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## SQUANTUM ASSOCIATION TOUR AND HISTORY

SEPTEMBER MEMBERS MEETING Tuesday, September 24, 6 PM  
Squantum Road (Off Veterans Memorial Parkway), East Providence



If you have ever been to the **Squantum Association**, a *National Historic Landmark*, you immediately take in the beautiful view of Narragansett Bay and the Providence skyline. If you have seen a sunset there, they can be breathtaking.

**Paul Lemont, Squantum Association President**, will lead a tour of the facilities and tell us about the club's history. Light refreshments will be provided by the club.

Make special note of the time... **6 PM**, and date... **Tuesday**, because you won't want to miss this special program.

### President's Letter

David Kelleher

Dear Members,

I hope that you all have enjoyed a healthful and pleasant summer. Here it is September already and our Historical Society activities are now being planned.

We will begin our new season with two very exciting events: the first meeting which will be held at the **Squantum Club** on the 24<sup>th</sup>, and the **Open House** to show off the *summer kitchen* on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

At the Open House, we will also be displaying a *gravestone* from the **John Hunt family**. It is being loaned to us from City Hall thanks to **Paul Lemont, City Manager**. The stone has been in City Hall for a number of years since it had to be removed from the Hunt gravesite due to damage.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, **Secretary of State, Edward Inman**, presented a *broadside* containing the names of servicemen from East Providence who served in the **Civil War**. The broadside was given to the city and is on display at City Hall and will eventually be brought to the Weaver Library. I was asked to attend the ceremony on behalf of the Historical Society and give a short speech about East Providence and its' part in the Civil War. I was given a copy of the broadside for keepsake at the John Hunt House Museum.

Progress continues at the **Hunts Mills dam** area where drilling has been done to determine what the rock formation is like on the side of

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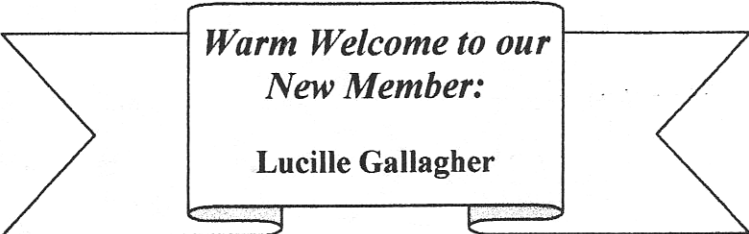
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The East • Providence • Historical • Society is dedicated to preserving the heritage and enjoying the history of our City.  
 If you are not a member we invite you to join now. Annual dues are \$15 individual, \$25 family, or a Life Membership for \$150.  
 Please make check payable to:  
**East Providence Historical Society**  
 and mail with form below to:  
**Mona Breault, 34 Josephine Avenue, Rumford, RI 02916-3018**

**Membership Form**     New     Renewal /Change

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount Enclosed:**  
 \$25 Family    \$15 Individual    \$150 Life  
                                       



**The John Hunt House Museum**  
**Hunts Mills Road, Rumford**  
**(off Pleasant Street),**  
**is open Tuesdays & Thursdays,**  
**1 to 4 pm, or by appointment,**  
**438-1750.**



The Society's *Memorial Fund* was established in 1993, in memory of past members, for "the betterment of the Society and with no specific purpose".  
 The *Memorial Fund* is a qualified endowment administered by the Executive Committee.  
 Members and friends wishing to contribute may make checks payable to the **East Providence Historical Society**  
 And mail to the Society at  
**Box 4774, East Providence, RI 02916-4774**

**East • Providence • Historical • Society**  
**Historical Marker Program**  
 Your home may be eligible for a **Marker**. Any building in the City of East Providence which contributes to the historical development or architectural character of the City is eligible to be considered for a **Historical Marker**. Request information by sending your name, address and phone number to the **Marker Program**  
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**President's Letter**

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the river where they intend to construct a *fish ladder*.

The **East Providence Historic Properties Study Commission** has produced a very nice *booklet* of some of the historic properties in the city. These booklets are free to the public and are available at all East Providence libraries and at the main information desk at City Hall.

There are two **fund-raisers** being considered for the coming year. One is a program for people to *bring their antiques to be appraised*, and the other is to have a *tour of the city's historic sites*. More details will be forthcoming.

There will be a **historic preservation bond** in the upcoming election in November. If this bond issue passes, it could mean that we get *substantial grant moneys to help us continue the restoration of the Hunts Mills area*. **Please consider voting for this important bond issue.**

There are so many projects in progress or being planned that it is hard to keep up with them all. I have attended meetings concerning **Riverside Square** and **Rose Larisa Memorial Park**. The city and state D.O.T. are now in the final stages and the project should begin very soon. The Rose Larisa Memorial Park Committee has one more meeting and plans are to have some kind of kick off program the Columbus Day weekend.

Hope to see you at the **Squantum Club** and the **Open House**.

David Kelleher

*Please join us at the John Hunt House*

*On Sunday, September 29, 2002*

*For an Open House celebrating the completion of the Restoration.*

*No admission will be charged..*

*Time: 2-5 pm*

*Refreshments*

*Presentation of Appreciation Certificates at 3pm.*

**Volunteers, contributors & supporters who will receive Certificates of Appreciation during the Open House on September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**RESTORATION VOLUNTEERS**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Edward Adams *     | Arnold McConnell   |
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**BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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|------------------------|----------------------|
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\* Deceased

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- The Champlin Foundations
- East Providence Rotary
- Rumford Junior Women's Club

**SUPPORTERS**

- Paul Lamont-City Manager
- E.P. City Council

**Upcoming Programs**

Date	Speaker/Location	Program
10/28	Dr. Harry Iannotti Newman Church 7pm	History of Coca Cola
11/25	Chris Rose Newman Church 7pm	Plaque Houses
12/9	Newman Church 6pm	Christmas Party



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 24, 6 pm  
*Members Meeting*  
**Tour/History of the Squantum Association**  
Squantum Club  
1 Squantum Rd. (off Veteran's Mem'l Parkway)

Sunday, September 24, 2 – 5 pm  
**“Summer Kitchen” Open House**  
John Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford

### OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 7, 7 pm  
*Board meeting. (Members welcome)*  
John Hunt House Museum  
Hunts Mills Road, Rumford.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Society has a “Return Service Requested” arrangement with the Post Office.  
*There is a CHARGE every time we retrieve an undeliverable mailing.....* Please advise the Society of all changes, temporary or permanent. Thank you for helping us save money.