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Being a Member of the Pioneer Village -

Over the years, we have had many members come and go and there have been many varying reasons. Some have passed away, some have moved away, some have found other ventures which have taken their interest. Sometimes we get lost in people coming and going and sometimes we seem to lose our way and what it truly means to be a part of the Pioneer Village. Unlike many other organizations, being a part of the Pioneer Village takes a lot of work and a lot of working together. The one thing that we always seem to lose track of is that above everything else, we should be a family and we should all have the same common goal in place of seeing the Pioneer Village survive for many years to come and many generations to come. These buildings did not survive all of these years just sitting there by themselves but instead they were cared and taken care of and that is why they have survived for so long.

We can easily get lost in what the Village means but what it should always be is a Living History Museum where we are educating the public on the time period which we represent (1800 to 1820). Now while we may have a few events that fall outside of that time period, we should always have that time period in mind and what can we do to educate the public on the history of that time period. They love demonstrations and they love seeing things being made and created and coming up with ideas to convey that to them will have such a lasting impact.

The Village was once a thriving business that filled the parking lot and the streets with cars every weekend that we were open, and we can get to that point once again if we can once again capture the magic that everyone is looking for. They want to get lost when they come to the Pioneer Village and they want to forget the hustle and bustle of modern life and they want to be reminded of what it was like 200 years ago

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to live and survive. They want to be able to show their kids what life was like and to encourage them to not take so much for granted like kids are apt to do in current society.

So as Pioneer Village members, we have a few things that we need to keep in mind. One, we should all be there for the common purpose of the Village. That there should be no personal agendas or doing anything that would benefit yourself but instead what will benefit the Village. That should always be our common goal is seeing the Village survive for another 50 years and beyond and not just see it survive until we personally decide to move on to another project. Second, the Village takes a lot of work and currently we only have a few people doing it. The Pioneer Village is not just something you show up to events for and put in an hour or two but instead it is a 365 day a year business. There are plenty of projects and maintenance that always needs to be done as the Village is a living and breathing entity year-round and not just occasionally throughout the year. Third, we are there for our visitors. We should always be thinking of ways to get them more engrossed and more involved in the Village and to keep them coming back. Unfortunately, people are always looking for something that will catch their attention. While we are somewhat limited in that, we can grab their attention by having demonstrations at every function and having our cabins open even on the "off" weekends when we don't have events to keep generating interest in the Village and in our events. People look for demonstrations that really show what life was like during Pioneer Times and if they can participate than that is even better yet. One thing that every parent out there will tell you is that they love events which can get their kids participating and keep them busy. Kids like to be active and don't want to just sit around listening to someone talk about history. Fourth, we can't forget that we are a business. We are a non-profit, but we are still a business and have to always keep our mind on the bottom line. We need to ensure that we keep generating income since our bills keep coming every month. We currently have many months during the year that we don't have any events generating income and if we aren't going to come up with events for those months, we have to ensure the events we are open for, we generate enough money to get us through our lean months. The only money which the Village gets is from our events and our memberships, so we always need to be pushing our events and encouraging people to come out to everything we do.

If we all band together like the family we should be, we can ensure that the Village sticks around for many generations to come. We need to support each other and support all the events. Our main source of generating visitors to the Pioneer Village is the way that we talk about the Village with others and making them see that we are truly unique. You will not find a collection of original historical log cabins like we have anywhere else and we always need to be selling that uniqueness to everyone we talk with.

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October 13th Meeting:

The Meeting for October 13th will have a change of venue. Since a private function will be happening at the Bullskin Inn on that day, we are moving the Board and Membership meeting both to the Meeting House (seems appropriate, it is after all what the building was created for). As a reminder, after the meeting we will have a work day, and everyone needs to stay away from the Kitchen and the Bullskin Inn so as not to interfere with the Private Function. Lois is in charge of the function so if she needs any help, she will personally request it.

Upcoming Events:

October 13th – Membership Meeting – 11:00 am (workday following meeting)

October 20th/21st – Harvest Festival – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

October 27th – Pioneer Trick or Treat – 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm each day

November 10th – Annual Meeting

November 10th – Fireside Chat – 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

December 1st – Candlelight Walk – 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Elections:

As we had no one submit their platforms for election by the stated deadline, the only person who will be up for election this year is one of the current Board Members who is up for re-election. The elections will take place at the annual meeting in November and Drew Browne will be up for re-election as his first three-year term is complete. Drew has been our Treasurer for all three of those years and hopes to be able to continue in this role going forward into his next term. If you do not know who he is, feel free to ask around the Village since he is there a lot as part of the grounds crew and is always more than willing to take time to discuss anything about the Village.

Absentee Ballots will be sent along with this Newsletter for anyone who is not able to make the Annual Meeting on November 10th.

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Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will be on November 10th at 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Visitor's Center (same location as the previous 2 years). This is a carry-in so everyone please bring some sort of food to share with everyone and you are responsible for your own drinks. We will have a regular Membership meeting and discuss 2019 and the upcoming plans for the Pioneer Village so everyone knows what to look forward to next year.

By~Laws:

The By-Laws have been going through an updating and editing process this entire year and are just about ready for everyone to review. The plan is to have the By-Laws available at the October 13th Meeting for everyone to review and then we will vote at the Annual Meeting to put the By-Laws into effect. If you are unable to attend the October 13th meeting, copies of the By-Laws can be made available for your review upon request.

2019 Schedule of events:

The 2019 Schedule of Events is currently being printed and will start to appear at the Village, the Visitor Center, and Nature Center within the next few weeks. If you would like some Schedules to hand out yourself, please bring it up at a General Meeting or send an email and we can get you copies of the 2019 Schedule. We would appreciate everyone taking multiple copies and handing them out everywhere they can to generate more interest in our events for 2019. Also available is an electronic version which we can send to your email, so you will be able to print as many copies as you would like. Along with this, the Facebook Page will be updated with the Events for 2019 by the end of October (hopefully within the first week of October) and our Website will be updated with the 2019 Events at the same time. We are also looking at doing a website refresh and changing the look of it a bit before the end of the year when time becomes available for our online team to do this task.

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2019 Calendar

At our September Meeting (which was actually held at the end of August), we finalized the 2019 Calendar of events. This was the meeting that everyone had to have any ideas in by in order to get it on our schedule of events for 2019.

Below you will find a listing of all of the events for 2019 and if there is already a chairperson for the event it is listed along with the event:

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Chairperson</u>
March 16 th & 17 th	Pancake Brunch	Lois Boyd
	9:00 am to 2:00 pm both days	
April 13 th	Habitat for History	
	8:00 am to 5:00 pm	
April 20 th	Easter Egg Hunt (partnering with Nature Center)	Drew Browne
	1:00 pm meet, 2:00 pm Egg hunt starts	
April 27 th & 28 th	Civil War Training Camp	Allie Jarvis
	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	
May 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th	Vintage Base Ball Festival	Drew Browne
	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Friday, 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday	
May 18 th & 19 th	Spring Gathering	
	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	
June 8 th	Village Unplugged	
	10:00 am to 6:00 pm	
July 15 th to July 19 th	Pioneer Day Camp	Allie Jarvis
	9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day	
July 27 th	Timeline Through History	
	10:00 am to 6:00 pm	
August 25 th	Cabins & Chrome Car Show	Drew Browne
	11:00 am to 4:00 pm	
September 28 st & 29 th	Civil War at the Pioneer Village	Allie Jarvis
	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	
October 19 th & 20 th	Harvest Festival	
	10:00 am to 4:00 pm	
October 26 th	Trick or Treat at the Pioneer Village	
	3:00 pm to 6:00 pm	
December 7 th	Candlelight Walk	
	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm	

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Fall Events:

Harvest Festival and Fall Gathering: This is an annual event for the Pioneer Village where we represent what life would have been like for Pioneers during their Fall Gathering where all the families of the community would come together and harvest their crops and trade goods in preparation for Winter. If you have a demonstration which you would like to do, it would be greatly appreciated to do it during this event. If you know of any traders who would be interested in coming to the Village during this event, make sure to pass along our contact information to them so we can get them set up to come in as a vendor. In years past this was a big event along with our Spring Gathering for Vendors and Traders and we want to get it back to that point again where we have the Village full of Vendors and Traders. We also need to have as many demonstrations going on as possible. In the past we have had Walnut dyeing of clothes back by the Harkrader Barn and if we would get some of our members out to the Village to carry on traditions like this it would be amazing.

Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will once again be held at the Caesar's Creek Visitors Center. The Annual Meeting is a carry-in so we ask everyone to bring a food to share and everyone to bring their own drinks. We will conduct a meeting on this day and just basically have a chance for everyone to meet and greet outside of the Village.

Fireside Chat: Jeff will be representing at least one person from the history of the local area at this event. He will be taking on the persona and talking about their history and the history of the local area. It is a great opportunity to learn a bit more about the local history and Ohio history if you do not already know it. He will be dressed in period authentic dress and have some of his personal pieces of history on hand to really give people a chance to check out some of the period dress and tools of the time.

Candlelight Walk: This is an opportunity for people to visit the Village at night. We ask that everyone be on hand to help have all the buildings open and to prepare for the event beforehand. There will be candles leading the way around the Village and every cabin will only be lit by either candlelight or lantern light. This event is popular every year as it gives everyone that one last chance to visit the village and people love being able to see the village lit up only by candlelight. Each cabin should be representing the holidays according to period traditions and the Bullskin will have treats on hand for all the visitors. This event is always a big event and a tradition for many families, so we strive to make it one of the best of the year.

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Infrastructure Updating

Rest Rooms: The plumbing for the rest rooms is mostly finished. There are a few small details left but we do have operating showers in both rest rooms and working faucets and toilets. This has been an ongoing task for Scott and Drew and they have been devoting every free moment they have to making sure the rest rooms are up and running and properly plumbed once again. Our visitors have been very happy with the improvements to the rest rooms as we have heard many compliments already.

The next step on the rest rooms will be taken this winter when they tear out the ceilings and replace them. The mold has been doing a number on the building and they are going to go in and remove the ceiling and kill all the mold and make some improvements, so we don't continue to have issues with the mold.

Lukens' Barn Floor: The Barn Floor has now been completely cleaned out and is just waiting for Drew to find the time in his busy schedule to get the materials ordered. Once they are ordered we will need the holes dug for the posts and then the rest of the construction can begin. This project is hopefully going to be completed before the annual meeting but that is only if there is plenty of help on hand to make sure it goes smoothly and quickly. There are going to be a lot of holes that will need to be dug and at present time we will be digging them all by hand. Our ideal goal is to be finished with the floor, so we can unveil it at the Candlelight Walk at the latest.

Kitchen: The kitchen has received two new doors, so it is more secure now. A new screen door was put in along with a new more secure outside door. Both are looking amazing and no more holes in the screen door or outside door dragging along the ground and not fitting the opening properly/being a pain to lock. Thanks to Drew and Brownie for taking time out of their busy schedules to make these small improvements to the kitchen.

Lukens' Cellar: The door to the cellar has been replaced since someone decided to try to open the door and busted a big hole in the previous door. This one is more durable and has been stained to look aged. It still needs one more hinge added to it but that will occur soon. As it stands it is a functional door to the cellar and has been secured with a lock to prevent anyone from entering the cellar that is not supposed to. Thanks to the grounds crew for jumping on fixing that immediately when the issue was found.

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Meeting House: The meeting house has been cleaned inside and outside so it is no longer looking a bit green on the front of the building. The algae was starting to take over the front of the building once again so it was cleaned in August to ensure we keep up our proper appearance at the Village. The outside is going to get a fresh coat of paint on at least the front of the building still this year as the paint is beginning to peel and we want to make sure to get that protected before the winter weather attacks it. The goal is to have this completed by Harvest Festival.

Gazebo: The Gazebo will be getting new steps within the next few weeks. The current steps were done with plywood and they end up being rather slippery during wet weather. This has been an ongoing problem for years and we are finally going to take care of it. The current steps will be replaced along with adding two new set of steps, so the Gazebo is more accessible. The new steps will be built so they can safely stand up to the weather.

Other Items around the Village: Some things around the Village need to be taken care of before winter begins to set in on us. Some of these have been mentioned before and they will be brought up again (and some of them are listed in the jobs list further along in this newsletter). The Valve Pit in the center of the Village needs to have new shut off valves installed before winter gets here so we will be able to shut off the water to the Village to keep pipes from bursting during the cold winter months. If it is within someone's realm of expertise to be able to do it (Scott has expressed interest but we need to get the valve pit drained so he can have a better view of the work), that would be great but if not, if someone knows a plumber who would be willing to give us a great deal on replacing/installing proper valves that can stand up to the weather in the valve pit along with the valve pit by the Kitchen that would be great. The Sugar Shack needs its roof painted and the vents put into the roof before Sugar Season is upon us. We have the paint on hand for the roof (and the vents are coming) and that job needs to be coordinated with John and Lois. The roof on the Head Shed (green maintenance building by the kitchen) needs to be replaced on the back side. It has a hole in the roof and the whole roof on the back side is going to need to be replaced. The Gazebo also is in need of some roof repair as it has started to get a few holes in the roof. This needs to be taken care of so it does not compromise the deck of the Gazebo any further. The buildings also need to be coated in Linseed before the winter weather is upon us. For those that do not know, this is the only thing that protects the buildings from the weather and it has been many years since the buildings have been completely coated (last year many of the buildings saw a partial coat).

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Village To Do List:

List of items which need to be done around the Village which have not already been spoken for. These tasks can be done by anyone and are all in need of being done soon with some taking a higher priority. Any items which have a ~~strikethrough~~ the text have already been requested by someone in the Village.

Outhouse Roof by the Kitchen	Privacy Fence for the Outhouse by the Kitchen
Linseed Oil all Buildings	Repair Head Shed Roof
New Shut Off Valves in the Main Valve Pit	New Shut off Valve in the Kitchen Valve Pit
Head Shed – Replace Front section of Siding (by big door)	Finish Painting Caretaker Garage
New Front Door Left Side of Hawkins	Rebuild Kiln
Fix Crack in the Chimney for Hawkins Cabin Right Side	Back Half of Meeting House Roof replaced
Replace Roof Harkrader Barn	Flashing on Chimney for Bullskin Inn
Water line to Sugar Shack from Caretaker Cabin	Cut Slab wood for Firewood
Split Firewood Logs	Paint/Preserve Sugar Shack Roof
Clean Up behind School – Junk Wood/Hay	Cut up tree by Stage into Firewood lengths
Cut up tree by Sugar Shack into Firewood lengths	Cut up tree by BBQ Shack into Firewood lengths
Deck Boards on Bridge from Kitchen to Bull Skin	Paint Outside of Kitchen Outhouse
Paint Lukens Barn	Repair and Paint Lukens Barn Roof
Paint/Preserve BBQ Shack Roof	Permanent Power run to the Stage
Put in electric to the Harkrader Barn/Scout Camping Area	Fix the outside lights for the Restrooms
Repair Bullskin Porch – Edge of Roof (Drip Edge)	Threshold Door Left Side of Hawkins
Re-nail Bullskin Inn Roof	Re-nail Metal Roof on Hawkins Cabin
Re-nail Metal Roof on Scale Barn	Repair Side of Mollie’s House
New Gate and Post for Mollie’s Pen	Gazebo roof repair

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2018~19 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Date	Event
10/12 & 10/13	Public Paranormal Investigations 7:00 PM to 2:00 AM	05/03	Vintage Base Ball Festival 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM
10/20 & 10/21	Harvest Festival & Gathering 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	05/04, & 05/05	Vintage Base Ball Festival 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
10/27	Village Trick or Treat 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM	05/18 & 05/19	Spring Gathering 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
10/27	Halloween Public Paranormal 7:00 PM to 2:00 AM	06/08	Village Unplugged Music Festival 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
11/10	Fireside Chat 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07/15 – 07/19	Pioneer Day Camp 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Daily
12/01	Candlelight Walk 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM	07/27	Timeline Through History 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
<u>2019</u>		08/25	Cabins & Chrome Car Show 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
03/16 & 03/17	Maple Syrup & Pancake Brunch 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM	09/28 & 09/29	Civil War at the Village 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
04/13	Habitat for History 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	10/19 & 10/20	Harvest Festival & Gathering 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
04/20	Easter Egg Hunt (partnering with Nature Center) 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM (hunt begins at 2)	10/26	Village Trick or Treat 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
04/27 & 04/28	Civil War Union Training Camp 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM	12/07	Candlelight Walk 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM

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