# Wenonah Historical Society Pice **Newsletter**

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#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

#### Dear Members,

As our program for the year comes to a close, we would like to thank everyone for their work throughout this past year. Our organization relies on you and we could not operate without your many contributions. For fear of forgetting someone, we will not try to name everyone but know we appreciate what you do! As we think back over the year, there are two accomplishments we are especially proud of and want to highlight: we are so excited to have the new Wenonah book published and we are so pleased to see the train station being rehabilitated!

We wish you a very special summer filled with relaxation and fun activities but also good times with family and friends. If over the summer you have ideas for new programs or activities, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact one of the officers.

We hope you can join us for the picnic at Wenonah Lake on Friday, June 12, at 5:00 p.m. Please contact us if you'd like to come. We are asking everyone to bring an item to share for eight.

Again, have a great summer! Brenda Birkland and Barb Capelli

#### STATION REHAB PROGRESS

For various reasons, it does not appear the train station will be complete by July 4<sup>th</sup>. Many of the steel columns that hold the roof of the platform were almost completely rusted through at the base. It is amazing the roof had not collapsed. The plan is to weld new steel patches in these areas rather than replacing the entire column, which is cost prohibitive.

WHS OFFICERS 2009	
President	Barbara Capelli
Vice Pres.	Brenda Birkland
Secretary	Vicki McCall
Treasurer	Carol Wiltsee
Trustee	Betty MacLeod
Trustee	Louis McCall
Meetings are held the	
second Friday of each month at	
the Community Center (Train	
Station)	
except June, July and August	

The exterior color selection was made and it was decided to go with the original color scheme in 1893 as found by architect Margaret Westfield. The colors will be a dark green on the trim and doors and a light grey/green on the stucco.

The brick pavers for the plaza will be installed soon and this should soften the appearance of the concrete area recently poured. There are also shrubbery beds planned in several rectangular areas and this will soften the appearance of the hardscaping. You may ask why so much hardscaping? The Borough plans to relocate the annual Christmas tree lighting from the park to the station plaza and to use the plaza for future community events as well.

## GLOUCESTER DEMOCRAT APRIL 20, 1893

The erection of the Wenonah Inn was one of the conditions under which the West Jersey railroad are erecting a handsome railroad station on the east side of the tracks. The new building is constructed of rough-faced Eastern hydraulic brick, which gives it the appearance of a finely chizzled [sic] stone structure.

## GLOUCESTER DEMOCRAT DECEMBER 7, 1893

The real beauty of our little station is more highly appreciated these cold wintry months. To the early birds especially, the bright cheery waiting room presents a most attractive appearance. The building of the station master's house in connection with the office improvement also is a great making it not only more convenient for this official, but giving him a better opportunity of fulfilling the duties of his position.

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