

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER...

Huzzah! Civil War Days was a big success. More info on page 2.

The Tuesday Crew finished the puppet show wagon and it was well loved by Cheddar and all his friends (pic on page 2). They've also completed the painting of the Gazebo!

1,800+ students & 580+ chaperones have attended a field trip at the Village in May & June alone (excluding CWD's #)! Thank you to everyone who is helping prepare field trip supplies!

The Peters Family welcomed a new kitten, Ducky! Just in time for our Pet Exhibit. More info on page 4.

Troy Garden Club had the Village gardens looking breathtaking.

Many new Village upgrades including a new alarm system, phones, and register in the store.

Gail and Nancy have been helping with much needed organization of administrative records.

The Old Troy Church ramp construction is finally complete! Many thanks to the City for this huge safety upgrade.

Carolynn made clothes for Cheddar & Digger!



Supper with a Soldier was a brand new program and was well received. More info on page 2.

Village Tour Guides completed over 6 hours of training & are now leading lucky guests through the Village on Fridays.

Our Summer Raffle, led by JoAnn, raised over \$2,500! More info on page 3.

Over \$8,000 was raised during our Spring Appeal. These funds will go directly into making Village programs in the Church more accessible.

Summer Kick-Off went great! Many thanks to Ken for organizing all of our vendors.

Our Scarecrow Row Team has recruited over 55 scarecrows so far! WOW!

The next Volunteer Meeting will be **September 5 at 10:30am - 11:30am** in the Niles-Barnard House. All monthly meetings will be on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30am!

No need to RSVP - just stop on by!



Top left: students line up for drill lessons. Top Right: Terry leads her Company to the Church. Bottom Left: Roger lining up his Company leaving the Cabin. Bottom Right: Colete waits for her Company to finish learning how to dance.

CIVIL WAR DAYS

Civil War Days is a two week program where students hear wonderful stories from a Civil War surgeon, President Lincoln, about soldier recruitment, learn to dance, and so much more! This year, our Volunteers helped guide 1,500+ students, 40+ chaperones, & 65+ teachers throughout the program.

That brings our May & June totals to: 3,300+ students, 620+ chaperones, & 160+ teachers experience our amazing education programs! Wow!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who help our education team with this massive accomplishment. So many more students get to have a hands-on experience with history thanks to your efforts.

SUPPER WITH A SOLDIER

Supper with a Soldier was an evening program for guests to have a bite to eat while learning all about life in Michigan during the Civil War. This is our Civil War Days program (with some extra perks) made available for the public to experience. Our volunteers helped serve food to our guests, and we are so thankful for their hospitality!



Karen, Ivana, & Padma on the left serving food to guests on the right.



Laura (THV Staff Member) leads story time with the help of Cheddar and Digger (and Tom! THV Staff Member) during the premiere of our new puppet show wagon in May.

SCHOOL CRAFT CREW

On top of the hundreds of crafts prepared, our School Craft Crew did double duty in April and helped mail over 500 letters to members and donors for our spring appeal. Thank you!



From left to right: Debra, Ivana, Colete, Nancy, Georgie, and Karen help prepare over 500 letters for mailing!



JoAnn waves while being surrounded by the glorious Summer Raffle prizes!

SUMMER RAFFLE

Led by JoAnn, the Summer Raffle team gathered prizes from local businesses and prepared over 30 beautiful prize baskets. The Summer Raffle began during our Summer Kick-Off on June 7, and the Raffle Team carried the prizes outside to the event, then back in the main building at the end of the night. They also took the prizes on a road trip this year to one of the last Troy Garden Club meetings so the folks who were running the Garden Walk could have a chance to purchase tickets. The prizes were returned to the Village store & sat on display until July 12, when they were again moved to the Village to sell tickets during the Troy Garden Club's annual Garden Walk. The team had to quickly move the prizes back inside the main building due to rain, and quickly set up inside so more guests could purchase tickets.

Whew! Talk about a lot of work! We think it paid off, though. Over \$2,500 was raised from selling Summer Raffle tickets, and many guests were so, so, so happy to have won such a thoughtful and beautiful prize. All proceeds benefit the Village directly, and we are SO THANKFUL for the Summer Raffle team's work.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM

It's the final countdown -- TTJ is almost here and we need you to make sure our 15th Anniversary is the best year yet! We need lots of help checking in / registering cars, directing cars where to park, and selling 50/50 raffle tickets.

This year, we have some new opportunities! We have an entire tent dedicated to Troy Traffic Jam information. This tent is where we will answer guests questions, sell merchandise, and host the silent auction.

Also new this year is the kids Pedal Car races! We will need some help registering / checking in the little racers, and setting up the races.

We also have some automotive industry designers speaking during our "Tech Talks". Lots of fun new stuff for the 15th anniversary!

It's all hands on deck for this car-party, so grab your friends, family, and even enemies to join us as volunteers! Link to sign up will be on the main email, and there will be a link on the Traffic Jam website:

TroyTrafficJam.com.



Gail and Debra selling Summer Raffle tickets at Summer Kick-Off!

PET EXHIBIT

Stop by the Village before the end of the summer to learn all about the history of companionship during our Pet Exhibit! You can also bring a picture of you and your best animal friend to display in the Poppleton School on our memory lane. This exhibit (and the special events for the exhibit!) is free with general admission which means members can enjoy for free!



Left: Say hello to Ducky Peters! Right: Barbara's contribution to memory lane... can you see all 4 cats in this picture?

LOGGING VOLUNTEER HOURS

July 1 was the start of a new fiscal year. If you have hours from the last year that you need to log, please make sure to stop by the Village ASAP to make sure they get logged! **Please have all of your hours for this fiscal year documented by August 1, 2023.**

***Why is it important to log volunteer hours?
What do we use them for?***

Volunteer hours are a wonderful representation of the community we continue to build at the Troy Historic Village. The hours are also used to demonstrate need when applying for grants or other sponsorship opportunities.

HAVE YOU JOINED A VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE YET?

We have many opportunities to join a Volunteer Committee! Some examples of the Committees are our **Tuesday Work Crew** (construction and maintenance around the Village), **Scarecrow Team** (building/creating scarecrows, talking to businesses as potential new sponsors), **Troy Traffic Jammers** (spread the word of our car show at other car shows in the area, help organize our largest event), **Crafting Crew** (prepare crafts for field trips and other kid activities).

We will be adding more Volunteer Committees in the future, and if you are interested in any of the above send Barbara an email for more information!



RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking to add to our volunteer ranks! If you know of a friend, colleague or neighbor who is interested in becoming a volunteer, please have them fill out our volunteer application at troystorichvillage.org/volunteer or grabbing a paper copy from the Village main office. After they complete their application, I'll bring them in for a brief orientation where I'll share all the amazing things our volunteers do at the Village! And, we'll spend some time talking about what they're interested in doing to help them find a good fit.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, CONT.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM AUGUST 6, 6AM - 4PM

All hands on deck for this car-party! Shift times are sweet and short, so you can double stack if you like! If you volunteer for two shifts we'll buy you lunch! More info on the main email, or you can email Barbara for more information.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM ORIENTATION AUGUST 1, 7PM - 8:30PM AUGUST 3, 7PM - 8:30PM

Orientation attendance is required for all volunteers and staff helping during the Troy Traffic Jam. Dates are on Sign Up, so please feel free to add one of the dates to your calendar now.

TROY TRAFFIC JAM STUFFING GOODY BAGS AUGUST 2, 10AM - 1PM

In preparation for the big day, we will need lots of help stuffing goody bags for car show participants. More info is on Sign Up!

SCARECROW ROW BUILDING TEAM MONDAYS / WEDNESDAYS / FRIDAYS, 1PM - 4PM

This year, building will take place inside the Niles-Barnard House at the Village. No experience required, will train anyone who is interested, and you any time you can offer between 1 & 4 is great. Starts Aug 7; on Sign Up.

PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS THURSDAYS, 10AM - 12PM

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 Sign Up.

SCARECROW ROW: SET UP / TAKE DOWN DATES

Please save the dates & sign up to help us set up and take down our audacious goal of 100 scarecrows! Dates are on Sign Up, and included below.

- September 13 (Troy Daze Set Up): 9:45am - 11:15am
- September 18 (Troy Daze Take Down): 10am - 12pm
- September 28 (Scarecrow Row @ Village Set up): 2:30pm - 5pm
- November 1 (Scarecrow Row @ Village Take Down): 2:30pm - 5pm

We will also have High School student volunteers helping us, so we mostly need adults as point persons!

FRONT DESK DUTY TUESDAYS 10AM - 12PM WEDNESDAYS 10AM - 12PM

Help at the front desk by greeting guests, answering phones, other admin duties. Will have instructions at the desk, and Barbara will be working near by. Shifts are on Sign Up.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION COOKOUT AUGUST 19, TIME TBD

Please save the date for a volunteer appreciation cook out on August 19! More information will follow. If you love planning large gatherings like this and would like to help plan the event, please let Barbara know!

HANDCRAFTED & TRADITIONAL TRADES AUGUST 29, 30, 31, VARIOUS TIMES

We are looking for volunteers who would love to share the things they make during this program. Knitters, quilters, coopers, cobblers, jewelers, woodcarvers, carpet makers, candlestick makers - we need you! Do you have a skill you can share? Contact ypd@thvmail.org to sign up!