

SPRING 2017

# NORWIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*We* preserve our local history, promote the history of the Norwin Community and embrace the opportunity to educate the Community about the people, places and events that comprise the history of Irwin, North Irwin, and North Huntingdon Township.

## Memorial Day Ceremonies SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017

On Sunday May 28th, the Norwin Historical Society Military Honor Guard will conduct a Memorial Day service at the following locations and times. The public is welcome to attend these ceremonies, honoring our nation's military members who gave their lives for our country.

- 1:00 PM Penn Lincoln Cemetery, RT 30 North Huntingdon, PA
- 1:45 PM Old Brush Creek Cemetery, Leger Road, North Huntingdon, PA
- 2:20 PM Veteran's Monument, Town House, Center Highway, North Huntingdon, PA
- 2:50 PM Veteran's Monument, Westmoreland City Fire Hall, North Huntingdon, PA
- 3:15 PM Biddle Veteran's Monument, Biddle Road, North Huntingdon, PA

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America.

Each ceremony is conducted with a prayer service, a military honor guard and 21-gun salute, followed by taps. The honor guard consists of seven riflemen, a commander, and a three-member flag-bearing team. Times are approximate.



# The Lamp Theatre Celebrates 80 Years!



1936



Built in 1937, the first movie to play at the Lamp Theatre was “Little Lord Fauntleroy”, starring Freddie Bartholomew. See the marquee in the photo above.

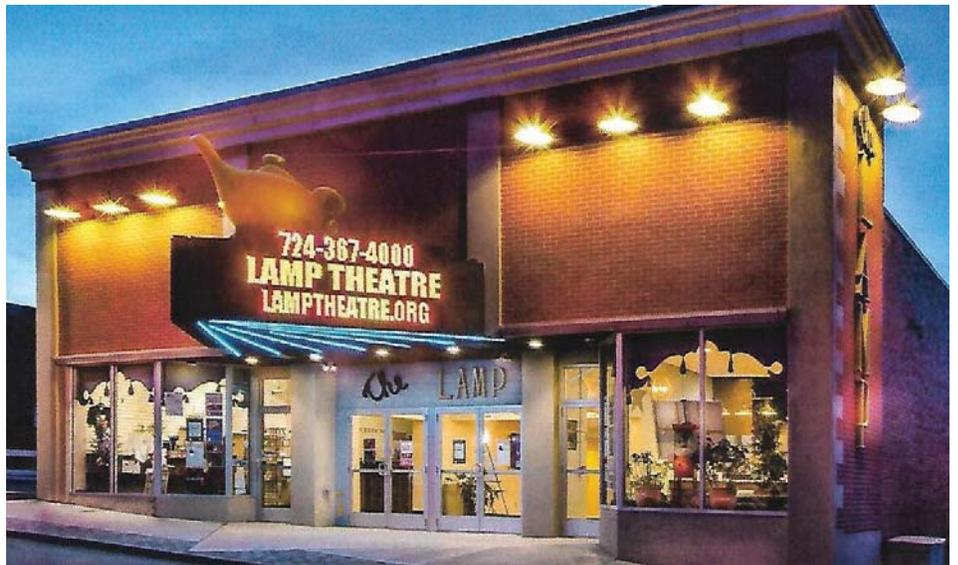
In 2013, the theater was gutted and re-built by volunteers with State and County support and reopened in August 2015. The new Lamp Theatre is a completely renovated, state-of-the-art, multi-use, intimate 350-seat venue with new seats, new bathrooms, new digital projector, new sound system, new stage...new everything!

The Lamp Theatre now hosts performing arts, live music, movies, lectures, and cultural events.

Upcoming shows can be found at [www.lamptheatre.org](http://www.lamptheatre.org) or by calling 724-367-4000.



2013



2017

## We're Looking for Homes to Feature on Our Next Tour



We're looking for homes to feature on our 2017 Annual Holiday House Tour on December 2, 2017!

The home can be any age — it doesn't need to be “old”.

If you or someone you know have a home that you think might be of interest to the Historical Society for its Annual Holiday House Tour, please contact GERALYN DeFelice at [g.defelice@comcast.net](mailto:g.defelice@comcast.net).

# Did You Know?

## JACKTOWN HOTEL... *a pillar of the community*

*by Bob Cupp*

Originally, North Huntingdon's Jacktown Hotel was a stagecoach stop along Old Trail Road, then part of the Pittsburgh to Philadelphia Pike. It was one of three stagecoach inns in the Jacksonville area, later called Jacktown.

The hotel began its long history in 1810 as a log cabin, providing shelter and a warm meal for guests. Over the years, it underwent many renovations and additions.

The stately white building, with its distinctive pillars, became a regional landmark. People came from near and far to sample its excellent food. Later, it became a Lincoln Highway favorite for travelers and locals alike.

At one time, the establishment was considered a luxury hotel. This was also the place to go for banquets, weddings and other important events. Social clubs met there for meetings and special occasions. The restaurant became famous for Sunday chicken-and-biscuits dinners. Steaks and select wines were also in great demand. The bar was a popular spot for the regular patrons to catch up on local politics and current events.

Unfortunately, the hotel was destroyed by fire in 1966 and was not rebuilt. The North Huntingdon Township Town House was dedicated at the site on June 7, 1975. As a reminder of the historical significance of the area, the white pillars in front of the building reflect the old hotel's colonial history.



*This is the famous Jacktown Hotel before it was destroyed by fire on August 25, 1966. It was located at the present-day site of the North Huntingdon Township Town House.*

Until its untimely demise, the Jacktown Hotel served as a pillar of the community, providing quality food and lodging at this location for 156 years.

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