



Age-Friendly Teaneck News & Updates

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News from Teaneck's Age-Friendly Community Initiative

Leaders of New Historical Society Hope to Bring the Generations Together With Stories of Teaneck's Past

A retired fire chief, a used-book store owner, a celebrated civil rights activist, a former mayor and a chamber of commerce president.

A cross-section of community leaders has turned love of Teaneck into a common cause – the founding of the Teaneck Historical Society.

The members of this new non-profit aren't just history buffs looking to get-together once a month and trade stories. They want this venture to give birth to exhibits, lecture series or other types of history programs that attract both young and old. Recently, the Historical Society

persuaded Teaneck freelance writer Jay Levin, who specializes in historical pieces, to write a book about the township, similar to the ones that Arcadia Press has already published about other towns in New Jersey.

"We want to respect the history and learn from the history," said Robert Montgomery, a lifelong Teaneck resident and retired fire chief who is serving as the society's president. Without careful stewards to preserve it, history can be too quickly forgotten, Montgomery said.

"Things start to fade from memory after 30 or 40 years," he said. "We want to be able to tell people what the township was like before they got here. Knowing your town's history helps you feel more of a bond to it."

Age-Friendly Teaneck was instrumental in the historical society's founding in April 2017, viewing its creation as part of its mission to promote social and civic connections between young and old residents. Leaders believe young people are often interested in knowing more about where they live. But what's been missing in Teaneck is a communal effort to study and share Teaneck's history.

The society plans to collaborate with Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck Public Library, the township-appointed Historic Preservation Commission and local schools. Over the years, Montgomery has assembled an assortment of fire department memorabilia, and he would like to see a permanent public exhibit for those items and an antique fire vehicle Teaneck owns.



SOCIETY on back

Mapping Path to Age-Friendly Future

To take the right steps forward sometimes you must look at the footprints you left behind. That's why Age-Friendly Teaneck backed two new studies of the Township.

A 54-page report drafted by New Jersey Future assesses Teaneck's built environment and explores opportunities to meet the needs of an aging population.



A "senior walkability workshop" on October 9 co-sponsored by AFT and the NJDOT featured a field walk (shown above) for residents and Township leaders. Input collected will be included in the consultants' report to the Township.

Visit our website to learn more about both studies.

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