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The Village Crier

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President's Message

What a great time of the year this is! There is so much going on at the Society and we would love for you to be a part of it! Check out the other articles in this issue of our newsletter and be sure to mark your calendar for the dates and times.

The summer has flown by with so much getting done and so many helping to make tasks go quickly. Be sure to consider volunteering as you read about upcoming events or things which need to be done. We welcome one and all to help keep the Society thriving and to spread the word about what we do.

Our gardeners have done a great job keeping up the gardens and our landscape service, Palmer's Lawn Care Inc., has kept our lawn looking really sharp. These were difficult tasks this year with the excessive heat and then the rain!

If you are up by the Town Center one day soon, stop in and take a walk through the Village. Take a minute to sit on a bench or stone pile and enjoy the peace and quiet and think about how far we have come in this city since it was founded in 1816.

As the year 2019 is quickly coming to a close, please consider making a financial donation to the Society. Your donation would be greatly appreciated as we continue to maintain our Village of 8 main buildings and 2 smaller structures. Due to several memorial donations in 2019 we have made major improvements to the interior of some buildings and more will happen in 2020. The founders and earlier members of our Society laid a

great foundation on which we have built over the years to preserve the history of Strongsville, to educate about the history of Strongsville, and to maintain what has been provided for us. Please consider a year end donation to help us continue with our mission.

Hope to see you at the Village soon.

Ruth Brickley

World War II Through Their Eyes

Ever wonder what it was like to be a soldier on the western front of World War II? Ever wonder what it was like for someone who lived in England at the time their village was blitzed?

Please join us as we continue our series of programs in honor of the 75th anniversary of D-Day, and welcome World War II veteran John Simanella and Strongsville Historical Society member Sylvia Pakish as they recount their personal stories from the second World War. Mr. Simanella is a member of our local VFW Post 3345 and flew over 30 missions as a gunner on a B-24 bomber, and Mrs. Pakish was a civilian living in England with her family when the Germans bombed their village.

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 22 at 7PM at the Strongsville Public Library, and learn about history straight from the people who lived it.

Harvest Festival

Please join us Saturday and Sunday, September 28 & 29, 2019 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 history and commemorate World War II. Come see basket weaving, candle making, rug hooking, Art Show, antiques, Farmer's Market, Food, Children's Petting Zoo, blacksmith and more. Children's Crafts and face painting will take place from 1-4PM both days. Special events on Saturday, September 28 include the following: Elite Dance will perform at 2PM and a commemorative talk on WWII will be given by the VFW at 3PM.

On Sunday, September 29 the Cow Pie Lottery will begin at approximately 12PM - don't

forget to get your tickets. Contact Michelle at 440-714-6544 or michellepiech@yahoo.com for tickets. The Classic Car Parade will take place at 12PM, DIA-Irish Dancers will perform at 1PM and the 'Babes in Black', a folk rock and jazz duet will perform at 3PM. We hope you will join us for this memorable fall weekend!

Make a meaningful gift

It takes over \$2100 a month to operate the Strongsville Historical Society. This includes utilities, routine maintenance, grounds upkeep, and mailings. We would not be able to survive without the generous donations and membership contributions the Society receives every year.

Contributions of any amount can be made to the Strongsville Historical Society to benefit Preservation, Restoration, or upkeep. By making a planned gift to the Strongsville Historical Society, you make a lasting impression for generations to come.

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Strongsville Historical Society.

Membership

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. Remember you can join online at www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org. If you know of a business that may be interested in joining the Society, please contact Dana Marin (440-572-1353) or email martindl34@twc.com for more information on corporate memberships.

There will be a Membership table at the Harvest Festival. You may stop by and renew your membership or tell friends they can join that weekend.

Welcome to the following new members: Diane Oswald-Desvari, Victoria Smith, Susan Gray, Gail Jackman, Cashmira DiScipio, Kimberley Province, Michelle Lawrence, Laura Trattner, and Nancy Nadeo. WELCOME TO ALL!

Preservation News

Much has been completed again this year to keep our buildings in good repair. The Doll Museum exterior painting has been completed and it is looking really sharp again. The building looks beautiful and should be good for many years.

Gutter guards will be installed on the entire Lathrop House. These were much needed due to the many trees in the area. This will keep our gutters from backing up and help our roof last longer.

We are still fighting some nasty insects on the Cabin and Academy and yellow jackets on the Lathrop but our exterminator is on the task!

If you think keeping up with one house or residence is a lot...we are taking care of 8 buildings and 2 small structures. Sure keeps us on our toes!!

Olds General Store

Off to college? Moving from Strongsville? New to the city? New house? Gift for a special friend? Give a piece of Strongsville pottery to your student or friend or bride to be. Crocks and cups can hold pencils or utensils, and a green Strongsville afghan can warm a homesick soul.

The Olds Store is the only place you can buy Strongsville pottery. The selection is large and the prices are very reasonable. Our shelves are full with new items. There are notecards, books, and collectible Degenhart glass items. Most Degenhart is \$10 and under. Kids love the Degenhart pooches, glass ladies, and tomahawks.

Come and check out our logo wear: fleece jackets, polos and aprons. There is a small corner of antique glass available. Visit us during the Harvest Festival and see our treasures.

Olds Store is open during Village hours or call Marty or Marie at 440-879-1092 for private shopping. All purchases are wrapped and put in a lovely bag.

Aprons Needed

We would ask that everyone looks through closets and other storage areas for aprons. Yes, APRONS! We would like to add one more display to the Chapman House which would include aprons and other kitchen items.

Bring your aprons to the Harvest Festival and leave them with the storekeepers or with Ruth Brickley. Or call Ruth to make other arrangements 440-572-0535.

We'd like to thank everyone who has donated some special item to the Society during this past year. It's amazing what generous folks we have in our community and beyond. Please keep in mind when considering a donation that we are looking for items that have Strongsville provenance, meaning they have great history within Strongsville. Please call the Society if you have something to be considered for a forever home at the Village.

Holiday Lighting

Once again this year we will be open and well decorated inside and out for the November 24th lighting from 5:30-8PM. We will need many hosts and hostesses to greet our guests and more help to get the Village decorated. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Ruth at 440-572-0535. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Lathrop House Rentals

Now is the time to book your gathering at the Lathrop House for the upcoming holiday season as it is never too early to get the Lathrop House multipurpose room reserved for your party. Spots are limited so don't miss out on your chance to share this lovely setting with your friends and family.

The available seating for 42, flexible room arrangements, wheelchair accessibility, and close-up parking, all combine to make this a perfect location place for many types of 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.strongvillehistoricalsociety.org and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

And remember, it's never too early to book for 2020!

Chicken Dinner

Sadly after many years of hosting the annual chicken dinner, we unfortunately have to cancel this year. This is in part due to lack of participation in the planning and execution of the dinner. However, just because we're missing one year doesn't mean the dinner will be permanently cancelled. Oh, we're just taking a year off. Keep an eye out next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28, 29	Harvest Festival 11AM-5PM Historical Village
October 22	General Meeting 7PM Strongsville Public Library Program: World War II Through Their Eyes
October 26	Trick or Treat in the Village 3-4:30PM Historical Village For reservations: Contact Ruth 440-572-0535
November 19	General Meeting 7PM Lathrop House Member Social w/ Desserts & Appetizers - Bring a Friend!
November 24	Holiday Lighting of the Village 5:30-8PM
December 7,8	Christmas Teas 2PM-4PM Lathrop House For reservations: Contact Debbie Miller 440-572-4967 Beginning October 1
December 7,8, 13,14	Christmas in the Village 2PM-5PM Historical Village
January 28	Soup Supper 6PM Ehrnfelt Recreation Center

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Trick or Treat at the Village

Our 11th Annual Safe Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 26 from 3-4:30PM on the grounds of the Village. This event is for Preschool through Kindergarten students and their families. Admission is \$1 per person or 1 non-perishable food item per person. All money and food collected is donated to the Strongsville Food Bank. Registration is required. Please call Ruth at 440-572-0535 to register. Help is always appreciated as we decorate the Village for this event and even more help to pass out the goodies.

November Meeting Social

Our last General Meeting of 2019 will be on Tuesday, November 19 at 7PM and will be a Member Social held at the Lathrop House. Similar to the Potluck held in July, we ask that each member attending bring a dessert or appetizer to share. This is the perfect time to dust off your favorite holiday treat recipes! We will provide small plates, cups and forks. A brief business meeting will be held at the beginning of the social for election of officers. Please invite a friend to join you and learn about all of the great things our Historical Society does!

Thank you to those that attended the July Potluck. We had a great turnout and a fun night of catching up during a busy summer!

Christmas Tea Reservations

The Christmas Teas will be held on December 7 and 8 from 2:00 - 4:00PM at the Lathrop House. Tickets for the event are \$25. Please contact Debbie Miller for reservations starting October 1 at 440-572-4967.

Mark Your Calendars, Soups on Soon!

The annual Soup Supper, which is the January general meeting of the Society, will be held on January 28, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Event Center. You can sample over 20 soups and eat until the crockpots are empty. A variety of breads and desserts are also included. Tickets are \$12 each with payment due at the time of reservation. Reservations are

required. Make your checks payable to the Strongsville Historical Society, attach a note indicating your name, phone number and the number of tickets requested. Send your check to: Strongsville Historical Society, 13305 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. Deadline to

purchase tickets is January 24, 2020, a few tickets will be available at the door. We are losing looking for soup donations, volunteers for set up and clean up. If you are willing to make a soup or assist in any way, or just need to make a reservation, please contact Jan Miller at jemiller@wowway.com or 440-567-7222.