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Hi Friend of the Historical Society,

Our new book Lower Merion and Narberth is now available for purchase at the Historical Society, on our [website](#), and at local bookstores.

For those of you who live in Lower Merion and have cable TV, check out Township Talk on Comcast Channel 7 and Verizon Channel 37. During the month of November, this half-hour show is re-broadcast every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 11:30am & 11:30 pm, and every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday at 6:30am & 6:30pm.

If you want to read a book review, check out [Main Line Media News](#), and the Ardmore-Merion-Wynnewood [PATCH](#).

Reminder: it is a great holiday gift for you, for your family, for your friends, and for the your community. ALL proceeds go directly to the benefit of the Cynwyd Train Station Capital Campaign, which will help complete the revitalization and renovation of the 1890 Pennsylvania Railroad depot.

The Cynwyd Train Station - The Lights Are Back On



Cynwyd Heritage Trail receives Grant from the National Park Service

The Township of Lower Merion has received notification from the United States Department of the Interior that the National Park Service (NPS) has awarded the Cynwyd Heritage Trail a Rivers Trails and

Conservation Assistance Grant (RTCA). The grant provides NPS staff time and technical assistance to prepare a Heritage Plan to enhance the heritage experience beyond interpretive signage provided by the federal Preserve America program.

“[The Preserve America website](#) being operated by the Lower Merion Historical Society was very helpful in demonstrating the partnership between the Township and non-profits in developing the heritage component of the trail,” noted Christopher Leswing, Assistant Director of Building and Planning. The grant runs from October 1, 2010 until October 1, 2011.

NPS staff will advise the Township and Historical Society on best practices that are undertaken on Heritage sites across the country and how to engage private partners to assist with funding and implementation of heritage-related activities on the trail.

Building Photographs - To preserve Today for tomorrow's history

Lower Merion and Narberth are changing its appearance day by day. Take a look at our homepage and check out the link to [Building Photographs](#). Here we have recorded the present, with an understanding of what will be history in the future. Although we sometimes try, we can't preserve all historic and notable buildings, but we can, at the very least preserve their presence in our landscape.

Currently there are over 4,700 images of 1,400 building buildings that are in the categories of existing, historic, under construction and teardowns. In addition to buildings, there are other categories such as bridges, street signs, sculptures, dams, etc. We have Max Buten and Ted Goldsborough to thank for this collection because they are the individuals who photographed or scanned all the images. To compliment their collection, additional images have been gleaned from the collection of photographs that have been carefully preserved in the Historical Society's Archive Room.

As a new feature in our monthly newsletter, we would like to share with you one of these images. Our November picture is:



We helped the struggle to keep it, but it's now History.

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The December issue will announce an upcoming tour of the Cynwyd Heritage Trail and report some of the research that we have been doing on the Mills of Vine Creek and Gulley Run.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

