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The Village Crier

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President's Message

It's hard to believe that summer is almost gone! Maybe this year it is a good thing after all the extreme heat! In spite of the heat and humidity, much has been going on at the Village. Our rentals are up in number and we hope that continues! If you are planning on booking a holiday event with us, please reserve your date with Kathy soon - 440-725-7965. I am pleased to announce that the exterior painting on the Chapman House has been completed. Not only does it look beautiful, it is weather tight and good for several more years. Two new lampposts have been installed on the east end of the grounds. This addition helps complete our main lighting of the grounds. Drive by after dark and take a look! The foundation of the Doll Museum has most recently been repaired and waterproofed. Again, this structure is tight and good for many years. Yet to come is a major repair on the foundation of the Baldwin House and the painting of the General Store exterior. As you can see, much has been happening.

Throughout the heat waves this summer our docents continued to be on duty to share our story and the story of Strongsville with visitors. For this we are most grateful and say a big THANK YOU! If you are a docent please know how much you are appreciated. If you would like to become a docent, just let us know. Training is available for anyone interested.

Thanks also to everyone who responded to our request in the last newsletter for sets of dishes. We now have enough beautiful china to set our tables in several ways.

Please make note of all of the events listed on the calendar on the back of this newsletter and join us! If you would like to become more active in helping at the Village, please call Ruth at 440-572-0535 and we will find just the right place for you!

We hope to see you at the Village soon.

Ruth Brickley

Harvest Festival

Please join us Saturday and Sunday, September 24 & 25, 2016 from 11AM-5PM. Admission is free for all but donations are always happily accepted.

Each day from 11AM-5PM we are planning to have displays and demonstrators with a focus on celebrating Strongsville's 200th birthday. Come see basket weaving, candle making, loom demonstrations, Art Show and Sale, Farmer's Market, Food, Children's Petting Zoo and more. Children's Crafts and face painting will take place from 1-4PM.

Special events on Saturday, September 24th include an Antique and Craft Sale from 10AM-3PM and the Great Brad, a magician, at 1PM.

On Sunday, September 25th the Cow Pie Lottery will begin at approximately 12PM. The Classic Car Parade will take place at 1:30PM and 'Babes in Black', a folk, rock and jazz duet will perform at 2:30PM. The Quilt Raffle will take place at 4:00PM.

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Vice President's Message

Our last program was the Annual Potluck dinner held on June 28. Although the number of participants was smaller this year, everyone enjoyed the food and company. Yummy!

Coming up:

Saturday and Sunday, September 24-25, Harvest Festival, 11-5:00 PM each day. Look for more details in another section of this newsletter.

Tuesday, October 25, 7:00 PM. General Meeting and Program - Judy MacKeigan, Cleveland Metroparks Historian will present "Down by the Old Mill Stream Run" - an informal and entertaining history of Mill Stream Run Reservation.

Tuesday, November 15, 7:00 PM. General Meeting and Program - Janet Bird from the Lorain Historical Society will present "Legends of Christmas Ornaments". Please note this date is accurate. Another date had been printed.

Please put these events on your calendar and join us for one or all of these events. They are planning on being great ways to continue the 200th birthday celebration of Strongsville.

Jean Wittrock

Looking for Help

We are looking for a group of volunteers to get more involved. We would like to create an "On Call" calling group. Can't give you dates because this would be on a needed basis, like getting last minute volunteers or helping some committees make calls for a certain reason. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please call or email Dana Martin, 440-572-1353 or martindl34@twc.com. If you become a part of this team, we really won't meet. I would just contact you with names, numbers and where the help is needed. Thank you for thinking about it. It takes A LOT of volunteers to make things work!!

Lathrop House Rentals

Were you looking for your family and friends this year? If you couldn't find them, they were probably at the Lathrop House attending one of the 19 events that have been held there in 2016. Bridal showers, baby showers, birthday parties, alumni reunions, picnics, and meetings are just some of the gatherings that have been held at the Lathrop House.

The multipurpose room is one of the Society's "hidden gems." Due to the setting of the room, the easy access and the low rental rate, it is perfect for a variety of celebrations or meetings. Even though the Village is not open year round for tours, the multipurpose room is available for rent year round, seven days a week.

The available seating of up to 44, flexible room arrangements, wheelchair accessibility, and close-up parking, all combine to make this a perfect meeting place for many gatherings.

And, best of all, the rental rate is only \$25 per hour for Strongsville Historical Society members.

For rental information and availability call 440-572-0057 or go to our website at www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

It's never too early to book for 2017!

Trick or Treat at the Village

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 3-4:30 PM and bring a preschool child or kindergartener and join the fun. The Village will be open for these young ones to come Trick or Treat. Admission is one non-perishable food item per person or \$1 per person - all going to the Strongsville Food Bank. RESERVATIONS are required. Please contact Ruth at 440-572-0535. If you would like to help at our event or donate candy ... just let us know!

Christmas Lighting at the Village

On Sunday, November 22, 2016 the Village will once again be open from 5-8 PM for guests to tour our buildings and enjoy the festive holiday decorations and visit with friends. Please mark your calendar now and come join in the celebration. The City of Strongsville will be holding the annual Lighting Ceremony on the Commons this same evening. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Teas

It's never too early to think about planning to attend one of these very popular Christmas Teas! The Christmas Teas will take place on December 3&4 from 2:00-4:00 PM at the beautifully decorated Lathrop House. This event has become a Christmas tradition for many - a festive event! Call 440-238-7289 for reservations.

Membership News

We would like to thank all those individuals, families, and businesses who have continually renewed their memberships; your support is greatly appreciated.

Please help us increase our membership by sharing your experiences with the Strongsville Historical Society with your family and friends. We are always looking for new members and organizations that would like to join our membership. If you run, own or know of someone who runs or owns a business and would like to join the Historical Society, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353) for more information on corporate memberships. If you join or RENEW during and at the Harvest Festival, you will get \$5.00 off the renewal or membership!!! So come see the Village and save on your membership!

Welcome to the following new members: Richard & Robin Micko, Beverly Stockard, Sylvia Gerkin, David Matanick and Martha Deletka.

Olds General Store

Stop in and check out the new inventory of pottery. New items this year include beer mugs and garlic keepers. Popular flower pots are in stock and ready to be wrapped. Our pottery is beautiful, unique, and makes a great gift for any occasion. Olds Store is the only place in town to sell Strongsville pottery.

Degenhart glass is on sale at 20% off on sales totaling \$20.00 or more. We have a selection of other collectibles that will be marked down 50% for Harvest Festival.

Store hours are the same as the Village hours - Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday from 1:00-4:00PM or call Marie or Marty at 440-879-1092 for special shopping times.

All proceeds from the store sales go to help keep our beautiful Village maintained.

Cow Pie Lottery

Harvest Festival is right around the corner and so is our COW PIE LOTTERY!! Tickets are now available. Get a chance to win \$1,000.00. They will be available at the Harvest Festival or you can call Dana at 440-572-1353 to get yours early. Don't wait because we usually sell out. If any members would like to get some to sell, call Dana. This is one of our most unusual and successful fundraisers!

Harvest Festival

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The annual Chicken Dinner will be on Sunday, October 2nd this year from 4:30-6:30PM at the Strongsville Methodist Church.

Call Jean Wittrock at 440-567-5152 or the Historical Society at 440-572-0057 with questions. We are always in need of more helpers for this event. Please get involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 24-25	Harvest Festival 11AM-5PM	Historical Village
Oct. 2	Chicken Dinner 4:30-6:30PM	Strongsville Methodist Church
Oct. 22	Trick or Treat at the Village 3:00-4:30PM For reservations contact Ruth at 440-572-0535	
Oct. 25	General Meeting 7:00PM	Strongsville Library Program - "Down by the Old Mill Stream"
Nov. 15	General Meeting 7:00PM	Lathrop House Program - "Legends of Christmas Ornaments"
Nov. 22	Annual Tree Lighting - Strongsville Village will be open 5-8PM - watch for details	
Dec. 3-4	Christmas Tea 2-4PM	Lathrop House For reservations call 440-238-7289
Dec. 3,4,10,11	Christmas in the Village	

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