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## ABOUT MHPS



### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.



## W3R- WASHINGTON/ROCHAMBEAU NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL



Marcus Hook Preservation Society And The Washington – Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Association held its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration and Ice Cream Social on Saturday, September 5, 2015. The day began at 12:30 with a brief tour and discussion of the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century Plank House, which the Marcus Hook Preservation Society is raising funds to restore. At 1:00pm we followed the SAR Color Guard to the Historic St. Martin's Cemetery, Soldier's Walk where those patriots who fought in the Revolutionary War are buried. Following the ceremony we returned to the

Community Center for a lecture given by David Emerson of "History on the Hoof". Mr. Emerson makes his living by being "George Washington", and for 25 years David has worked at living history museums and as an independent storyteller, teaching history through the eyes of a "person of the past" portraying Gen. Washington with an emphasis on his leadership and activities during the American Revolution. This event was sponsored by Chester Water Authority. We appreciate their dedication and support of this program as well as our Preservation Society.

Drinks were donated by Wawa and Ice Cream and toppings were donated by "NanaSplits."

A special thank you to all of our members, volunteers, supporters and visitors who helped to make this program possible.

## FAMILY NIGHT SPAGHETTI DINNER



On Friday, September 18, 2015 we held our annual Family Night Spaghetti Dinner, cooked by Blackbeard himself (aka Michael Manerchia, president of the Marcus Hook Preservation Society). With special thanks to the board members and volunteers we served 65 dinners, including take out. MHPS would like to thank Wawa, Giant Food Stores,

Giovancci's Family Meat Market, Marcus Hook Deli and Acme for the donations of food and dinner supplies and Safeway, Kyj's Gourmet Bakery, Italianos Restaurant, Sungate Diner, and Sweeney's Bakery for their donations of desserts. A special thanks to Pirates for Sail for providing the musical entertainment for the evening.

A special thanks to our many volunteers who helped cook, serve and clean up. We greatly appreciate your dedication!

## 7TH ANNUAL PIRATE FESTIVAL



This year's 7th Annual Pirate Festival was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015. We would like to thank our visiting pirate crews, Valhallas, Sons of the Waves, Bloody Historical, Recreating History, Vigilant, and The Mermaid, who provided demonstrations at their encampment throughout the day. A special thanks to Valhallas for their performances and piratical skits. Musical entertainment on stage was provided by Pirates for Sail and the Brigands and our traveling

musicians, the Sea Dog and Blackjacks 'N Blarney. Thank you also to our Wench of Ceremonies, Catey Hill, from radio station 99.5 who introduced our entertainment and provided guests with "tattoos". We would like to thank our many crafters and merchandise vendors for their display of unique wares. We would also like to thank our many food vendors who showcased their special dishes.

Thank you Marcus Hook Borough & Borough Manager, Aubrey Mulholland, for all your help and support for this year's festival and we hope that you will join us next year for a great time of pirates, music, food and fun.

If you are interested in volunteering to help us with our 2016 Pirate Festival, just send us an email at [mhps1@hotmail.com](mailto:mhps1@hotmail.com).

We look forward to another great year! This year's profits will be used to help complete our Artifact Library located on the grounds of the historic Plank House.





# NEW FOR 2016 – FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Every Friday night at the Star Bar,  
 1018 Market Street, Marcus Hook,  
 PA starting at 7pm, cash Bingo  
 Games will be held to help Support the MHPS continued Restoration efforts of the historic Plank House and Artifact Library. Join us for the fun And help us in our efforts!



## RESOLUTION:



*It was a great day and we had lots of volunteers who helped make all of our jobs that much easier. We thank the Valley Point Church for sending us volunteers in the morning to help with set up and we thank Chuck and the HOG group who came*

*throughout the day as relief volunteers who helped give breaks to those of us who were working all day long. We would like to thank all the vendors/crafters, pirate groups, musicians, and all our non-profit groups for being a part of our fundraising efforts. But lastly, we would like to*

*thank our board members and volunteer members who gave tirelessly in the planning of this event and during the day of. We are also very grateful for the Borough of Marcus Hook and Borough Manager, Aubrey Mulholland for supporting us and our mission to educate the public on the rich*



*Our Plank House features a new Artifact Library that we have been working on. The walls and flooring have been installed. We have received grant monies from Ethel Sgt. Clark Smith Foundation as well as the Marcus Hook Community Development Corp. and have recently ordered partial cabinetry to get started. We are continuing our fundraising efforts for this project as we hope to complete the interior of the Library by early next year. If you would like to help with this project, please go to our website and donate!*



**TALKING  
PLANK HOUSE**

*As you drive by the Plank House at 221, Market Street in Marcus Hook, if you will tune your car radio to 1650 AM, you will hear a brief history of the house – loud and clear!*

*Drive by, listen, and then if you'd like a tour, just send us an email to schedule an appointment, it's that easy.*

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**PLANK HOUSE ARTIFACTS**

*Another great find on the grounds of the Historic Plank House! Can you tell what this is? No it is nothing edible.....it happens to be a domino and most likely the oldest game piece of its kind ever to be found. This piece was found in the kitchen area of the Plank House which was the first room to be excavated.*

*This particular piece and many others that have been showcased in our Newsletter will be featured on display in our new Artifacts Library.*



2015 SPONSORS PAGE

We would like to thank the following for their generosity and support: Radio Communications Service Inc., Monroe Energy, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, PECO and The Borough of Marcus Hook and our many volunteers.

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*The Marcus Hook Preservation Society is a 501c3 organization. It was formed in 2004 to preserve the rich history of the Borough of Marcus Hook through educational programming, events, and community involvement. The Society owns the Marcus Hook Plank House, and is in the process of renovating and at the same time, working to complete our Artifacts Library.*

*The Marcus Hook Preservation Society meets once a month on the second Monday at 7 pm at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 West Delaware Ave., Marcus Hook, PA 19061. Meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome to attend. Please e-mail mhps1@hotmail.com with questions.*

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