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Trivia Corner

Can you guess what this is?



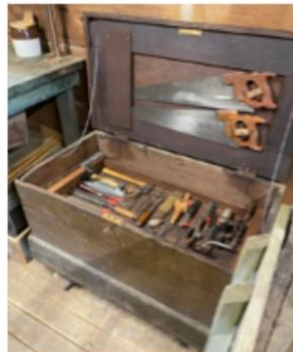
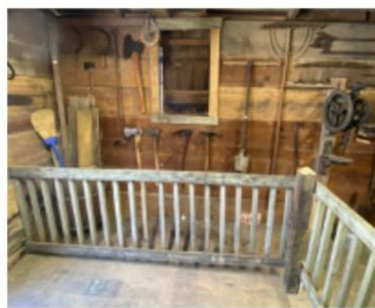
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Village Happenings

Removing trip hazards in village We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Rec and Parks for promptly addressing the trip hazards that had arisen on certain sidewalk joints within our village. Their swift action in removing these hazards has undoubtedly contributed to enhancing the safety and accessibility of our community spaces. Thank you for your dedication to keeping our village safe for all volunteers and visitors.



Granary renovation Tim Woodruff has beautifully transformed the granary into an enchanting old-fashioned farm shop. Adorning the walls are antique hand tools, each with its own story to tell. The work benches, both practical and nostalgic, invite visitors to appreciate the craftsmanship of yesteryears. A vintage toolbox, meticulously outfitted with an array of tools, stands as a testament to attention to detail. Not forgetting modern comforts, an indoor commode has been thoughtfully included, sparing the need for frequent trips to the outhouse. Woodruff's renovation has seamlessly blended history with functionality, creating a space that honors the past while serving the needs of the present.



New water spigot We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Hilliard Rec and Parks Department for the installation of a vital water spigot within hose reach of our cherished herb garden. Previously, tending to our historical herbs required the laborious task of hand-carrying water from the museum across the entire village to the garden nestled behind the cabin. With this thoughtful addition, the arduous journey for water is now a thing of the past. When fall approaches, we will eagerly anticipate a more abundant harvest, as the herbs are traditionally gathered and hung in the cabin for culinary and aromatic purposes. The regular watering facilitated by the new spigot promises to nurture our garden, allowing it to thrive as it did in times gone by.



School tours We have had a record number of third grade classes sign up for tours of the village this year. School tours started early this year. We hosted three tours before the end of April and May is almost completely booked.

Spring Cleaning Hats off to our incredible volunteers who dedicated their time to sprucing up the village buildings and grounds in early April! Thanks to their hard work, everything is now in impeccable condition for our grand reopening next weekend. Beginning this Saturday and Sunday, the village will open its doors for complimentary tours from 1 to 5 PM every weekend through September. Join us as we explore and celebrate our vibrant community together!

Volunteer Day We extend our thanks to everyone who contributed to and participated in the training session held on Saturday, April 20th, from 10 AM to noon. Your dedication is deeply appreciated. During the session, participants had the opportunity to delve into the intricacies of docent work for each building within our village. Moreover, they were introduced to various other volunteering prospects available both within the village and at the library. Thank you once again for your invaluable support and commitment.

Walking Tour of Old Hilliard Join us for a captivating Walking Tour of Old Hilliard on Saturday, May 18th, commencing at 10 AM from the Historical Society Library located at 5274 Norwich St. Led by our esteemed resident historian, Tim Woodruff, this educational and entertaining journey promises insights into the rich history of our community.



Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Secure your spot by reserving online at **HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com**. The tour fee is \$10 per person. Don't miss this opportunity to explore the past and present of Old Hilliard with us!

Profiles in Stewardship



Ed Olenhouse

Ed Olenhouse's dedication to the Hilliard Ohio Historical Society spans eight years of active involvement, during which he's lent his time and expertise to various projects and initiatives. As a committed volunteer, he's been instrumental in the seamless operation of numerous endeavors. On weekends, he assumes the role of a docent, leading tours of the village and sharing its rich history with visitors.

Among his many contributions, Ed finds particular joy in engaging with third-grade students during school tours, where he imparts the fascinating story of the caboose. His ability to connect with children, vividly illustrating the life of train conductors and flagmen, has left a lasting impact. He cherishes the moments when returning students recognize him as "the caboose guy."

[Read more about Ed](#)

Local Business Spotlight





ACC Party Rental, Inc

ACC Party Rental, Inc boasts a remarkable accolade - all three of its current owners have been distinguished as Columbus Business First's esteemed "40 Under 40" honorees.

Located at 3996 Columbia St, Hilliard, OH for the past 12 years, ACC Party Rental resides within the historic walls once occupied by the material warehouse of the Hilliard Lumber Company, facing Main St.

Founded in 1995 by the visionary Asa Craig Carter, ACC Party Rental embarked on its journey. In 2006, John Reese took the helm, steering the business towards growth. However, it was in 2022 when a new chapter unfurled as co-owners Brandon Sayre (President/CEO), Briar Sayre (VP/CFO), and Joey Jewell (COO) assumed stewardship.

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Venue Rental

If you're planning a wedding or reception with budget constraints, look no further. Our venues offer both elegance and affordability. Choose from the charming Colwell Chapel for intimate ceremonies, or the versatile Norwich Pavilion for receptions, graduation parties, reunions, and various events. Enjoy musical festivities in the idyllic setting of our Village Gazebo or opt for the intimate ambiance of the SBC Pavilion for smaller gatherings.

For detailed information on all our venues, visit HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com and navigate to the Venues section. Or, connect with our dedicated venue rental coordinator, Donna Olenhouse, at 614-876-5880 or via email at djhouse68@yahoo.com. Let us help you create cherished memories within your budget.

Historical Library & Archival Center

Do you seek information from our esteemed Library & Archival Center? Visit us during our operating hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Alternatively, feel free to reach out with your inquiries by calling 614-876-5880. For added convenience, you can also connect with us via email at HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety@gmail.com. We're here to assist you!

Gift Shop (at our village museum)

Our gift shop at the Historical Village in the museum is open Saturday's & Sunday's 1PM to 5PM. We have several items related to Hilliard.



Country Store- (on our website)

Explore our diverse collection of Greeting Cards featuring iconic historic buildings nestled within our charming village. Crafted in vibrant color or elegant pen & ink styles, each card awaits your personal touch with a blank interior. To peruse our assortment and discover pricing details, simply navigate to HilliardOhioHistoricalSociety.com, access the "Store" section from our menu, and choose the "Online Country Store" option. Below, we offer a glimpse of what awaits you:



Upcoming Events

May- Walking Tour of Old Hilliard - Saturday, May 18th, 10 AM - noon, starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St., Donation is \$10 per person.

June- Art & Craft Fair – Saturday, June 15th, 10 AM – 3 PM at Weaver Park, featuring local artists with original art. Food and drink available. FREE admission (donations welcome).

July- Franklin County Fair Week – Monday, July 15th – Sunday, July 21st. The Historical Village will be open for special events.

August- Food Truck Festival - Saturday, August 17th. The Historical Village will be open for tours 1 - 5PM

Walking Tour of Old Hilliard – Saturday, August 31st, 10 AM - noon, starts at the Historical Society Library, 5274 Norwich St., Donation is \$10 per person.

Contact Us

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Trivia Corner Answer:



Hand-Crank Corn Sheller

The modern corn sheller is commonly attributed to Lester E. Denison from Middlesex County, Connecticut. Denison was issued a patent on August 12, 1839, for a freestanding, hand-operated machine that removed individual kernels of corn by pulling the cob through a series of metal-toothed cylinders which stripped the kernels off the cob. Soon after, other patents were granted for similar machines, sometimes having improvements over Denison's original design.

The operation of a corn sheller is similar to a threshing machine, but with some differences to deal with larger grain size and other differences of corn compared to wheat and other crops. Corn shellers can be powered by a hand crank, a tractor, a stationary engine, or by an electric motor. Whole corn cobs are fed in. They are pulled between two toothed wheels, usually made of metal. Each wheel spins in the opposite direction of the other. The teeth pull the kernels off the cob until there are no kernels left. The kernels fall out through a screen into a container (such as a bucket) placed underneath the machine. The cob is then ejected out since it cannot pass through the screen.

Source: Wikipedia

To see a corn sheller in use click on

[https://youtube.com/shorts/vedJYzoYHeY?
si=XkWmPWA6pjWryPhk](https://youtube.com/shorts/vedJYzoYHeY?si=XkWmPWA6pjWryPhk)



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