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Preserving a Bit of History and Continuing a Family Tradition

Relocating and refurbishing the Roxbury Public Library Gazebo was a labor of love for Succasunna residents Donald Dyrness and his father Daniel Dyrness

(Succasunna, New Jersey) – Roxbury Township has gained a new outdoor entertainment venue! Donald and Daniel Dyrness of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling (MSCHR) managed the relocation and refurbishing of the Roxbury Public Library Gazebo moving it closer to Main Street in Succasunna. For years, the Gazebo was tucked back near the Library building behind a tree and was underused and overlooked. Rotating and moving the Gazebo to its new location creates a more useable space where the Library can hold musical performances, book readings and other community gatherings.

This project has deeper meaning for the Dyrness Family beyond supporting the revival of Main Street. When the modern expanded Library building was constructed in 1974, Nancy Talmage, who was very involved in local community efforts, salvaged much of the porch posts, railings, and gabled front entry before the Victorian house of the original Library building was demolished. At the time, Dr. and Mrs. Talmage owned the property adjacent to the Library at 109 Main Street which currently houses the offices of MSCHR. A couple of years later in 1978, Mrs. Talmage approached her friend Daniel Dyrness along with a group of other dedicated volunteers to help incorporate these treasured gingerbread trim pieces into the construction of the Gazebo, officially named the Queen Anne Summerhouse. Several years afterwards in 1981, Donald Dyrness installed the paver walkway in front of the Gazebo's original location as his Boy Scout Eagle project. Together in 2017, the father and son team worked side-by-side to supervise the relocation of the Gazebo! A third generation of the Dyrness family got involved as well. Don's nephew/Dan's grandson Brodie Haughey of Succasunna Boy Scout Troop 159 helped remove the existing brick walkway for use on possible future Library projects.

There were many people involved in making this project possible, from Library Board Members and Township Officials to local Trade Contractors and Suppliers. Many of the companies and individuals offered their services and material free of charge or at a discounted rate. Don Dyrness provided pro bono Project Management which included soliciting donations of time and material from trade contractors and suppliers; scheduling and coordinated project details with all key stakeholders. Daniel Dyrness offered pro bono Site Supervision, managing all trade contractors, labor and material at the job site as well as being involved in all aspects of on-site construction activities. To learn more about this exciting community service project, view photos, and read a list of trade contractors and suppliers who contributed to the project, please visit:

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Photo Caption:All decked out for Olde Suckasunny Day in Succasunna, NJ on Saturday, September 9, 201, the
Roxbury Public Library Gazebo is ready to hold its first event in its new location closer to Main Street.Photo Credit:Daniel J. Dyrness, Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling

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Photo Caption: In front of the newly positioned and refurbished Roxbury Public Library Gazebo at Olde Suckasunny Day in Succasunna, NJ on Saturday, September 9, 2017

 Left to Right:
 Karen Wnek; Donald Dyrness with Bindy of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling; Heather Darling, Esq.; Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno; Morris County Sheriff James M. Gannon; Congressman Leonard Lance; Assemblyman Anthony Bucco; Senator Tony Bucco

 Photo Credit:
 Courtesy Heather Darling, Esq.

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Photo Caption: Don & Dan Dyrness (with Bindy) of Main Street Custom Homes & Remodeling in front of the completed Gazebo on the lawn of the Roxbury Public Library during the Dedication Ceremony on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

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