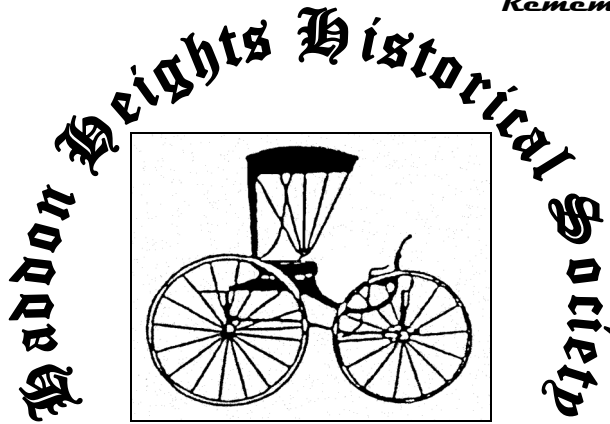


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# Bulletin

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We meet on the third **MONDAY** of January, April, July, and October - at **7:00pm**

**Please Note Meeting Date Change !!!!!!!**- Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday falling on the third Monday of January, we have set back our meeting date by one week! We will be meeting on Monday evening January 27th at 7:00pm in the Haddon Heights Public Library. The presentation harkens back to the dark days of the Cold War with Russia in the 1950's and 1960's, focusing on the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis. Do you remember when we all faced Mutually Assured World Destruction? Did you know that the HH Library was an official air-raid shelter (sign/symbol recently removed from the building)? We will be treated to a power-point in-depth full disclosure of the "fallout" of this nuclear confrontation, over the past 50+ years .

Our speaker will be Major Brian D. Fitzgerald U.S. Army Infantry, Retired Reserve. During his active time with the Army Reserve, Maj. Fitzgerald rose from the rank of PFC- Private First Class, to Major, and volunteered to be deployed to Afghanistan in 2009. That tour ended in 2012 at age 60. He has

owned Fitz-In Computer business, specializing in computer networking, for 30 years. He also worked in the insurance industry for many years, and served as volunteer Assistant Scout Master for Boy Scout Troop #76 in Mt. Laurel for 8 years. He is presently the Commander of American Legion Post #38 in Haddonfield, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus Moorestown Council. Maj. Fitzgerald has been married to his wife Linda for 41 years. They have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**- I would like to wish all of you a Happy, Healthy, and Warm New Year. We have been busy planning an interesting, and hopefully exciting year for your enjoyment. I am again asking each of you to please consider volunteering to join us on the Board, or a committee. Our Membership Chairperson, Cheryl Alexander, is no longer able to continue in her role, and has resigned. We all appreciate Cheryl's dedicated and hard work this past year. Art Ritter has volunteered to handle part of the Membership Chair work on a temporary basis. Please consider volunteering to fill this position. We cannot do it without YOU. I look forward to seeing you at the January 27, 2014 Meeting as we welcome Major Brian D. Fitzpatrick to reflect back on The Cuban Missile Crisis. Please note the date of the January meeting is January 27 , and please consider bringing a friend. *Elena*



## N.J. LEAGUE OF HISTORICAL SOCIETIES TO MEET IN HADDON

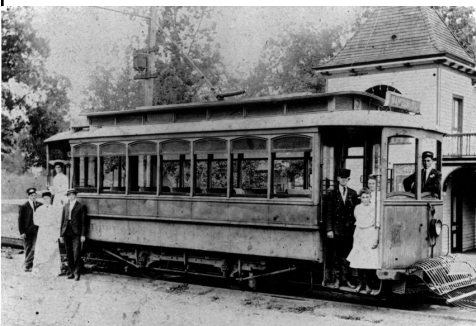
**HEIGHTS:** We need volunteers to help represent the Haddon Heights Historical Society on March 8, 2014 as we host the League of Historical Societies of New Jersey state-wide Spring Meeting. It has been 10 years since we hosted a meeting of the state society. In 2014, we will be celebrating the 350th anniversary of New Jersey! That's a big deal.

During this very special day, you can participate in presentations about our wonderful Post Office sculpture- "The Letter", hear about our TEN interpretive historical markers around town, visit our historic Scout Log Cabin, the renovated Stanfill Manor house, the railroad station, or take a tour of one of the few surviving Vaudeville Theaters- at the Ritz in Oaklyn.

Time is running short! We are looking for Society members to help plan and organize this event. If you are interested in participating in the planning or helping out on the day of the event, please call the committee chairperson, Anne McAdams, at 856-547-0058. The day begins at 8:30am at the H.H. Post Office and will continue at the H.H. Community Center, before participants break out to visit the hosted sites. There is a special reduced registration fee for Haddon Heights Historical Society members. \$15 (discounted from \$25) gets you into the presentations, and luncheon! Registration forms are available at the H.H. Library. Last time out, we did Haddon Heights Proud! I would like to see us top that in 2014.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR BOARD POSITIONS BEING SOUGHT-** Please see the back page for openings on the Board and Committees. In order to keep things vibrant and active, we are always looking for new ideas and friends to help share the work of keeping this society going. If you would like to volunteer or suggest someone for a vacant position, please let us know at the January meeting!

### APRIL 2014 MEETING TOPIC- Railroading in Haddon



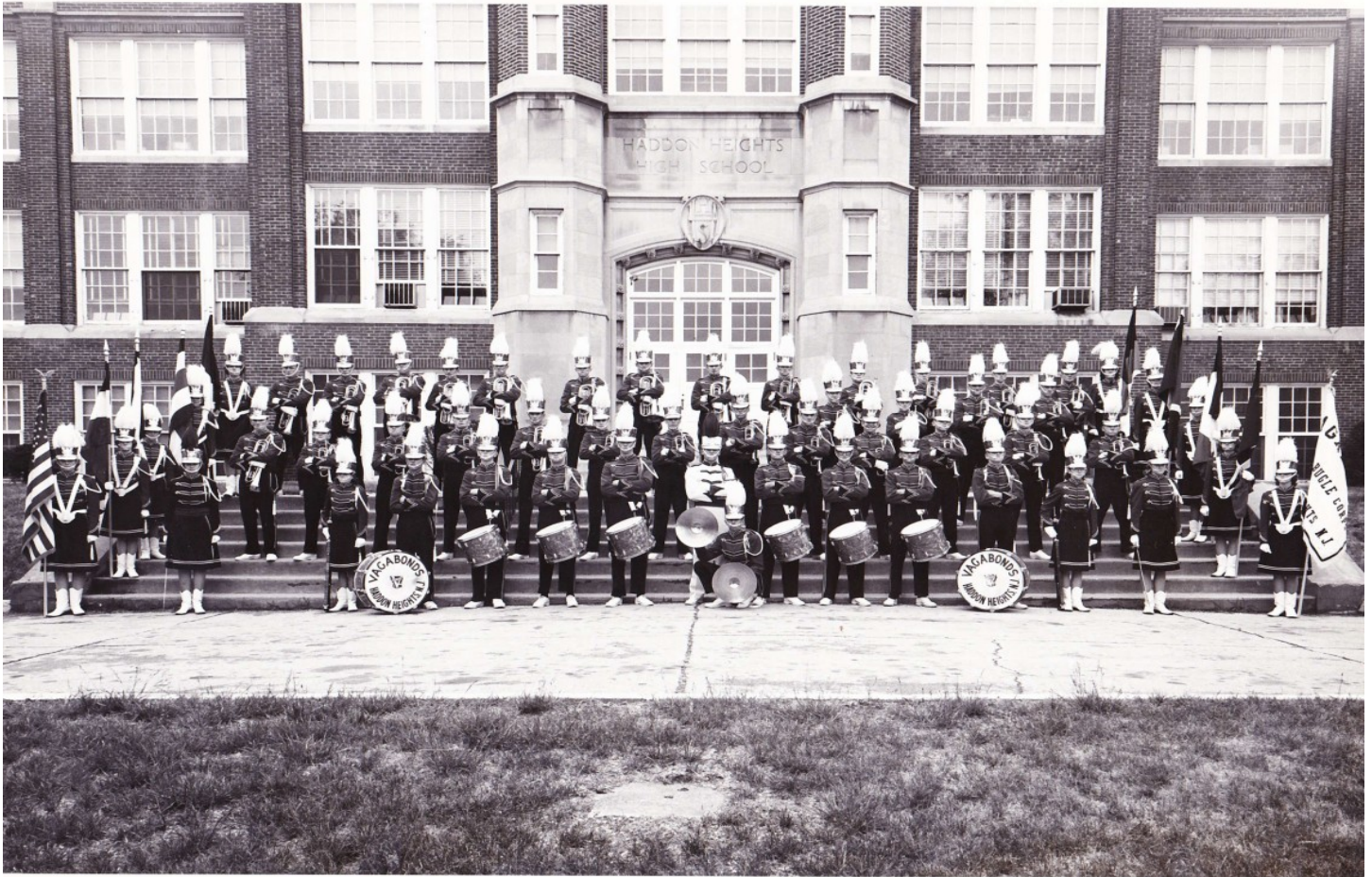
Heights. Members of the South Jersey Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society and the Delaware & Susquehanna Model Railroad Club will present a photo history of the station, trains, and trolleys in Haddon Heights through the years.



**VAGABONDS DRUM & BUGLE CORPS PLANS REUNION-** The Vagabonds Jr. Drum & Bugle Corps is planning a reunion of former members on May 10, 2014 in Haddon Heights. The Corps was formed in 1954 by Robert Powell and John (Dick) Zinn and was sponsored by Haddon Heights VFW Post 1958. The corps was based in Haddon Heights through 1963 and moved to Pennsauken and Stratford after 1963, merging with other junior corps. A junior corps allowed boys and girls from 10 to 21 years of age. The Vagabonds participated in the July 4 and Christmas parades while based in Haddon Heights. Originally a parade corps, the unit entered competition in 1956. The corps won the South Jersey Assn. championship in its first year of competition. The corps entered the VFW Nationals after only 2 years of competing and placed tenth. The corps competed in the South Jersey Assn. until 1960 winning first place in 1957, 58 and 59. The corps then moved to the Penn Jersey Assn. in 1961. During those premier years from 1961 through 1964, the Vagabonds defeated every junior drum and bugle corps in New Jersey except for the Blessed Sacrament Golden Knights of Newark, NJ. The Vagabonds were one of over 30 junior drum and bugle corps competing in eastern PA and NJ during the 1950's and 1960's.

The S.J Vagabonds Alumni Corps was formed in 2000 and continues to perform in parades throughout

South Jersey. How many of you participated in the Vagabonds, the Bon Bons, or other South Jersey Drum Corps Groups? The photo below was taken in front of the Haddon Heights High School and was labeled with a date of 1963. Do you see yourself or recognize anyone you knew?



All former and current alumni members are invited to attend the reunion and should contact Carol Powell Larro (856) 547-0784, or Rich Lipko (856) 547-2079, for details. This information was supplied by Rich Lipko, who also sent me the VAGABONDS photo. Please share with anyone who may be interested in this reunion gathering.

**HADDON HEIGHTS TURNS 110 IN 2014 !!** Celebrate our rich history. Become more active in the Historical Society!

**DUES ARE NOW DUE FOR 2014- See membership application below!!!**

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**2014 Membership Application / Renewal- Haddon Heights Historical Society**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Single- \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Household- \$15.00

I would also like to make a tax deductible donation to the Haddon Heights Historical Society, in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I am interested in getting involved with:  Publicity  Newsletter  Web site  Programs  Marketing

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COMING EVENTS

1/27/14- 7:00pm General Membership meeting:  
Topic- October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis- What we know now that we didn't, then

3/8/14 -League of Historical Societies of NJ Spring Meeting in Haddon Heights !!! March 8th. 2014 is the 350th anniversary of NJ.-Please join our planning committee.

4/ 21/14-7:00pm General Membership Meeting- Railroad history in Haddon Heights.

7/21/14- 7:00pm General Membership Meeting- 70th anniversary of D-Day; Bill Lang

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MEMBERSHIP REMINDER- Your Dues "Paid Through" YEAR date is printed on your newsletter label. If your date is not 2014, your Dues are "Due". Please make sure you are up to date. Don't risk being dropped from our mailing list!!!

*Just a reminder...The Historical Society is a 501(c)3 organization. Please keep us in mind as you plan your charitable donations. Make us part of Your Legacy...*

THANKS for listening... If you come across old photos of Haddon Heights, or old stories of historic interest, please contact me. Thanks to Past President Peter Hill for arranging for the speaker and supplying the first page graphic! Please share YOUR stories. Send me your reflections, reminiscences, memories, recollections, or just anything that comes to mind about the past as it relates to our town! Let us remember yesterday for the people of tomorrow...

Ken Funkhouser, Editor

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