

City's visual history sought

Longtime resident seeks photos for event at YWCA

Tony Monica, known in Orange for his videos and still photographs of the city's history, is presenting a gathering of Orange residents, past and present, on Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at the YWCA, 395 Main St.

In a statement, Monica urged planned attendees to bring their memorabilia of Orange history. He added they will be able to reconnect with old friends and neighbors while they enjoy food, a slide show, still photos and videos.

In addition, Monica started a Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/orangenostalgia/> and is a member of another Facebook page, Who's From or Lived in Orange, NJ, <http://www.facebook.com/groups/orangenj/10150552208745734/>.

"Welcome current and former Orange residents. We are building on the efforts you put in to make this a great city to live in/or have lived in," Monica states on his Facebook page. "Any corner you stop at has priceless memories to someone. That's our goal: to find the person that's most knowledgeable on that location."

Many of his Monica's videos can be found on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/tonymonicavideo>.

Monica served as an engineer for Comcast, a videographer, technical consultant for Orange's municipal Channel 35 and community activist.

A \$20 donation is requested to offset the cost of food, hall and electronic equipment rental.

"Technology today allows anyone to contribute their priceless media, be it a scanner, camera, CD or tape. With the social network Facebook reconnecting family and friends, this will make it easier for any and all to meet and contribute. Our idea is to give them a chance to meet here in town," said Monica. "A few of us already have our collections to bring to the reunion. Anyone possessing worthwhile memorabilia please share it with us."

Monica added he can be contacted by email at monicavideo@comcast.net or orangenostalgia@groups.facebook.com. for those who have suggestions or want to help in the program.

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