

SINCE OUR LAST NEWSLETTER...

School is officially out for the summer! It was a busy year! More info on page 2.

Troy Traffic Jam is on August 2! This car party needs lots of volunteers to run safely and successfully. More info on page 3.

Civil War Days returned again this year. More info on page 2.

The Tuesday Crew have been Tuesday Crewin'! Find out what they've been up to on page 2.

History Tea Tour was at the end of May, and volunteers helped serve and educate guests! More info on page 4.

A couple corporate groups have joined us at the Village for volunteer days! More info on page 2.

Volunteers have been helping check in guests during events like our Thursday Talks and Summer Kick-Off.

Pioneer Garden is off and growing! More info on page 4.



Welcome to our new volunteers! Tina B., Mary H., Vanessa H., Geoffrey H., Liz O., Animesh D., Vasanth S., Janice P., and Dominic R.! We're so excited to have you on our team!

Summer Programming is currently ongoing at the Village. Join us as a volunteer for Open Lates, or come as a guest! More info on page 5.

Volunteers have helped spread the word about Village programs by distributing marketing materials to local community centers and libraries.

Thank you to everyone who updated their records!

Monthly volunteer meetings are held 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.

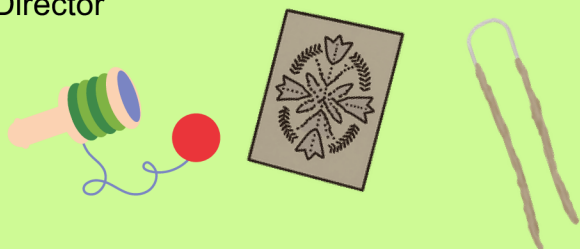
2025 – 2026 SCHOOL YEAR RECAP

School is officially out for the summer! Thank you to everyone who helped prepare craft supplies for our field-trip attendees. We had over 11,000 students join us last school year for a field trip, and over 10,000 used craft supplies! And, I'm sure we even did way more than that!

- 4,112 candles dipped
- 4,261 string taped to sticks and folded foil
- 1,838 tin taped

Even though school is out, school craft prep never stops. Join us at the Village on the second Tuesday each month from 10:30am – 12pm (come for the whole time or just for a little while). You can also come grab supplies as we have them available and work on them at home.

"Thank you to every person who helped prepare school field trip crafts. Your efforts have helped make life long memories for our guests and we are very grateful for your impact." - Alex Konieczny, Youth Programs Director



TUESDAY CREW

The Tuesday Crew is currently working on a custom-built doll house for the Parsonage! They painted saw horses for traffic barriers, and are working on other small summer projects.

CIVIL WAR DAYS

This May, we had 7 schools join us for our annual Civil War Days! Students learned what it was like to be a soldier, how to square dance, what would happen if you had to go to a Civil War surgeon, and even got to meet Abe Lincoln! Thank you to our volunteers who helped lead the groups through the program: Gail P., Terry P., Kevin L., Susan L., Denise K., Karla C., Sheryl S., Rick W., Cathy M., Roger K., Jim L., Karen L., and Chris R. You help the days run smoothly, thank you!



Our Abraham Lincoln actor shakes hands and fists bumps the students at the end of the day as they are leaving.

CORPORATE GROUPS

Over the last few weeks we had three different corporate groups come do a volunteer project at the Village! Troy Chamber of Commerce came and helped us mulch and clean up the grounds around the Village, Epsilon of Troy cleaned out stairwells and all the gathered trash around the Village, and Silka cleaned out and reorganized Town Hall basement and cleaned the Old Troy Church pews. We love having big groups here to help out, and are thankful for their efforts!

TROY TRAFFIC JAM

TTJ is less than two weeks away! 2026 is Troy Traffic Jam's 18th year, and it is our biggest fundraiser each year! On the first Sunday in August, we host 300+ cars for a true automotive festival. We need almost 100 volunteers to run the show and make sure everyone has a safe and fun time!

There are lots of ways to get involved with this massive event: helping direct cars where to park, checking cars in for the day, selling 50/50 tickets, collecting cash for parking, and so much more! Fill out the TTJ volunteer form and I'll be in contact with your schedule ASAP! Fill it out by clicking [HERE](#). Or by visiting: <https://www.troyhistoricvillage.org/troy-traffic-jam/become-a-volunteer/>

Volunteer shifts are not located on our Volunteer Sign Up Calendar. We schedule those separately as we recruit volunteers from everywhere to join us! If you have questions before signing up, please contact Barbara!

TROY LIBRARY KICK-OFF

The first week of June, we were invited to help kick off summer at the Troy Public Library! We talked to hundreds of guests and shared information about upcoming programs for the Village. Thank you to Sheryl S. for joining staff!

THV SUMMER KICK-OFF & SUMMER RAFFLE

To kick off summer, we hosted a free open house where we had lots of vendors sharing information about their upcoming seasonal programming, started selling our Summer Raffle tickets, and enjoyed a fife and drum presentation. We raised over \$2,400 from the Summer Raffle. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped create a super fun time for everyone!



1) Karla C. & Cathy M. smile while selling Summer Raffle tickets during Summer Kick-Off. 2) The fife and drum group marching through the Village. 3) Sheryl S. & Karen F. chitchat in between greeting guests at the Garden Walk. 4) Lori P. helps a guests pick out baskets to enter their Summer Raffle tickets in.

HISTORY TEA TOUR

This was our second year hosting the History Tea Tour, and despite some heavy thunderstorms we all had a great day! Lots of teas were tasted, and lots of history was learned. Thank you to Dawn P., Terry P., Karen F., Cathy M., and Murryum F. for helping create a wonderful and welcoming event for our guests!



1) Karen F. tells guests about the tea at her station. 2) Cathy M. giggles as she portions out tea samples. 3) Celia P. & Lorelai posed adorably to help with our marketing for the event before serving tea to guests! 4) Isaac C., Alex, Lydia, and Susan B. working on the Pioneer Garden.

PIONEER GARDEN & GROUNDS

In May, we removed garden beds from the Pioneer Garden and pulled out some pesky weeds. We also mulched the Niles-Barnard grounds (thanks, Issac and Susan!)! Starting in June, we have been out in the Pioneer Garden every Friday morning, 10am – 11am. Join us and help us weed, take care of the garden, and other general garden chores! No experience necessary, we will teach you all you need to know!

Also, we are going to need lots of hands to weed the Niles-Barnard House: July 21, 10:30am – 11:30am. Many hands make light work!

HELP US GET THE WORD OUT

Thank you to everyone who has helped distribute marketing materials for our programs at the Village! We are always looking for folks who like to help spread the word of the amazing programs and events we host. We are also looking for folks to help pass out post cards about Troy Traffic Jam at local car shows! If this is you, please reach out to Barbara for more information and to arrange a pick-up time!

CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

weekly VILLAGE OPEN LATE EVERY THURSDAY IN JULY & AUGUST, 4PM - 7PM

Come spend the evening at the Village! Greet guests inside buildings and share info about the spaces, or help with games on the green! Sign up for one day or for multiple! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar.

event WEEDING NILES-BARNARD JULY 21, 10:30AM - 11:30AM

Niles-Barnard needs some extra work removing some weeds from the grounds. Shifts on Sign Up Calendar!

event TROY TRAFFIC JAM AUGUST 2, VARIOUS TIMES

Join us for our biggest fundraiser of the year! Please see page 3 for information about how to sign up!

event TROY TRAFFIC JAM PREP JULY 28, 11AM - 12:30PM JULY 29, 11AM - 1:30PM JULY 31, 3PM - 4PM

On July 28, we will be preparing the paper products for the TTJ goody bags. On July 29, we will be stuffing the goody bags with all the goodies! Come for one or both.

On July 31, we will be shuttling items for TTJ over to the Columbia Center. We will need help with lifting objects as well as transporting them into the building. More info on the Sign Up Calendar!

event COUNTING 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS JULY 21, 11AM - 12PM JULY 23, 11AM - 12PM

Help us count and make packs of 100 tickets each! Come for one or both days. Shifts on Sign Up Calendar.

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

Join our Curator every Wednesday for one hour to help us maintain some of our collections! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar!

weekly 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 all the windows and glass on our property! No experience is needed, we'll train you! Shifts on Sign Up Calendar.

monthly 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 Talks (7/30, 8/20)
- Old Time Radio Show (8/22, 8/23)

monthly MARKETING MATERIALS DISTRIBUTION, ONGOING

Currently looking for folks to help distribute Troy Traffic Jam information! Contact Barbara!

monthly SCHOOL CRAFT PREP AUGUST 11, 10:30AM - 12PM SEPTEMBER 8, 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.

weekly PIONEER GARDEN HELP EVERY FRIDAY, 10AM - 11AM

We need help weeding and maintaining our Pioneer Garden this summer! Drop in on Fridays, 10am - 11am. No experience necessary, staff will be there to guide you. Shifts on Sign Up Calendar.