

Marcus Hook Preservation Society

# Newsletter

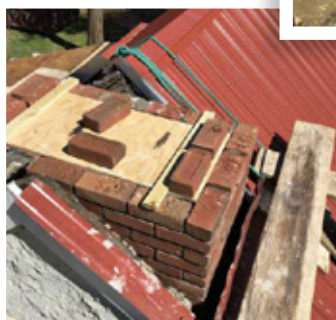


## Plank House Restoration Begins

Beginning in early 2019, the Marcus Hook Preservation Society applied for and was granted monies to begin restoration of the historic Plank House. The first of these projects begins with what we call Phase I and Phase II work. Phase I encompassed the major roof on the Plank House being torn off down to the lathe, replacing and/or repairing rotted beams, replacing crossbeams and braces and finally the cedar shake roof. Phase II involved demolition of the South addition, which was a 1970's addition, removing the back porch which was also a 1970's addition bringing the house back to its original state. Once the demolition was completed, the rear kitchen roof was replaced also with cedar shakes. New gutters were added to help deflect rain water run off so as to not cause further deterioration. The next part of the restoration came in the form of chimney stabilization in which the main support of the fireplace in the basement was cemented and secured as well as the chimney stack.



There is still much more to be done and hopefully we will be able to secure the funding to continue our work.



If you are interested in donating to this very worthwhile cause, please send donations to:  
**MHPS**

**P.O. Box 703**

**Marcus Hook, PA 19061**

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## Our Mission

- To care for and preserve the Plank House and interpret for the public its legendary connection with pirates on the Delaware River
- Celebrate the significant historical features of Marcus Hook's social and cultural life from the 17th century to the present
- Offer tours and public educational programs designed to celebrate and preserve the history of the Plank House and the community of Marcus Hook



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

If you would like to help us in any of the following areas, please email us at [MHPS1@hotmail.com](mailto:MHPS1@hotmail.com).

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## THE MARCUS HOOK PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It was formed in 2004 to preserve the rich history of the Borough of Marcus Hook through educational programs, events, and community involvement.

The Society owns the Marcus Hook Plank House and is in the process of major renovations.

The Plank House, circa 1720, is our founding symbol, saved for restoration in 2004, and open by appointment.

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society meets once a month on the second Monday at 7pm at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 W. Delaware Ave., Marcus Hook, PA 19061.

**Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome to attend.**



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