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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.

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.

Hope to see you at the Village soon.



*Ruth Brickley*

## **Harvest Festival**

The Annual Harvest Festival at the Strongsville Historic Village, 13305 Pearl Road, will celebrate the following activities: Cow Pie Lottery, Art Exhibits, a Model Railroad display, Farm Animals, Old-Time Craft demos, Children's Hand-On Crafts from 1-4 PM, Food Tent and Farmer's Market. We will have entertainment both days which includes a show from a local Dance Studio, Elite Dance, and a performance by the infamous Babes in Black. The antique cars will be onsite Sunday and will parade through the Village. Of course you must try your balancing skills at crossing the Boy Scout rope bridge!

All eight buildings will be open for peeks into the past 150 years. The annual Chicken Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the United Methodist Church from 4:30-6:30 PM. FREE GATE ADMISSION. Parking unlimited. All proceeds go to the restoration of the buildings in the Historical Village. Call 440-572-0057 for questions. Visit us at [www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org) and on Facebook. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for the Cow Pie Lottery, please contact Scott Maloney at 440-476-3104 or [jscott.maloney@gmail.com](mailto:jscott.maloney@gmail.com). Tickets are \$5 each. The winner will walk away with \$1000, there will also be 4 - \$500 winners.

## Homecoming Parade



The 2018 Homecoming Parade was a spectacular "Salute to America". It was a wonderful event which once again pulled our community together for a great celebration. Once again this year the Society prepared a float with 14 people participating. Thanks to everyone's help and extra effort we won 1st place which gave us a trophy again this year and \$125. thank you everyone who marched, rode or helped in any way.

## Olds General Store

Make sure to stop by to check out the new inventory in the store. New pottery items include Strongsville beer steins, sugar canisters, and a sugar/creamer set. The Olds General Store is the only place to buy pottery made for Strongsville.

Our selection of Degenhart collectible glass has been reduced. The majority of items range from \$2 to \$10. Only the rare red Scottie Dog candy dishes and red carnival owls are over \$20.

The store continues to bring in new items. For the holidays, we've had made by a potter in Cambridge, Ohio hand-made coasters featuring Village buildings (\$5 each) and beautiful hand-made Christmas ornaments (\$5 each). These will be ready for sale at the Harvest Festival through Christmas in the Village.

Our collectible corner features many new antique and vintage items to add to your collection at great prices.

And new for this season: spend \$10 in the store and receive a ticket to enter into a drawing for a basket of Strongsville goodies perfect for gift giving. Drawing will be held on the last day of

Christmas in the Village. You need not be present to win.

The store is open during regular Village hours (Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm). You can always call Marie or Marty (440-879-1092) for private shopping.

## Military Display

Our newest display will open at Harvest Festival. Be sure to stop in the basement of the Chapman House and see our Military Display which is dedicated to those who have served our country. We have uniforms and other artifacts from the Civil War, WWI, WWII, the Vietnam War, and the Red Cross to share with everyone. We are proud to present this display for one and all to see.

If you happen to have any items to be considered for addition to this collection, please call the Society.

## Trick or Treat at the Village

Our 10th Annual Safe Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 20 from 3-4:30 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 572-0535 to register. Help is always appreciated as we decorate the village for this event!

## Holiday Lighting

Once again this year we will be open and well decorated inside and out for the November 18th lighting from 5:30-8 PM. 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 572-0535. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

## Political Campaigns of Yesteryear

Button, button, who's got the button? Do you remember that old children's game? In this case, we're referring to a different kind of button...and game!

Political campaigns from long ago commonly used lapel badges and buttons to market support for candidates. Such methods began as far back as George Washington's era. Strongsville Historical Society members Barbara Shearer and Jan Kappus will transport you back through history as they share and describe an extensive collection of vintage campaign buttons, of all shapes, sizes, verbiage and more. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, October 23, 7 pm at the Strongsville Public Library. This may be the most enjoyable and fascinating experience you have this election season!

## Preservation News

Much has been completed again this year to keep our buildings in good repair. Extensive work was done on the Doll Museum to the exterior. Bricks were replaced as needed, cleaned and sealed. New gutters were installed with gutter guards to prevent any backup. The building looks beautiful and should be good for many years.

Gutter guards were also installed on the entire Chapman House. These were much needed due to the many trees in the area.

The Chapman House chimney was noticed to be leaning. Repairs have been made and all is well once again.

Our Log Cabin was in need of replacement logs and chinking. Chinking is the fill used between the logs to keep it weather tight. We are still fighting some nasty bees 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!

## Lathrop House

It is never too early to book the Lathrop House for your holiday gathering for this year - and it's never too early to reserve the Lathrop House for your event in 2019.

Bridal showers, baby showers, birthday parties, alumni reunions, picnics and meetings are just some of the gatherings that were held at the Lathrop House in 2018. People have commented on the intimate nature of the setting, and that is what has drawn them to rent the space.

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](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org) and click on the rental tab to be in touch with the Rental Coordinator.

## Membership

We would like to thank all those 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 individuals and organizations that would like to join our membership. Remember you can join online at [www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.strongsvillehistoricalsociety.org). If you know someone who manages or owns a business that would like to join the Historical Society, please contact Dana Martin (440-572-1353 or [martindl34@twc.com](mailto:martindl34@twc.com)) for more information on corporate memberships.

We would like to welcome our new members: Trudy Holt, Leonard Taylor, and Wendy Steller. Welcome also to new corporate member - American Tuck Pointing and Sealant, 493 Schocalog Rd., Akron, Ohio 44320.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 29,30 Harvest Festival 11 AM - 5 PM Historical Village
- October 20 Trick or Treat in the Village 3-4:30 PM Historical Village  
For reservations: Contact Ruth 440-572-0535
- October 23 General Meeting 7 PM Strongsville Public Library  
Program: Political Campaigns of Yesteryears
- November 18 Holiday Lighting of the Village 5:30-8 PM
- December 1,2,8,9 Christmas in the Village and Christmas Teas

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Beginning in 2019, if your membership to the Historical Society is up for renewal, you will receive a statement from the Society by mail to renew. Renewal envelopes will no longer be sent through the newsletter. Of course, if you are a Life Member, you will not be receiving a statement. A reminder that our membership year runs from January through December. Billing statements will be sent out before the end of 2018 for the 2019 membership period. Please be on the lookout for this mailing!