

## 2022-2023 WHS OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

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## Happy Summer to all of our fellow historians!

As we approach one of our favorite holidays, July 4th, be sure to see the Story Walk featuring some July 4th programs from the past. It has been 150 years since the first Wenonah 4th of July parade in 1872! Activities ran from 5:00 AM to 11:30 PM with supper available at the Wenonah House for 50 cents.

We thank the Lions Club who has been hosting and running the parade since they took over in 1956. Be sure to enjoy all this wonderful town has to offer over our lazy days of summer! Enjoy the park (thanks to the team of volunteers who continue with its restoration), the Wenonah Lake, the trails, and of course, each other's company!

Stop and say hi to folks and meet all your neighbors! Invite someone new to join us!

Have a safe and Happy summer and we will see you at our annual Meet and Greet in September!

## **Wenonah Library Storywalk**



*The Wenonah Historical Society is once again partnering with the library. This year marks 150 years since the very first Wenonah July 4th celebration in 1872! Our latest story revisits celebrations over the years by sharing programs, photos and memorabilia from the Historical Society archives. Stroll from the library through the park and read our story in July!*

## **Wenonah a Century Ago**

from the pages of the *Woodbury Constitution*

July 1922

- \* The Men's Club of All Saints' Church held a delightful picnic on the Comey grounds Saturday afternoon. Games of quoits, baseball, swimming and boating, with music added to the general good time. A picnic supper topped off with ice cream, coffee and cigars was enjoyed after which the jollity continued all the evening. The August picnic will be held at Tumbling Dam Park, Bridgeton.
- \* Mrs. Mary D. Synnott, wife of Thomas W. Synnott, died at her home here on Wednesday, after an illness of seven years duration, only the past week being confined to bed. Mrs. Synnott came here as a bride fifty years ago, the celebration of the golden wedding being held in June, and she had many friends who mourn her going. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. R.H. Gage, D.D. at her late residence. Mr. Synnott and son, Clayton Synnott, of Woodbury and family have the sympathy of the community.
- \* Mayor Peddle has issued a call for all property owners in town to look into the condition of their shade trees and have any dead ones removed and others set out in their place, and necessary tree surgery attended to as the town is noted for its beautiful shade trees and it is in the interest of the inhabitants to have them maintained.
- \* Mrs. C.W. Chaddock and children have returned from a visit with her parents in the West, and is now selling their household goods previous to her departure for Panama, where she will join Lieut. Chaddock, who is stationed at that place.

## ***Wenonah Lions Club- History***

by Past President Lou McCall

**L**ions Club International is an organization accepted in 1917 for service to community and humanity. In 1925, Helen Keller added a challenge for the Lions to also become "The Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness."

Wenonah, as many know, has always been a borough of volunteers and humanitarians. The Wenonah Lions are proud to support and host many town events such as the annual patriotic Fourth of July festivities (which they have run since 1956!), the Easter Egg Hunt, Holiday decorating of the Park, scholarship awards, as well as many fundraising activities that go above and beyond their call for service.

The Club regularly does its share to support sight initiatives and community needs. Besides decades of those annual activities and fighting sight issues, other more period-centric initiatives included helping blood drives during shortages and participating in the war against polio.

Unique capital projects of the Club include the original restoration of the Wenonah train station and

creation of its kiosk community pre-email bulletin board, building the Park's bandstand, athletic field dugouts and too many more to list.

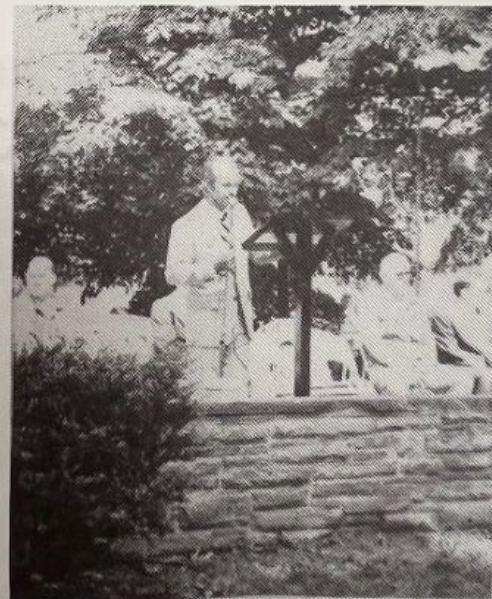
Wenonah Lions got their start during the late 1940s when members from the Mantua Lions Club approached some Wenonah volunteers and introduced them to the merits of being part of a larger organization with the benefit of backing their local activities. The result was the Wenonah Lions Club being chartered April 5, 1951. The Wenonah Lions Club proudly takes its place in the world's largest service organization- as one of the 47,000 clubs in over 200 countries who live by "We Serve."

As we approach this year's town-wide all-time favorite event, the Wenonah 4th of July Parade, the Wenonah Lions Club congratulates the Wenonah Woman's Club on their 100th Anniversary kick off!

Thanks to everyone for helping make Wenonah's 150th July 4 parade and festivities a big success! This is a time when all come together as a community and celebrate our wonderful town with a parade that is the envy of many!



A few of the Lions pausing for picture taking during construction of a bandstand in the Wenonah Borough Park.



Years later, the bandstand still serves the community. Club President on Independence Day, 1976

NINETY-SIXTH

# Anniversary of American Independence,

FOURTH OF JULY, 1872,

AT

WENONAH, N. J.

## PROGRAMME.

SALUTE—13 Guns,..... 5, A. M.  
REVEILLE,..... 5.30, A. M.  
ROLL CALL,..... 6, A. M.  
BREAKFAST, ..... 7, A. M.  
FLAG RAISING,..... 8, A. M.

Flag the gift of SAML. WHITNEY, Esq., of Glassboro; and Pole the gift of GEO. WOOD, Esq., of Millville, N. J.

MUSIC,..... Star Spangled Banner.

Reading of the Declaration of Independence.

NATIONAL AIRS, by the Wenonah Silver Cornet Band.

GENERAL AMUSEMENTS FOR ALL; such as Croquet, Bowling, Quoits, and Balloon Ascensions.

SALUTE 13 Guns, ..... 12, M.  
DINNER,..... 2, P. M.  
BALLOON ASCENSIONS,..... 4 to 5, P. M.  
SUPPER,..... 7, P. M.  
SUNSET,..... 13 Guns.  
SIGNAL ROCKETS,..... 8.30, P. M.  
BEAUTIFUL DISPLAY OF FIRE WORKS,..... from 8.45 to 10, P. M.  
10, P. M.—Refreshments served by B. C. PACKER, Esq., Proprietor of the Wenonah House.  
11. P. M.—PARTING SONG,..... "Auld Lang Syne."  
11.30, P. M..... Taps.



# Wenonah Tornado Project



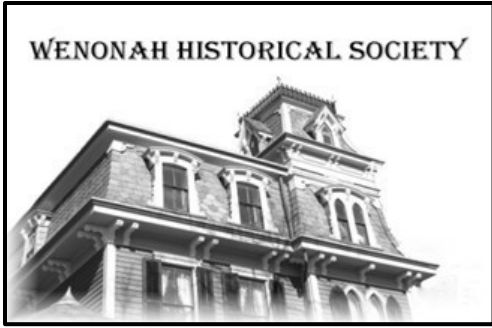
## Take the Survey!

Tell us about your experience with  
the September 1, 2021 tornado!



The Wenonah Historical Society  
wants to hear from YOU!  
What did you experience in the  
tornado that hit Wenonah on  
September 1, 2021?

[www.wenonahtornadoproject.org/survey](http://www.wenonahtornadoproject.org/survey)



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# WENONAH HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## Membership Benefits

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

MONTHLY MEETINGS WITH INTERESTING PROGRAMS

ACCESS TO HISTORICAL ARCHIVES AND MEMORABILIA

INFORMATION BY KNOWLEDGEABLE WENONAHIANS

BRING FORM AND PAYMENT TO MEETING, OR MAIL.

WHS PO Box 32, WENONAH, NJ 08090

DUES: \$15.00 PER FAMILY HOUSEHOLD PER YEAR

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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RECEIVE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL: YES OR NO

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Any information you would like to see presented in future programs or newsletters?  
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