

It Takes A VILLAGER



SINCE OUR LAST MEETING...

Both of our Interns have completed their programs totaling over 280 hours between them both! Thank you to Peter Moon and Hannah Krebs for all their hard work and efforts. We will miss them!

Summer Education Programs had around 327 students visit the Village. We've been working hard at preparing crafts and supplies for the fall field trip season.

Almost 20 reenactors + 3 of their kids donated their time to help create an immersive experience for our guests during the Victorian Strawberry Festival in late June. Our Volunteers helped check in and greet guests, serve ice cream and strawberries, and sold raffle tickets for the Summer Raffle!

The Wagon Shop officially has a new roof! Blacksmithing classes were on pause during renovations, but the forge is now hot with fire again.

The Pioneer Garden is growing beautifully and is ready for harvest!



The Troy Garden Club hosted their annual Garden Walk and Plant Sale - almost 700 tickets were sold! Our THS Volunteers helped carry plants to guests' cars and sold tons of tickets for the Summer Raffle! They also called winners of the prizes to come collect at the end of the day.

The Tuesday Crew has been touching up paint, fixing signs, and updating a wagon so we can do puppet shows!

The Scarecrow Crew has been hard at work gathering sponsorships and starting to build our scarecrows for Scarecrow Row.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The next Volunteer Meeting will be **Tuesday, September 6 at 11am - 12:30pm** in the Village Green near the Cabin, weather dependent. RSVP on Sign Up Genius!



THE TROY TRAFFIC JAM

Our biggest fundraising event of the year was a massive success! **We had over 250 cars register for the show, and over 5,000 people came to spend the day with us on August 7th!** Despite the hot and humid weather, smiles and thumbs up could be found everywhere.

7 volunteers helped us for 12 hours total in preparing for the big event. They stuffed goodie bags for participants as well as helped organize volunteer check-in information.

On August 7th, we had 86 Villagers volunteer for a total of 368.5 hours! Our volunteers helped check in and register car participants, direct participants where to park, lead guests to the parking structure, facilitate the KidZone, and so much more!

WOW! I am so, so, so grateful you chose to spend your valuable time with us, and for all the kindness you showed to the THV staff, show participants, guests, and your fellow volunteers! I feel so lucky!

- Barbara Hubbard, Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you for all your support at this year's show! We were very fortunate to have you with us on this special day.

- Sharon Snyder, Sponsor Captain

Thank you to all the volunteers who once again made everyone feel welcomed and cared for! We couldn't do an event so big without your help. The value of your time, hospitality, and helpfulness is priceless.

- Jen Peters, Executive Director of THV

Thank you to all of the high schoolers, middle schoolers, and especially the moms who worked as Ambassadors. You survived the heat and greeted the participants and spectators with not only counters and flags, but also smiles! Thanks for securing the perimeter!

- Tom Arwady, Ambassador Captain

Huge thanks to all of the registration volunteers! It was a smooth process and couldn't be done without all of you! I am so appreciative of your efforts and kindness to our registrants - this event certainly wouldn't be successful without you!

- Kirsten Barber, Registration Captain

Kid Zone at Traffic Jam benefitted from a great team! Thank you!

- Matthew Hackett, KidZone Captain

A big thank you to the parking team for keeping everyone 'in-line.'

- Alex Konieczny, Parking Captain

Thank you to the small but powerful 50/50 team. Inviting people to support the Village with cash on site is always fun and you made it a great part of the Traffic Jam event.

- JoAnn Preston, 50/50 Captain



SCARECROW ROW

October's spooky season is going to be here before we know it! The Scarecrow Row team is hard at work building, stuffing, and decorating this year's Scarecrow Row tenants and we need your help!

Please bring your empty plastic grocery bags - completely dry and free from food debris, please - to the Village Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm. We will have a space in the Conference Room to collect the many bags needed for stuffing.

UPDATING VOLUNTEER PERSONNEL RECORDS

In an effort to consolidate all Volunteer Personnel Records, we will work towards having all current Volunteers update their information so it can be stored in our online database.

We have started updating volunteer records, and will continue to do so over the next few weeks.



LOGGING VOLUNTEER HOURS

July 1, 2022 was the start of a new fiscal year which means it's the start of a new year of logging volunteer hours! If you haven't volunteered since July 1, you may have to write your name on a blank sheet when you come in next.

The Hours Log book is still located in the Conference Room in the 1927 Township Hall and you can stop by Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm to write in your hours.

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), **Crafting Crew** (prepare crafts for field trips and other kid activities), and the **Mailing Mavericks** (help prepare and stuff mailings to be sent out).

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!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

FALL OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17 10AM - 3PM

The Fall Open House is free for all guests, and we will need volunteers to help with checking in guests, and sharing information about the Village and Village programs.

SET UP SCARECROW ROW SEPTEMBER 26 & 27

Our Scarecrow Row team will need help setting up the Scarecrows on their posts and making sure they are secure to stand the month of October.

RESTACKING WOOD AND OTHER GROUNDS WORK ONGOING

THV will be getting ready to prepare the grounds for the colder months. If you're interested in helping clean up leaves/sticks, restack wood, cutting back bushes, or any other grounds activities, now is your chance to shine!

FIELD TRIP CRAFT PREP ONGOING

It's almost field trip season, so we will need lots of help preparing materials! Craft prep can be done at the Village, or some supplies may be taken home to be worked on.

BUILDING SCARECROWS FOR SCARECROW ROW MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS 1PM - 4PM

Are you a crafty person? We need you to help us build and decorate our scarecrows for Scarecrow Row! Email jakpre24@msn.com for more information!

TRICK-OR-TREAT PREP ONGOING

It's almost that time of year! We will need help preparing crafts for the Trick-or-Treat program. We are also looking for help in building decorations for the event, too!

TRICK-OR-TREAT DONATIONS ONGOING

We are accepting donations for the Trick-or-Treat program! Some examples: small individual wrapped candy, non-food trinkets like rubber duckies, bracelets, bouncy balls (party-favor like items). Please bring your donations to the Village during regular hours!

"PREHISTORIC" TRICK-OR-TREAT FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 4PM - 8PM SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 12PM - 3PM

Save the date because we need your help to facilitate fun kids activities, hand out treats, and help create a ROARing good time!

More information about upcoming Volunteer Opportunities including links to sign up will be sent out via email. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@thvmail.org or call the Village at 248-524-3570.