



The Half Moon

- The Newsletter of the Newtown Historic Association -

Welcome

The Newtown Historic Association presents this newsletter to the Newtown community with the goal of providing news and information on related historic and preservation events in our area. We welcome any suggestions for future articles.

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Research Center Hours

Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Thursday 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
And also by appointment
Admission is free

New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following:

New Individual Members

Leigh Clark
Steven & Virginia Schoenfeld
Bill & Dianne Ricker
Rena Shields
Warren & Julia Woldorf

Upgraded to Distinguished Donor

Chris Brill and Gina Tognini
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Holiday Open House Tour

Get ready for a great Holiday Open House Tour on **Sat. Dec 2nd** from 10 am to 4 pm. We have a wonderful selection of 6 private homes and 5 public buildings. You can get your tickets in advance at the Newtown Book and Record Exchange 120 S. State St. Newtown beginning Nov. 15th or get on line at our website www.newtownhistoric.org Also tickets will be sold the day of the tour at the Half Moon Inn, 105 Court St. beginning at 9:30 am and the Stocking Works. Parking is available at the Stocking Works, 301 S. State St. No high heeled shoes are allowed on the tour.



116 N. Congress St.



237 S. Chancellor St.



148 Liberty St.



250 S. Chancellor St.



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Newtown Friends Meeting

November Program
The David Library of the
American Revolution

The program will be Monday, **November 20th** at 7:30 PM. Our speaker will be Kathie Ludwig, Librarian, at the David Library of the American Revolution.

Two things set the David Library apart from every other research institution that has materials on the American Revolution: *concentration* and *convenience*. Here you will find almost all the basic primary sources on the Revolution, including materials, such as many documents microfilmed at the British Archives, found nowhere else in this country. And you will find this material in one building, serviced by a small but highly knowledgeable staff that has no other objective than to assist its users in learning about the broad era of the American Revolution.

Kathie Ludwig was previously a public librarian in Vermont for many years, working primarily as the director of her community's library. Since her move to Washington Crossing in 2001, she has

worked at the David Library, where she manages reference services, acquisitions, and cataloging of the library's collections.

The David Library of the American Revolution, located in Washington Crossing is a specialized research library dedicated to the study of American history circa 1750 to 1800. This library was founded in 1959 by Sol Feinstone, a businessman, philanthropist and collector of Americana. Mr. Feinstone donated to the Library his extensive collection of Revolutionary war manuscripts, and his 118 acre farm on which the library is located.

“Market Day in Historic
Newtown”

Our annual colonial arts and crafts show was a success under sunny skies. We had a great selection of quality crafters and demonstrators along with hayrides, revolutionary war encampment in the backyard of the Half Moon Inn, puppet shows, candle dipping, wood turning and a lot of other activities. Winner of the Cape May raffle was Judith Wetherby. Thanks to our new chairperson Carrie Wetherby for a great day. Also thanks to all the other volunteers who helped that day.





“That’s Unusual” Funny and odd anecdotes about Bucks County’s history”

Our General Meeting for October featured Carl LaVo – the weekly history columnist for the Bucks County Courier Times and the Intelligencer. Mr. LaVo gave a very interesting talk with slides on unusual things in Bucks County History. We had a standing room only crowd and they all enjoyed the program.

What about Flood? By Kevin T. Brooks, CIC

2017 will be remembered as one of the most devastating hurricane seasons in history. To make matters worse, hurricanes are inevitably followed by floods. Many residents in Houston and Florida hardly anticipated the devastation caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. People who lived in preferred flood zones never believed that their homes would be under water. The images of these residents being evacuated by boat or by helicopter paint a story that will not soon be forgotten.

So- what is a flood? To put it plainly, a flood is rising water or surface waters caused by a naturally occurring catalysis (typically rain!). A flood is NOT a burst pipe, a sump pump failure, or a sink

overflow. It is important to understand this distinction because a flood is not a covered homeowners claim, and a separate flood policy is needed for coverage to be provided.

Every home is located in a flood zone. While some homes are in zones that pose a “low” to “moderate” threat of flooding, others are in “high risk” areas. High risk areas include coastal properties or homes located near a body of water prone to flooding. FEMA estimates that more than 20% of flood claims occur in homes outside of high-risk areas and that these homeowners receive more than one-third of disaster assistance post-flood.

Floods can occur in unexpected places. Consider changes in topography surrounding existing homes. For example: a new home built on a hill can create a new drainage path that leads directly to a neighboring home or to a col-de-sac with multiple homes. After a heavy rain the surface waters created may damage the neighboring homes. This is a flood event.

Flood insurance is not cost prohibitive. The flood insurance market has changed dramatically, and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) offered by FEMA is no longer the only option available. Private Flood insurance carriers have entered the marketplace, and can be a viable alternative to FEMA policies.

Consult an insurance advisor that will discuss your exposure, your priorities, and who will help you determine the options available to transfer your risk. Additional information is available at <http://www.floodsmart.gov/>. When a flood occurs, you don’t want to be left out to dry without insurance protection.

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Corporate Members

We are proud to highlight our corporate members:

- A. L. Patterson
- DeFrehn Roofing Services
- First National Bank of Newtown
- Mary Dinneen, Realtor
- Friends Home and Village
- Gilbert, Wilson & Hunter LLP
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- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Robert Small & Associates
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- T & T Tree Service
- Waitkus Design

Upcoming Events

- **Monday, November 20th 7:30 pm**
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- **Holiday Open House Tour, December 2nd 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

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