

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **MANALAPAN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMITTEE SEEKS TO PRESERVE LOCAL HISTORY**

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Manalapan, NJ: The Manalapan Township Historical Committee seeks residents' assistance to preserve local history.

Manalapan established its Historical Committee during 2016 to provide information, education, and public awareness regarding Manalapan's history. The Committee carries on the tradition of Lydia Wikoff, who served as the Manalapan Township Historian for more than three decades beginning in 1980.

Manalapan's rich past includes the Battle of Monmouth, one of the most significant engagements of the American Revolution, which occurred on June 28, 1776. The New Jersey Legislature officially incorporated Manalapan on March 9, 1848. The Township remained largely agricultural until the mid-twentieth century, when rapid development began.

Chairman Jan Zachary has lived in the Township for over sixty years. "My family moved to Manalapan when I was a child," he said. "Since then, I've seen tremendous changes throughout the town and a vastly expanded population. We formed the Historical Committee to bring awareness of Manalapan's history to its residents and to document its past before it's too late."

To aid in its preservation goals, the Committee is asking residents to donate, lend, or copy materials of local historical significance, such as antiques, photographs, documents, postcards, and newspapers. An example of a particular item would be an Aumack Dairy bottle from the middle of the 20th century. Another example the committee has already received is the picture included in this article: It is a card table listing Businesses from the late 1940's to 1952. The Committee also encourages residents to advise us of historical homes for inclusion on a Township list.

The Historical Committee meets at Manalapan Town Hall on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. Residents wishing to contribute to the Committee's mission are encouraged to attend meetings or contact Chairman Zachary at 732-446-8308 or email at [mhc@mtnj.org](mailto:mhc@mtnj.org). For more information, residents can review the Committee's mission and goals on the Township webpage at [http://mtnj.org/committees/historical\\_committee/](http://mtnj.org/committees/historical_committee/).