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MCHA Announces 2017 Exhibition to Mark Fifth Anniversary of Sandy

FREEHOLD - Four years ago Sandy swept ashore and disrupted the lives of Monmouth County residents. Monmouth County Historical Association is announcing today that a major exhibition will open next year at the Museum to mark the fifth anniversary of the Storm making landfall along our shores. This exhibition will explore the impact of this record storm and the effects on the people and on communities in this area.

"Sandy should not be forgotten after altering the lives of so many people and communities in such a dramatic way," expressed MCHA President Linda Bricker. "It is a story that will be of great interest to future generations and which should be documented while those impacted can relate personal experiences." As the steward of our county residents' stories and treasures for the past 118 years, MCHA wants to gather and tell your stories about this historic event and showcase your Storm-related artifacts.

MCHA is looking to partner with libraries, churches, community centers, and the general public in a crowdsourcing initiative to compile the story. The Association will be setting up a website that will serve as a central online repository for activity focused on the Storm's 5th anniversary.

The Department of History and Anthropology at Monmouth University has already stepped forward to partner on this project. Professor of Public History Melissa Ziobro expressed her enthusiasm for the project. "This is a unique opportunity to allow the citizens of Monmouth County to create their own living archive of what some have called a '100 year storm'."

We invite people to reach out to us and let us know how they would like to contribute to this exhibition. Please contact sandy@monmouthhistory.org to share your story or artifacts. We will also be collecting oral histories during the run of the exhibition. For an idea of what these might look like, you can view one pre-existing Sandy Oral History project at <http://library.monmouth.edu/main/content/hurricane-sandy-oral-history-interviews>.

The exhibition will open in September 2017.

Monmouth County Historical Association, a private non-profit organization that has been working to preserve history and provide educational opportunities since its founding in 1898 comprises a Museum, Archives, Research Library in Freehold and Five Historic House Museums located around the county. The Museum and Research Library is located at 70 Court Street in Freehold. Museum hours are: Tuesdays - Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Research Library hours are: Wednesdays –

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Five Historic House Museums around the County are open seasonally. For further information about the Association, please call (732) 462-1466 or visit the web site at www.monmouthhistory.org.

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