

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER...

The Troy Garden Club and Village volunteers spread mulch all over the Village in late April. The TGC has also been hard at work caring for the Village gardens!

We have three new volunteers! Welcome Jay, Robin, and Briana! We also have two collections interns this summer: Sarah & Elizabeth.

The Tuesday Crew has finished the chicken coop, and is now putting the finishing touches on an AV cabinet for our new TV And sound system in the church. More info on page 2.

We've expanded outside the Village! We've been doing lots of community outreach. More info on page 3.

Another successful year of Civil War Days! Lots of students, chaperones (and THV volunteers!) got to experience the magic of our educational programming for the first time! Thank you to everyone who was a company guide! More info on page 4.

The Pioneer Garden is growing and growing! More info on page 2.

Troy Traffic Jam is almost here!! Our biggest event of the year and we need YOU! More info on page 3.



Pedal Car Races have started! More info on page 3.

The Troy Historical Society is updating our Membership rewards! More info on page 5.

Our **Spring Appeal** raised lots of money to advance accessibility in the Village! Page 4.

Our Preservation Assistants group has made the Village sparkle. They've been through a lot of the buildings, and not a cobweb is in sight! Thank you!

Speaking of accessibility, we've finally launched our new website! More info on page 6.

The **Troy Historic Village Summer Raffle** is now live! More info on page 4.

The **Troy Garden Club** annual Garden Walk is on July 10th, and the Village is free that day! We need some help welcoming all the guests. More info on page 4.

Monthly volunteer meetings will be on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30am inside the Niles-Barnard House. Any variance from the plan will be communicated in advance! No need to RSVP - just stop on by! You can sign up on our calendar for a reminder if you would like.



Left: Student volunteers smile in between pulling weeds and helping move and dump soil. Middle: Adult and student volunteers help shovel and weed in the Pioneer Garden. Right: It's CORN! Growing in our Three Sisters plot. Thank you, Carolynn Teufner, for donating beans and squash (and the other plants) to be siblings to the corn!

PIONEER GARDEN

Next to the Log Cabin in the Village are twelve raised garden beds that volunteers and staff have been working really hard on rehabbing, rebuilding, and maintaining our Pioneer Garden. We have thirty vegetables and other plants planted in the garden, and we are so excited about it!

We will need some help maintaining the garden throughout the season. Weeding, watering, general maintenance. Shifts are on the Shift Calendar on Tuesdays 9:30am - 10:30am, and Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Once we feel comfortable with the garden and what needs to be done, we can add other times / days if needed or requested!

No supplies are need - we have lots of garden tools and supplies! No experience is necessary - we'll teach you!

Our goal of creating a more historically accurate reflection of a 1840's - 1860's Pioneer Garden in South East Michigan has been successful thanks to the hard work, sweat, and dedication of our volunteers. Thank you!!

TUESDAY CREW

The Tuesday Crew has been very busy at the Village lately! They have completed our very first chicken coop (pictured below). A wonderful volunteer also donated some chickens to display in the coop, too! Thank you!



Next on the list is to refinish the desks in Poppleton and retouch paint inside the historic buildings in the Village.

Are you interested in joining the Tuesday Crew? Do you have experience painting inside buildings and can donate your time to help us? Let Barbara know and she'll get you in contact with the organizer!



Left: Volunteer Janet smiles as she tells visitors about the Village programs. Top Right: Volunteer Lori greets and helps manage the large crowd of guests visiting the THV tent! Bottom Right: Lori & Janet team up to pass out flyers about Village programs.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In June, the Troy Public Library invited us to their summer kick-off program! Over 4,000 guests descended upon the library, and our volunteers Lori and Janet (and staff member Sarah) were ready to greet them! They got to share lots of information about the Village, and we have already seen quite a few people visit us for the first time on their recommendations. Thank you!

Our volunteers have also been distributing Village program flyers and post cards to local libraries! Thank you so much! Next sign up is on July 21.

Do you regularly go to car shows or craft shows in the summer? **We are also looking** for people who are willing to distribute:

- Traffic Jam postcards to local car shows
- Handcrafted and Traditional Trades event flyers to local craft shows

If you're available and interested, you'll pick up cards or flyers from the Village then take them with you when you go to the shows! If this sounds like something you can do to help the Village, send Barbara an email and we'll arrange pick up!

PEDAL CAR RACES

Our first Pedal Car race was on June 15th at the Troy Fire Department's Touch-A-Truck event at Boulan Park! We had 4 total racers! Lots of high school student volunteers and a few adults helped put on the race!

We have two more races scheduled: July 13 at 2pm during the Troy Midsummer Bash Troy Rec Event, & on August 4 at 1:30pm during the Troy Traffic Jam! We will need some adult help for each race, and the July event is on the Shift Calendar.



Left: Volunteers prepare the track for the racers. Right: Volunteer Natalie puts metals on two of our winners!

TROY TRAFFIC JAM

Our biggest annual event / fundraiser is almost here! This year's Troy Traffic Jam will take place on Sunday August 4, 2024. We need lots and lots of volunteers to help with directing cars where to park, checking in car show participants, talking to people at our info tent, and lots of other opportunities. If you have 2 - 2.5 hours to spare on August 4th, we would greatly appreciate it!

[Click here and sign up to volunteer now!](#)

Barbara will follow up within one week to finalize your time and position.

SPRING APPEAL

We have raised over \$16,000 for our Spring Appeal! **Thank you to all of you who have donated!** This money specifically will go towards contracting new floors to be put inside Poppleton School. Our volunteers will also be refinishing the desks! These much needed upgrades are part of our larger goal of advancing accessibility throughout the Village, and for the Village programs.



Left: Volunteer Jim smiles with President Lincoln! Right: Students follow instructions for line dancing - a volunteer guide favorite activity to watch!

CIVIL WAR DAYS

For the first two weeks of May we had thousands of eighth graders come to the Village to experience our annual Civil War Days! Our amazing volunteers guided the groups of students through each of the stations. Thank you to everyone who volunteered! Guiding the student groups is such an important part of the program because we can maintain the schedule, support the reenactors, and also create a welcoming environment for the teachers to know that our volunteer guides have their back! Thank you, thank you, thank you!



Examples of the prizes offered! They are on display in the store at the Village until July 10th when they will be put outside for the Summer Raffle during the Plant Sale / Garden Walk.

TROY GARDEN CLUB GARDEN WALK & PLANT SALE

On July 10th, the Troy Garden Walk is hosting their annual Garden Walk! Part of the Garden Walk includes a plant sale at the Village. Troy Historic Village volunteers are needed to help manage parking in our parking lot. Shifts are short, and we will have staff helping, too! Shifts are on the Shift Calendar.

TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY SUMMER RAFFLE

Our annual Summer Raffle is now live! Board Member Garrick gathered the prizes, and Volunteer Sheryl put together the cute and creative prize baskets! Each of the 10 baskets are valued over \$100! All proceeds benefit the Troy Historic Village!

We also need help selling Summer Raffle tickets during the July 10th Garden Walk at the Village. Shifts start at 8:30am and go until 6:30pm. Each one is around 2 hours, and will require some cash handling. We'll teach you everything you need to know! No experience necessary. Shifts are on the Shift Calendar!

To see what is in the Summer Raffle prizes this year, click [HERE](#) to view the packet!



TROY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Troy Historical Society is updating our membership benefits beginning on July 1, 2024!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

One adult 18 or older

\$35 for one year or \$60 for two years

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP

Up to 6 adults and/or children

\$55 for one year or \$90 for two years

PATRON MEMBERSHIP

Up to 6 adults and/or children

\$150 for one year or \$250 for two years

Additional Benefits

- 4 tickets to the Annual Barnard Bash Donor Event
- North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association Membership which gives you free admission to many other museums, too!

BARNARD BENEFACTOR

Up to 10 people total; ideal for our biggest supporters, extended families, and small businesses

\$350 for one year or \$600 for two years

Includes all Patron-level benefits, plus:

- 20% Discount on the base price of any Village Rental

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

\$1,000 for one year

Enjoy a Village Day for your business! Benefits include:

- Free admission on a day of your choosing for your employees and families, subject to Village availability
- 10% Discount on purchases in the Village Gift Shop on your Village Day
- Half-page ad once per year in the Village Press Newsletter
- Village Press quarterly newsletter and eblasts about upcoming events
- Village ExPress, flyers and other program information delivered to your business
- An Invitation to our Annual Members Meeting with an Ice Cream Social
- 10 tickets to the Annual Barnard Bash Donor Event
- 20% Discount on the base price of Village Rentals for your Business-based meeting, gathering, or social event



BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, ALL VILLAGERS RECEIVE THESE BENEFITS:

- FREE general admission to the Village year-round
- Discounts on Village programs, classes, and seasonal community events
- 10% discount on your Village Gift Shop purchase
- "Members Only" Tours for new and existing members
- Option to purchase a discounted two-year membership
- Quarterly Village Press newsletter and eblasts about upcoming programs
- Invitation to Annual Members Meeting & Ice Cream Social

IT'S FINALLY HERE

It's finally here! Our brand new Troy Historic Village website!

Our URL has stayed the same: www.TroyHistoricVillage.org, but our website is much more reliable, accessible, and easier to navigate. Please check it out, and let us know what you think! We're so excited about it!

We still have an active volunteer page on our website. It looks different, but getting there is the same. I've made an updated tutorial video for getting there with your computer, and you can watch it by clicking this link: [Click Here to Watch the New Volunteer Website Tutorial](#).

Here is a tutorial to get there on your phone: [Click Here to Watch the New Volunteer Website for Phones Tutorial](#)

You can also visit the page on the website yourself by visiting this link:
<https://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/support/volunteer/current-volunteers/>

FEEDBACK FORM

Did you volunteer at an event or attend one as a guest? Do you have feedback for us? We want to hear from you! You can send us feedback anytime by visiting:
<https://form.jotform.com/TroyHistoricVillage/general-feedback-form>

LOGGING VOLUNTEER HOURS

Can you believe it's almost July? July 1 begins our new fiscal year (July 1 - June 30), and that means we need to have all of our volunteer hours logged and updated. If you have not yet turned in volunteer hours to Barbara, you can do so [digitally by clicking here to input them](#).

If you'd rather record them on paper, please make sure to stop by the Village to do so no later than July 31, 2024. The work you do at the Village is extremely important, and we couldn't operate at the level we do without you. Thank you!



CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PIONEER GARDEN TUESDAYS 9:30AM - 10:30AM FRIDAYS 3:30PM - 4:30PM

Help weed, maintain, and take care of our Pioneer Garden! No experience necessary, and tools and supplies are provided. Come for one, or come for all, and help us grow!

MONTHLY SCHOOL CRAFT PREP JULY 9, 10:30AM - 12PM AUGUST 13, 10:30AM - 12PM

Our ongoing & continuous need for school craft prep supplies! It's also a wonderful time to catch up with other volunteers, and get to know new ones. Outside of our scheduled monthly gathering, you're welcome to grab supplies to take to work on at home. Shifts on the Shift Calendar.

TROY GARDEN WALK PARKING HELP & SUMMER RAFFLE JULY 10, VARIOUS TIMES

The Village is FREE for everyone on July 10th because the Troy Garden Club is hosting their annual fundraiser Garden Walk & Plant Sale! We need volunteer help to direct parking, and we also need help selling raffle tickets for the Troy Historical Society Summer Raffle. Both shifts are short, and lots of fun! Shifts are on the Shift Calendar.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM AUGUST 4, 2024

Our biggest fundraising event of the year, and it's all hands on deck! We need help checking in cars, registering cars the day of, directing cars where to park, counting ballots, selling 50/50 tickets, and so much more! Sign ups for TTJ are not on the shift calendar - [click here](#) to let Barbara know what you're interested in / available for, and she will respond ASAP with your schedule!

PEDAL CAR RACE, #2 JULY 13, 1:30PM - 2:30PM

Help us put on our second of three Pedal Car races around Troy! This one takes place at the Troy Parks and Rec's Midsummer Bash! Shifts are on the Sign Up Calendar.

PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS MAY 22, 11AM - 1PM

We are seeking energetic and compassionate people who enjoy cleaning to help us maintain some of our collections! Some duties may include dusting, sweeping / mopping, cleaning baseboards / walls, and other general housekeeping duties inside of our historic structures. We will provide all the supplies and have some training for handling artifacts! This position will work closely with our curator, Elizabeth! Shifts are on Shift Calendar.

MARKETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION ONGOING

See page 3 for more info!

HANDCRAFTED AND TRADITIONAL TRADES AUGUST 16 & AUGUST 17

We are hosting our second Handcrafted and Traditional Trades fair! We are looking for folks with historic trades or handicraft skills that would like to be apart of our program! [Find out more.](#)

SEEKING VILLAGE TOUR GUIDES!

We are looking to add to our exceptional ranks of volunteer tour guides at the Village! This position requires three days of training spaced out over a few weeks for approximately 6 - 8 hours total. Our next batch of training will begin late July. If you're interested, please contact Barbara!

OTHER SAVE THE DATES:

- Scarecrow Row Set Up: 9/25
- Trick-or-Treat at the Village: 10/26 & 10/27