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The Tuesday Crew have been Tuesday Crewin'! Find out what they've been up to on page 4.

Scarecrow Row is now up until November 5! More info on page 3.

Be a Village Ambassador outside of the Village gates. More info on page 4.

Trick-or-Treat was OUT OF THIS WORLD! More info on page 2.

Volunteers have been helping check in guests during programs & events like **Thursday Tea, Fall Open House, & Preservation Conversations.**

Hundreds of candles have been dipped, and we will need hundreds more! Dates on back page.

Help mail the Year End Appeal! More info on page 4.



We have a historic bread oven! More info on page 3.

Did you see us in the Troy Family Daze Parade? More info on page 3.

Volunteers helped students make corn husk dolls during **Indigenous Voices** in October.

Cocoa & Crafts, Victorian Christmas, and Holiday Decorating! Almost time! More info on page 5.

Upcoming volunteer opportunities will be lots of fun. More info on page 6.

Monthly volunteer meetings are held be on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30am inside the Niles-Barnard House. Any changes 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.

TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-Treat 2025 was OUT OF THIS WORLD! We had 625 of our neighbors join us for the event, and many for the first time! Many were also returning to the Village after having a great time at our Spring Egg Hunt or Cocoa & Crafts with Santa. This is a testament to how great our volunteers are that guests want to come back and spend their holidays with us!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped prep the craft supplies, dropped off treats and prizes for us to pass out, set up the event, and donated their valuable time to make sure each guest had a wonderful time! We truly couldn't do this without our amazing volunteers. Special thank you to those who brought along family members and friends to volunteer with them!

1) Debra smiles and waits to check guests in. 2) Terry P smiles in between telling guests about the program. 3) Dressed as a cozy penguin, Sahasra waits to pass out treats at the obstacle course. 4) Raahi greets guests as they enter the wormhole inside the Cabin. 5) Sgt. Space Michael welcomes guests at the gate with his scarecrow twin. 6) Garden Club members passing out moon pies and smiles. 7) Volunteers show guests how to make their own constellations. 8) Chris R passing out sweet smiles and sweet treats from Tim Hortons. 9) Cathy M shows guests all the fun stuff to do during the program. 10) Volunteers smile while lifting the weights at the obstacle course. 11) David waits to instruct guests how to blast meteors. 12) Heather & Heidi prep materials for the craft activity. 13) Gail & Marian supervise the constellation activity.



SCARECROW ROW

We set up Scarecrow Row at the very end of September. We put up 88 scarecrows this year representing 92 different sponsors! This is the most scarecrows we've ever had - we SOLD OUT for the first time ever! Please make sure to check out our sponsor list by clicking [HERE](#), and please make sure you tell them you saw their scarecrow!

Thank you Sheryl, Karol, Karla, Gail, Pete, Debra, Jay, & Robin for helping set up Scarecrow Row!



1) Robin & Jay. 2) Pete. 3) Sheryl. 4) Karla. 5) Debra. 6) Craig H & Lori H with the Troy Family Daze float.

TROY FAMILY DAZE

This was our 3rd year participating in Troy Family Daze in September, and we took 30 scarecrows to stay over the weekend. Set them up, let them stand guard for the thousands of visitors, and then took them down and brought them back to the Village.

We also participated in the Troy Family Daze parade for the second year! We made scarecrow astronauts playing golf on the moon. Thank you Lori H, Craig H, and JoAnn for walking in the parade and passing out candy and postcards even in the rain!

Troy Historic Village also hosted a table at Troy Family Daze over the weekend. Thousands of guests came by to pick up information about the Village and play with our Lincoln Logs. Thank you to Sheryl for volunteering to help during the event!



THV STAFFING UPDATE



Please join us in welcoming Lydia to our Education Team! Lydia was most recently was an educator at Bower's Farm and brings her love of gardening, farming, & Michigan history to the Village. We're excited to have her join us, & can't wait for you to meet her!

PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS

Preservation Assistants meet every Wednesday from 10:30am - 11:30am. Elizabeth, our Curator, will be on site in the buildings each shift, and we need your help to keep our spaces clean and tidy! No experience is necessary as Elizabeth will teach you when you arrive! Come as often as you like. Shifts are on the Sign Up Calendar.

YEAR END MAILING HELP

On Wednesday November 12, 10:30am - 12:30pm we need help folding, stuffing, stamping, and preparing the mailing for our Year End Appeal! We will be mailing over 600 letters, and can use all the help we can get! All are welcome! Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar.

VILLAGE AMBASSADORS

We're looking to create a group of folks who love the Village and the programs we offer to join our Community Outreach group! This group will help greet guests and pass out Village information when we are off-site at different community events. Events like Troy Family Daze, Troy Public Library Open House and Trick-or-Treat, Troy Fire Department Open House, etc. You don't have to sign up for all the days, and we will give you all the information you need to succeed! This is a great way to volunteer at the Village while having fun at other community organizations' events! Please contact Barbara if you'd like to join the team!

HISTORIC BREAD OVEN

Earlier this year, Anson P approached the Village and asked if he could build something on our site for his Eagle Scout project. Through collaboration with our YPD Alex, Anson & his team successfully built a historic earthen bread oven that now sits behind the Caswell House!

The project took months to finish, and Anson and his team diligently worked over the weekends and sometimes during the week after school. We even had our very first Historic Bread Making class on November 1! We're so grateful Anson chose us for the location of his Eagle Scout project. Make sure you take a walk behind Caswell House to check it out next time you're at the Village!



Anson smiles next to the bread oven!

FIELD TRIP SEASON

Field Trip season is officially here, and we are all booked for the season! Thank you to everyone who has helped prepare school craft supplies! They help create an immersive memorable experience for the students that spend the day at the Village, and we couldn't facilitate such a special learning experience without your help. And, as you know, school craft prep work is never finished! One day is about 75 individual students - that's 75 candles or taped tin gone to loving homes super quick! Thank you all so much!

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS GUIDES

The second weekend in December will see the return of our annual Victorian Christmas program, and we need our amazing volunteers to help as guides for the program! Volunteers will get to experience the Victorian Christmas program as they are guiding groups of guests through the timed sessions. Guides will not be presenting, just helping lead guests through the program! No experience is necessary, we'll train you! All guides will need to attend training on Wednesday December 10, 4pm - 5pm in person or on zoom. Guide shifts are on the Sign Up Calendar!

COCOA & CRAFTS WITH SANTA

Ho-ho-ho! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be retuning to the Village for the first weekend in December! We will need volunteer help with greeting guests, leading the craft activity, and helping out in other activity areas! We hope you'll join us for this wonderful annual event to help bring holiday cheer to our neighbors! Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

Hard to believe it's almost time to start decorating for the holidays, but the time is almost here! We will be decorating the Village on two separate days: November 19 (General Store, Old Troy Church, Niles-Barnard) & November 26 (Town Hall). Many hands make light work, and we'd love you to join us in helping spread the holiday cheer! Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar.

TUESDAY CREW

Our Tuesday Crew has been busy as always over the last few weeks. They put in a replica hitching post outside of the Wagon Shop inside the Village, have been working on new lids for our trash cans, and of course, put up and took down the entry way for Trick-or-Treat!



Above: Jeff, Jim, Lynn, Rosemary, and Mike smile in front of the entry way to Trick-or-Treat. Below: Roger, Jim, Jeff, and Lynn hang out with smiles on the snake rail in front of the Wagon Shop.



UPCOMING VILLAGE CLOSING DATES

The Village will be closed November 27 & November 28, & December 24 - January 1, 2026. We will reopen on January 2, 2026 at 10am!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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SCHOOL CRAFT PREP NOVEMBER 11, 10:30AM - 12PM DECEMBER 9, 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 Sign Up Calendar.

CANDLE DIPPING SHIFTS

Look on the Shift Calendar for these dates: December 15, 18, 19, 22. January 9, 12, 15, 16. Shifts on Sign Up Calendar!

HOLIDAY DECORATING NOVEMBER 19 & NOVEMBER 26, 10:30AM - 1:30PM

Help decorate the inside of buildings at the Village! November 19 - General Store, Old Troy Church, Niles-Barnard. November 26 - Town Hall. Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar!

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS GUIDES DECEMBER 12 & DECEMBER 13, VARIOUS TIMES

Step back in time and experience the holidays during the Victoria area while guiding guests through the stops! No experience necessary, and you won't be presenting! All guides will attend a brief training on December 10 (4pm-5pm). Shifts are on Sign Up Calendar!

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MARKETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION, ONGOING

Next sign up November 19. We added Troy Public Library, Troy Community Center, and Stage Nature Center to the list!

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PRESERVATION ASSISTANTS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Join our Curator every Wednesday for one hour 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! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar!

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CLEANING WINDOWS EVERY TUESDAY*, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Assist our Curator every Tuesday (except the first Tuesday of the month) for one hour to help us clean and polish all the windows on our property! No experience is needed, we'll train you! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar.

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CHECK-IN HELPERS

Help us welcome and greet guests for our programs! Stay for the program, or take off after checking guests in. We need help at the following:

- Thursday Teas (December 18, January 22)
- Preservation Conversations (January 12)

COCOA&CRAFTS WITH SANTA DECEMBER 6 & DECEMBER 7

Help us welcome Santa & Mrs. Claus and all of our guest during this annual event! We need lots of help and have a variety of options! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar!

OTHER SAVE THE DATES:

- **Holiday Undecorating (Church/Niles-Barnard):** January 13
- **Holiday Undecorating (Town Hall / General Store):** January 14