

# HILLIARD STATION CHRONICLE

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Hilliard Ohio Historical Society Newsletter

Covid 19 Virus and Pandemic Closures to the Historical Village Programs and Events are now relaxed. The development of vaccines by 3 reputable companies, Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, has helped slow and prevent the spreading of this virus but there is a new Delta Variant virus that must be dealt with. Federal, State and City restrictions to group events and programs have been lifted. As a result, our planning committee has now established a series of events that will be of great interest to the membership and for recruiting new members to our Historical Society. We have had a membership meeting that discussed, agreed and supported these events. But first, a letter from our president follows:

## **President Tim Woodruff's Message:**

It is with a saddened and heavy heart that I report the passing of long-time, outstanding member and friend, Leon Boucher. Also, Tim Kauffman, the Director of Destination Hilliard, unexpectedly and suddenly passed away. He was a passionate supporter of all things Hilliard and was 100% for the Historical Society. I considered him a mentor and great friend. Both of them will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

It is with a happy heart that I report the success of our first three events in over a year. The **Open House** event netted us new members in double digits. We are pleased with the way they all jumped right in and have participated in many ways. **The Walking Tour** participants really enjoyed the history of Old Hilliard as they learned about each building's legacy. It was quite a trip down Memory Lane. We had more people on two tours than any previous tours. We may have to have a Fall program to satisfy the demand. **The Car Show** went off without a hitch thanks to the degree of planning that went into producing this event. The only thing that might have improved the outcome of the event would have been more show cars attending. Great job everyone!

We are in the final stages of completing two new projects. The elevated model train in the Train Station and the jail cell on the porch of the Museum. The Jail Cell

has been enjoyed by visitors to the Village as they take pictures of family members or friends behind bars. I think we will have a similar response of fun and interest as visitors watch the model train travel the rails when we open the Train Station to the public.

We have also taken steps to streamline the operational side of the Society by putting both the Finances and Events on a fiscal year basis, October 1st. In the past, many problems occurred when our Finances were on a fiscal basis and our Events were on a calendar basis. By changing the Constitution and By-laws we expect the organization to operate more smoothly. We have many Events in the planning stages and I hope that by year's end we will be able to report coming out of the pandemic that we had a very successful year.

Thank you members for your hard work and dedication in helping make your Historical Society an exciting and rewarding experience.

**Tim Woodruff, President.**

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You have all received a copy of the edits and changes to our Constitution and operating By-Laws. At our latest Membership meeting in June, we voted and accepted these changes.

As a result of these changes, we will be presenting the latest nominations for Officers and Board Members we have so far in an attachment to this Newsletter. If you are interested in running for an office: President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, or one of the 3 new Board of Directors positions, contact our nominating committee chair **Kathy Chandler at 614-620-1135** or email: **Kathy\_chandler hohs@hotmail.com** . The election will take place at the next regular meeting August 18, 2021. If elected, you will assume duties on October 1, 2021.

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Attached is a copy of the Events planned for the rest of 2021.



## **2021 Calendar of Events**

**Historical Village Summer Hours: Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> – Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Historical Village will be open Thur., 6 – 8 PM and Sun., 1 - 4 PM

Many Volunteers needed especially for the Franklin Cty. Fair

Jul Franklin County Fair - Mon, Jul. 19<sup>th</sup> – Sat. Jul. 25<sup>th</sup>, the Historical Village will be open Fair Week for FREE tours: Mon @ 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM, 5 – 7 PM; Tue @ Noon – 2:30 PM, 5 – 7 PM; Wed @ 3 – 7 PM; Thu @ 1 – 7 PM; Fri @ 2 – 8 PM; Sat & Sun @ 1 – 7 PM.

Aug Heritage Day – Sat., Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, 11AM – 4PM, the Historical Village will host Civil War reenactors, artisans, craftsmen, village tours, bean soup prepared in a cast iron kettle on the village green, other food and drinks available. FREE admission (donations welcome).

Sep Bus Tour of Hilliard – Sat., Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10AM & 2PM, a tour of Hilliard landmarks that is both interesting and educational. Fees will apply.

Oct Haunted Village – Fri., Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 9 PM & Sat., Oct 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 10 PM, at the Historical Village, Halloween tours, wagon rides, fair food & drinks available. Admission: \$5 per person, kids three and under are FREE.

Dec Tree Lighting Ceremony – Sun., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4-6:30PM, trolley rides available from downtown Old Hilliard to the historical village, Mrs. Claus & elves in the schoolhouse, children writing letters to Santa, other fun activities including village tours, holiday music and more. FREE admission (donations welcome).

Santa in the Red Caboose – Sun., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, 3-6PM, at the Historical Village caboose & train station, children can share their Christmas list with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn wagon rides, music in the chapel and hot chocolate & donuts available, FREE admission (donations welcome).

Megan Martin is our Volunteer Coordinator 614-565-3210 or [nutmegoh50@aol.com](mailto:nutmegoh50@aol.com)

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**4<sup>th</sup> of July event for 2021** The City of Hilliard Parade this year will be held Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 9 AM at the Village and Fairgrounds. We plan to decorate our 1918 Model T Truck with flags and decorations and have a group of young people walk alongside distributing flyers and treats if permitted. Bob Eggerichs will carefully drive the Model T truck. **And our very own Tim Woodruff is the Grand Marshal of the parade!**

Village Maintenance Projects

There still is a list of maintenance projects that need to be completed in the Village.

**Ed Olenhouse** (614-312-6263) and his committee will be working most Saturdays starting around 10 AM, weather permitting. Call him to volunteer.

## **Building Rentals**

Remember that we rent our **Church** for Weddings and the spectacular new **Pavilion** for Wedding Receptions, Class Reunions, Family Picnics, and other events. Contact member **Donna Olenhouse** for ideas, costs and arrangements. She has been doing a great job for this special money maker for our Society. If you or you know someone who is looking for an interesting, historic and fun event rental, Donna can meet with you and explain all the costs and amenities available. Also: **Contact: [hilliardohiovenues.com](http://hilliardohiovenues.com)** ... Public is welcome.

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## **Election of Officers and Board Members**

We will have the election of officers and board members at the next Membership Meeting on Wednesday August 18, 2021. Further nomination may be made from the floor at the October Membership Meeting. Remember you must attend this meeting to vote or nominate any additional candidates.

**Preliminary Nominations so far** for 2022 Officers and Board Members are:

### **President:**

**Tim Woodruff**

**Bob Eggerichs**

### **Vice President:**

**Kathy Chandler**

**Bob Eggerichs**

### **Secretary:**

**Mary Vulic**

**Megan Martin**

**Kathy Chandler**

### **Treasurer:**

**Rod Garnet**

### **Board of Directors:**

**Bob Poling**

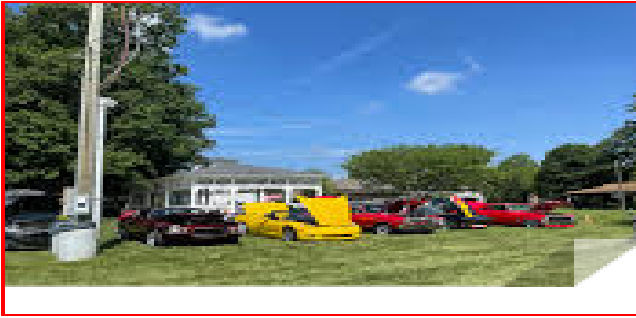
**Paul Thacker**

**Kole Hyer**

**Connie Weakley**

After the election at our August 18<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting, Elected Officers and Board Members will assume their office on October 1, 2021.

Here are some photos that were taken at our June 12<sup>th</sup> car show:





Car Show Trophies to top 40



Best in show Winner



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**AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR VOLUNTEERING AT ALL OUR PROGRAMS AND EVENTS!!!**