

Women's History Month traces its beginning back to 1911 as women from California were able to establish one day in the month to celebrate. That date was March 8, 1911. In 1969 women staged a march in Berkeley California because Women's Day had been largely forgotten. Several years later in 1978 women worked to establish Women's History week. The movement spread across the country as other communities which celebrated as well. In 1980 a consortium of women's groups and historians led by the National Women's History Project, now the National Women's History Alliance, successfully lobbied for national recognition. In February 1980 President Carter issued the first proclamation declaring the week of March 8, 1980 as National Women's History Week. It wasn't until 1987 that Congress passed public law 100-9 which cemented the cause.

I would like to talk about women in our town, some of which were ground breakers and others who served us well:

**Town Councilwomen-**

Mary Grund, Paula Amaditz, Danielle Mack, Katherine Barhardt, Karen Ellsweig, Susan Parks Landis

**Town Clerks-**

Bernice "Bunny" Wagner, Margaret Connaty, Mary Frances Toomey, Evelyn Parks, Joanne Nagoda

**Tax Collector-**

Peggy Abdoo

**Town Justice-**

Maryjean Carroll: 1<sup>st</sup> Female Justice. With over 34 years of service.

**Forestburgh Fire Company-**

Danielle Cassidy-1<sup>st</sup> Female Firefighter and Paramedic

Thank you to all the women who have contributed to our town!

If there is anyone that was forgotten, please bring it to the Town Historian's attention.