

News for members and friends of:  
**Pickerington-Violet Township**  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**FALL 2016**

Find us: 15 E. Columbus Street, Olde Pickerington Village ~ [www.PickHistory.org](http://www.PickHistory.org)

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*You're invited to*

***Carnegie Library's 100th Birthday Party***  
***Sunday, September 18, 2016 ~ 2:00-4:00 PM***

**15 E. Columbus Street in Olde Pickerington Village**

**Hosts: Historical Society and Pickerington Public Library**

**1916-Era Exhibits:**

Period fashions, photos, artifacts, and vintage cars such as a 1917 Templar and 1918 Buick.

**Activities for the Entire Family:**

Quiz Andrew Carnegie re-enactor (Ralph Portier) and take a selfie with Violet the Cow (Pickerington Public Library mascot)  
Enjoy a self-guided walking tour of historic Olde Pickerington Village  
Children's coloring/play area in the Museum's Lower Level

**Music, Food and Door Prizes:**

Vintage tunes by Janet Reale at the piano – Museum Lower Level  
Free birthday cupcakes, cookies, and beverages — Museum Lower Level

**Due to construction of the new fire department surrounding our Museum, there is no access to our back door. Entrance/exit to this event can only be made via the Museum's front entrance which is not handicap-accessible.**



***Violet Township's Carnegie Library as it looked shortly after its 1916 fall opening. Prior to this time, the "library" was located in two 8x8 foot dark alcoves in the Violet Township School on East Street.***

**1916:** Woodrow Wilson is president of the United States; the cost of a first-class postage stamp is 2¢, a loaf of bread is 4¢, and eggs are 20¢ per dozen. The price of a brand new sedan is \$740. Dentists charge \$1 per filling.

Enrico Caruso records "O Solo Mio" for the Victor Talking Machine Company. Gregory Peck, Dinah Shore, Jackie Gleason and Kirk Douglas are born during this year.

During the annual Labor Day Homecoming Celebration in Pickerington, a dedication ceremony is held at the newly opened Violet Township Public Library funded by a \$10,000 Andrew Carnegie grant awarded in 1915.

In 2016, the Carnegie building serves as the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Museum.

## AROUND OUR HISTORICAL MUSEUM

### Space for New Fire Station 591

Construction of Violet Township's new fire station began on August 8 with the demolition of two buildings located on the west side of our Museum.

The buildings — shown at right during demolition — were the Chamber of Commerce building and the 1886-built home of J. Clark Edwards, C.O. Beals, Henry Huntwork and others. The concrete globes, cast from Olde Village kerosene street lamps, were salvaged from the brick wall surrounding the home.



These two West Columbus Street lots, the fire station at 21 Lockville Road, along with part of Pickerington Plaza will be transformed into a new \$5.2 million L-shaped brick fire station in approximately 15 months (October, 2017).

Robertson Construction (Heath, Ohio) is the contractor. The current Fire Station 591, built in 1954, also will be demolished at some point during the construction process.

### Share Your Carnegie Library Memories!

Do you have a special memory or photo of visiting our community's public library in the Carnegie building between 1916-1993? If so, write or email us your memory and/or photo for inclusion in our "Memory Book" which will be displayed during Carnegie Library's 100th Birthday Party.

Send your memory and/or photo and caption to: Historical Society, PO Box 732, Pickerington OH 43147. Or email them to us at: [pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:pickhistsociety@hotmail.com). Original photos will be returned if requested.

Our deadline for receipt of your memories is September 10.

### Fire Department Construction Detours

Due to the fire station construction surrounding our Historical Museum in Olde Pickerington Village, a portion of the sidewalk along West Columbus at Center Street has been removed. Also, the Museum's lower level back door entrance cannot be accessed, leaving entrance/exit only through our front doors which are not handicap-accessible.

Fairfield County Community Watch volunteers will assist guests at crosswalks at Columbus/Center Streets and Lockville Road traffic signals during our Carnegie Library 100th Birthday Celebration on September 18.



### Pickerington's "Main Square" in 1917

*A scene from Pickerington's 1917 Labor Day Celebration shows Fenstermaker's Pool Hall at right — located where Fairfield County Sheriff's substation stands today. The former "Valley House" hotel/tavern at left burned to the ground in a historic fire on October 28, 1927. The lot now features Gazebo Park. The livery stable behind the hotel was replaced by a building now housing Chef T's Pub.*

## FALL HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

**Thursday, October 6: 7:30-9:00 PM**

**Historical Society Meeting/Program**

**New Location: Fire Station on Refugee Road**

John Dye and Dr. Jayne Dye will showcase Civil War Medical equipment at our October 6 meeting. Their focus will be on women and Fairfield County residents who were involved in the U.S. Civil War. Complimentary light refreshments will be available at this program which is free and open to the public.

Note the change of location for this event: Training Room of Fire Station #592 located at 8700 Refugee Road NW. Park and enter the door at the rear of the building.



*Photo: John Dye and Dr. Jayne Dye, from Lancaster Ohio, will be dressed in Civil War-era attire when they present their "Civil War Medical Equipment" program Thursday evening, October 6*

**Thursday, October 27: 6:00-8:00 PM**

**The Haunted Village**

The upper level of our Historical Society Museum will be open, and volunteers will distribute candy to young "trick 'n treaters" to support Olde Pickerington Village's annual "Haunted Village" on October 27.

However, due to the construction of the new fire station to the west and south of our building, we may not be able to offer our lower-level "Haunted Museum" this year. The Museum's back door entrance currently is not accessible and will remain closed until further notice.

You can still support "Haunted Village" by bringing a bag of wrapped candies to our October 6 meeting so we can give visiting youngsters a treat.



**Thursday, November 3:**

**7:30-9:00 PM**

**Historical Society Meeting/Program**

**Location to be determined**

Reynoldsburg historian, Richard Barrett, will be guest speaker at our November meeting with a visual presentation about vintage postcards. His popular previous programs have been interesting, enlightening and audience-interactive.

This Historical Society monthly meeting is free and open to the public. Complimentary light refreshments will be available.

Due to the closure of our Museum's lower level entrance, the program will be held off-site at a place to be determined. Members will be notified of the location at a later date.

### ***Would you like to host our October or November meeting?***

Two Historical Society members host each monthly Historical Society meeting by providing dessert(s), a cold beverage, and assistance with displaying food and beverages. The Historical Society provides coffee, bottled water, plates, napkins. If you would like to help host either our October 6 or November 3 meeting, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Cristie Hammond by phone at 614-570-4074 or by email to: [Pickhistsociety@hotmail.com](mailto:Pickhistsociety@hotmail.com).

**Save this Date: Thursday evening, December 1, for the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society's Member Christmas Potluck to be held at the Pickerington Senior Center.**

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**The Pickerington-Violet Township Historical  
Society Museum is a "Pokémon Go" Stop!**

## 2016-2017 PICKERINGTON-VIOLET TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

### Elected Officers

President: Peggy Portier  
Advisor (Past President): Gary Taylor  
VP-Administration: Keith Ebright  
VP-Programs: Jack Whitaker  
Secretary: Mary Herron  
Treasurer: Fiona Spears  
Members-at-Large: Barbara Freeman,  
Stephanie Johnson, and Greg Karoly

### President's Appointees

Curator: Chris Reale  
Librarian: Suellen Goldsberry  
Membership: Stephanie Johnson  
Publicity/Newsletter Editor: Maggie Arendt  
Volunteer Coordinator: Cristie Hammond

### Top Historical Society Projects for 2016

Refurbish 1879 Taber pump organ  
Get loom fixed and functioning for demos  
Videotape residents' historic memories

## MEMBER NEWS

***Thank You, new Historical Society members:*** Pickerington area residents who recently joined our Historical Society include Matt and Heidi Glanzman, Kristen and Christian Hallows, and Cynthia Symansic.

***Mark Your Calendar for the "27-Hour Give" to be held November 29-30:*** If you are thinking about making a donation this calendar year to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society — a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization — November 29-30 is an excellent time to do it! Those are the dates of Fairfield County Foundation's **27-Hour Give** which will provide matching funds for eligible donations.

Here's how the **27-Hour Give** will work: Donations must be made between 8:00am on November 29 and 11:00am on November 30 to the Pickerington-Violet Township Historical Society Fund accessed on the Fairfield County Foundation website. Donations must be made on-line to be eligible for some of the Foundation's \$27,000 matching funds set aside for the **27-Hour Give**.

If you need help with making an on-line donation during the **27-Hour Give**, you will be able to receive Internet access and assistance from volunteers at our Historical Museum. **More details about donating will be communicated to members during November.**