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\$3.3 Million for Sleepy Hollow Lighthouse

The Board of Legislators of Westchester County, New York has passed an approval of \$3,311,000 for the restoration of the 1883 Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow, New York. The lighthouse is owned by Westchester County and operated by the Village of Sleepy Hollow under an inter-municipal agreement with the County.



Soil Remediation

The U.S. Coast Guard plans to remove 230 tons of contaminated soil from around the 1878 East Chop Lighthouse in Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. Once that project is completed, Phase 2 of the lighthouse restoration will take place with a \$250,000 project to replace the gallery deck of the lighthouse.



Ceremony at Alki Point

Lighthouses always make a great backdrop for Coast Guard ceremonies. Shown is Master Chief Jason Wong, 13th District Command Master Chief, speaking at a change-of-watch ceremony held at the 1913 Alki Point Lighthouse near Seattle, Washington this past June 25. Master Chief Wong addressed the audience just prior to the formal transfer of duty to new Command Master Chief Shane Carroll. (U.S. Coast Guard photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Clark)



Brian Kilmeade Films at Montauk

As part of the series "What Made America Great," Fox News personality Brian Kilmeade filmed a segment titled "Montauk Lighthouse" at the 1796 lighthouse in Montauk, New York. It will be shown on the subscription streaming service, Fox Nation. (Courtesy Fox Nation)



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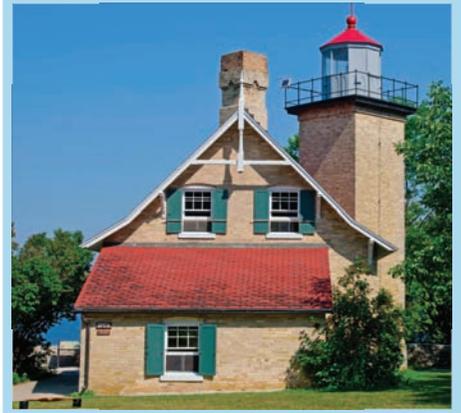
Belated 90th for Bill Carrell

Belated birthday greetings to Bill Carrell, of the Metropolis Hope Light, in Metropolis, Illinois. Bill has been The Hope Light Project's MVP since they first started the project in 2005, when he was on the Metropolis City Council and appointed by the mayor to be Chair of the Metropolis Hope Light Project. He has been instrumental in getting private and public monetary donations as well as contributions of volunteer labor and donated materials from local businesses. He has also overseen the lighthouse design and construction, personalized brick purchases and their installation, as well as lighthouse maintenance and operation. Bill still remains active in lighthouse brick purchases and maintenance. He is shown here with a Proclamation that honors Bill Carrell Day at the Metropolis Lighthouse. He definitely deserves a lot of credit for getting the lighthouse group to where they are today and keeping it operational for tomorrow and beyond in the battle against cancer.



Eagle Bluff Gets New Lease

The Wisconsin Historical Society has a new 15-year lease with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the 1868 Eagle Bluff Lighthouse in Fish Creek, Wisconsin. It is reported that the historical society will now proceed with restoration projects at the lighthouse. (*Lighthouse Digest* file photo)



First Lady Speaks at Portland Head Light

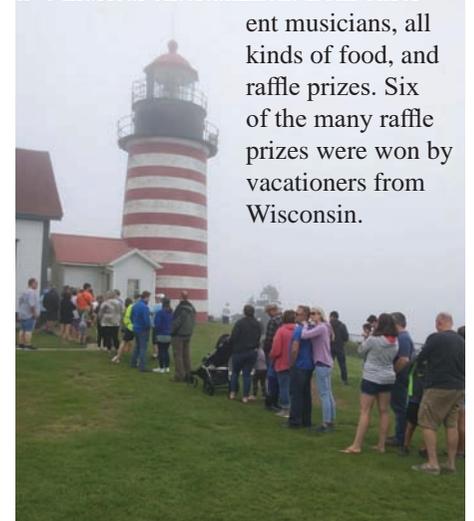
Using Maine's iconic Portland Head Lighthouse as a backdrop, First Lady Jill Biden held a press conference on July 3 touting the government's progress in the fight against COVID-19. Dr. Biden appeared with Maine Governor Janet Mills (r), and U.S. Representative for Maine, Chellie Pingree.



In the Fog at West Quoddy

Near zero visibility fog did not deter the record attendance of folks wanting to climb the tower on National Lighthouse Day at Maine's West Quoddy Head Lighthouse, the easternmost lighthouse on the mainland of the Atlantic Coast of the United States. Some people stood in line for up to 2 ½ hours.

Attendees were also treated to live musical entertainment from different musicians, all kinds of food, and raffle prizes. Six of the many raffle prizes were won by vacationers from Wisconsin.



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Shipwreck Point Still in Limbo

It's been eleven years since the Canadian government declared Prince Edward Island's 1913 Shipwreck Point Lighthouse as excess property. And it's been seven long years since the Friends of Shipwreck Point have been trying to get ownership of the lighthouse. Nathan Paton, chairperson of the group, is quoted in CBC News, as saying, "They are always polite to us, but they say it's still in consultation . . . you have to think who are they consulting and what the issue is." In a written statement to CBC News, the Canadian government stated, "Divesting federal real property is a lengthy complex process that can take years to finalize." But seven years?



Pemaquid Point Repainted



Thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Pemaquid Point Lighthouse, a chapter of the American Lighthouse Foundation, a \$12,000 repainting project of Maine's 1835 Pemaquid Point Lighthouse was completed this past June by the J.B. Leslie Company. (Photo by Bob Trapani, Jr.)



Hatteras Seal

On North Carolina's Hatteras Island, as well as many other places in North Carolina, the famous black-and-white-spiral-striped Cape Hatteras Lighthouse is the symbol used for anything Outer Banks, and just about any type of business or organization throughout the state. Shown here is the beautiful bronze seal for Dare County. (Photo by John Havel)

