

HistWick Herald

Update on Hussey Bridge Renovations



The RI Department of Transportation is making progress on its plans to renovate the Hussey Bridge.

In a recent letter to Larry Ehrhardt, they explained that they anticipate advertising the project for construction in May or June and work could begin as early as Fall 2015. If not then, it should start in April 2016.

The work will generally be performed during the working hours of 7am to 4 pm Monday through Friday, holidays excluded.

During construction there will be alternating traffic controlled by a temporary signal during the early phases and a detour will be utilized during repairs to the center of the bridge.

Annual Meeting of the Land Conservancy of North Kingstown

Interested in Open Space issues in town? Come to the meeting of our local Land Conservancy on Tuesday, March 24th @ the NK Free Library 7:00 pm

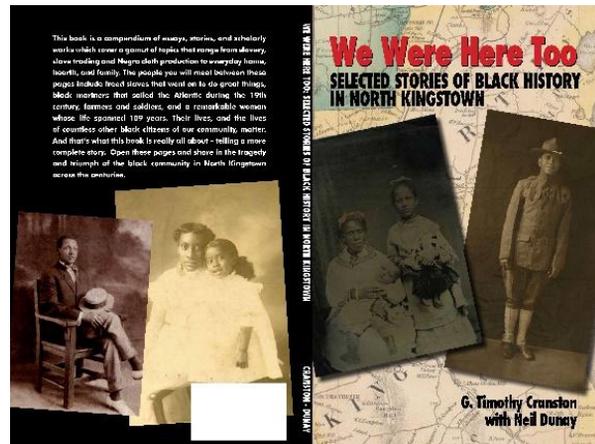
Learn about the organization and listen to a presentation by the acting NK Town planner, Nicole LaFontaine. She will make a presentation about development projects on the Post Road and the area around Cocumscussac State Park. The town recently got a grant from the state Dept. of Environmental Management to build walking paths in the park.

Cocumscussac State Park is a large piece of forest land across from Smith Castle and adjoining parts of Lafayette and Stoney Lane. Many people don't even know of its existence. Read here for some interesting background. <http://patch.com/rhode-island/northkingstown/walking-trails-planned-for-cocumcussac-state-park>

A Fascinating History....

Congratulations to Tim Cranston on the publication of the 5th book in his series
We Were Here Too: Selected Stories of Black History in North Kingstown

Books are available at the Wickford Package Store, the Grateful Heart, and the Yes Gallery as well as all online bookstores.



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Wickford to be a part of ArtVenture this Summer



HistWick will be a sponsor of North Kingstown's ArtVenture this year (July 18 – August 2nd). Art fans will search for handmade treasures by local crafters— from spunky sculptures to heart ornaments to earthenware leaves — hidden throughout trails in North Kingstown. With HistWick's sponsorship, the village will be added as an additional site.

To get an idea of how it works, visit http://www.nkartsCouncil.org/?page_id=437#!artventure/c1c9d



Contact Carol Thomas to join our committee (caroljthomas@verizon.net). We need help selecting hiding spots, tweaking our tour, and generating excitement. The Arts Council will “do the heavy lifting” so it should be fun and not too much work.

Adding the village to this program will encourage more visitors to visit the village and take the HistWick Walking Tour <http://historicwickford.org/walking-tour/> Art Venture is a great way to generate interest in our unique village.

Speaking of Wickford's Unique Charm....

Did you know that Wickford was recently named one of New England's prettiest winter villages by Yankee Magazine? <http://www.yankeemagazine.com/best-of-new-england/prettiest-winter-villages-in-new-england#>

Who can argue with that? They even included a link to the HistWick Walking Tour!



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Annual Membership - 2015

Have you renewed your membership in HistWick this year?

Not sure?
Email us at histwick1@Verizon.net
and we'll let you know.



HistWick's mission is to preserve, protect and celebrate the historic village of Wickford, its harbor and its surrounding environs.

Membership is open to anyone interested in preserving, protecting, improving and celebrating the quality of life in the historic village of Wickford. We encourage you to become members of HistWick, attend HistWick meetings and help build a clear, unified voice for (or against) issues affecting our community.

Take this opportunity to join HistWick and unite with a group of people committed to historic preservation.

Individual/Family Membership \$25 "Supporter" \$50 "Donor" \$100

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