



## Windsor Locks Preservation Association, Inc.

*We're on the Right Track!*

### Greetings From the President

For years, people on the sidelines have been asking, “Is anything going on with the train station?”; “What are they going to do with it?” Well, this past Tuesday (September 1), a special Board of Selectmen Meeting was held to address Amtrak’s request to the Selectmen to write a letter of recommending the WLPA’s acquisition of the station property, a pledge that the historic building would never again be utilized as a train stop itself and that the site would not become a train stop in the future. Given that the townspeople voted to pursue a study assessing the feasibility of moving the train stop from the south end of town back to the area north of the historic train yard, the Selectmen declined drafting the letter at this time pending preliminary results of the study due in about 90 days.

We, the WLPA, our members, volunteers and supporters have done Herculean work in less than 5 years! We founded this new non-profit, held activities stirring town interest, landed grants totaling \$250,000 and netted almost \$45,000 in cash reserves. We have challenged the system — even being a catalyst for 2 Main Street studies. We have done our work! Before us lies the challenge of being patient as we wait — yet again.

But, we must keep our eyes on the prize — an acquired and restored antique train station — the center piece of a revitalized Main Street. This will be a symbol of hope, pride and accomplishment for us and our community, not to mention future generations.

Lovingly,  
Mickey Danyluk, President & Co-Founder

### Upcoming Events

#### **-Mums Offered:**

Again this year, WLPA will host it’s 3rd Annual Mum Sale, offering potted mums in various colors for the suggested donation of \$10. Orders are being taken now for September delivery. Mums will be available every weekend Saturdays and Sundays in September 9am to 2 pm at a stand in Dexter Plaza. Call Jean 627-9219 to order.

***-Annual Meeting:***

The Annual Meeting of WLPA will be held Wednesday, October 7th at 6 pm in the Community Room of the WL Public Library on Main Street. The business will include an overview of the past year: committee reports, financial reports and most importantly—election of our Board of Directors for the next term 2010-2012. Please attend and consider taking office as we fill the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Trustee.

***-Educational Programs:***

Lectures on local history were presented in May, June and July at the library. A program has been promised on local men who served in World War I to be offered around Veterans Day in November. More details to follow!

***-Train Station Committee:***

WLPA awaits the preliminary study to be offered the town officials assessing the feasibility of moving an active train stop to the area north of the historic train yard. This report is due in early December and will suggest how much land adjacent to the historic train station will be required by such plans and when the Selectmen can write a letter of recommendation for Amtrak to transfer the station property to WLPA. If you have questions or concerns, please call Barbara 798-5376.

***-Amherst Railroad Hobby Show:***

Again in January, WLPA will display a table amongst other railroad hobbyists. The Amherst Railroad Society, which sponsors the event at the Big E's Better Living Center in Agawam, has provided annual grants to WLPA specifically for the restoration of the historic train station in Windsor Locks, once it is acquired. We need coverage for 2 shifts on Saturday, January 30, 2010 and Sunday, January 31, 2010—mornings and afternoons. Please consider attending this event and manning our table. The buzz around the center is truly contagious! Please contact Barbara 798-5376.

***-Incentive Gifts:***

Need a gift for that special someone and want to support WLPA at the same time? WLPA offers incentive gifts to prompt fundraising. We offer T-Shirts (X and X-L) for the suggested donation of \$15; logo magnets for a donation of \$1.50; also available are DVD movies of Windsor Locks history—the 150th Anniversary and a pictorial history of Windsor Locks history, also pen and ink sketch notecards of the station and colored print notecards of the station. Please call Barbara 623-0317.

***-Octoberfest:***

The Town of Windsor Locks will be sponsoring Octoberfest festivities at the Noden-Reed Park on West Street on Sunday, October 4th. If you would like to represent WLPA at a table with newsletters, hand-outs and incentive gifts, please call Mickey 623-4143.

***-Membership Dues:***

If you have not paid your annual dues for 2009, please do so now. Individual memberships are \$10 annually, \$100 life memberships. Junior Memberships for youth are free. Join our activist group—help make things happen in Windsor Locks!

***“Let’s Save the Windsor Locks Train Station!”***