



## Historical Society of Ocean Grove

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Museum 50 Pitman Avenue Centennial Cottage 43 McClintock Avenue

### **HSOG 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

Over the last year and a half, as with other nonprofit organizations, we faced challenges we never thought we would be facing. The challenges we faced and continue facing have had a major financial impact on the operating ability of the Historical Society of Ocean Grove.

Being closed all of 2020 and six months of 2021 impacted our opportunity to raise revenue through historic walking tours and our annual house tour, our major fund raiser. We did a virtual house tour this August which was successful but not revenue wise. In January of 2020, just prior to the Pandemic, we purchased an addition to our museum which required getting a mortgage to cover the purchase. The new addition doubled our space, enabling us to provide more exhibits, a place for lectures and school groups to visit. Major renovations were required on the addition to meet electrical code; in addition, we installed heat and air conditioning plus flooring. Much of the work was made possible through the generosity of a donor and the volunteer labor of many of our members. However, mortgage payments and other monthly utility expenses continue, and we struggle to pay the bills since our revenue sources, which are over 50% of our annual budget, have been very limited.

Despite this, we continue to bring the history of Ocean Grove to residents, members, and supporters of the Historical Society of Ocean Grove with the new addition, the expansion of our archives to meet archival standards, an updated website ([www.historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org](http://www.historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org)), a new exhibit on Ocean Grove Police and Fire and in the new annex an exhibit on various collections loaned to us from residents and members. Since Centennial Cottage had also been closed, interior and exterior renovations were done to maintain the history of the 1884 structure. An ongoing maintenance program in Ted Bell's memory continues at the 1907 Fountain in Founders Park.

We need your help more than ever to continue this work by staying connected through our newsletters, social media, and website, offering new programs, changing exhibits, lectures, and tours year-round to promote and preserve the history of Ocean Grove. We are supported through donations, memberships, programs, and grants. However State and Federal Grant funding has become limited which has deeply affected us. Currently the cost to maintain our museum exceeds \$100,000 annually. We greatly appreciate your membership, and at this difficult time, ask that you consider an additional donation, if possible, to help continue our work. Checks may be made out to HSOG and mailed to 50 Pitman Avenue, Ocean Grove NJ 07756.

Contact us at 732-774-1869 or [info@historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org](mailto:info@historicalsocietyofoceangrove.org). The Historical Society of Ocean Grove is a 501(3)(C) nonprofit charitable organization. Membership and donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

**Bob Waitt**  
**HSOG President**

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