



Bayside Historical Society

## October 2025 Newsletter



### 24th Annual Totten Trot 5K Foot Race & Kids' Fun Run Sunday, Oct 26th | 9:00 AM-12 PM

For over 20 years, the Bayside Historical Society's Totten Trot has been a beloved Halloween tradition in our neighborhood and beyond. Since its modest start with fewer than 20 runners in 2002, our 5K has grown to welcome more than 300 participants. Run in a costume or just bring one for the afterparty/breakfast. A Best Costume prize will be awarded. Whether you're running, walking, or cheering from the sidelines, join us on October 26th for our favorite Halloween treat!

**Runners can register by October 11 & save money on entry fees!**

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## Happening This October



## Lawrence Cemetery Tour

Sat, Oct 4th | 11 AM  
Lawrence Cemetery

BHS is conducting a free guided tour of the historic Lawrence Cemetery, the burial ground of one of Bayside's founding families. History will come alive as our tour guide recounts the stories of different members of the Lawrence family and the notable individuals who are interred here.

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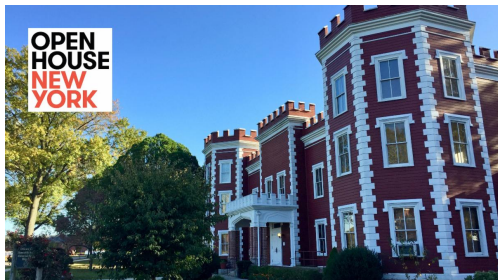


## 19th Century Base Ball Game

Sat, Oct 11th | 11 AM  
Fort Totten Soccer Fields

The Bayside Historical Society welcomes back the New York Mutuals for a historical re-creation of a baseball game the way it was played back in the 1860s. This year, they'll face off against the Bayside Little League coaches and parents, with some support from BHS Board Members!

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## Open House New York 2025

Sun, Oct 19th | 12 PM-4 PM  
BHS Castle

BHS will participate in this year's Open House New York Weekend by offering free guided tours of the landmarked Castle at Fort Totten Park. Along with exploring our beautiful building, guests will also have the opportunity to view our [current exhibit about the Bell Family Legacy](#) before it closes.

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## An Interview with Maria Smilios, Author of *The Black Angels*

Wed, Oct 22nd | 7:30 PM-9 PM  
BHS Castle

Join BHS, the Greek Elder Care Network Book Club, and the Hellenic American Project for an engaging interview with Maria Smilios, author of *The Black Angels: The Untold Story of the Nurses who Helped Cure Tuberculosis*.

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# Coming Up in November



## Civil War Living History at Fort Totten

Sun, Nov 2nd | 10 AM-2 PM  
BHS Castle Grounds

Bayside Historical Society welcomes back the Civil War re-enactors of the 67th New York Infantry, First Long Island Volunteers, for a fascinating day of Living History. Experience the life of Union soldiers and explore all facets of 1860s life.

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## BHS's Annual Vintage Car Show

Sat, Nov 16th | 10 AM  
BHS Castle Grounds

A variety of vintage and antique automobiles will be showcased on the lawn of The Castle at Fort Totten at BHS's classic car show. Engage with enthusiastic car owners and restorers about the challenges and triumphs of restoring classic cars

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## Songs of Immigrants: A Cultural Journey Through Music

Sun, Oct 19th | 3-4:30 PM  
BHS Castle

Join BHS for an inspiring Passport Concert featuring Ensemble Yeon, as they explore immigrant stories through music—from early American settlers to contemporary migration, with works by Copland and Dvořák to name a few.

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## Take a Look Back...

Designed by master bridge builder Othmar Ammann under the auspices of Robert Moses, construction of the Throgs Neck Bridge began in 1959 and opened to traffic on January 11, 1961 at a total original cost of \$92 million.



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