



## June 2024 Newsletter



### Summertime at Fort Totten Park

Summer at Fort Totten Park. What a great time to be here! Walk up the hill and view the landmarked buildings of Fort Totten. Come to Bayside Historical Society's **Second Sunday Tours** or schedule a group tour during the week to find out about the history of the area. Call **718-352-1548**. Visit the **Fort Totten Visitor Center** (run by NYC Parks) which houses a combined nature and history museum and is the entry to the historic battery. Check out the video below.



In addition to its rich history and natural beauty, there's also music and fireworks to enjoy. Bayside Historical Society, along with Council Member Vickie Paladino, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, NYC Parks, and Parker Jewish Institute welcomes you to kickoff the summer with the Independence Day Celebration on Wednesday, June 26th. More details below.

## Upcoming June 2024 Events



### Gardening Day at The Castle

Sat, June 8th | 10 AM-12 PM

Come join us for another rewarding morning of gardening — all levels of



### Second Sunday Castle Tours

Sun, June 9th | 1 PM & 2PM

Come tour The Castle on the Second Sunday of each month. Tours are free

expertise are welcome! This event is **free** to all — tools and supplies will be provided. In addition to garden maintenance, we'll be working on several exciting enhancements to The Castle grounds, including a pollinator garden and a pumpkin patch.

**Stay tuned for our next Gardening Day on Saturday, August 3rd.**

**RSVP**

and last 45 minutes. The Castle at Fort Totten is one of the finest surviving examples in New York City of the Gothic Revival castellated style architecture. Completed in 1887, the building served as the base Officers' Club and Library for the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers School of Application. Come in and find out more about this architectural treasure in Bayside, Queens.

**RSVP**



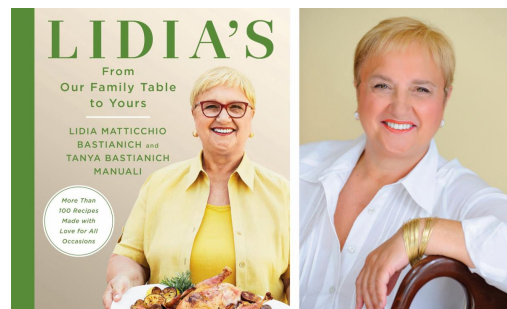
### **Beekeeping Workshop at The BHS Castle**

Wed, June 12th | 7-9 PM

Did you know that June is National Pollinator Month? Come join Master Beekeeper Walter Blohm for a fascinating workshop at The Castle, as he discusses the benefits of beekeeping and how bee enthusiasts can get started on making beekeeping a serious hobby. Blohm will also talk about the life of honey bees and the important role they play in our food supply. Plus: Delicious local honey from the BHS hives will also be available for purchase — be sure to take home a jar!

Cost: \$10.00 for BHS members;  
\$15.00 for non-members

**Get Tickets**



### **Author Talk with Lidia Bastianich**

Fri, June 21st | 7-9 PM

Bayside Historical Society is welcoming back celebrity chef Lidia Matticchio Bastianich to The Castle! Lidia will be presenting a lecture, conducting an audience Q&A, and signing copies of her latest book, *Lidia's From Our Family Table to Yours*. Lidia has shared her love of food, cooking, and family on public television for over two decades — don't miss this opportunity to meet Lidia up close and in person!

Cost: \$20.00 for BHS members;  
\$25.00 for non-members

**Get Tickets**



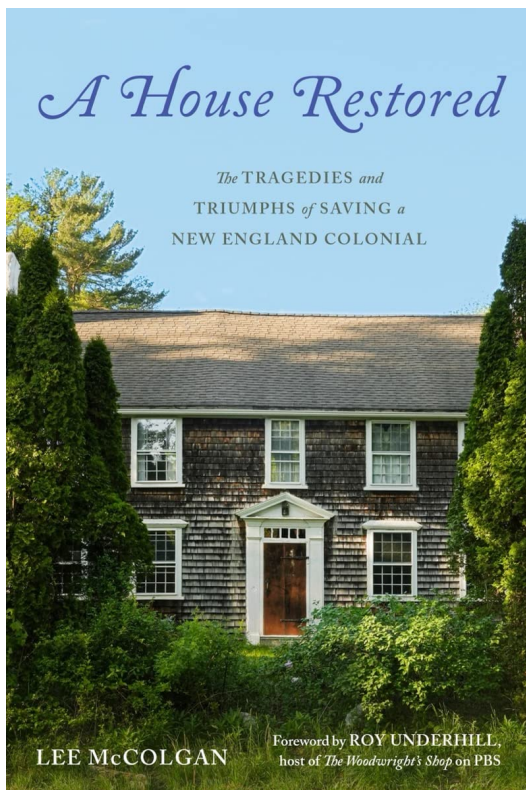
## BHS Independence Day Celebration

Wed, June 26th, 2024 | 6-9:30 PM

Bayside Historical Society is hosting the 7th Annual Independence Day Celebration with a free concert and fireworks display by Grucci in Fort Totten Park. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of community fun! Vending trucks will be on site with a wide variety of delicious foods, snacks, and beverages. Limited parking will be available outside of Fort Totten in designated lots and streets, and off-site parking with shuttle bus access will be available at the Clearview Golf Course.

[Learn More](#)

## Coming up in July...



### Author Talk with Lee McColgan: A House Restored

Wed, July 17th | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

BHS welcomes architectural conservator and author Lee McColgan for a fascinating lecture about his new book, *A House Restored*. Lee gave up his 9-5 job to dedicate himself to the daunting task of restoring the 1702 Loring House in Pembroke, MA. Deteriorating bricks, frozen pipes, shattered windows, a punctured foundation, and an airborne chimney cap were only some of the challenges he faced. Learn about the trials, tribulations, and triumphs that Lee experienced while saving this 18th-century New England Colonial.

[Learn More](#)

## Take a Look Back...

June 2005: Fort Totten Park is opened to the public. You can catch a glimpse of The BHS Castle being renovated at 1:35!



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