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The Village Crier

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President's Message

When you read this, we might already be seeing leaves turning color as we head into fall and football season! We're working towards another successful Harvest Festival, Michelle Piech and Jamie Miles put in a lot of work this year behind the scenes lining up a lot of great demonstrators and performers. Our yard sale in June may have been our most successful yet, we raised more than \$4,300. There are too many people to thank in the space of this article, but it was definitely a team effort where we had probably 20 of our members and volunteers helping throughout that weekend.

Following Harvest Festival, we will once again host our Trick-or-Treat in the Village, and we'll be unveiling an exciting new military exhibit in the Pomeroy House on Veteran's Day in November! Jane Ludwig, our new Library and Collections Committee Chair, has been coordinating the efforts on this exhibit, and David Maloney, an Ashbrook Scholar and history major attending Ashland University is doing an internship where he is managing the curation and display of the exhibit. Finally, we'll round out the year with our usual open house as part of the Lighting of the Square in November, and we'll be open on two weekends in December to celebrate the holiday season. We hope to see you at Harvest Festival on September 30, the event takes place from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Scott Maloney

Harvest Festival

Join us for this year's Harvest Festival, September 30 from 11 am to 5pm. Take a stroll down memory lane as you walk through the Village, visiting all the buildings. Enjoy demonstrators and exhibitors sharing their skills, fantastic entertainment all day, children's games and crafts, the amazing Farmer's Market, the wonderful Model Railroad Display, and visit with 4H animals. The Food Tent is also back this year as well! Finally, we will be celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the Baldwin House! Mark your calendar, this year's event will be a fabulous kickoff for Fall!

Third Grade School Tours

Although it seems like a long way off, the 3rd Grade School Tour Committee would like you to know we are thinking of our devoted members that helped last year with the 3rd Grade School Tours. Keep warm this winter by remembering those beautiful little faces that came up with what seemed like a thousand questions. We encourage all members to be active in this event that will take place again in May, 2024. Be well.

Elaine Cairns, Laura Schlegel, Jean Wittrock

Come Back to the Olds General Store

It's time to renew your support for the Village and the Olds General Store. All profits from sales are used to support the running of the Village.

Like shabby chic? Come see the display of retro items for sale. Like fleece? Ours are half price. Like Afghans? Ours are \$30.00. Like vintage and antique glass? We have lots. Look at the latest vintage tea pots and teacups for that special tea drinker in your life. Check out our latest finds. You'll be amazed at the selection.

Be sure to see the newest shipment of Westerwald pottery made just for us. Ten percent discount on your pottery purchases for members through Christmas.

Visit the store during Harvest Festival to start that early Christmas shopping. Be sure to enter the drawing for the raffle basket of holiday items. Every ten dollars spent earns you a ticket to enter. The drawing will be held the last weekend of Christmas in the Village. Winner will be called to pick up the prize.

The Olds General Store is open on days the Village is open and on days there are tours. Or you can still call Marty at 440-409-5925 for private shopping or to schedule a Village tour.

Lathrop House rentals

If you, a friend or family member are looking for a space to host your next event, please consider the Lathrop House. Rentals are \$25 per hour for members and \$35 per hour for non-members. Whether a birthday, anniversary, shower or going away party, we could be the right space for you. For more information please email to strongvillehistoricalrentals@gmail.com or call Diann at 440-554-1886. We have already started booking for 2024.

If you are looking for a way to volunteer at the Strongsville Historical Society, consider becoming a House Manager/House Sitter during one of our rentals. To learn more about being a House Manager/House Sitter, please call Diann at 440-554-1886.

Village Yard Sale

Thank you to all that made this year's sale so successful! For the 2024 sale, we will be accepting donations earlier. Call Grace Hardison for information at 440-862-1129. Holiday decorations are always welcome.

Collections News

Please join us Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023, for the reveal of the new military display in the Pomeroy House from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This is a new exhibit recognizing the men and women from Strongsville that served in our military throughout our history.

The Collections Committee meets several times throughout the year to evaluate donations and present new ways to display the many artifacts housed within the Society. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Jane Ludwig at ludwig8787@gmail.com, to be included in meeting announcements.

Christmas Tea

Recapture the Old Favorites at our 2023 Christmas in the Village Tea. Tickets are available for Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm. Call Debbie Miller at 440-572-4967 for reservations and tickets.

Christmas at the Village

The Tree Lighting on the Square is November 19. The Village will be open from 5pm-7pm that evening for your enjoyment. December 2 and 3 and December 9 and 10 the Village will be open from 1pm-5pm. The houses will be beautifully decorated, and activities are being planned.

Outdoor Christmas Decorations and Lights

Outside decorating MUST be completed by Sunday, November 19 to coincide with the city tree lighting. If possible, we would like to start set up Saturday, November 4. Again, lots of volunteers, strong arm`s and backs, hammers and battery screwdrivers are needed.

Take down is Saturday, December 30 at 10 am. Let`s hope the weather cooperates. Please let Judy Gleason know if you can help at 440-655-8040.

Save the Date

The Historical Society will be hosting a new event on December 17. This will be a progressive dinner. Watch for the details on our website and Facebook.

Trick or Treat

This year`s Trick or Treat event will be Saturday, October 21 from 2-3:30pm at the Village. Admission is \$5.00 per family or 1 nonperishable food item per person. All proceeds go to the Strongsville Food Bank.

The event is for kindergarteners and younger. To be clear, no child has ever been denied a treat!

Lots of volunteers are needed. Villagers are encouraged to wear non-scary costumes, but costumes are not required. You can provide your own treats, but we will have candy available. Please be at the Village no later than 1:30 pm. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!

Last year, almost 200 children participated. There will be games, and we are hoping the Girl Scouts will once again help us out. Strongsville Police provide an officer and vehicle. The kids love this!

Sign up sheets will be at the board meetings, but call or text Judy Gleason if you wish to help at 440-655-8040. You can also email at goddessgleason@yahoo.com.

We have a number of decorations that need to be set up for this event. Strong arms and backs are important. Most decorations are stored in the barn attic Please bring hammers and battery screw drivers.

Set up is Saturday, October 14 at 10 am. The more volunteers, the faster we can finish. Take down is scheduled for Saturday, October 28. Again, strong backs and screwdrivers. Everything needs to be put away. Contact Judy Gleason if you are able to help.

Help Needed

Interested in helping out during the Christmas season at the Village? Please reach out to Grace Hardison at 440-862-1129 or email gmhdesign78@gmail.com. Leave a message and Grace will get back to you. Any help with indoor Christmas decorating and activities, as well as the progressive dinner event, is greatly appreciated.

Program Announcement

Tuesday, October 17, 7 pm

Strongsville Branch Library, Meeting Rooms A & B

Lost Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County: Strongsville Edition

Presented by William G. Krejci

Author of 'Buried Beneath Cleveland: Lost Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County'

The dead do not always rest in peace. Occasionally, they wind up in the backyard. As towns grew in Cuyahoga county during the late 1800's, many of its cemeteries were relocated to make room for urban sprawl. but not all of these graves made the journey,

Author William G. Krejci tracks down more than fifty displaced cemeteries throughout the Greater Cleveland area. Discover the Revolutionary War veterans, famous scientists and illustrious dignitaries found beneath gas stations and grocery stores in this eerie history of Cuyahoga County's forgotten dead. The program being presented will share many of those incredible stories, but will also focus on those closer to Strongsville, including the long forgotten Strongsville Baptist Church Burying Ground.

Program presented by the Strongsville Historical Society in partnership with the Strongsville Branch Library. Registration is requested. Register by calling 440-238-5530 or online at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/8580291>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 30 Harvest Festival Historical Village 11am-5pm
- October 17 Program: Lost Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County: Strongsville Edition
Strongsville Library Meeting Rooms A & B 7pm
Registration requested - see article in newsletter
- October 21 Trick or Treat in the Village 2-3:30 pm
- November 11 Veteran's Day New Military Display opened Historical Village 1-3pm
- November 19 Tree Lighting on the Square
Historical Village open 5-7pm
- December 2,3 Christmas Tea Lathrop House 2pm
Reservations contact Debbie 440-572-4967
- December 2,3 Christmas in the Village 1-5pm
- December 9,10

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