



**Absecon Historical
Society, Inc.**

Established Dec. 5, 1987

**Howlett Hall
Museum**
100 New Jersey Avenue

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**Museum is open
most Saturdays
11:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

**The Absecon Historical
Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3
recognized charitable
organization.**

**Donations are tax
deductible to the full
extent of the law.**

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Hello to all. Merry Christmas to all and looking forward to sharing a happy and prosperous New Year.

We need your help. We are seeking volunteers and contributions.

This is the thirty-fifth year as an Historical Society and our seventeenth year of the opening of the Howlett Hall Museum. We welcome all members and encourage new members to the re-opening of the Museum at 100 New Jersey Avenue on Feb. 5, 2022.

Last year due to COVID, we had no dinner meetings and limited openings at the museum. During the closure period we had extensive repairs completed. Work included drywall repairs and painting due to the roof leaking. Repairs including the removal of old layers of roofing, the replacement of the roof structure dating back to 1921 and a roof replacement. In addition to the expense of roof repairs / painting, etc., to maintain the museum costs \$13,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year for on-going expenses such as gas, electric, water, reproduction / office supplies, postage, retaining professionals, phone, cable, insurance, etc.

Dues have been waived for 2021 and are now due for 2022. Membership dues and donations are needed to help pay the annual fixed costs of the operation. The Absecon Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 recognized charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Any and all monetary contributions are gladly accepted.

We will be opened to the public on a regularly scheduled timetable. We also have three dinner meetings scheduled along with an exhibit / presentation scheduled each month in the coming year. The 2022 Schedule and membership application is attached.

This will require volunteers to be present at the museum. Each member that volunteers must have general knowledge of the history of Absecon. There is much attention needed to continue to maintain Howlett Hall as an organized museum. Volunteers are needed to help organize items and files and assist with the display of artifacts of historical interest, addressing envelopes for mailings, help with setting up displays, etc.

We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you at the museum and dinner meetings this coming year.

Sincerely,

Rob Reid
President