

# The MSHC Newsletter

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## The MSHC 2012 Year in Review

Year 2012 concluded as a very busy year for the Maywood Station Museum. Aside from the usual mix of preservation and maintenance items we attend to, membership embarked on a very challenging schedule of museum open house events including our second year hosting a series of free concerts at the station.

In 2012, we added free concerts on the station grounds to our three Wednesday evening open houses in May, June and August. Unfortunately, the August 15 free concert was rained out. The concerts were called **The Maywood Station Museum Backyard Summer Concert Series** and were once again sponsored by **Park Avenue Acura**. The concerts featured performances by local bands including **Legend of the Fall**; **Dave Murphy**; **Blue Plate Special** and were extremely well received. On September 30, the museum hosted a combined **Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station** and **RocktoberFest 2012**, which featured a free concert. The event went on exceptionally well and it was estimated that over approximately 400 people visited the station that day. The **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on December 15 drew a record-high of 529 visitors.

Public attendance figures to the museum's 2012 schedule of three open houses on Wednesday evenings and three Sunday afternoons between May and November and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15 came in below 2011's record-high. The drop in attendance figures were caused mainly due to rainy weather canceling the free concert on August 15 and Hurricane Sandy on October 29 impacting the November 4 Open House. For the year, the Maywood Station Museum schedule of six open houses and the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event drew 2384 visitors, down from our previous high of 2577 visitors in 2011. This signified a 9.25% drop. Prior year totals were 2351 in year 2011; 2289 in year 2009; 1982 in year 2008, 2142 in year 2007, 1967 in year 2006 and 1621 in year 2005. The museum also saw 16% drop in revenue from open houses as compared to year 2011. However, the books, **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** and **The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey** and sales from Museum Store items including **The Maywood Station Story DVD**, holiday ornaments, calendars, engraved bricks and Maywood Station models as well as general donations and commercial photo shoots offset the revenue drop at the Open Houses by posting a significant increase of 182%.

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The 2012 Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornament, which was released on September 29 at the **Annual Railroad Day/Rocktoberfest** event officially sold-out on December 15 at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event. This marked the fastest an ornament has sold in the 11 years they have been produced each year.

Year 2012 also brought new additions and donations to the museum including the donation of the original circa early 1900's American Railway Express sign that once hung on the exterior of Maywood Station and two original John Millington watercolor paintings of Maywood.

Aside from Museum Open Houses during 2013, membership will be working on several maintenance and preservation items as well as commencing on a large new project that will be added to the museum collection.


If you haven't already visited our museum in the past, we invite you in 2013 to come and experience our museum for the first time, or visit us again and see our new displays, exhibits and events.

- Ed Kaminski



**COME MEET THE  
EASTER BUNNY  
AT THE  
MAYWOOD STATION MUSEUM**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013  
10 AM TO NOON**



**ADMISSION IS FREE  
DONATIONS WELCOME**

**BRING YOUR CAMERA AND TAKE PHOTOS  
OF YOUR CHILDREN AT THE HISTORIC  
MUSEUM**



For more information visit [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com) or the Maywood Station Museum page on Facebook or on Twitter





Santa meets with a young toddler who will be celebrating her first Christmas at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15, 2012. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



A young lad meets with Santa to discuss his wish-list at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15, 2012. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



MSHC members ready the crowd waiting for Santa's arrival at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15, 2012. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



Santa takes a moment to pose for a photo with members of Maywood's Police Auxiliary who handled traffic flow at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15, 2012. (Photo by Wendy Cummings)



A record-setting crowd waited to meet Santa inside Maywood Station at the **Annual Santa at Maywood Station** event on Saturday, December 15, 2012. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

**The Maywood Station Museum is now on Facebook - please visit and "like" our page! Also "follow" the Maywood Station Museum on Twitter!**

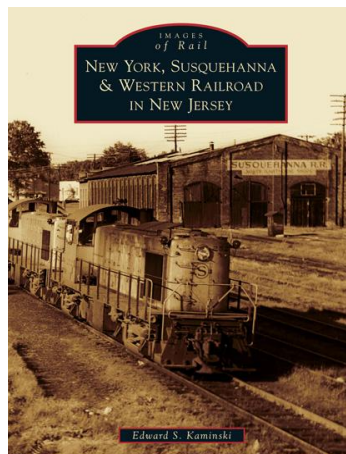
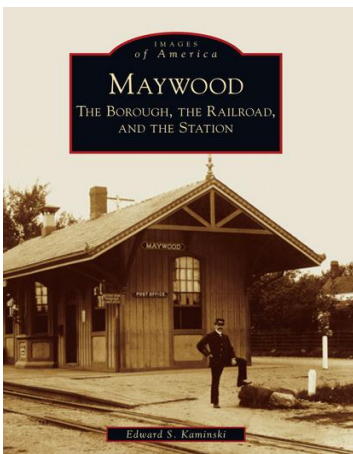




MSHC member John Brown (2nd from right) won a Sirius XM Radio promotion in New York City on December 15, 2012 and got to meet “Little” Steven Van Zandt of Bruce Springsteen’s E-Street Band (left), Sopranos creator David Chase (2nd from left) and actor James Gandolfini of The Sopranos (right). (Photo by Diane Brown)

**Available Now!! - Maywood & NYS&W in New Jersey Books!**

The Maywood Station Museum Store now has available two new books written by historian, author and Maywood Station Historical Committee President, Edward S. Kaminski and published by Arcadia Publishing Company. **Maywood - The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station** traces Maywood's history from a farming community through its population and industrial growth brought on in part by the coming of the New Jersey Midland Railway in 1872. Separate chapters include The Borough of Maywood; The New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in Maywood; and Maywood Station including its role in the development of Maywood and its recent restoration and museum. **New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey**, traces the history of the railroad from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century through the 20<sup>th</sup> century and covers the complete route of all its mainline track and branches in New Jersey. Each 128-page book contains over 200 quality images with detailed captions and are available for \$22.00 each at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or by mail order through our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). All proceeds will go toward further preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



1942-built New York, Susquehanna & Western Alco S-2 Locomotive #206 has been cosmetically restored by the MSHC and resides at the Maywood Station Museum with Caboose 24542. The locomotive is on the National and State of New Jersey Historic Registers. The (above, top) photo shows #206 in its original 1940's maroon and gray paint scheme. (Photo courtesy of Mo Bouk). The (above) photo taken on December 30, 2012 shows #206 in its restored 1950's paint scheme. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)

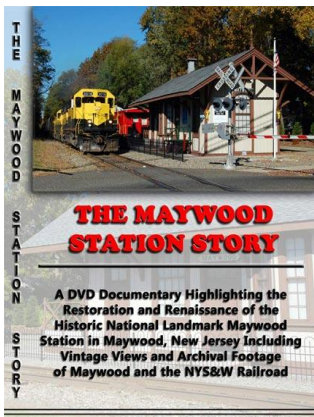


The New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society offers seasonal train rides and excursions operated out of Phillipsburg, New Jersey along the scenic Delaware River. Popular train rides and excursions include the **The Polar Express; A Day Out With Thomas; The Easter Bunny Train; The Mine Train; The Pumpkin Train; The Wine Train; Fall Foliage Excursions;** and others. Please visit the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society website at [www.nyswths.org](http://www.nyswths.org) for a full schedule of train rides, excursions, events, ticket ordering, attractions and additional information. (Photo by Ed Kaminski)



### Maywood Station Museum Store

The Maywood Station Museum has available numerous merchandise items in the Museum Store on Open House dates or they can be ordered online on our website at [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com). These items include the award-winning DVD documentary *The Maywood Station Story*; *Maywood – The Borough, The Railroad, and The Station* and *New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad in New Jersey* books; Atlas Model Railroad Company HO and N-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™; Maywood Station Museum Holiday Ornaments and Pens; Maywood Station Museum T-shirts, Polo Shirts, Windshirts and Caps; NYS&W Railway Caps; NYS&W Railway Miniature Clocks; NYS&W Railway Calendars; NYS&W Railway Lithographs and Postcards; NYS&WT&HS Calendars; Engineer Hats; Children's Train Whistles; Children's Pull Toy Trains; and Atlas Model Railroad Company Train Sets. All proceeds help support the preservation and maintenance of the historic Maywood Station Museum.



Among the items available in the Maywood Station Museum Store are the award-winning DVD Documentary, *The Maywood Station Story*, and HO and N-scale models of the actual Maywood Station™.

### Membership in the MSHC

The Maywood Station Historical Committee is an all-volunteer, 501C3 non-profit, educational and historical society dedicated to the preservation, education and maintenance of the 1872-built New York, Susquehanna & Western railroad station in Maywood, NJ. The station is listed on the National, State of New Jersey and Bergen County Registers of Historical Places and is listed as a State of New Jersey Historic Archive. Membership in our organization includes participation in our meetings and work sessions; periodic e-mail updates on station news and events; discounts on MSHC merchandise; and our quarterly newsletter. It is a requirement that all MSHC members must join our parent organization, the New York, Susquehanna & Western Technical & Historical Society. Dues are \$25 for individuals per calendar year and include *The Reflector* Magazine and the annual all-color calendar as well as help support the restoration, preservation and maintenance of all NYS&WT&HS/MSHC sites, equipment and operations. Membership applications are available at Maywood Station on Museum Open House dates or online at <http://www.nyswth.org>.

### Engraved Bricks Are NO LONGER Available

The Maywood Station Museum will no longer be accepting engraved brick orders. As of January 18, 2012, all available spaces have been filled in the walkway surrounding the perimeter of the Maywood Station Museum. Engraved bricks had been offered by the MSHC since July 2002 and we thank everyone who had supported our restoration, preservation and museum efforts by purchasing them. The final engraved bricks ordered between July 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012 will be installed at the station in early spring 2013.

### 2013 Maywood Station Museum Open House Schedule

The Maywood Station Museum will be open on the following dates and times in 2012:

- \***Saturday, March 30** – 10am to Noon (Meet the Easter Bunny at Maywood Station event)
  - \***Sunday, May 5** – Noon to 3pm (Museum Open House)
  - \***Wednesday, June 19** – 7pm to 9pm (Museum Open House)
  - \***Wednesday, August 14** – 7pm to 9pm (Museum Open House)
  - \***Sunday, October 6** – Noon to 3pm (Rocktoberfest and Annual Railroad Day at Maywood Station event)
  - \***Sunday, November 10** – Noon-3pm (Museum Open House)
  - \***Saturday, December 14** – 10am to Noon (Annual Santa at Maywood Station event)
- \*Additional events may also be added to the above schedule

### Spring 2013 MSHC Membership Meeting Schedule

The membership of the MSHC meets twice monthly for work sessions at Maywood Station on Wednesday evenings starting at 7pm. Membership Business Meetings will be held quarterly starting at 7:30pm. Membership will be notified in advance of each meeting date.

### MSHC Membership News

The MSHC's Annual Holiday Party was held on Dec. 27 at Barcelona's in Garfield, NJ.....Congrats to Angie and Tim Moses who were married on Jan. 23.....Kevin Quinn's birthday was on Feb. 11.....The MSHC participated with sales tables in the Annual Jersey Central Chapter National Railway Historical Society Train Show on March 3 at Mother Seton High School in Clark, NJ.....Pat Reynolds continues to train in advance of the Annual ING New York City Marathon to be held this upcoming November.....The MSHC recently received donations from Rich Kugel and Robert Steele of a number of model trains for the museum.....The original circa-1870's Wells Fargo Express Company ticket and paperwork cabinet has also been donated to the museum and is an important addition to the history of the museum.....The MSHC is offering a limited special-run of a finely-detailed, operating, Atlas Model Railroad Company H.O. scale model of the actual Maywood Station Museum New York, Susquehanna & Western ALCO S-2 Locomotive #206 in analog or sound versions with expected delivery in the 4th quarter 2013. The models will be available **EXCLUSIVELY** through the Maywood Station Museum and ordering information can be found on our website [www.maywoodstation.com](http://www.maywoodstation.com) and our Facebook page.....

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