

Hazel Baby & Kids Blog presents:

## Historical Stroller Walking Tour of Paulus Hook, Jersey City

Artwork by Ashley Lucas, Historical data from the Historical Paulus Hook Association

- 1. The Katyń Memorial is quite possibly the most graphic memorial in all of downtown. It's dedicated to the victims of the Katyń Massacre of 1940. The bronze statue depicts a bound and gagged soldier impaled in the back by a bayoneted rifle. The polish soldiers were in battle against Hitler's Nazi Germany, when they were attacked from the rear by the soviet army at this battle. Dedicated to the millions of Polish citizens and heroes who offered their lives in the fight against communism for our and your freedom.
- 2. 9/11/01 Memorial Honors the Jersey City Residents who lost their lives that day, and the lives that were changed forever. Features twisted metal from one of the two towers and a sculpture. The annual "Reflections" service is held here at Exchange Place at the foot of Grand Street. On that harrowed day, Jersey City served as an evacuation and triage location for survivors of the attack.
- 3. The Colgate Clock is another famous Paulus Hook landmark (and one with fantastic views and a little hill for kids to play around on my son is currently obsessed with running around "under the big clock". By the beginning of the twentieth century, a number of factories flourished in Jersey City. Industry was a major employer of area residents. Colgate Palmolive produced soap in an expansive factory on the Paulus Hook waterfront. During rainstorms, soapsuds filled the gutters; and on any given day, the air smelled and tasted of soap.
- 4. **Morris Canal Park**, at the south end of Washington Street is another great place. There are trees and shade and great views and it's almost always breezy there which is great on a hot summer day. It's also a great place to watch the 4th of July fireworks if and see Lady Liberty.
- 5. **Korean War Memorial** "And now we can celebrate it by putting the finishing touches on the monument for the 133 soldiers from Hudson County who gave their lives.
- 6. Just to the left of **Surf City** were horse stables where children would learn to ride in the 1970s.
- 7. **A former candy store** at 202 Warren Street ran the neighborhood "numbers" game gambling on quarters and other simple games.
- 8. Sam A.M. used to be the site of a Mosque
- 9. **Light Horse Tavern** (named after Revolutionary War hero Light Horse Harry Lee (there's more info about him on the Light Horse Tavern website).
- 10. **Battle of Paulus Hook Monument** at Grand and Washington Streets Originally settled by the Dutch, Paulus Hook was the site of a revolutionary-era, British-held fort, surrounded by a saltwater marsh. On August 19, 1779, American forces undertook a nighttime raid of the British fort in the Battle of Paulus Hook. The Patriots were led by Major Light Horse Harry Lee, and the "hit and run" operation was considered an American victory. (The HPHA commemorates the Battle of Paulus Hook each year in August.)
- 11. **Montgomery & Washington** a former hotel & saloon called McNultys Abraham Lincoln had a corned beef sandwich there, according to local lore. Abraham's funeral was arrangements were also carried out by Jersey City Bannon Funeral Home.
- 12. **Iron Monkey** was a saloon called Lynsky's back in the 1940's. Many of the corners in Paulus Hook had saloons or clubhouses that working men from the local factories would all pool money to pay rent for the space.

