



## **Windsor Locks Preservation Association, Inc.**

*We're on the Right Track!*

Another year has passed and so much work is still ahead of us to Save the Windsor Locks Train Station. The urgency of doing something now has become more apparent over the past few months, as those of us who visit the site regularly have begun to notice what we have feared most – the rapid deterioration on the lower portion of the structure is worsening.

Each time I take the drive to the Station, I think back to what all of this has meant to me. My heart and energy have been sequestered by this relic. Each day, I realize, sadly, that we don't have much time to make this "real". The building is doing it's best to "hold out" but it needs our help.

Once, a very long time ago, this Station was the heart and soul of the town. It held its prominent place on Main Street, standing tall and proud, the huge roof overhanging to protect all who entered its sturdy, brick walls. And I think of all the people whose memories lie between those walls. Those memories will be lost forever if something is not done, soon.

Over the past 2 years, I've been so fortunate to find, along my path, a group of dedicated people whose dream is the same as mine – to make Windsor Locks a better place. Our starting point is Saving the Train Station. I think that together, we can all do our part to make this happen. But it will take time.

So, please continue spreading the word of our efforts and join with me and "Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station"!

Barbara Schley – Chairman  
"Let's Save the Windsor Locks Train Station" committee

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### ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICERS

In the upcoming months, the Preservation Association will be under going many changes. The first major change for the group is that we have a new President. Barbara Schley, the group's co-founder has lead the group throughout the past 2 years, her term ending December 31, 2006. We're starting the new year off with a partial new group of officers.

Please join us in welcoming the following members to lead the group for the next year!

Wayne Gannaway – President  
Martha Jarvis – Vice President

Barbara Carlson – Secretary / Treasurer  
Mickey Danyluk – Historian  
Mark Glazier – Trustee

Barbara Schley will remain as the Chairperson of the Train Station subcommittee.

#### TRAIN STATION UPDATES

The Preservation Association has obtained the services of local Suffield attorney, Ed McAnaney to guide us with the legal representation necessary for negotiations between our group, Amtrak and the Town of Windsor Locks.

In early December 2006, a packet of information compiled by the WLPA was forwarded, on our behalf, by Attorney McAnaney to Amtrak to begin formal negotiations with hopes of acquiring the Historic Station. The information included a structural report, site drawings, a title search, cost analysis and historical architectural study. All reporting has been compiled over the past 2 years by the WLPA. The appraisal, which was completed last spring, was forwarded to Amtrak at a later date.

At this time, we have no additional updates as to how soon we can expect a response from Amtrak and what their intentions are for the Train Station.

In other news, new committee members have been appointed to serve on the Train Station committee. We welcome Martha Jarvis, Rosemary Hogan and Jean DeSousa who have joined Wayne Gannaway and Barbara Schley. This core group will push forward with efforts to Save the Train Station.

#### FUND RAISING NEWS

The fund raising committee, headed by Barbara Carlson held the Annual Holiday Craft Fair in November. There was a great variety of assorted crafts from local area crafters. A special Thank You to the folks at the Windsor Locks Town Hall for allowing us to use the facility!

In December 2006, the group held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction. The party was held at the Windsor Locks High School. A huge Thanks to the staff of the cafeteria and school for helping us and allowing us use of the cafeteria. In addition to lots of food, donated by Big Y, Cracker Barrel and others, we had a surprise visit from Santa who gave out gift cards to all the children who attended the party. The gift cards were supplied by our special friends and sponsor, East Windsor Cracker Barrel & Country Store. A big Thanks to Donna – the Country Lady and Gary!

I also want to Thank all the volunteers who help, each year, putting on this event:

Jen DiPoppo, Wayne Gannaway, Barbara Tarbell, Barbara Carlson, Martha Jarvis, Mickey Danyluk, Pauline LeBlanc, Jean and Jordie DeSousa, Carl and Priscilla Hamlin, and Joe Gronda.

On March 4, 2007, the group will host a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction. This event will be held at the VFW Hall in Windsor Locks. Tickets for this event are \$25.00 donation per person. Bring a friend and plan to spend the afternoon with us sampling fine wines and bidding on some great items donated by area merchants! For more info, contact Barbara Carlson at (860) 654-1955.

Below is a list of sponsors and donors. Without these local businesses and individuals, our events would not be possible. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR CONTINUING TO HELP WITH OUR EFFORTS! Please make sure to support these local businesses, for without them, we could not accomplish what we are trying to!

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<i>David Glass Cheesecakes</i>	<i>Jean &amp; Jordie DeSousa</i>	<i>Big Y</i>

#### LAST MINUTE UPDATE!

On January 16, 2007, the residents of the Town of Windsor Locks voted to accept the STEAP (Small Town Economic Assistance Program) grant funding to help our efforts to Save the Train Station. The grant, in the amount of \$225,000.00, is to be used for attorney fees, historically replicated fencing, brick & mortar repair, design and architectural fees, and other related costs.

It has taken many long hours of hard work and persistence to reach this goal. This is the best news we've had in months and what a great way to kick off 2007!

Special thanks to Patrick McMahon, the town's economic development consultant, the Town of Windsor Locks Selectmen and all who've had worked so hard to help us reach this goal!

#### UPCOMING PRESERVATION FLEA MARKET

As a reminder, May 2007 is National Preservation Month. We will be looking for clean items to be donated for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Preservation Flea Market. For more info, contact Martha Jarvis at (860) 623-4234.

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