



## About the Mr. Local History Project

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### **We're all about Joisey History, but with a social twist!**

The Mr. Local History Project is a 501c3 all-volunteer non-profit public charity incorporated on October 15, 2019. It brings locals together to "preserve and promote local history with a social twist." The project started in northern Somerset County, New Jersey, and now works across the Garden State, finding new ways to engage with local communities, organizations, and passionate people with great stories to share. Volunteers are always welcome.

The organization has been engaged in local historic efforts in Bedminster, Basking Ridge, Bernardsville, Cranford, Far Hills, Keyport, Newark, Hoboken, Peapack/Gladstone, and Westfield towns, just to name a few, and we continue to expand as our audience grows.

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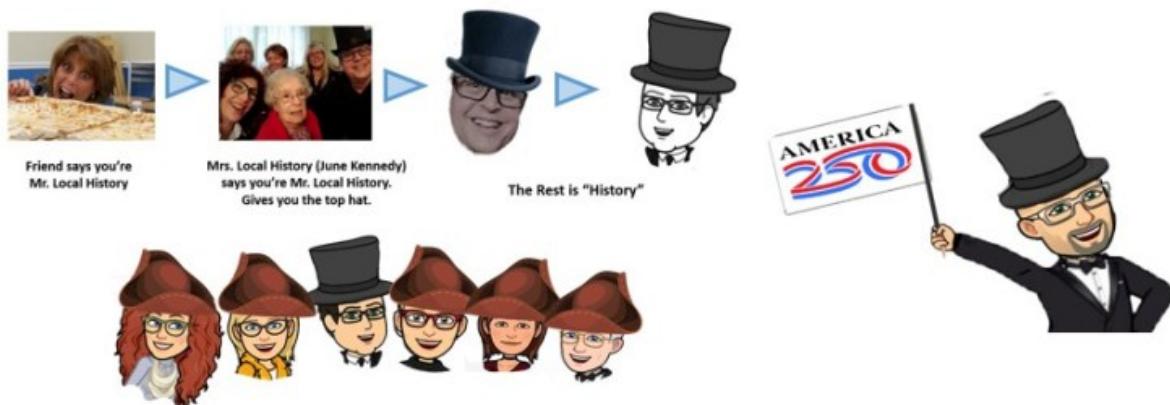
Our efforts continue based on three sources: fundraisers, website advertising, and, most importantly, **public donations from people like you! If you haven't donated to our efforts, please consider one at the bottom of this page.**



Meet our key Mr. Local History Volunteers who help run the Mr Local History efforts:  
Paula Axt, Jill Betz, Brooks Betz, Meg Wastie, Robin Marion, and Larry Terricone.

The Mr Local History Project is now the exclusive seller of the [New Jersey Historic Cat's Meow Village](#), a partnership with the globally recognized wooden collectibles company Cat's Meow. EVERY PENNY we raise from these collectibles goes back into funding the next collectible and other projects (like our coloring book and oak tree book). Please consider supporting us by becoming a resident of this fun set of collectibles in the New Jersey historic village.

### The Evolution of Mr. Local History



The Origin of Mr. Local History. From Donna to June to the caricature board. Mr. Local History is born, and has grown, and grown, and grown.

"Out of adversity came opportunity" is the genesis for the Mr. Local History Project. After being a non-paid volunteer for over a decade, the Mr. Local History project was born. Started by Basking Ridge resident Brooks



Betz, the Mr. Local History Project is dedicated to providing all kinds of local research and stories from the area we call home.

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