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Dear Town of Shandaken Residents and Friends:

RE: The Shandaken Historical Museum located in Pine Hill, New York

The Town of Shandaken Historical Museum needs your help!

You may not be aware that the Town of Shandaken has a Historical Museum located at

26 Academy Street in Pine Hill. The Museum is housed in the Old School House #10 building listed on the State and National Historic Registry. The museum houses artifacts and historical documents regarding every Hamlet in the Town of Shandaken.

The museum is currently open to the public Friday through Sunday every weekend throughout the year and admission is free. We have had such an enthusiastic response this year that we are looking to add Monday to the schedule.

If you live in any of these hamlets, (Allaben, Big Indian, Bushnellsville, Chichester, Highmount, Mt. Tremper, Mt. Pleasant, Olivera, Phoenicia, Pine Hill, and Woodland Valley) then you are part of this history and museum. This museum is not just about local history but it is also part of the broader history of the Catskills.

Your museum operates on a bare bones budget of approximately \$3,000.00 a year provided by the town of Shandaken. Although we strive to maintain the building and our incredible and irreplaceable collection with our limited resources, the building is falling into a desperate state of disrepair. The building needs immediate attention and to be brought up to code.

Kathleen Myers is the museum's director and a historian with an almost encyclopedic knowledge of our area. She is often called upon by other state organizations for research and little known facts and information. Among the services offered by the museum and handled by Kathleen is in depth genealogical research for local families, some of whom have left the area and wish to reconnect with their past. Along with all of the wonderful services, research and the caretaking of our precious

collection Kathleen is also the maintenance crew, trash collector and cleaner, all in an attempt to stay within the allotted budget.

This museum belongs to all of us and our families present, past and future! Be a partner, a visitor, see your hamlet's history, take advantage of all the museum has to offer!

We would love to see and hear from you. We welcome volunteers, contributions of local artifacts and collections and of course the donations that will allow us to continue protect and expand The Historical Museum of Shandaken.

Be a part of your history!

Your generosity will be much appreciated.

All donations and checks can be sent to:

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