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Mayor Jonathan Busch: On Historic Metuchen Properties

Recently demolition was completed at the historic building at 280 Amboy Avenue, on the corner of Main Street.

Like many residents, I am really upset that we are losing another piece of Metuchen's history. While I understand that this particular structure had unfortunately fallen into significant disrepair over the years, that does not diminish its historical significance or the role it has played in the story of Metuchen. Buildings like these are more than wood and brick. We pass them on our walks and drive by them on our way in and out of town. They become part of the fabric of our everyday lives and, over time, part of how we recognize our community.

Over the last several years, many residents have asked what more the Borough can do to better protect historic structures like this one. It is an important question, and one the Borough Council has spent significant time considering.

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