

Watchung Historical Committee!

Committee invites all Watchung residents to visit the Watchung Texier House Museum in the Watchung Circle. Join us every first and third Sundays of each month from 2pm to 4pm with us for special holidays and events. Be sure to check the Borough website for announcements, programming, and special guests! We will once again participate in Somerset County's Weekend of the Past October 7th and 8th and hope that you can join us during this weekend!

Working on new additions and improvements to the Texier House Museum. Recently, we have proudly with Helena Ruta, Girl Scout Gold Award candidate who has been creating a new display for Borough Schools at the Texier House Museum. Her project includes: a brand-new timeline with maps and photos of all the schools in the Borough's history, a scavenger hunt that can be used at the museum, and a time capsule of student essays describing the life of a student in the Watchung. This time capsule will be sealed for 25 years and reopened in 2048! She also interviewed students and staff from the Watchung Borough Schools, and we hope to have these interviews added to the collection in the future. We thank Helena for her hard work and dedication to this display. We also thank the members of our committee and the community who have supported her on this journey. We will celebrate her achievements and updates to the school display in a special Open House event that will be on November 10th.

We are always grateful for community donations. We would like to extend our appreciation to Tim Jones for the donation of ice cutting tools used at Watchung Lakwe. The Pennett Family donated a laundry room, which will be added to the Home and Hearth Room. We are constantly reminded that the museum is a community museum which continues to benefit from the hard work of residents, volunteers, and historical committee members alike.

We are working closely with the Borough to launch a historical website that will be an online repository for all the information we have collected over the years including tours of the museum, interviews with residents, and we have continued to expand our historic collection of films more recently with interviews with Watchung residents as mentioned above.

We will have a complete video tour of the museum up online soon which can continue to be updated as the displays are updated. We will also be working with the Borough to post frequent questions about Watchung on the digital sign outside of Borough Hall. We hope to expand this program in the future as time to come!

For everyone that in 2026, Watchung will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Our committee is planning out this milestone and what events will be celebrated. Ideas for this celebration can be shared with the Historical Committee and Mayor as we move forward and draw nearer. The Watchung Historical Committee has completed as much of the restoration and conservation of the Legend of Watchung mural as possible. We want to thank once again the nearly 200 donors who helped to make this fundraiser and mural a success in 2017 and beyond! Saving the mural was a community effort, just as the



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Legend of Watchung was between the years of 1911 and 1936, and a final encore in 1964 in Jersey's 300th Anniversary.

Watchung, we cannot help but notice that there are so many names and places tied to the and people who were part of the Legend of Watchung. It has always been part of the fabric orough. The mural was painted years ago as a form of storytelling through visuals, before TV s. While the Sears store in Watchung has come and gone, the mural is still unique and g and the surrounding area; it is a one of a kind. Some have argued that the mural was one g features of the store itself! We look forward to announcing the location of a new home for ginal, and important piece of artwork soon!

mittee of Watchung is grateful for public input, donations, and patronage. To learn more about he Watchung Texier House Museum, and to volunteer please email us at info@watchungnj.gov.

WATCHUNG HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

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interviews with Watchung Borough residents. We also hope to have a complete digital archive online soon which can continue to be updated. We will also plan to post frequent questions about the digital sign outside of Borough Hall and the program in the future. More details to come.

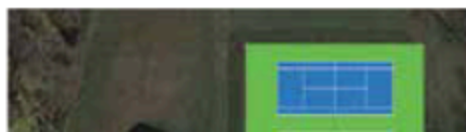
We want to remind everyone that we are celebrating its 100th Anniversary. We want to share about this milestone and what this celebration can be shared with the community as we move forward and into the future.

The Watchung Historical Committee is proud of the restoration and conservation work that has been done as possible. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this fun project a success in 2017 and beyond! So much effort, just as the reenactment of the battle between the years of 1911 and 1912. The celebration of New Jersey's 300th anniversary is a great opportunity to share our history.

As we look around Watchung, there are so many names and places that have been part of the fabric of this village. The mural painted years ago as a form of self-expression on TV streaming platforms. While the mural has come and gone, the mural is still a part of the area; it is a reminder that the mural was one of the many things that made itself! We look forward to announcing the mural for this impressive, original, and unique piece of art.

The Historical Committee of Watchung is always looking for input, donations, and patronage. We are always happy to help the Watchung Texier House Museum. Please email us at historic@watchungnj.org

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