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Confirming Our Advocacy Priorities

Back in 2021, a few months after launching, Cazenovia Heritage held an open community meeting to ask what the public would like this new organization to focus on, in terms of its advocacy priorities and any other preservation concerns. Topics were raised, scored by the public, and the results tallied.

The “Top 10” items can be found inside this issue, with a brief progress update noted. While not all-inclusive of advocacy efforts over the past three years, you will be pleased to see that considerable progress has been made on what was identified then as the attendees’ top priorities.

Later this month, you will receive a 4-question survey via email, asking for your input on priorities over the next three years. We hope you will reply and let us know your thoughts.



Stearns Preservation Grant Update

In this first year of the *Carl D. Stearns Preservation & Restoration Grant*, six of the applications received were eligible for consideration. The application projects are currently being evaluated, with a recipient(s) to be announced by the end of the month!



Program Updates:

- Coming **Saturday, April 26th**. Rain or shine, come join your neighbors on **An Architectural Walking Tour of Mill and Chenango Streets**. Gather a little before 2:00 PM in the parking lot of St. Peter’s Church on Mill Street.
- A recording of February’s popular *Lakeland Estate & Lakeland Park* program was recently made available on youtube. You can access it from the cazheritage.org website.
- And did you know? 464. That’s the number of attendees at Cazenovia Heritage’s 2024 educational programs, and not counting any driving tour participants. Wow!

Lego®novia Returns in May for National Preservation Month!

Know a child or grandchild who loves Lego? Who doesn't! Once again, Cazenovia's youth will put their energies and talents together to recreate a historic building in Lego® Blocks. On **Sunday, May 18th**, over 100,000 blocks will be delivered to the Burton School Gym and **from 1:00 – 3:30**, buildings throughout the Town and Village will be re-constructed. Minimum age recommended is 8 years old and participants must be accompanied by at least one adult. While more information will be published later this month, Sponsorships and Tickets can be purchased now, both from the cazheritage website. (There is a maximum of 200 tickets available, so get yours early!)



Our “Top Ten,” Back Then

Hard to believe, it was just over three years when an open invitation was extended for folks to come for an open meeting at the Library to identify what they hoped the advocacy efforts of Cazenovia Heritage would focus on, as well as other potential projects to consider. Thirty ideas were proposed, and after the public rated each one, the responses were totaled and ranked.

The “top ten” are shown on the following page, with a brief synopsis of progress made since then.

Total Points	2021 Village-Town Preservation Priorities	Status January 2025
72	Gothic Cottage Rehabilitation/Restoration	Detailed preservation requirements and budget were identified 2023. Grant application submitted to State Hist. Pres. Office (SHPO) in 2024; declined but SHPO encouraged Town to re-submit in 2025.
58	Deterioration of commercial business exteriors on Albany, Lincklaen Streets	<i>Renew Albany Street</i> project has resulted in repairs to 7 businesses and 2 apartment buildings, with others anticipated in 2025.
53	Deal with “NAPA” building and "gasoline alley"	Formal recommendations made to local developer in design of new building which have been included in approved project.
52	Demolition Review Process (Strengthen Village code, adopt in Town)	Requirement adopted by Town in 2024 for photographs of building prior to demolition. Review process remains a priority.
46	Strengthen “Preserving Community Character” within zoning/laws	Included in Caz Heritage comments at public hearings on developer projects & Town Comprehensive Plan.
41	Foster Development of Preservation Trades and Workforce	Feasibility analysis completed 2023. Included in documented proposal and site plan for College re-development.
38	Include Preservation Priorities and Issues in Town & Village Comprehensive Plans	Protection and preservation received additional emphasis in 2025 Update to Town Comprehensive Plan. Town Councilor for Preservation Initiatives to be designated.
36	Demolition by Neglect Law (Strengthen Use of Village Law; Adopt Law for Town)	Open; remains a priority
36	Proliferation and random location of signs (parking-related, churches, tourism sites, etc)	Cazenovia Area Community Development Assn (CACDA) has held conversations with Dept of Transportation and pursued funding of study.
36	Enforcement of Village Demolition-by-Neglect Law	Village Zoning Officer responded to 2 requests made by Caz Heritage during 2021-2024.

Progress also was made on other items, beyond the Top Ten, as new issues and opportunities arose. The full list from 2021 of the 30 potential initiatives can be found on the website under the *Educational Resources* tab.



Bits and Pieces of Interest

- Mount Vernon: On the C-Span network’s website is a recorded program describing the preservation and restoration work being undertaken at Mount Vernon, from the basement to the rooftop, in anticipation of the country’s 250th anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026. Running a little over one hour, you can view it at <https://www.c-span.org/program/american-history-tv/preserving-george-washingtons->

[mount-vernon-home/654100#](#). [By the way, the word for the 250th anniversary is the Semiquincentennial or Sestercentennial or Quarter Millennial. Your choice, or maybe just the 250th?]

- **Ormonde:** Cazenovia Heritage member and local antiquarian photography expert Dave Porter recently acquired a collection of photographs from the late 1800s containing both the Ormonde Estate here in Cazenovia and the Ormond Plantation outside of New Orleans. The latter, pictured below, was built in the late 1700s. A subsequent owner, Richard Butler, named the plantation Ormond [without the “e”] in 1805 after his ancestral home, Ormonde Castle in Ireland [with an “e” and still standing]. Cazenovia’s Ormonde was built and owned by George Preston, a banker of Philadelphia and New Orleans. Dave would like to understand more of the possible connections of the two properties with the Preston, Krumbhaar, and Hoffman families. Dave can be reached at dbporter@twcny.rr.com



L: Ormonde Estate, Cazenovia NY, National Register of Historic Places, #91000866; R: Ormond Plantation, Destrehan LA, courtesy of Wikipedia, accessed via https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ormond_Plantation_House



Know Your Caz: Origins of Town Road Names, Part I

The prior issues of *The Advocate* highlighted the origins of the names of historic Village streets. We now turn your attention to Town roads. Peggy Ladd, former Town Historian, wrote an article in 1993 focusing on locations and names of numerous Town Roads. We were interested additionally as to *when* the road was created, *when* it was “officially” named, and what distinguished the person *for whom it was named*. Rachel Hunt, Jeanne Smith, and Alice Young teamed up recently to research these questions using historical maps, census records, and newspapers.

There were no specific or comprehensive records at the Town or County to help, however several facts became known: While the bulk of Village streets were named and adopted in the early to mid-1800s, many of the Town roads received their names in the 20th century, but often for their 19th century namesakes. This was likely a result of the implementation of postal Rural Free Delivery (RFD) routes in the early 1900s – i.e., to determine a route, the carrier had to have a road address; before that, those on rural farms came into the Village to pick up their mail. Nonetheless, many of the roads existed long before 1920 and can be found without a name on the 1859, 1875, and/or 1912 maps.

Another source of road names came from settlements or small hamlets of population that arose outside the Village. You’ll recall that that John Lincklaen laid out the Cazenovia Establishment with a Village center and large farmsteads of 100+ acres in the surrounding Town. Given that a horse can walk about 3 - 4 miles in an hour, it is not surprising that settlements appear at about that distance from the Village, providing both community and

basic services without having to make the trek to the Village. Juddville and Constine Bridge are two such examples, with roads named on their behalf.

Over the next few issues, the origins of the road names will be listed in batches as the research is completed. Unless noted otherwise, first mention of the road name in a newspaper refers to the *Cazenovia Republican*. Abbreviations used are Stlmt for secondary settlement and NWS for New Woodstock.

Ballina: Stlmt. Named by an early settler there for a district in County Mayo, Ireland. The road running through it adopted the name. 1896: "The West Shore Railroad has changed the name of Webster's Station to Ballina."

Bethel: For Bethel, Jerusalem and Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, school, and graveyard at intersection of Pompey Hollow Road and #2 East Road; Church razed in 1876; Graveyard remains.

Bingley: Stlmt. 1831, W. Atkinson managed a mill here and named the community after his home district in Bingley, England.

Cardner: W. H. Cardner owned a mill just north of NWS in late 1800s and a Cardner Box factory also existed. Eight Cardners buried in NWS cemetery.

Chard: Property bought by William G. Chard in 1907 who built Meadowood Farm estate there in 1910. Sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Winn in 1959 and property became known as Winnwood. Returned to Meadowood Farms name with new owners in late 1990s.

Cheese Factory: One assumes the name comes from a Cheese Factory along this route in 1800s, though the specific location of the factory could not be readily found. Earliest newspaper reference of road name in 1956.

Cobb Hill: Stlmt. For Sylvanus Cobb, who owned land and lived on this road in 1810, with sons Sylvanus Jr. and Daniel and their families.[*Pilot*, 10 May 1820]. First road name reference in 1956.

Coe: For Joseph **Cole** found there in 1820 Census. Called **Cole** Road into 1991; changed to Coe by Feb 1993. Per Ladd, name was misspelled when new road sign was installed.

Constine Bridge: Stlmt. For Daniel Constine (1757 – 1815), former German Hessian soldier who deserted and ultimately arrived at Cazenovia; appears in 1800 Census. Lived in a small house on east bank of creek, near bridge. Settlement noted for cheese and butter factory from 1860s -1880s Road name appears in 1934.

Corkinsville: David Corkins (b. 1812) came to NWS area by 1860 and settled with sons Ira and Sidney and family.

Damon: Was called Earlville Road in 1875. Subsequently named for Damon family. Daniel Damon arrived from Mass. in early 1800s, son Oren P. Damon, grandson Edwin Damon; and great grandson Frank (1873-1951) owned a farm along this road. First reference to road name in 1969.

Delphi: Road leading to Delphi Falls, originally Delphi, named for Greek oracle. 1904 article includes Delphi Road in a new RFD route being implemented.

Dugway: The road connecting Cobb Hill and Delphi Roads. Is a term used to describe an excavated road constructed along a hillside by using for the fill on the downhill side the material excavated from immediately above it. First reference to road name in 1934.