



## Press Release

Hammonton, NJ (April 19 2014). The Historical Society of Hammonton invites the public to a free community program to be held Thursday May 1st, 8:00 PM at the Frog Rock Golf and Country Club. Programs are free, provided as a service to the community. There is no requirement to be a member of HSH to attend. The program is videoed and a copy is placed in our archives so that now or future generations will be provided with a snapshot of Hammonton's past.

Program for the evening will be the History of the Hammonton Lake. Speaker Bill Parkhurst will trace its history beginning with the Coffin Mill in 1812 on property now owned by the Martynuik family located on the corner of Pleasant Mills Road and the White Horse Pike , (at various times named Waterford Road, Hammonton Avenue and Main Road) . The lake came into prominence in 1878, however with the coming the railroad. Excursions from Philadelphia stopped at a station across from the lake where city dwellers escaped the heat of the city to enjoy picnics, swimming and boating. In 1900 the social fabric of Hammontonians were enhanced by the erection of two story building at Lake Park to house a Canoe Club. The future of the lake was secured in the 1950's when Gertrude Loveland gave the State of New Jersey about 50 acres bordering the lake known now as the Smith Tract.

Speaker, Bill Parkhurst has been a lake resident for 50 years and now serves on the Hammonton Lake Water Quality Committee and is past president of the Historical Society of Hammonton.

Hear the story on Thursday night May 1st. Enjoy the evening with friends, HSH members and our speaker.

Refreshments will be served.

**About The Historical Society of Hammonton**

The Historical Society of Hammonton was established to provide for generations to come a living collection relating to the rich and unique social, political, economic and cultural heritage of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey. The mission of the society is to increase awareness of history relating to Hammonton, New Jersey environs and to establish public access to that history by collecting, conserving, studying, interpreting and promoting the history to the widest audience.

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