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The Newsletter of the Brunswick Area April 2017

Your dues make a difference

Whether you pay senior citizen dues at \$10 a year or are a patron or corporate sponsor, the money you send to the Brunswick Area Historical Society goes a long way. Our small group of volunteer workers uses your dues to pay utilities, insurance, security and upkeep of all the buildings at Heritage Farm. That means the smallest things – like telephone, stamps, copy paper – are all paid from your annual dues.

So in case you have not yet sent them in, please help keep local history alive by mailing your dues for 2017.

The Brunswick Area Historical Society is a 501 (c)3 charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible as allowed by IRS guidelines.

Join Us at Our Next Meeting

The April meeting of the Brunswick Area Historical Society will be held at 7 p.m. April 27 at Goodyear's Big Barn, 691 Pearl Road. Election of officers and board members tops the list of things to do. Guest speaker will be Suzanna Muniak, head librarian of the Brunswick Community Library. She will speak about the upcoming library levy.

We will talk about upcoming events and projects. You'll be interested in updates about the children's gardens and butterfly garden; the upcoming farmer's market season and more. Everyone is invited. You don't have to be a member to attend. Free parking, too.



Children's Garden Underway

Work at the farm continues on the Children's Garden and thanks to Luke Carlisle and his crew at LEC Construction, we have a beautiful new pavilion at the center of the four-garden site. This is right across from the back entrance to the farmhouse and once was the kitchen garden. Weather permitting, the volunteers will be planting soon. This is a great learning opportunity for everyone – but especially for children to learn about historic gardens and the part they played in Brunswick's 202-year history.

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Something new this year

Heritage Farm will host a new event this year. Crafts at the Farm will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 10. Our events coordinator, Ben Mihalek is planning the event and if you have a craft you would like to share with the public, please email him at underthebigtoppgourmetshoppe@yahoo.com and he will get all the information to you.

The public is welcome to attend the free event with plenty of free parking as always. Come and look over the talented artisans to create some amazing items for sale. The site is handicapped accessible, too.

The Crafts at the Farm will give you a chance to see where our Sunday Farmers Markets are held. And the markets start the very next day, June 11 and are open to the public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Our Farmhouse Museum is also open for tours that day from noon to 2 p.m. and then every second and fourth Sunday through October (or by appointment if you would like to come at another time).



Volunteer Open House

Come to the Volunteer Open House from noon to 1:30 p.m. April 29 at Heritage Farm and hear the fascinating story of Captain Wolf as related by Medina County Treasurer John Burke.

Burke has been involved with Indian lore since he was in Order of the Arrow as an Eagle Scout. He has made his regalia using the same materials as the Indians, duplicating authentic pieces from museums. John is a lifelong resident of Medina County where his ancestry dates back to the first pioneers to Valley City. He has been Medina County Treasurer since 1994.

Treasurer Burke has researched historical records for his portrayal of the Delaware (Lenape) Indian known as Captain Wolf, who lived two hundred years ago in his village along Chippewa Lake. Captain Wolf was a participant in the War of 1812, serving under General and later President William Henry Harrison. He was present at the battle of Lake Erie in 1813. After the war he returned to his village on Chippewa Lake where he was often seen in his canoe trapping and fishing with the son of pioneer Joe Harris, the first settler of Lodi. The narrative will be performed in the big red barn at Heritage Farm, 4613 Laurel Road. Plenty of Free parking. Refreshments will be served by the Brunswick Rotary Club. The Rotary will also have a display to tell visitors what their service club is all about.

Help bring this 1856 log cabin to Heritage Farm

Once on the Underground Railroad and used as a Civil War command post in Newark, OH, this can come to Medina County if we raise enough money this year. The two-story cabin is disassembled and ready to transport.

For more information, call 330-441-0292 or email brunswickareahistory@gmail.com



Photo: The Cuyahoga River was red with pollution in this 1967 photo

Burning River presentation

At 6 p.m. May 25, Ed Kelly will present a program in conjunction with the Brunswick Area Historical Society about the "burning river" – the Cuyahoga River in the 60s. Kelly was manager of the field teams that investigated sources of water pollution on the Cuyahoga River and its tributaries along with area streams that discharge into Lake Erie after the big fire in 1969.

Ed's association with the Cuyahoga River began at a get-together with John Moore, who was a friend and a former chemist with the City of Cleveland, Division of Water Pollution Control, Bureau of Industrial Waste. John indicated that the city was in need of field investigators who would seek out potential polluters of the Cuyahoga River. The river had recently caught fire due to the oily and sometimes colorful wastes that continually flowed from unknown sources along the river."

Kelly said, "I told John back then that I had no experience in industrial pollution investigations" He replied, "No one else has experience either! We need people that will do what is necessary to identify sources of pollution to the river and other streams that discharge to Lake Erie." I accepted the challenge and was soon hired by the Bureau of Industrial Wastes to assist in investigating reported water pollution problems.

Come to the free program at the Brunswick Library and hear first-hand stories about the polluted river and how it was improved.

The program is free and open to all.
Thursday, May 25, 2017, 6:00pm
Brunswick Community Library

Historical Council of Medina County
Dandelion Drive
A Journey in Time

SUNDAY
MAY 21, 2017
11AM - 5PM



Participating historical sites and museums will open their doors to all visitors for free tours of their facilities!

The 2017 tour includes:

The Little Wiz Fire Museum
Medina Town Hall & Engine House Museum
Medina County Historical Society
York Historical Society
Litchfield Historical Society

For a map of the sites, please call
(330) 722-5502 or
check www.visitmedinacounty.com
(map will be available after April 20th)

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Upcoming Events

April 29, Noon-1:30pm Volunteer Opportunity Fair with a presentation on Native Americans in Medina County History, presented by John Burke, Refreshments served by the Rotary.

June 10 – Crafts in the Park, 10am-4pm A special craft fair to mark the opening day of the Farmer's Market. Vendors needed, for info, please email underthebigtopgourmetshoppe@yahoo.com

June 10 – October 14 – Farmer's Market at Heritage Farm, 4613 Laurel Road, each **Sunday, 11am-2pm**, fresh produce, crafts and other goodies

October 14 & 15, 10am-4pm, Country Pumpkin Festival at Heritage Farm...our biggest event of the year. Two full days of crafts, kids events, museum tours and more. We had nearly 20,000 visitors last year, help us beat that attendance this year! Vendors needed, contact Ben at underthebigtopgourmetshoppe@yahoo.com for info.

Please visit our official website at www.brunswickhistory.com to keep up to date with any schedule changes or additions to our offerings throughout the year. You can also follow us on facebook!



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