



TROY HISTORIC VILLAGE

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Annual Report

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

AROUND THE VILLAGE

The Board of Trustees of the Troy Historical Society (THS) and staff of the Troy Historic Village (Village) present this Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30th, 2024 (FYE2024). We are pleased to report that **25,086 people visited the Troy Historic Village or attended Troy Historic Village programs this past fiscal year!** Though lower than the previous fiscal year, that number reflects a smaller turnout for the rainy 2023 Troy Traffic Jam but includes nearly identical numbers for school field trips and other public programs at the Village in FYE2023. With life back in full swing, our biggest challenge is distinguishing our quality programming to potential visitors in a sea of options.

STAFF AND BOARD SUPPORT

Owned by the City of Troy and operated by the Troy Historical Society, the Troy Historic Village employed 3 full-time and 13 part-time staff members representing 9 full-time equivalents in FYE 2024. In the past year, two longer-serving staff members moved on to other positions giving us the opportunity to bring in new employees with new ideas and a fresh set of eyes. Hours were added to the education staff and administrative assistant positions as the demands of the extensive programming continued to increase. The Troy Historic Village continued to contract regularly with a Graphic Designer, Blacksmith, and Watercolor Artist for operational and programmatic support and continues to seek out additional partnerships to expand programming.

During FYE2024, THS looked inward to revise, update, and improve policies and procedures. The Village Growth and Direction Committee created work groups to review and update Village safety procedures, investigate and improve staff benefits, and update THS By-Laws. As these groups wrap up, we are looking forward to revising our Employee Manual and Volunteer Handbooks next. The Finance Committee and Fund Development Committee continued to meet regularly to offer financial oversight and support to the Village. The Community Engagement Committee and Preservation, Innovation, and Education committees met as needed to coordinate events, programs, and projects.

Troy Historical Society Board as of September 24, 2024

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

SCHOOL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Field Trips continue to be the core of what we do! **The Village hosted 9,465 students, 1,934 chaperones, and 474 teachers during the 2023-2024 school year.** With the support of grant funding and the experience of our 2022 pilot program, we held a full-day Indigenous Voices program for all Troy 5th graders in October of 2023. Students experienced six different topics presented by eight partner presenters from tribes across the state. This was a culmination of years of planning and partnering and to see the final programming and hear the positive feedback from students, teacher, and presenters was deeply satisfying!



PUBLIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Since Covid, Village staff have used the summer months to explore different topics and add an extra layer of interest in the buildings through temporary exhibits. In the summer of 2023, the exhibit *Pets: A History of Companionship* brought in some fun facts and fuzzy companions. All guests were encouraged to make a pet rock, and additional programs included a pet adoption day, an unusual pet's day, and a day to meet the Leader Dogs for the Blind. Staff created a new scavenger hunt for stuffed animals in all buildings to better engage non-readers throughout the Village.

Other programming aimed at our youngest visitors included a monthly Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour and our Trick or Treat, Cocoa and Crafts with Santa, and Spring Egg Hunt community events. Our Story Hour introduces kids to the Village and to artifacts as part of a program that encourages reading, hands on activities and fine motor skills, and cooperative play. While our community events don't often touch on the historic, they are an excellent use of the Village facilities for safe and fun activities that build up



the community. For adults, we continued our weekly walking group and summer yoga through

FYE2024 and participated in the Great Michigan Read with Firekeeper's Daughter book discussions and related programming. These programs are adjacent to traditional history programs and build communities by reaching a range of interests

In addition to the monthly Thursday Tea programs with history topics, Preservation Conversations focusing on historic preservation, and Constitution Cafés with lively discussion, the Village offered a range of hands-on learning and historic programming geared for adults in FYE2024. Blacksmithing continued to draw people as one of the few programs of its kind in the state, and our Metalsmith created a new project this summer for a special coppersmithing class. Watercolor is

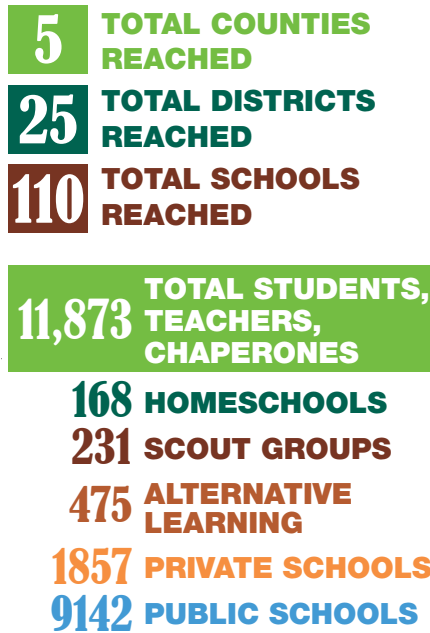
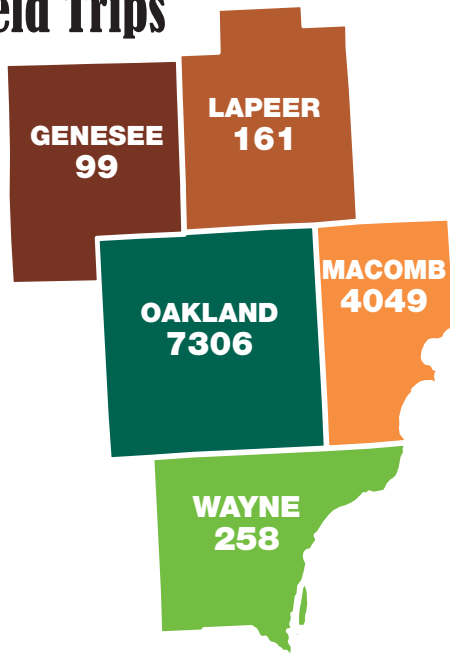
now offered year-round, and this past summer we celebrated all the trades with a new annual Handcrafted and Traditional Trades program. The Radio Show brings back crowds each summer with a different theme, and Victorian Christmas and the Civil War Saturday program gave visitors a chance to engage with knowledgeable reenactors throughout the Village. **In total, 13,213 people of all ages joined us for this wide range of programs, activities, and events in the FYE 2024.**



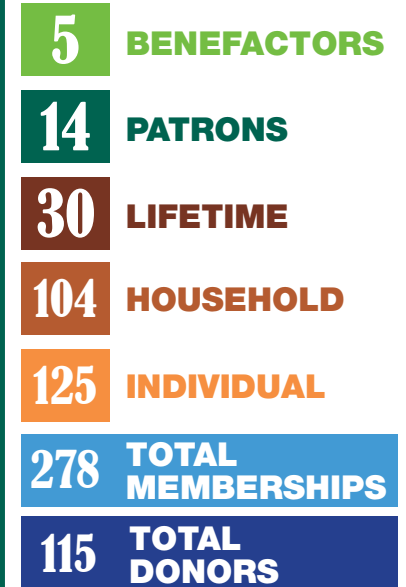
"We continue to look for ways to reach more students of all ages, abilities, and interests!"

~Jen Peters, Executive Director

Field Trips



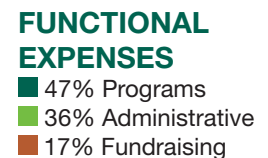
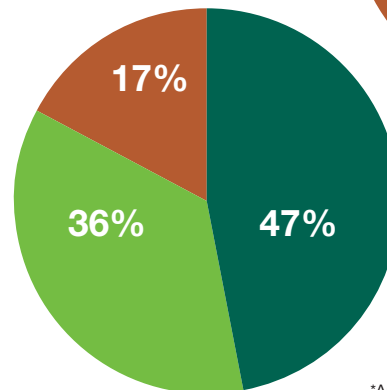
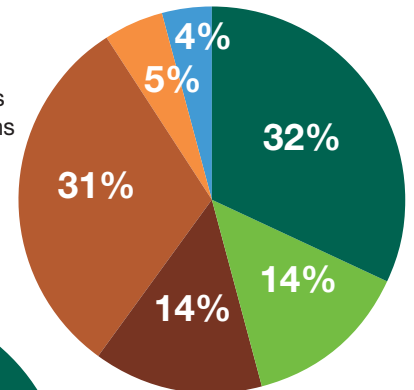
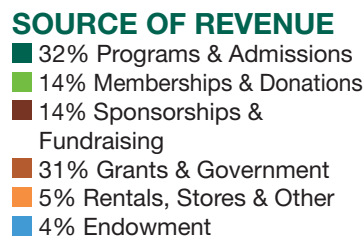
Members



Program Participation



Financials*



*Audited Financial Statements from FY 2023/2024

FINANCIALS

FINANCE

THS successfully completed its thirteenth year operating the Village through a renewable management agreement with the City of Troy. The current agreement will end in 2026. We had a strong 2023-2024 budget that was supported by a full return to field trip programming, continued additional programs and rentals, and continued grant and donor support. **THS ended the year in a strong financial position with total Net Assets of \$570,437.** After four years of pushing a range of programs and bringing in higher than budgeted numbers, cultivating donors, and working to secure grants whenever possible, THS now has a small amount of cash reserves. This puts THS in a much better financial position overall in two ways: continued cash flow throughout the year when the limited programming in January and February had historically made those months financially difficult, and a cash reserve that could be tapped in the event of another work stoppage or other financial disruption.

ENDOWMENTS

The THS managed endowment benefitted from a strong stock market in the past year. The endowment's value was higher at the end of the fiscal year even with \$22,000 in disbursements to the general fund and no additional donations. With a strong performance, the Finance Committee offered an additional \$5,000 from the endowment to cover the cost of starting a staff benefits program in the future. The goal is to work towards increasing benefits as part of the Village's overall growth. Competitive staff salaries including benefits continue to be a fiscal priority and remain so with the continued operational support from the City of Troy.

As of June 30, 2024, the THS endowment fund value was \$432,146; \$22,000 was disbursed to Village operations during the fiscal year.

As the Troy Community Foundation moves forward with growth and marketing, THS has become more active in promoting and utilizing these endowment funds for the benefit of the Village. Staff members apply for grants to support programs while a small annual distribution supports Village maintenance and improvement projects.

As of June 30, 2024, the Troy Historic Village endowment fund managed by the Troy Community Foundation was valued at \$34,920.44.



Financial Snapshot

Revenue

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Field Trips, Programs, & Admissions | \$182,854 |
| Memberships & Private Donations | \$70,002 |
| Rentals, Village Store, & Other | \$30,150 |
| Fundraising & Sponsorships | \$90,255 |
| Grants | \$56,724 |
| Assets Released from Restrictions | \$7,703 |
| City of Troy Operations Support | \$106,000 |
| Endowment Distribution | \$22,000 |

Expenses

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|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Related Fees | \$393,416 |
| Artists and Professional Fees | \$69,382 |
| Program Expenses | \$25,962 |
| Fundraising Expenses | \$35,628 |
| Administrative & Overhead Expenses | \$37,654 |

FINANCIALS

GRANTS

The following grants were received in FYE2024:

- ✓ The **Michigan Arts and Culture Council** awarded \$16,500 Operations Grant in the second of three years of guaranteed grants; THS scored high enough in the fall of 2022 to secure this grant for 3 fiscal years though funding may change from year to year. They also awarded \$6,500 for a Community Partners Grant towards the 2023 Indigenous Voices program.
- ✓ The **Michigan Non-Profit Association** awarded a one-time \$25,000 Non-Profit Relief Fund Grant for general operations.
- ✓ The **Michigan Humanities Council** supplied 35 books for its semi-annual Great Michigan Read program.
- ✓ **Kresge Foundation** allocated \$5,000 from a three-year grant of \$15,000 to support programs at the Village that contribute to the Troy community's quality of life.
- ✓ The **Oakland County Commissioners** awarded a \$10,000 grant to support the 2023 Civil War Days and 2024 Indigenous Voices educational programs.
- ✓ The **Michigan Humanities Council** awarded a \$12,000 Spring Humanities Grant to support the 2024 Indigenous Voices Program (this is a highly competitive grant cycle each year).
- ✓ **The Filmer Foundation** awarded \$9,000 to support the Preservation Conversations program. This funding will enable us to provide quarterly programs at the Troy Public Library in addition to the monthly program at the Village.
- ✓ **The Troy Community Foundation** awarded \$750 towards our Healthy Initiatives programs which include summer yoga and a weekly walking group.
- ✓ The **City of Troy** appropriated \$100,000 to support general operations in the Village and \$6,000 to support Preservation Conversations which promotes historic preservation in Troy and deepens our community's understanding of the field. This is in addition to work completed through the Facilities & Grounds department to maintain and upgrade Village buildings and grounds.



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MICHIGAN
ARTS &
CULTURE
COUNCIL



TROY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



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KRESGE
FOUNDATION



ALLISON
FAMILY
FOUNDATION

Phillip & Elizabeth Filmer Memorial
Charitable Trust



COLLECTIONS

Staff Curator, Elizabeth Thornburg, and volunteers worked on the following projects during FYE2024:

- ✓ Researching Parsonage ministers and their families, researching the Parsonage building, and updating the interpretation in the Parsonage.
- ✓ Researching the history of properties at Troy Corners (6074-6170 Livernois) as well as other former structures at Troy Corners including the Jennings Home/Gow's Little Acre.
- ✓ Identifying historic houses and making note of next steps in recognizing Troy's historic past in 2026.
- ✓ Researching Troy's previous historic properties that were not included in the Historic District.
- ✓ Digitizing the collection of existing photographs of historic district structures from previous photograph loans and roadside surveys.
- ✓ Researching Troy's Agricultural History and Commerce from 1850-1880.
- ✓ Providing research and artifacts for the Victorian Christmas mini exhibit.
- ✓ Digitizing and indexing Troy Roadside Survey from the Dorothy Scott Collection.
- ✓ Cataloging slides from the Troy Community Center Collection from 1970s and 1980s.
- ✓ Providing research and images for Throwback Thursdays social media posts.
- ✓ Researching Johnson Niles land ownership records.
- ✓ Researching Indigenous inhabitants of Oakland County surrounding the area that became Troy.
- ✓ Researching Sylvan Glen Golf Course/ Sylvan Glen Park/ affiliated land from Land Grant to present.
- ✓ Providing research and images for the Village Press.
- ✓ Providing research and artifacts for *How Does Your Garden Grow?* exhibit.
- ✓ Additional digitizing and cataloguing in the Archives.



The following items were accessioned into the Collection:

- ✓ 1905 Methodist Hymnal – Purchase
- ✓ 1910 Methodist Hymnal – Cheryl Gawn
- ✓ Late 19th early 20th century shadowbox of taxidermized Troy area birds – Sandra Clark
- ✓ 1964 framed newspaper photograph and accompanying newspaper article

regarding Sir James Pittman visiting Poppleton School from the Daily Tribune – Martin Jakiela

- ✓ AMT model kit from Troy, MI; Emdee leather medicine bag – Douglas Thornburg

- ✓ 2 Busts of historic Methodist figures; teapot, cup and saucer from Wesley Wedgewood set; 2 engraving prints; 32 books; minister's robe and clerical collar; toby jug; communion chalice; clay jug – LaVere Webster
- ✓ Antique copper pitcher; dough proofing bucket – Kevin Enright
- ✓ 1979 image of Hilly Acres Farm – Mary Louise Porter
- ✓ 1960s – 1970s Troy Jaycee's scrapbook – JoAnn Preston
- ✓ Newspaper clippings; City of Troy street sign c. 2000; low-resolution photographs of Perrin Cemetery; concept drawing of Solar house (address unknown); Troy Community Center plans – City of Troy



The following items were accepted into the THS Education collection:

- ✓ Tools, wooden boxes, board games, frames, bottles, and reproduction toys – Ken Barrett
- ✓ Box of rocks and minerals – Sandra Clark
- ✓ Ice tongs and a shoe tack hammer – Pat Guibord
- ✓ Mason jars, pulley, metal pail – Estate of Judy Cornelier
- ✓ Salt cellars and spoons – Scott Powell

Deaccessions:

- ✓ No items were deaccessioned during FYE2024.



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Volunteer hours and 10 volunteers were utilized by Collections in FYE2024

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

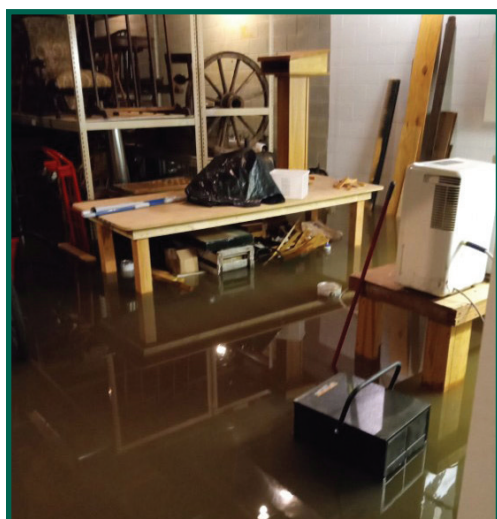


Village staff and volunteers continued to make improvements to interpretation and accessibility around the Village in FYE 2024. A volunteer group finished building and installing a non-functioning outhouse and period appropriate chicken coup to improve the Cabin's interpretive landscape. Spurred by a donation from the Metamora Colonial Dames, the Parsonage interpretation has been moved from a generic 1910s to a more focused 1923 and the Bennett family who lived there at the time. Volunteers painted the second floor, and artifacts more specific to the experience of a young Methodist minister from Cornwall England and his family were acquired



through purchase and donations. Volunteers worked with metalsmith Rose Weiss to replace a cracked firebox in the forge to keep classes running smoothly. In the spring, the Village updated the Audio-Visual system in the Old Troy Church to now include a loop hearing system and improved visual definition.

Following back-to-back rainstorms in August 2023, the Old Troy Church basement filled with 17 inches of water. The City, Village staff, and Village volunteers worked to clear and clean the space. The City reassessed neighborhood drains, sump pumps, and church mechanical systems to maximize existing drainage and protections to the building and equipment. There hasn't been flooding following this work despite similar storms. Other projects by the City included exterior paint touch ups on several buildings, tree pruning and maintenance, and LED lighting updates inside the Main Building (Old City Hall).



A rotted beam in the Wagon Shop created an opportunity for a unique collaboration. Instead of simply replacing the 150+ year old hand-hewn beam with modern materials, the City and Village worked together to replace it with a new hand-hewn beam. The City Grounds department cut and moved a failing oak tree onsite; staff member Alex Konieczny hewed the beam to the needed size using traditional tools and sharing what he learned with other staff and in a newsletter article, and then City Facilities installed the new beam.



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Rentals including Weddings, Graduations, Family Celebrations, and Business Meetings

COLLABORATIONS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Throughout FYE 2024, THS continued to collaborate with community partners and use the Village as a resource for the community including local non-profits. Staff members presented and participated in partner organizations as leaders among the history, museum, and historic preservation communities. Staff, board, and volunteers also enjoyed being active in community events!

Village grounds were used for a range of programs and rentals that benefited the community and community partners. Four Open House events throughout the year enabled the community to enjoy the Village for free. Though standard admission is nominal, it can still be a barrier for some. The Fall (September), Mid-Winter Break (February), and Summer Kickoff (June) Open Houses as well as the Garden Walk Day (July) enable hundreds of visitors to see and enjoy the Village grounds while learning about upcoming programs. The Village partnered with Troy Chamber of Commerce to jointly host a fall Fire and Flannel networking and social event, Troy Kiwanis and Homes for Autism used the Village for their annual fundraisers, and the Village was again the “home base” for Troy Garden Club’s annual Garden Walk.



During FYE 2024, Troy Historic Village hosted the fall Michigan Museum Association mixer. Staff members also attended their annual conference in Flint and several virtual seminars and programs. Adult Program Director Stephanie Arwady served on the Oakland County Historical Commission, Youth Program Director Alex Konieczny spoke to Oakland University

Anthropology Students, and Executive Director Jen Peters spoke to Eastern Michigan University Historic Preservation Graduate Students. Maintaining these connections in the field enables the Village to be a resource among peers. Staff also participated in the Michigan Historical Society History Day Competition, mentored Wayne State University students, provided demonstrations at the Oakland County Pioneer Association’s Ice Cream Social, and spoke to the Metamora Chapter of the Colonial Dames. The Village continued to offer research support to the City of Troy and residents interested in local history.

THS increased its participation in the annual Troy Family Daze event in the fall of 2023 with a fun, interactive booth next to 30 scarecrows sponsored by local businesses. This was in addition to participating in Troy Recreation events, the Troy Famers Market, Stage Nature Center’s Maple Syrup Time, Troy Fire Department, and Troy Public Library events throughout the year.



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EDUCATION SPONSORS

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PROGRAM AND EXHIBIT SPONSORS

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Tim Hortons - Troy
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Troy Community Foundation
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TROY TRAFFIC JAM 2023

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Autumn Insurance
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Fogo de Chão
Sedona Taphouse
Pasteiner's Auto Zone

Friends of Troy Traffic Jam

B&B Collision
Allison Family Foundation
Cauley Ferrari of Detroit

SCARECROW ROW 2023

100 Women Who Care - Troy
86 Plastic
A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors
Alexander J. Bongiorno Alliance Mobile Health
Allison Family Foundation
American House Elmwood
Ann Percy - State Farm Insurance
Anthology of Troy
BB's of Troy
Benito's Pizza Troy
Big Beaver United Methodist Church
Billings Lawn Equipment
Bright Behavioral Therapy- Troy
Buffalo Wild Wing Arena
C & G Newspapers
Community Choice Credit Union

Como Pediatric Communication Center
ConnectPay
Dean Sellers Ford
Erin O'Donnell Real Estate - Goman Real Estate
Collective
Explore Yoga
Fogo de Chão
Fox & Hounds Pastry Den
Genisys Credit Union
Green Lantern Pizza
HealthMarkets - Troy
Hindu Community Relations Council
Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh/Balgokulam
Honeybaked Ham
Inman Audiology
Irma's Family Farm Fresh Vegetables
Jonny Cakes Cafe
J-RO School of Music

Karen Greenwood - Coldwell Banker Weir Manuel
La Botana
Lake Michigan Credit Union
Lardner the Gardener
Lederman Kwartowitz Orthopedics
Lillybrook Counseling Services
Lincoln of Troy
Madany Dental
Manpower
Michi Design
Mr Kabob Xpress
MSU Management Education Center
Neil King Physical Therapy
New Century Realtors
Oakland Press
Oakmont Senior Communities

Office Evolution Troy
OUR Credit Union
Papa Romano's
Rexpointe Kennels Inc.
Ridley's Bakery Cafe
San Marino Club
Signs & More
Stage Nature Center
Stifel
Sunrise of Troy
Susheilla Mehta - Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Kee Realty
T & I Credit Union
Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center
Trevarrow Ace Hardware
The Choice Group
The Cook Group - Merrill Lynch
The Piano Place
The Quell Group

The Reserve at Red Run
Tri-County Equipment
Troy Chamber of Commerce
Troy Dental Studio
Troy Fire Department (sponsored)
Troy Garden Club
Troy Historical Society (sponsored)
Troy Jewelers
Troy Kickboxing Outfit
Troy Public Library
Troy Police Department (sponsored)
Troy Racquet Club
Troy Recreation Department
Troy Rotary Club
Troy Veterinary Hospital
Troy Youth Soccer League
Troy-Metro Agency
Vigilante Security

BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS 2023-2024

AAA Ice Cream
ALCO Printing

Honey Baked Ham
Red Robin – Troy

Ridley's Bakery Café
Signs and More

Trevarrow Hardware
Troy Garden Club

FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS



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VOLUNTEERS

In FYE 2024, volunteers continued to support THS and Village Staff by engaging the public, supporting operations, and preserving our resources. Volunteers were Activity Leaders for games and craft stations at our Trick-or-Treat, Cocoa & Crafts, and Egg Hunt events. They also warmly welcomed and checked-in guests for various events, provided Village tours, assisted staff with cleaning office spaces, and distributed marketing materials throughout the community. Volunteers offered their skills and expertise around the Village as they built specialty items for programs and interpretation like the non-functioning outhouse and historically authentic holiday ornaments and decorations, and maintained the Village's gardens.

Volunteers were critical to executing THS's annual fundraisers again this past year. For the Troy Traffic Jam, over 100 volunteers helped with marketing, car show registration, parking the car show participants, monitoring the Pedal Car racers cars, selling raffle tickets, engaging kids in the Kids Zone area, and so much more. For Scarecrow Row, a volunteer team helped with soliciting sponsors, built over half of the scarecrows, and monitored each and every scarecrow until the end of October. Volunteers also set up and took down Scarecrow Row at Troy Family Daze and at

the Village. Other important fundraising opportunities included building prize baskets and selling raffle tickets for the Summer Raffle and selling maple syrup products during Maple Syrup Days at Stage Nature Center. These events not only raise funds for THS, but they are enjoyed by thousands in the Troy community each year.

Knowing volunteers are looking for community as well as a sense of accomplishment, the Village established reoccurring weekly or monthly

volunteer opportunities that included school craft prep, specialized artifact or building cleaning, and a maintenance work group. These opportunities offer volunteers a chance to work with others in a social setting while helping accomplish needed tasks at the Village. Tasks were also tailored to student schedules as much as possible to enable participation.

Monthly meetings and bi-monthly volunteer specific newsletters kept the volunteers connected and periodic surveys drew invaluable insight from volunteering at the largest community events to the smallest volunteering tasks. The Volunteer Coordinator was, and still is, the communication vehicle for staff and volunteers, working to meet the needs of both groups for the overall benefit of Village visitors and the Troy community.



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Volunteers contributed a total of 4,757 hours of time to Village programs and operations support.

LOOKING FORWARD

The work continues! THS and Village Staff are in constant pursuit of improvement on all fronts: internal functioning, quality programming, accessibility, and continued research for better understanding of our history and its applications.

In the upcoming fiscal year, we are looking at ways to improve the THS Board and Village Staff. Board members are currently reviewing By-Laws and other policies. The current By-Laws have only had minor revisions since 2013. This comprehensive review will consider current non-profit best practices as well as the changing function of the THS board from a working board to a support and oversight board. Village Staff also continue their education in best practices as they visit other sites and participate in conferences and seminars.



City funding supported a recent dendroarchaeology study of the three oldest Village buildings for educational purposes. The study confirmed that the Caswell House was built in 1832/33 and the Old Troy Church was built in 1836/37, but established the building date of the Niles-Barnard house as 1826/27 — 10 years earlier than previously thought and making it Troy's oldest building! With this new information, diving back into the written accounts and documents helps us better understand that Johnson Niles likely wrapped his family's home, mercantile business, and early tavern all into a single structure. Shedding light onto the early Euro-American settlement of the Troy area enables us to tell a more robust story.

We've also started an internal campaign to revisit the research and documentation of each Village building to improve the interpretation and experience in each of them. We've started in the Parsonage, and plan to move onto the Caswell House, Town Hall, and General Store in upcoming years. We see this as part of the overall goal of better utilizing Village resources set out in the 2023 Master Plan. We are also looking at accessibility in these individual buildings and overall Village as we consider each of these smaller projects.

Finally, we're already looking ahead to 2026 and the Semiquincentennial. Communities around the United States will find their own ways to celebrate the 250th birthday of the nation, and here in Troy the Village is planning to pose the question, "Why Troy?" We are looking at featuring pioneers and citizens through the years and explore why they may have chosen to live in Troy. We think this will be a great project for school children and current residents alike and we are looking forward to sharing posters and exhibits throughout the community as part of this celebration!

