

## To all Nanticoke Valley Historical Society Members

Our first group mailing of the new year is one of concern, but not defeat. The outcome promises to be a positive one in spite of a scary and uncertain beginning. On January 8th a faulty zone valve in the heating system in the museum caused freezing of the second floor pipes during these horrible subzero temperatures. Multiple breaks in the second floor baseboard units resulted in extensive water damage, especially to the first floor. Presently we're in the cleanup process in the parlor, men's exhibit and middle room. Walls, floors and ceilings will be replaced. Anyone who would like to see the damage and progress first hand is welcome to phone one of us and take a tour.

Dry out, clean up and demolition are well underway. The company involved in these activities and the ultimate task of rebuilding and restoration are a local company and have impressed us with their personal interest in the museum, having toured it numerous times as school children. Archives, meeting room, organ and Stratton paintings are intact. Asbestos tests were all negative, so we don't have asbestos removal to contend with. Insurance coverage designations are in process, and although we have a long stretch ahead of us, it could have been much worse. We're not in a hurry. We don't live there.

The winter picnic (dish to pass and table service as usual) will take place on Monday, February 17th at 6:00 in the Federated Church fellowship hall. By then we should have more details about the museum and should know in what capacity people can help with the restoration. We also welcome ideas and input on the re-creation of our displays and have had an offer of assistance from Grey Osterud. There have been lots of calls from the community offering man/womanpower and even kid-power when we're ready.

Sincerely,

The officers and trustees of the NVHS



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