

## L.V.I.S. Unveils Renovated East Hampton Headquarters

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After spending decades looking after the beautification of East Hampton Village at large, the Ladies Village Improvement Society focused on a project even closer to home this winter, refurbishing its headquarters and thrift shops at 95 Main Street.

The structure, which was built in 1740, had not been renovated since 1987, when the L.V.I.S. first purchased it, and years of wear and tear had left the building in a state that was often not in compliance with the village's building codes.

In the fall, the L.V.I.S. hired Lee H. Skolnick and Paul Alter, from the Lee H. Skolnick Architecture and Design firm, to reimagine the space, with one of the major goals being to make the thrift shops more user-friendly.

The demolition phase took place in mid-January, and Ben Krupinski, the owner of Ben Krupinski Builder, donated the construction costs for the ensuing six-week renovation.

On March 6, the L.V.I.S. held a grand opening of its Bargain Box and Bargain Books thrift stores and debuted the makeover to the public. The result is a redesigned floor plan for the shops, featuring more elbow room for customers. The menswear shop and the bookshop have partially traded places. The backdrop of a fresh paint job gives the space a sleeker aesthetic, leaving the shops in perfect shape for the summer season.

The shops are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Lee H. Skolnick, left, one of the architects for the renovation, talked with Ben Krupinski, whose construction firm donated the work, at a sneak preview on March 2.  
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