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The Village Crier

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President's Message

Welcome to 2023! I am honored to serve as the incoming President of the Historical Society this year, and thank Ruth Brickley for her many years of service in leadership positions, much was accomplished! We also thank the outgoing officers, directors, and committee members for their commitment and contributions in 2022. It was nice to see us getting back to some of the traditions that went quiet during the pandemic.

The past three years have undoubtedly been challenging as non-profit organizations like the Historical Society had to find their way through a pandemic where many public venues were closed, group activities were severely curtailed, and in our case with a population of elderly volunteers, heightened caution had to be taken with decisions affecting our operations.

2022 saw the return of the Village tours, Harvest Festival, Trick-or-Treat in the Village, and Christmas in the Village. We will use that momentum to invest energy into adding to our volunteer ranks and identifying opportunities to increase our exposure and awareness heading into the future. Have you had an idea in recent years that you believe would benefit the Historical Society? Don't be bashful, share your thoughts! We look forward to an exciting 2023 that should be full of promise.

Scott Maloney

Greetings from the Olds General Store

With spring not too far away, remember to shop the Olds Store for gift ideas for St. Patrick's Day, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, baby or bridal showers, wedding gifts, and of course graduations. Our pottery and afghans make ideal gifts.

New items are stocked and ready for you at great prices too. Come and browse. Call 440-879-1079 to make a shopping appointment. Ask for Marty.

Membership

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Membership chairperson. I'm Vicky Maloney, and I am taking over for Michelle Piech, who has done a fantastic job for the last few years. Michelle and I spent some time together recently where she showed me the ropes, and I hope to do as good of a job as she has.

If you have not yet renewed your membership by either returning the letter that was mailed out in late 2022 or through Cheddar Up (our online membership tool), please do so soon so you don't miss out on future newsletters.

I look forward to a great 2023 with the Strongsville Historical Society!

Publicity– Vicky Maloney

I'd like to remind everyone that I am the Publicity chairperson, and I can help you to publicize upcoming events and activities for the Historical Society. If you have any upcoming activities, please send me the information about 4-6 weeks before your event and I will distribute to my list of contacts with the various community publications and within the city. Please include the following: event title, event date, time and location, event description (i.e. name and topic of a speaker), whether or not there is a fee to participate/attend, whether or not the General Store or other Village buildings will be open during the event, how to sign up (if necessary) and who to contact with questions. This information can be sent to me at vsmaloney02@gmail.com.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day will be observed at the Strongsville Historical Village this year. Plans are underway to remember and honor our fallen soldiers. This will be a multi day remembrance starting after the opening of the Village in May. Details and additional information will be available on the website, www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org.

Lathrop House rentals

Spring is almost here and the rentals for the Lathrop House are in full swing. If you are looking for a small venue to host a baby shower, bridal shower, anniversary party, graduation party, or similar event please consider the Lathrop House for your event. The rentals are \$25 an hour for Historical Society members and \$35 an hour for non-members. We want to thank Kathy Ader for all she has done over the past eight years for the Historical Society and the rental program. Her organization of the program has been amazing. We are hopeful that our rental program continues to generate support for the Strongsville Historical Society. For rental inquiries you can go the Historical Society website or reach out to Diann Jurcago at 440-554-1886 or strongsvillehistoricalrentals@gmail.com. Diann took over as the volunteer rental director as of January of this year. Reach out to her to see if our venue is right for you and your event.

Historical Tidbits

The year 2023 marks the 200th birthday of the Baldwin House, the oldest original structure in our Historical Village! Here are a few interesting facts about the home-

- ◆ The house was built as the home of Strongsville's second doctor, Dr. William Baldwin. He was invited to Strongsville by John Strong after the death of the first doctor, Benjamin Olds, in 1822.
- ◆ The building was originally located on the site of the Pomeroy House. In the 1840's. Alanson Pomeroy wanted to build his home on the site, so the house was moved by way of hand jacks, rolling on logs, and being pulled by oxen. It did not go far, and the new location was just west of the Congregational Church on Rt. 82.
- ◆ It was moved down the street to the Historical Village in 1980. It was the first building to be moved to the Village intact.
- ◆ The rear portion of the home, which holds the kitchen, was probably added in the late 1800's. It did not originally have a fireplace, and the one there was added by the Historical Society to replicate those common in that period.

Upcoming programs

Roughing It: When Strongsville Was a Frontier Town
Historical Society Volunteer and former Historian, Valerie Mattingley
Tuesday, April 25, 7PM, Strongsville Branch Library

This presentation is NOT about names and dates and buildings. It is a collection of events that paint a picture of life in the woods and dirt, with wild animals around. We will touch on why people came here, what the journey was like, what it took to hack a town out of the wilderness, how people made a living, and what they did for fun.

This program is presented by the Strongsville Historical Society in partnership with the Strongsville Branch Library. Registration is requested. Register by calling (440) 238-5530 or go online at <https://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/7838230>.

Down by the Old Mill Stream
Cleveland Metroparks Historian, Judy MacKeigan
May Program - Tuesday, May 23, 7PM, Strongsville Branch Library

Among the many features of Mill Stream Run Reservation are the first refrigerated toboggan chutes in the United States, old quarry lands turned into lakes, and Camp Cheerful, where people of all abilities can experience the joy of summer camp. Learn about this reservation and its long and interesting history.

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Social Media

Don't forget to "like" Strongsville Historical Society on Facebook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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7 PM Strongsville Branch Library
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