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30 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, NY
Recipient of OBMSA's 2011 New York Main Street Grant

2011 New York Main Street Grant: Disbursed

In 2011, OBMSA was granted our second New York Main Street Grant from the New York State Office of Community Renewal (for more information about our previous NYMS grant please visit our website). Our 2011 grant gave us the opportunity to allocate \$500,000 to support building renovations and streetscape improvements in the downtown.

Since receiving the grant, we have been able to successfully leverage the funds to further our mission in the downtown, while providing our building and business owners the opportunity to invest in their properties - an opportunity that many took advantage of.

Over the past three years most of the major renovations in the downtown have been assisted through the NYMS Grant or through OBMSA's technical assistance programs. These are trends we hope to see continue as we work with our residents, building owners and business owners to improve historic downtown Oyster Bay.

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2011 New York Main Street Grant: Disbursed

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Of the nine projects which were allocated funding:

- Two assisted two new businesses;
- Two assisted three existing businesses;
- One improved housing opportunities downtown
- Three renovated or restored historic properties; and
- One improved safety and lighting in the downtown.



New Business:
Oyster Bay Brewing Company, 76 South St



2 Existing Businesses/ 4 Residential Units:
(Salon By Grace/Gulden's Café) 124-128 South St



New Business:
**The Madd Potter of Oyster Bay
 17 Audrey Avenue**



Existing Business:
Travelsavers, 71 Audrey Avenue

2011 New York Main Street Grant: Disbursed

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Historic Property: **193 South Street**



Historic Property: **Raynham Hall Museum, 20 West Main Street**



Historic Property: **Lincoln Market, 30 West Main Street**

End of the Season Benefit

September 17, 2014 – The Creek Club, Locust Valley

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association would like to thank everyone who attended our second End of the Season Benefit at the Creek Club in Locust Valley, NY! The event was a huge success! We would also like to extend a thank you to all of our generous sponsors.



Left to right starting from the top: Harriet Gerard Clark, Charles & Rebecca Finelli, Rebecca Bahr, and Vice President Henry Clark; Nicole Maus and Thomas Maus; Sushi Bar; Frances Tria, Secretary Kyle Piechucki, and President John Bonifacio; Party guests; John Schwartzberg Trio; Crowd on deck; Crowd on southern deck; Party guests, Guests at bar; The Creek Beach Club at night; Sunset.

OBMSA's Adopt-A-Spot Program Continues to Roll Out

The Oyster Bay Main Street Association is pleased to announce that, through the generous support of Mill-Max Mfg. Corp and the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce, two additional locations in the downtown have been improved. Since August of last year, three participants in the program have adopted and pledged to maintain three high visibility sites, which serve as the gateways to our downtown, including locations on West Shore Road, Cove Road and Berry Hill Road.



Before and after photos of the Berry Hill "Spot" adopted by the Oyster Bay-East Norwich Chamber of Commerce.

These sites, which had largely been ignored over the years, were a high priority for the Main Street Association. On Cove Road and Berry Hill Road, the hand-carved "Welcome to Historic Oyster Bay" signs had both disappeared and been replaced with unsightly aluminum signs that did not match the tenor of the downtown. With their adoption, the Chamber of Commerce and Mill-Max both purchased new welcome signs for their locations as well as new plantings, which will be maintained for two years by the adopters. The Cove Road location is slated to have a sprinkler system installed with new plantings in the Spring.



Before and After photos of Cove Road "Spot" adopted by Mill-Max Mfg. Corp.

Complete plantings and the installation of a sprinkler system for the location will be completed in the Spring.

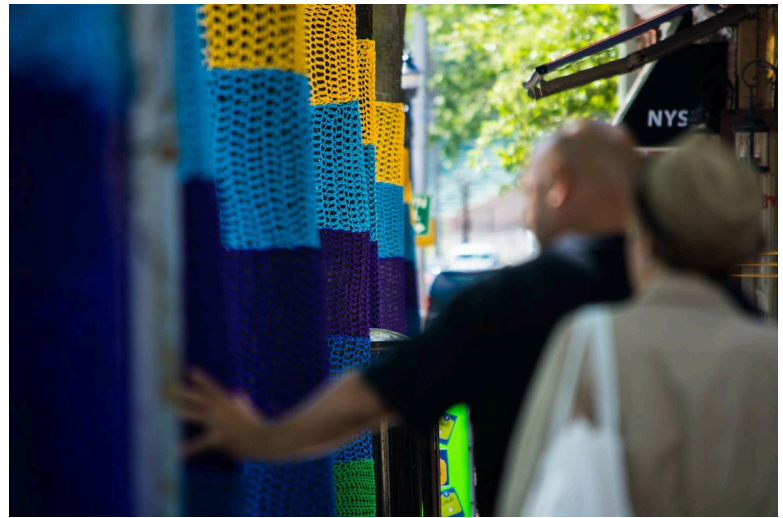


Fourth Season of Dancing in the Street!

Audrey Avenue came alive once again this past July as participants of all ages and skill sets came out in impressive numbers to enjoy OBMSA’s Dancing in the Street sponsored by BMW of Oyster Bay.

With 5 Fridays this July we are looking forward to even more dancing! Whether you are an experienced dancer or have two left feet and just want to enjoy a night out, we invite everyone to join us for this FREE event!

**Volunteers to help run the event are needed!
Contact: Meredith Maus, 516-922-6982.**



Hand-stitched Hamlet Installed for Summer ‘14

After months of hard work by local volunteers, the crocheted panels were installed by world-renowned artist Carol Hummel in May 2014. The panels adorned our trees and lampposts in the downtown of Oyster Bay for 6 months before being removed in November – just in time for holiday decorations to go up downtown.

The event was a huge success – bringing the community together during the crochet boot camps as well as bringing some positive press attention to Oyster Bay in the process.

Thank you to everyone involved!



Finding Your Way in Oyster Bay...

... just got a little bit easier. This past year, through our federally funded Preserve America Grant, we were able to install three of the seven directional signs slated for the downtown.

This is the latest development in our initiative to bring a coherent sign plan to the downtown. Previously, OBMSA installed 120 new nautical-themed street signs in the downtown. This latest installation of directional signs, including the 4 slated for South Street, will help direct people to museums, the waterfront and parking spaces in the downtown. At the same time, these signs will help fight sign pollution by consolidating nearly 20 signs, in various states of disrepair on our roadways.

Ten signs, which will tell the history of Oyster Bay, are also slated for installation in Spring 2015. Keep an eye out as we continue to expand this sign program for the downtown!

Directional Signs located on Lexington, West Main, and Audrey

OBMSA Announces the Third Round of Funding Through their Façade and Sign Grant Program!

Since 2013, the Oyster Bay Main Street Association has offered business and building owners support for minor façade and signage improvements in the downtown through our privately funded Façade and Sign Grant program. Through two cycles of funding we have invested over \$16,000 into the downtown, assisting 11 new and existing businesses. Thanks to generous support from the Bahnik Foundation, we are able to continue this effort with another \$10,000 grant cycle.

If you are interested, or know someone who might be eligible, please visit our website for an application or contact Executive Director, Meredith Maus, for more information. Below are photographs of our most recent recipients:



Second Annual Yuletide Church Walk & Gospel Concert



Many participants braved the rain to join us for the first leg of our journey, which began in St. Dominic's R.C. Chapel. Participants began the tour seated in the pews learning a brief history of the church and its connection to the well-known resident of Oyster Bay - Louis C. Tiffany.

We then made our way down the hill to our second stop of the trip - Christ Church of Oyster Bay. The amazing thing about these churches is that despite their close proximity the architecture varies so drastically. Upon entering Christ Church, participants were given a quick history of the church and shown several photographs of the church buildings that had stood on the site prior to the present one.

As we made our way to the final destination - The First Presbyterian Church of Oyster Bay - our group had noticeably grown in number. Upon arrival, Pastor Jeffrey Prey treated us to a presentation and question and answer session on the history and architecture of this beautiful building, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Following Pastor Prey's talk, the Mount Olive Baptist Church's Gospel Choir took to the stage and regaled the crowd with several selections from their repertoire. The music was breathtaking and a perfect ending to the afternoon.

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