

Howell Heritage

The Newsletter of The Howell Historical Society May, 2009

Howell Historical Society Meeting May 29, 2009 8:00 pm Howell Township Municipal Offices Building

May Meeting

The May meeting of the Howell Historical Society will feature a speaker from the U.S. Park Service at Sandy Hook. We'll hear about the lighthouse there as well as lifesaving stations and such operations.

Join us at 8:00 on May 29 and get involved in the romance of lighthouses and related subjects.

Refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

For further information about this program, please call 732- 431-4117.

June Will Bust Out All Over!

For the June meeting will have as our

speaker, **Randall Gabrielan**. He will take us on a personal video tour of historical highlights of Monmouth County. Marlpit Hall and All Saints Church, Highlands, are just two of the spots we'll visit.

Randy has been a good friend to the Howell Historical Society over the years and it will be a pleasure to have him visit us.

In Honor of Arbor Day

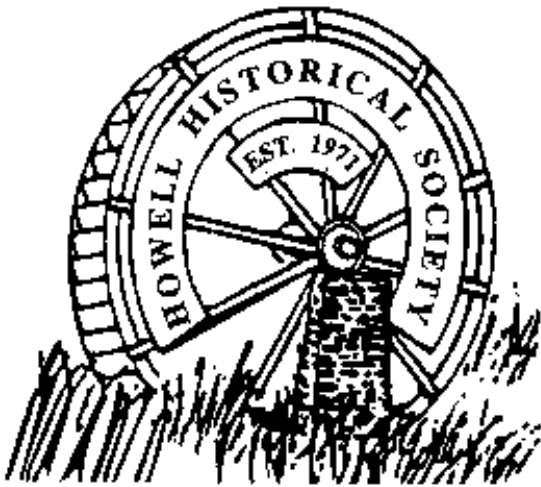
In honor of Arbor Day, **Zig Panek**, certified tree expert, spoke to us about several significant trees in Howell Township and on the value of trees in general to the health and beauty of Howell Township.

TRIVIA TIME —

Q. When did mandatory recycling go into effect in Howell Township?

HistoriFUN

for kids



Site of the original Squankum Mill

July 6 thru 10
9:00 am- noon

Howell Historical Society

This will be an opportunity for a limited number of kids, 3rd-5th grades, to learn old crafts and techniques with new twists.

contact WordPeople@AOL.com
for more information and registration

In the HHS Household:

Our vice president **Doris Howard** remains in the hospital following a stroke last month.

Trustee **Evelyn Barrow** is in rehab after a hospital stay a while ago.

Please remember to contact us when members and friends of the Howell Historical Society are ill.

Weekend in Old Monmouth

The weekend of May 2 and 3 saw a large number of notable historical sites open to the touring public. Both the MacKenzie House and the Old Ardena Schoolhouse #2 were open to visitors on both days. The weekend was sponsored by the Monmouth County Historical Commission.

We had a good number of guests visit the facilities and learn more about our past. We thank the volunteers who staffed our facilities those two days.

Ezekial Allgor Howell Resident (1780-1853)

It should be noted that this surname is spelled as Alger, Algor, Algar, Allgaier and Allgor (we will use the name with the various spellings, as it appears document by document). By consulting the Church of The Latter Day Saints records, it was determined that Ezekial Allgor was born 1780 in Monmouth County, New Jersey. He married Lydia Newman, the daughter of Zebedee Newman and Mary Brand. The records show that Lydia was born in Monmouth County about 1792. Ezekial Alger and Lydia Newman were married on April 5, 1810 in Monmouth County. From this union, three daughters (Mary, Matilda, & Lydia) and one son (James W.) were born (James Algor is found in subsequent Howell census records). At the time of the 1830 Census in Howell, Ezekiel Alger was listed as Head of Family. A total of three males and four females were living in the household. When the 1840 Census was taken in Howell, Ezekiel Alger was once again listed as Head of Family. A total of three males and four females were living in the household. Sometime before 1850, Lydia Newman Alger died. This determination was made since she was not listed in the 1850 Census. By looking at the 1850 Census

Editorially Speaking:

Howell Heritage, the newsletter of the Howell Historical Society will now be posted on the Howell Township web site www.twp.howell.nj.us/content/71/6294/default.aspx. Look under the section called Spotlight.

How cool is that?

We are grateful for the opportunity to make our organization more widely known.

records, it appears that the widowed Ezekial Algor married a second wife. During the aforementioned 1850 Census, Ezekiel Algor (age 70) and his second wife Gertrude (age 57) were living in Howell. As noted in the Church of the Latter Day Saints records, Ezekial Allgor died July 9, 1853 in Monmouth County. Just as a note of interest, a total of eighty-one (81) people with this surname were living in Monmouth County when the 1930 Census was taken. The name was still spelled in various ways in 1930, just as it is to this day.

Tim Clayton

Friends,

I'm taking orders for handcrafted birdhouses which are being assembled by the Men's Club of my church. All profits will be added to our Men's Club treasury. We help to support the missions and operating cost of the Central United Methodist Church of Point Pleasant Beach. If you are interested in ordering, please let me know what and how many you would like to order. You do not need to make payment until I deliver your order.

Tim

You may contact Tim at WordPeople@AOL.com

HistoriFUN

A program of fun and hands-on education for a small group kids will be offered at the MacKenzie House this July. It will be a week of exploring some old fashioned crafts and techniques with new twists. Young people in 3rd through 5th grade will create art designs and make craft projects using methods employed by our ancestors.

If you know of young people who would be interested and benefit from this type of experience, have them contact WordPeople@AOL.com.

See the flier in this issue for further information.

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Piracy is Nothing New

The current acts of piracy that are taking place off the coast of Somalia are nothing new to the international community. The current talk in Washington that we are fighting a new type of war against a different type of foe is totally erroneous. As we know, history repeats itself and much can be learned from the past.

Ruthless, unconventional foes are not new to the United States of America. From the 11th century to the early 19th century, the Barbary Pirates operated off the coast of North Africa. They looked at themselves as "privateers" and considered their enemy to be any nation that had not negotiated treaties with the Barbary rulers. They were based in Tunis, Tripoli, Algiers, Sale and other ports. Their range of savagery stretched from the Barbary Coast, throughout the Mediterranean, southward to Africa's Atlantic Seaboard, and up to the North Atlantic, as far north as Iceland. These North Africa pirates primarily attacked European ships, but the American ships were also attacked prior to and after our war for independence. Not only did the pirates attack ships, they also plundered coastal towns and took the occupants as slaves. As a result of these attacks on the coastal citizens, vast stretches of land were abandoned in Spain and Italy. Prior to the United States War for Independence, the American ships sailing to Europe were protected by England due to the fact that they paid ransom and tribute payments to the Barbary Pirates. During the War for Independence, France continued protecting the American Ships. After we won our independence from England, the United States of America maintained its own interest against the aforementioned pirates by utilizing the same "tribute" arrangement as the Europeans. These payments amounted to 20% of the US Treasury in 1800. In spite of these payments, the piracy continued, which stiffened the American resolve to resist the continuation of the tribute payments. As a result of the continuing piracy, the United States participated in its first war outside of our national boundaries, which was the Barbary War (1801-1805). The Americans rallied around the slogan, "millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute". The second Barbary War took place in 1815. During the Barbary wars, the Navy and the Marines won big victories, thus ending America's tribute payments. Of special interest is the fact that the United States Marine Corps actions led to the line "to the shores of Tripoli", which is in the opening of the Marine Hymn. Due to the difficulties in boarding the pirate ships, the Marines wore leather lined high collars to ward off the slashing pirates. To this day,

the Marines are still known as the "Leather Necks". However, in spite of the aforementioned successes, the Barbary Coast Pirates broke most of the treaties and continued their savage actions. In 1830, the French conquered Algeria, causing the deaths of up to a third of the population. The actions of the French effectively ended the piracy on the Barbary Coast.

One of the lasting lessons for the United States of America was never give in to outlaws. In the late 1700s, America paid significant blackmail for peace by making payments of \$900,000 to the Algerians alone, at a time when the national revenues totaled just \$7 million. Thomas Jefferson correctly said, "Paying tribute will merely invite more demands". When he became president in 1801, he refused any further tribute and/or ransom demands.

Tim Clayton

Sources

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GlobalSecurity.org

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Wikipedia.com

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Round and About Howell Township

What's Going On At The Southard Grange

The Grange has announced they are holding a food cooperative on Saturday mornings. The cost is \$25 a month. You will also have the opportunity to learn how to can or freeze baked bread, pies, cookies and more. For further information, please call 732-901-8777 or you can stop by the Grange, located at 4860 Highway 9, Howell.

Adelphia Fire Company

The Junior Firefighters are collecting aluminum recyclables. All proceeds will be donated to the St. Barnabas Burn Center ACBC Program (Aluminum Cans For Burned Children). All donations to be dropped off at the Adelphia Fire Company Firehouse, Rt. 524, at the designated drop-off area. If you have any questions, please call 732-577-1781.

"Fiction to Fact" Space Toys & Memorabilia Collection

Dec.-Aug.09; the collection features toys, games, posters, and books, as well as memorabilia from Russia's and America's space mission; it is on loan from Kaller's America Gallery; Monmouth Museum on Brookdale Community College Campus, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft; 732-747-2266;

www.monmouthmuseum.org

New 4-H Puppet Club for 1st-3rd grade students

Sat. June 13; children will have the opportunity to make various types of puppets, create puppet characters and originate puppet skits. NO CHARGE FOR THE PROGRAM; they will meet at the Mon. Co. 4-H Office located at 4000 Kozloski Rd., Freehold; for more information contact Ellen Williams, 4-H agent, at 732-431-7266, Williams@rcrc.rutgers.edu, or 4-H club leader Rita Kole at 732-462-8607

Monmouth County Park System

Nature Programs

Stately Homes By-the-Sea Designer Show House

April 28-May 31, 10:00am-4:00pm, Tues.-Sun.; this features the work of more than 60 interior and landscape designers in an H.T. Lindeberg-designed architectural treasure; Sheep's Run, 99 Rumson Rd., Rumson; \$30 adult, \$25 senior; 732-224-6791; www.statelyhomes-by-the-sea.com

Private Lives

May 12-31; Noel Coward's classic wit is given a sultry, sexy South American twist, as new Latin light is shed on one of the greatest plays about love, marriage, love, divorce and of course...love; Two River Theatre Company, 21 Bridge Ave., Red Bank; for tickets call 732-345-1400; www.trtc.org

Howell Parks and Recreation

Pony Grooming and Horsemanship Camp

REGISTER EARLY-LIMITED SPACE IS AVAILABLE
June 29-July 3 and August 10-14; This is a Petite Equestrian Program for children 3 to 6 years of age and a Pony Grooming and Riding Program for children 7 to 11 years. These programs are perfect for the returning or slightly experienced participant and for those who learn at a slightly faster pace. Safety, anatomy, English and Western riding, along with grooming and body language are a few of the topics covered during this event. These camps will be held at the Echo Lake Park. This program will develop your child's self-confidence and team spirit, while creating a genuine appreciation and respect for these animals. For further information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Howell Recreation Bus Trips

South Street Seaport

July 18 but RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 12; fee is \$26 for transportation only; located on lower Manhattan's waterfront and offering shops, cafes, restaurants and more; bus departs town hall at 9:00am and returns approximately 7:00pm

Baltimore Inner Harbor

August 15 but RESERVATIONS BY JULY 10; this is one of the top destinations in the city of Baltimore; there is a wide array of things to do at the harbor such

as shopping, restaurants, Baltimore Aquarium, Maryland Science Center, Fort McHenry; fee is \$43 for transportation only; bus departs town hall at 8:00am and returns approximately 8:00pm; for more information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2501

Manasquan Reservoir Visitor/Environmental Center

Weekend Boat Tours

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend

Tours are 45 minutes and will be offered on Sat., Sun. and holidays; tours start at the top of each hour from 1:00pm-4:00pm; the fee is \$4.67 per adult and \$2.80 per child under 12 + tax; each tour is narrated by a naturalist from the environmental center and will include excellent opportunities to view turtles, egrets, herons, ospreys, and perhaps even a bald eagle; for more information call 732-751-9453

Brook Trout Send-off Ceremony

May 31, 12:00pm-3:00pm; It's about time to say goodbye to our young brook trout. After months of care, the young trout which we received as eggs back in Oct. are big enough to find a home in the Manasquan River. Help the naturalists feed the trout one last time before releasing them into the river. Then enjoy some fun, fishy crafts and nature movies. At the end of the ceremony we will gather our tiny brook trout and take a short trip to the river for their release. You are welcome to follow us to the release site in your own vehicle. No pre-registration necessary. call 732-751-9453 for more information.

Nature Expressions (all ages, under 18 with adult)

June 7, 10:00am-11:30am; (Program #I3393A)

June 10, 10:00am-11:30am; (Program #I3593A)

Take a new look at the world around you. Learn new observation skills as you make journal entries and simple sketches along the Cove Trail. Bring a small backpack to carry your materials. Paper and pencil will be provided, or you can bring your own. One 1-hour and 30 minute sessions \$6.75 per person

Moonshadow Canoe Paddle (adults)

June 8, 7:00pm-9:30pm; (Program #W7993A)

Experience a new adventure under the stars as you meet new people. Join us for this easy canoe paddle where we'll see the nightlife and, with any luck, our moon shadow. Paddlers ages 14 and up are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. One 2-hour and 30 minute session \$17.00.

White Water Basics -Level 1 (adults)

June 13, 9:00am-3:00pm; (Program #W7793A)

Interested in paddling on narrow rivers and white water? Then start your paddling adventure with the

basics — equipment, safety, wet exits, launching and landing, boat handling, and more. Ages 14 and up welcome when accompanied by an adult. One 6-hour session \$63.00 per person.

Sunset Eco Cruise (all ages, under 18 with adult)

June 19, 7:00pm-8:00pm; (Program #I4493A)

Take a peaceful evening cruise on the beautiful Manasquan Reservoir. You will have an opportunity to see osprey, eagles, and cormorants to name just a few species. One 1-hour session \$5.00 per person.

Father's Day Sail (ages 12 and up, with adult)

June 21, 10:00am-12:30pm; (Program #W4593A)

Spend some time enjoying the wind in your sails on the Manasquan Reservoir. We supply the boat and crew while you get an opportunity to bring back memories of sailing as a kid, or to see if sailing is for you. One 2-hour and 30-minute session \$35.00 per person.

Flatwater Basics - Level 1 (adults)

June 27, 9:00am-3:00pm; (Program #W7893A)

Interested in paddling on lakes, bays and wide rivers? Then join our experienced instructors in learning flatwater kayak basics such as equipment, safety, wet exits, launching and handling, and basic boat handling in our fleet of touring kayaks. Ages 14 and up welcome when accompanied by an adult. One 6-hour session \$61.00 per person.

Kayak Eco-Tour of the Reservoir (adults)

June 27, 8:00am-10:00am; (Program #I3093A)

Let's go on a journey. Kayaking offers a great way to enjoy the beauty and wildlife of the Manasquan Reservoir. After a brief introduction on how to use a kayak, you will join a park naturalist for a guided ecology tour to explore the placid marshes that border this picturesque place. We will witness the diversity of birds and wildlife, such as ospreys and egrets, perhaps even a bald eagle. Your guide will interpret the natural and cultural history of the area. No experience in kayaking is needed, but be prepared to get wet. Bring insect repellent and sunscreen, and don't forget a waterproof camera. One 2-hour session \$20.00 per person.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL THE ABOVE PROGRAMS

online 24/7 - www.monmouthcountyparks.com

by phone-732-842-4000 ext. 1, Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm; by mail-send the registration form with payment to:Registration; Mon. Co. Park System; 805 Newman Springs Rd.; Lincroft, NJ 07738-1695;in person-Mon.-Fri. 8:00am-4:30pm, Administration Bldg; Thompson Park on Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft

HOWELL TOWNSHIP LIBRARY is located at 318 Old

Tavern Road; 732-938-2300; hours are Mon., Wed.10:00am-9:00pm,Tue.,Thurs. 9:00am-9:00pm; Fri. 1:00pm-5:00pm; Sat. 9:00am-5:00pm; change for July and August-Sat. 9:00am-1:00pm
All branches and headquarters will be closed May 25th.

The MAH JONGG CLUB meets at the library every Monday afternoon from 1:00pm-4:00pm; ages 13 through adult, all levels of play are welcome.

The CHESS CLUB meets at the library every Saturday from 10:00am-12:00pm, all ages and levels are welcome.

Rock Invasion

June 26, 6:00pm-10:00pm; touring acts and local bands will be playing on the lawn adjacent to the Howell Library. The library is collecting nonperishable items for the local food pantry. Please bring dry, boxed or canned foods to the concert to help fill our food bank. There will be games, prizes and water fun. Bring the whole family for a fun night. Call 732-938-2300ex. 4.

Basic Guitar Workshop series

June 29, 6:00pm-7:00pm This 4-part workshop will teach you a lot of the basics; guitar tuning, restringing, frets, tuning keys, and note structure. Students are requested to bring in a song that they would like to learn to play. This workshop is for students who have no formal guitar instruction. Bring your own guitar, an electric guitar is preferred but if you have an acoustic, that is fine too. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Workshop is for ages 12 and up. Call 732-938-2300 for more information.

2009 ELECTION INFORMATION

June 2-Primary Election (Tuesday next after the first Monday in June) Polls open 6:00am to 8:00pm.

GENERAL ELECTION

October 13-Deadline for registration and change of address (21 days preceding)

October 27-Deadline to vote by mail for civilian absentee.

November 3-General Election (Tuesday next after the first Monday in November) Pols open 6:00am to 8:00pm.

Howell Day at the Blue Claws

June 15, gates open at 5:30pm, game time is 7:05pm; arrive early for pre-game festivities; TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW, \$15 adults includes ticket, Blue Claws hat and food voucher; \$10 child 12 and under, includes ticket and hat; purchase tickets at the Howell Parks/Recreation Dept Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-4:30pm,

Mon.-Thurs. 6:00pm-9:00pm; for more information call 732-938-4500 ext. 2503

Community School will host trip to opera

Oct. 17 matinee but **RESERVATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED**

The Lakewood Community School has scheduled a bus trip to the Metropolitan Opera House to see "Aida," Verdi's grandest opera. "Aida" is the story of a love triangle between an Egyptian military commander, the princess, and Aida who is a slave girl. The fee of \$110 include balcony seat, bus transportation and driver gratuity. The bus will depart from the Lakewood municipal building at 9:00am for a 1:00pm show and return to Lakewood at about 7:00pm. For more information and reservations call 732-905-3685.

Old Towne Colts Neck

June 6 (rain date June 7) 10:00am-6:00pm; classic car show with more than 100 vintage vehicles on display. Multiple category trophies awarded. First 100 cars to register receive dash plaques. Live music and entertainment, sidewalk sales, antique auction, scavenger hunt, face painting and games. Rt. 34 N and S, Colts Neck; to register or questions e-mail **JACBARNES@OPTONLINE.NET** or phone 732-539-4870

Puss 'N' Boots

June 7, 1:00pm and 3:30pm; an afternoon of enchanting marionettes performed by the Paper Moon Puppet Theatre, Center Playhouse, 35 South St., Freehold; \$12 all seats; 732-462-9093; **www.centerplayers.org**

Walk for Empowerment-Stroll n' Roll for Spina Bifida

June 7, 9:00am registration, 10:00am walk begins; a 2k walk/wheel community event to benefit the Spina Bifida Resource Network. The walk will head south on the boardwalk in Long Branch, past the Pier Village shops to Morris Ave. and then back north to the starting line. The boardwalk is ADA approved for anyone who wishes to participate in a wheelchair. Long Branch Boardwalk Amphitheater to 28th St., Long Branch; 908-782-7475; **www.sbatsr.org** or e-mail **EVENTS@THESBRN.ORG**

Summer Flea Market

June 13 (rain date June 14) 8:00am-3:00pm; historic Allaire Village within Allaire St. Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; admission is free but there is a \$5 state park parking fee; **www.allairevillage.org**

39th Annual New Jersey Irish Festival

June 13, 12:00noon-8:00pm; music, Irish-themed vendors, pipe-bands, and much more; Lakewood

BlueClaws Stadium, 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood; \$8 in advance, \$10 day of event, children under 12 free; 732-901-7000; **www.blueclaws.com**

23rd Annual New Jersey Seafood Festival

June 13-14, start 11:00am June 13, end 7:00pm June 14; one of the largest seafood festivals in the nation; Great seafood, crafters, and live entertainment. Sponsored by the Belmar Tourism Commission. Silver Lake Park, Fifth and Ocean Ave., Belmar; 732-681-3700 ext. 227; **www.visitbelmarnj.com**

School Days in the 1830's

June 14, 1:00pm and 2:30pm; children ages 6 to 12 will be instructed by a volunteer in period dress, using the Lancastrian method. This course of instruction included a system of reciting the lessons of the day. Led by an older student, a group of younger children would repeat the lessons for a chosen subject, and by using their slates, pencils and lesson books, would make notations to help them remember that which they needed to learn. Admission is free but there is a \$5 per car parking fee from Memorial Day to Labor Day; Historic Village Carriage House within Allaire St. Park, Rt. 524/4265 Atlantic Ave., Wall; 732-919-3500; **www.allairevillage.org**

Frankie Valli Benefit Concert

June 26, 8:00pm; a benefit concert presented by the Boys and Girls Club of Mon. Co.; Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member Frankie Valli's career achieved lasting success with the Four Seasons, releasing a remarkable string of hit singles; all of those hit songs are still represented in Valli's live show; Count Basie Theatre, 99 Monmouth St., Red Bank; \$199, \$99, \$75, \$60; 732-842-9000; **www.countbasietheatre.org**

5th Annual Russian and Slavic Cultural Festival

Sun., Oct. 4, 2009 12-7 pm; Saint Alexander Nevsky Cathedral; 200 Alexander Ave., Howell, NJ 07731; 908-432-3140;

www.stalexandernevskycathedral.com/

Experience all the warmth and beauty of Russian Slavic culture. Ethnic food, drink, music and dancing. Live performances throughout the day, traditional arts and crafts, and games for children.

Trustees, Howell Historical Society

Don Smith, 2009 Chairperson

Pauline Smith

Ida Devlin

Evelyn Barrow

John Armata

Lynne Gillette, Alternate

HOWELL HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I would like to enroll/renew (circle one) as a member in the category checked:

\$10 Individual \$15 Family \$30 Sponsor \$50 Patron

Name: _____

Phone: (day) _____ (night) _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Return this form with your check to: Lynne Gillette, PO Box 694, Farmingdale NJ 07727

The success of our museum, schoolhouse, library, and grounds depends upon the help of many willing hands. We need YOUR help. Please check the list below and indicate how you might us:

Officer Herb Gardens Gift shop help Photography Publicity

Library Calligraphy Newsletter Computer skills

Accessioning gifts

Crafts Housekeeping Genealogy work Carpentry & signs

Other Interests (please specify) _____

Membership is on an annual basis and may be tax deductible

Come On
Come On

to the

Howell Historical Society
Yard Sale

June 13

9:30am-1:30pm

MacKenzie House

spaces for \$10 (you provide table)

refreshments will be available

Call 732-918-7036 for information and to
reserve space