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Museum for train station?

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WALDWICK - Getting inside the boarded-up train station building along Hewson Avenue was like opening a time capsule, said members of the Waldwick Community Alliance, who hope to turn the building into a museum while improving the neighborhood around it.

"It's like someone just closed the door, locked it up and left it as it was," said Alliance Vice President Doug Cowie, who said the building fell out of use in the early part of the 20th century and was boarded up in the 1970s. "We noticed there was a bulletin on the wall dated 1931. We were amazed at the condition of the interior - how well it was kept."

But the residents' group anticipates a long road ahead as it seeks approvals from New Jersey Transit, which owns the station building, and compiles funding from sources including borough dollars and private donations.

The Alliance has so far received about \$20,000 in business and resident donations toward the restoration of the building - which is expected to be a six-figure project. Alliance members declined to make a more precise estimate pending an engineer's report on the building, but the cost of replacing its slate roof alone is expected to cost between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

"People have been very generous: Not only do we have so many \$50 and \$100 donations, but people donating \$500 or \$1,000," said Cowie. "I want to stress that all the donations we receive are going

Weather excitement



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WNBC-TV meteorologist John Marshall draws an enthusiastic response from students while talking about weather at Traphagen School in Waldwick.

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