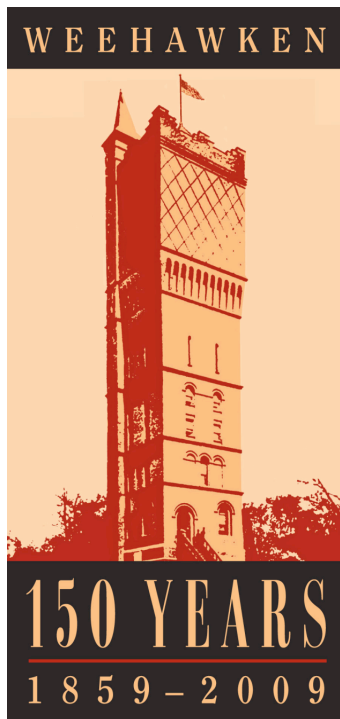


150th Anniversary Essay Competition



The Township of Weehawken and the Weehawken Historical Commission are sponsoring an essay contest for Weehawken students in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Weehawken's incorporation as a township, which took place on March 15, 1859.

Essay topic:

How has Weehawken changed since 1859?

Reflect upon the changes Weehawken Township has undergone in the past 150 years and write an essay in which you discuss how our community has evolved since 1859. You may wish to consider issues such as demographics, economic development, Weehawken's unique geography, reconstruction and renewal, transportation, aesthetics, etc.

Essays due date extended:

June 3, 2009 at the Weehawken Public Library

Prizes:

Grades 7-9

**\$200 for best essay
\$150 for second prize**

Grades 10-12

**\$500 for best essay
\$250 for second prize**

Contest Rules:

1. Essays must be between 600 and 800 words for 7th, 8th and 9th graders and between 1,000 and 1,500 words for students in grades 10-12.
2. Judges will consider the following criteria:
 - Originality
 - Quality of writing
 - Interest to the public
 - Adherence to limitations of length and formatting
3. Essays must be typed, 12 point font, doubled spaced, including the student's name, address, grade level and school.
4. **Essays must be turned into the Weehawken Public Library (first floor, main desk) by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 3, 2009.**
5. Essays will be reviewed by a panel of educators and members of the Weehawken Historical Commission.
6. Winners will be announced and prizes will be awarded at the end of the school year in June.

For updates, check our website: www.150years.weehawkenhistory.org