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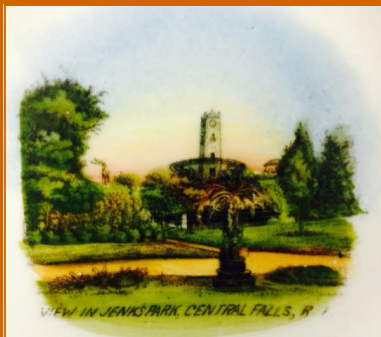
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Central Falls Councilman Bob Ferri to lead a walking tour of Jenks Park & Cogswell Tower when *BVHS is On The Go* Wed., August 26 at 6:30 pm

Central Falls Councilman Bob Ferri invites you to walk with him around Jenks Park and tour the Cogswell Tower. On Wednesday, August 26th at 6:30 pm, he will explain this gem within the city, and show you what few know exists there: A grotto at the base of the Tower.

Bob will meet us all at the front entrance to the Park, on Broad Street, right next to City Hall. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a fascinating night at the Park!

The Walk is sponsored by the Blackstone Valley Historical Society, as part of its On-The-Go series of excursions around the Valley. Check the web site www.bvhsri.org/ for more information.



Some of the collections of the Ly-sander Flagg Museum in Central Falls have found a home at the BVHS, and we have been cataloging them with PastPerfect. Among them were a few interesting pieces of Falls Congregational Church from 1955. The Church, at 376 High Street, was built in 1883 in the Shingle Style for a congregation that was founded in 1820. One of the members of this church was industrialist Henry L. Sterns, Lieutenant Governor of Rhode Island from 1891-1892. The building was used until 1973, when declining membership led to a merger with another congregation, and the church was sold to St. Joseph's Church as a parish center.

The building, as it looked in 2013, is on the National Register of Historic Places. (Picture courtesy of Wikipedia Common)

Fall 2015 SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER

No September Event due to North Gate Renovations. [Details page 2]

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 14, 7 pm
Upstairs Hall
Ken Lyon in Concert
Tickets: \$15
BVHS Fundraiser

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 18, 2 pm
Upstairs Hall
William Jennings will talk about
"The Fabre Line"

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 6, 2 pm
Upstairs Hall
Robert Tessier will talk about
"History of Albion"

Scraping & Sanding & Painting, Oh My!

North Gate Toll House gets a much needed facelift



Before Renovations ↑



Work is well underway at North Gate Toll House. Clapboards have been repaired or replaced. Rotting trim boards (including all exterior window trim) also are being repaired or replaced. The old kitchen exhaust fan has been removed and the window restored.

Basement access doors have been rehung and primed.



Working hard ↑

Stabilizing the foundation sill



The exterior walls and trim will be primed and painted white.

After the building sill repair work is completed, the walkway will be graded and a new cement walkway poured.



Sill work almost done ↑

Special thanks to **Gail Harris, John Houghton** and **Jason Dionne** for their tireless efforts in securing funding and contractors to accomplish these tasks.

September Membership Renewal Time

Your renewal request will be in your mail soon. Please help us *Continue the Tradition* of preserving and presenting the history of the Blackstone Valley.

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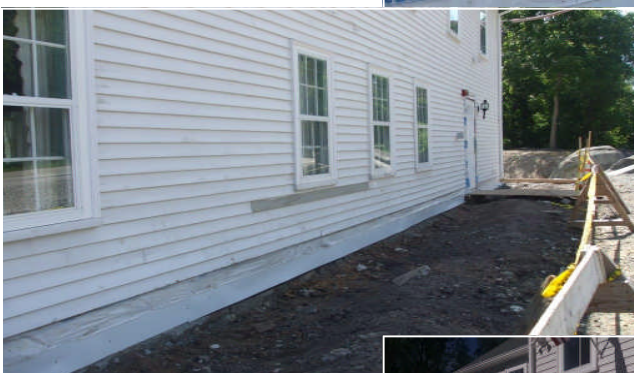
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Getting ready to grade ↑

The NEW Walkway! →

Still to come: Railings and new parking lot surface



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