



2026 Brightwaters Historical Society Membership Form

Our mission is to collect, preserve, and interpret the history of Brightwaters and its people. We strive to make history accessible through our monthly speakers, public events, exhibits at the public library, and workshops. In 2025, we completed two grant projects which digitized 40+ maps of Brightwaters which allowed us to track Brightwaters development from the early 1900s. We also digitized a large amount of village record books, which residents now have access to online. We also started building a collection of Notable Residents. In Sept, our Village Historian hosted a full presentation highlighting those residents. The event, hosted at the Bay Shore Brightwaters Library, drew over 100 residents and friends. We created and launched a Google Earth "Dedication Map" to help those interested, learn where all memorials and dedications are located around the village. We launched a Home Research Workshop, which we are planning to offer again in 2026. We also hosted two community events this summer. 19th Century Baseball Day was in conjunction with the local library. We were able to host a fun filled day for the whole family. Two historic baseball teams entertained the crowd and shared the history of baseball here in the village and how the game started. We also enjoyed gathering residents together for our Groundbreaking Anniversary, where we hosted local artists and enjoyed watching them create pieces live while attendees were able to socialize with neighbors. It was an exciting year, and with your help we look forward to doing even more in 2026.

Please check the appropriate boxes below:

\$20 Student \$25 Senior \$30 Member \$300 Business/ Sponsor \$500 Lifetime

Name: _____

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Address: _____

MEMBER BENEFITS:

As a member you are supporting the preservation and archiving efforts of the Brightwaters Historical Society. Your membership fee also contributes to our community events, speaker series and education programs. Members receive our monthly emails, access to our library with the option to borrow books. You will also be first to know about our upcoming events and receive discounts on Brightwaters' Historical Society Workshops and Merchandise. You have access to our members also receive an annual gift. All membership fees and additional donations are tax deductible.

Join us in celebrating and preserving the history of Brightwaters. Together, we keep the past alive as a beacon for the future.

Please return this form and check in an enclosed envelope addressed to:

Brightwaters Village Hall
Attn: Brightwaters Historical Society
40 Seneca Dr, Brightwaters, NY 11718

Make checks payable to: The Brightwaters Historical Society. Thank you again!

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