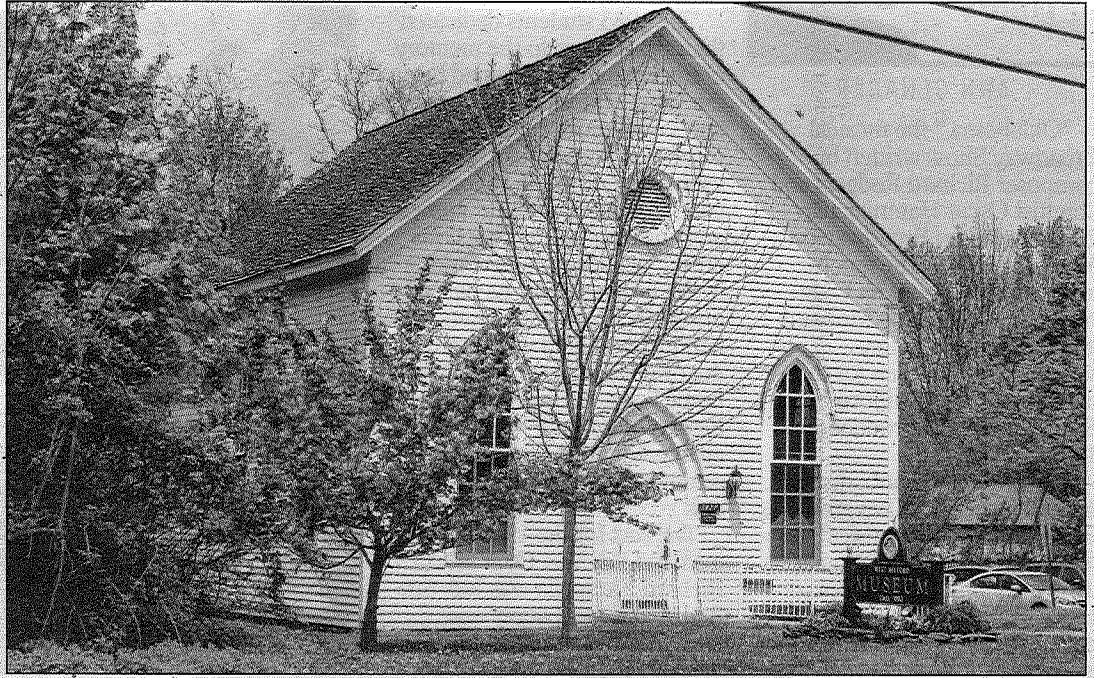


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West Milford Museum, closed for ceiling repairs, is tentatively scheduled to reopen in June, according to the township website.

## Museum may reopen in June

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Closed for ceiling repairs for the past few months, the West Milford Museum will reopen this summer, said Council Liaison Luciano (Lou) Signorino at the May 7 council workshop. An updated report on the township's official website gives June as the tentative date for the reopening of the historical building.

"We are waiting to have ceiling fans installed and the interior needs to be repainted before we can unpack the exhibits and reopen," Signorino said.

When the work is complete and the building is reopened, the hours of operation will continue to be 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, as in the past. The museum is also

open for special events and by special request. Additional information and announcements can be found by visiting the museum web site: [westmilfordmuseum.org](http://westmilfordmuseum.org).

The museum building is located at 1477 Union Valley Road across from the West Milford Municipal Building. It was an Episcopal Methodist Church in 1861 and later became the township's first official municipal building. According to available records it was purchased by the township in 1910. It was home to all department offices, including the police and public works departments. Court sessions and township meetings were held there.

The museum was originally just a dream for Tanya Cubby. She visualized it becoming the histor-

ical treasure that officials and visitors see it as today. For over 25 years Cubby - with volunteers, business people and municipal officials helping her - created the museum.

It contains records of the township's development from the earliest beginnings to the present.

Fox Architectural Design provided designs, plans and bid documents for the 1999 renovation of the building and in 2011 the firm was awarded a professional services contract to prepare designs and bid documents for the final phase of the ceiling renovation project.

The township on Dec. 18, 2013 passed Resolution 2013-359 awarding the ceiling construction

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contract to LKL Contracting of Ramsey in the amount of \$58,900. The Heritage Committee had intended to utilize remaining capital fund money that was appropriated by the township years ago for the ceiling renovation - combining capital funds in the amount of \$14,534 with funds from the Heritage Trust fundraising account in an effort not to exceed the amount of \$35,000 to complete the long overdue ceiling project, Cubby

told officials in 2013. The bids exceeded the amount budgeted she said.

The main fundraiser for the museum is the annual West Milford Museum Tennis Tournament.

Cubby said more sponsors are needed. Visit [westmilford.org](http://westmilford.org) for information.