (Stoll) Pettenger donated this collection of Cat's Meow collectibles that include depictions of



buildings in the area - one of which is the Old Schoolhouse and Firehouse Museum and Lyon's House. This will be a nice addition to items donated by local families.

40th Anniversary!

On March 11th at the beginning of the Ogdensburg Town Council meeting, Ogdensburg Historical Society was presented with a



Proclamation recognizing the 40th anniversary for the dedication to the Borough in preserving the Borough's history. Ogdensburg Mayor, George Hutnick presented the Proclamation to Jane Krueger, the current OHS President. Present at the meeting was Vice President Mark McFadden, Trustees Dominick Zampella and Judy

Perentin and Anna Zampella and Christine Dabrowski. Thank you Mayor and Town Council for the recognition.



40th Anniversary Celebration!

ALL are WELCOME to come celebrate our 40th Anniversary on June 1, 2024 at 4pm—8pm at the Ogdensburg Firehouse! We are looking to enjoy good food, music, a time or two down memory lane. The cost is \$35 per single or \$60 per couple. We need to have a head count by May 20th. Cash bar.

Please call 973-827-4280 or email oburghhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for tickets.

Any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the Officers or Trustees.



Support the Anniversary Celebration

We are preparing our evening's program for the 40th Anniversary and we are looking for support. Support will be in the form of ad sponsorship.

Our programs will be 5.5" x 8.5"

One full page ad is \$40,

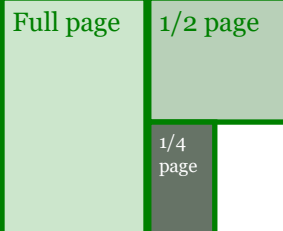
One half page ad is \$30 and

One quarter page ad is \$15.

All art work will need to be emailed to

Oburghhistoricalsociety@gmail.com by May 10, 2024.

Payments mailed to 14 Highland Avenue, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439



Undefeated champions
The Ogdensburg Bears boys and girls basketball teams finished the 1987-88 season as undefeated champions and winners of the Hamburg Regional Tournament. The teams are pictured with their coaches: Lorraine Wojtowicz, Traci Decker, Jim Walker and Earl Baranek.



We are always looking for volunteers to help curate the museum throughout the year, please feel free to contact us, if you are interested.

Watch for opening day of the resurfaced courts at the Firehouse—we will be there!

250 years of the United States - How do we want to celebrate?

BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG COUNTY OF SUSSEX RESOLUTION 27-2024

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF OGDENSBURG, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY SUPPORTING REVOLUTIONNJ

WHEREAS, Governor Philip Murphy and the New Jersey state Legislature created RevolutionNJ in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States. New Jersey's pivotal role in the American Revolution, and the contributions of its diverse peoples to the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Historical Commission, under the leadership of Secretary of State Thesha Way, with its non-profit partner Crossroads of the American Revolution established RevolutionNJ to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism, and scholarship in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will engage New Jerseyans in all 21 counties and 564 municipalities through its officially recognized programs, initiative, and events over the next ten years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and desirable that we commemorate the beginning of the Nation and the role New Jersey played over the past 250 years as well as its present and future role as part of the United States, with particular focus on the individuals, ideas and events that shaped our Country, State and Sussex County, Borough of Ogdensburg; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will consider the role New Jersey played during the American Revolution when it saw more battles and skirmishes than any other state and was truly the Crossroads of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, RevolutionNJ will highlight the role New Jersey played beyond the battlefield during the American Revolution and when people of diverse backgrounds contributed to the development of the State and the Nation in various ways and fought for the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, preserving, studying, and enjoying state history strengthens communities and builds bonds between New Jersey residents as we work together toward the goals of justice and equality embedded in the United States Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Ogdensburg here by endorses RevolutionNJ and its mission to advance the role that history plays in public discourse, community engagement, education, tourism and scholarship in New Jersey.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council commemorates the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the United States as an independent Nation.

2. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council authorizes the appointment of a committee to develop a plan for the commemoration that will promote the maximum involvement of our residents, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, civic organizations and institutions in the commemorations.

3. The Borough of Ogdensburg Town Council further urges all its residents to reflect upon the significance of this event and the role that our State and its diverse people have played in the history and development of our Nation and to participate in the important commemoration, endeavoring to include the stories of all those whose lives are part of the history of what we now know as New Jersey, and understanding that the revolution continues today as we uphold the revolutionary ideals articulated in our founding documents.

CERTIFICATION: I Robin Hough, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Ogdensburg, in the County of Sussex, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Ogdensburg at a regular meeting held on February 26, 2024.

Robin Hough
Robin Hough, RMOCMR

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Councilman Alvarez	x			
Councilman Cusumano	x			
Councilwoman Condrick	x			
Councilman DeMaio	x			
Councilman Poyer	x			
Councilwoman Rattenberg	x			
Mayor Humick (The Only)				



Mayor and Council have passed Resolution 27-2024 for Ogdensburg to support RevolutionNJ in the celebration in 2026 of the United States of America turning 250 years old! Let OHS know how you would like to see the celebration!



Museum Tours. This year we are planning to open the museum for tours one Sunday afternoon, 1-3pm, of each month from April—December. Look for announcement on Facebook and look for our “Museum Open” sign at the corner of Main Street (CR 517) and Passaic Avenue. All are welcome to come in and take a walk back in time to explore how Ogdensburg has grown through our century. And as always, if you would like a private tour, please contact via email or through our Facebook page.

In 2024, OHS joined the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey. Joining the League of Historical Societies of NJ will provide us with new ideas and opportunities to access other museums, libraries, archival groups, historic preservation agencies and other means to preserve and research the history of New Jersey. OHS looks forward to utilizing their networks and opportunities. www.lhsnj.org



Watch for all different types of articles, topics, celebrations and pictures on our Facebook page—**Ogdensburg NJ Historical Society Page**

THE STORY OF OGDENSBURG BOOK: A PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE

In and around 1976 was the last time a commemorative book was published about the history of our beloved town. Since it is over 45 years since that publishing, we are looking into continuing our story with the help of others. There is a lot of history in this small town and many life long residents who know it. Please consider taking some time and sharing the history of Ogdensburg and your family. We will need some historical information as well if you have that we will welcome it.

Photos are always welcomed!

Reach out to us at oburghhistoricalsociety@gmail.com with questions, comments, stories and facts!

The History of Ogdensburg...A People's Perspective

Join us in sharing your memories of Ogdensburg...as a child; as a teen; as an adult

We are looking for stories from you!

How do you think Ogdensburg helped shape you?

How do you impact Ogdensburg?

What was the landscape like when you were growing up? Do you have pictures to share?

Who were your influencers? A special teacher? A neighbor? A leader?

What is your fondest memory?

Could you write 1,000 words to help us show how Ogdensburg was when you were here?

Information we will need included in the perspective -

The street you grew up on and the dates you lived in Ogdensburg

Contact us at oburghhistoricalsociety@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

OHS Membership

Your membership in the Ogdensburg Historical Society acknowledges your awareness of Ogdensburg's rich and unique history. Join today and with your support help us preserve and promote our history.

Membership Fees:

Annually:

Seniors	\$6.00
Individual	\$12.00
Family	\$18.00

One Time:

Lifetime	\$50.00
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OGDENSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ogdensburg Historical Society is a non-profit and non-partisan organization formed not only to ascertain and preserve the history of Ogdensburg, NJ, but also to foster the education and enjoyment of its residents and visitors. The OHS obtained grant monies in 1988 and 1989 to refurbish the 1910 school addition/firehouse to be converted into the Old Schoolhouse/Firehouse Museum—the society's headquarters.

The museum's first floor lobby holds a display case (that was originally in the grade school) of minerals from the Ogdensburg Zinc Mine. The fire truck bays contain the Ogdensburg Fire Department's retired 1935 and 1959 American LaFrance Pumper trucks. In June of 2006, the bays were dedicated in the memory of William "Doly" Dolan and Joseph Fitzgibbons, Sr. These men were former students, OFD fire chiefs and OHS charter members and vice presidents—all within the walls of this building.

The second floor serves as a meeting hall for the society's meetings. It contains showcases which hold donated Ogdensburg memorabilia such as postcards of old Ogdensburg, school history and graduation pictures, a display of the zinc mill operations, a scale model of the mine's hoist, and Ogden family history documents. There are also old exhibits of Thomas A. Edison memorabilia to honor the ten years Edison spent mining iron ore at the old Edison Ore Milling Company on Sparta Mountains.

The OHS sponsors two annual dinners. In June, a catered picnic meeting is held at the Sterling Hill Mining Museum. In October, an Ethnic Dinner is held at the school where each family is asked to bring a covered dish that represents their ethnic background.

We look forward to seeing you at our next Ogdensburg Historical Society meeting!

General Membership Meetings

Saturday, June 1st	4:00 pm, OFD
Saturday, September 14th	3:30 pm for tour, SMMH
Monday December 2nd	7:00 pm, Museum

Ogdensburg Historical Society Officers & Board of Trustees

Officers -

President - Jane Krueger
Vice President - Mark McFadden
Secretary - Jeanne Ortiz
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