



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

Brian & Patty Connors
Steven & Gloria Cugine
Rose Crane
Michael Hackman
Kristina Hartley
Christie Prater & David Leder
Owen Medd
Steve & Emily Ricketts

Upgraded to Contributing Member

Keith & Keyna Crawford

Upgraded to Distinguished Donor

Glen & Patricia Beasley
Margaret Danese
Kirk Heinz & Marcia Lincoln-Heinz
Neil & Pat Stalter



“Garden Walk”

We will be having a “Garden Walk” on Saturday, July 22nd leaving from the Half Moon Inn by 8:30 am (please arrive by 8:20 am) to tour the Borough and Township and see some beautiful gardens. This two mile walk will be rain or shine and is lead by MaryJo Garner 215-858-0939 so contact her with any questions. A Good Will donation of \$5.00 per person would be appreciated. The walk should take approximately one hour. No reservations necessary.

Historic Walking Tour

Under stormy skies, we had the above Historic Walking Tour on Friday evening, June 23rd led by Jeffrey Marshall, President of the Heritage Conservancy. He pointed out the interesting architectural details of the houses on the tour and a little about the original owners. We proceeded south on Court St. to Penn St., then east on Penn to Chancellor and south on Chancellor to Sterling then back to Court St. and the Half Moon Inn. This was a different route than we had covered on previous years so we learned more about Newtown.





Spring Cocktail Party

Our Spring Cocktail Party held on April 22nd was well attended with members and guests. We had delicious food and drink and spirited conversations. We thank all who helped with this event to make it a success.



David Walton & Susan Thompson



Becky and Kevin Kerchner



Bronwyn Jones, Charlie Ponciroli,
Trish & Glenn Beasley



Chris Brill, Gina Tognini & Mary Hunter

May Meeting

Newtown Friends Meeting hosted us for our May 8th meeting where Bill Heinemann, a member of the Meeting gave a very interesting talk explaining quite a few facts about Quakerism in general and about the Meetings in our area. It was their 200th anniversary of the Newtown Friends Meeting House. It was a full house and a very informative talk that everyone enjoyed.

Dues Notices Sent Out

Annual dues notices have been mailed, It takes quite a bit of money to keep the NHA going so if you have not already paid, please do. It is only through the financial help from people like yourselves that the NHA can continue its efforts to preserve Newtown's unique heritage.

Market Day

Our 41st annual Market Day will be on Saturday, October 7th. We always need volunteers to help with set up, soda sales, sales table, clean up. If you can lend a hand, please contact Carrie Wetherby 215-847-1112 or email clwetherby@hotmail.com

Rebuilding to code (and what is means to you)

By Kevin T. Brooks, CIC

Many owners of older or historic homes overlook a coverage aspect on their homeowner's policy which could mean the difference between a positive claims experience and an insurance limbo nightmare. The coverage in reference is Rebuilding to Code (also known as "Ordinance or Law"), and it's worth knowing more about.

After a fire or other covered incident, all repairs must conform to current building codes and zoning ordinances. While this is typically not an issue with homes of newer construction, no home is immune to the ever changing law of the land. For homes build six or more decades ago, the ordinance issue can be significant.

Items that could be impacted include:

- Updating the electrical system (from knob and tube wiring, etc.)
- Widening staircases and hallways
- Updating the plumbing system
- Adding a sprinkler system

It is estimated that rebuilding a home to meet current codes or demolishing the undamaged portion of the home can increase costs by up to 50 percent. Unfortunately, most homeowner's policies provide only 10% of the home's insured value towards rebuilding to code.

So what's the best solution??

The best solution is to have an insurance company that specializes in older or historic homes. These companies provide unlimited coverage to repair or rebuild your home in compliance with local ordinance. They also provide guaranteed replacement cost coverage, which promises to repair or rebuild your home using materials of the same like, kind, and quality. The combination of these coverage features assures that, regardless of the extent of damages, your home will be repaired or rebuilt with the same authentic feel while remaining in compliance with local building codes.

Now is the time to make sure you have the proper protection in place, because the only thing worse than paying your insurance premiums is paying for an uncovered claim out of pocket.

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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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- Monument Bank
- Wm. B. Parry & Son Ltd.
- Robert Small & Associates
- Stuckert and Yates
- T & T Tree Service
- Waitkus Design

Upcoming Events

- **Market Day, Saturday, October 7th**
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- **Monday, October 16th 7:30 PM** Carl LaVo, BCCT author "That's Unusual"
- **Monday, November 20th 7:30 pm**
Katherine Ludwig of the "David Library of the American Revolution"
- **Holiday Open House Tour, December 2nd** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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