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### **Special Feature**

The Historical Society offers an opportunity to dedicate a Newsletter! For \$50 you can say "Happy Birthday", "Congratulations on Graduating or Retiring" or "Thank You". Checks and the information you want printed should be mailed to the Twinsburg Historical Society, 8996 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg 44087. Please include your own contact info in case the Editor has a question.

### **This months Newsletter Dedication: From Ken and Giz Roddie**

#### **We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!!**

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This is our 14<sup>th</sup> year for the annual "Tales of Locust Grove".

We started in 2008 but lost a year to the pandemic. On Friday and Saturday, the weekend of October 21, locals don the clothes of yesteryear and climb the hill to tell the stories in the voices of the folks who lived it.

Tickets can be purchased at the Museum the nights of the event and are \$5.00 for adults and \$1 for 12 and under. The first tour begins at 6:00 pm and the last tour is at 8:00. Much of the information was gleaned from the Green Book a history of the first hundred years in Twinsburg. Copies are available from the Historical Society and they are only \$10.00. The perfect coffee table book.

The Tales go beyond that too. Veronica Hughes and Cheri Eyink keep adding to our canon with their research and writing skills. The evening would not be the same without the sounds of Larney Zellner's harmonica and guitar and Mark Hess's strings as they wander among the graves. Every year we make changes in the characters and the actors. We are always looking for new people to get involved. It has become a Twinsburg tradition and we are proud to bring it to you every year. The ticket receipts are used to make repairs to keep Locust Grove in great condition. Special thanks to Ed Ponter who does so much to repair and maintain the stones and the monuments. It is wonderful to see so many folks gather every year just for this. It is a labor of love and we couldn't do it without the audience. If you miss it this year put it on your calendar for 2023.

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November 16 - Wednesday - 7:00 **"History of Liberty Park"** by Megan Shaeffer, PhD, Cultural Research Coordinator at Summit Metro Parks.

Dr. Shaeffer describes her presentation:

An overview of the geological history and precontact (aka prehistoric) cultures of Liberty Metro Park. The unique landscape of ledges, waterways, and wetlands was utilized for thousands of years by the first people to travel through and settle in this area after the retreat of the glaciers. Today, these cultures are still present in the landscape through the material record—the archaeological sites—they left behind."

This should really be interesting!

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We will be starting up the Local Writer's Series at the Riley House some time in November. Details will be in the Bulletin and on our Facebook page soon. It has been well received and it is great to see how many talented writers we have here.

# 2022

## November Newsletter

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### Mark Your Calendar

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10/21/2022, 6PM-8PM, Tales of Locust Grove, Museum, Freeman Barn, Locust Grove Cemetery.

10/22/2022, 6PM-8PM, Tales of Locust Grove, Museum, Freeman Barn, Locust Grove Cemetery.

10/27/2022, 6:30PM, Halloween Story Telling, Freeman Barn. (registration is required. Contact the Library at 330-425-4268 Ext. 3)

10/30/2022, 2PM-5PM, Open House, Museum.

11/2/2022, 7PM, Trustee Meeting, Museum.

11/16/2022, 7PM, Special Program, "History of Liberty Park" by Summit Metro Parks, Museum.

11/20/2022, 2PM-5PM. Open House, Museum.

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12/7/2022, 7PM-9PM, Christmas Party at the Museum.

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The Twinsburg Historical Society relies on donations, membership dues, and fundraisers as sources of income. Recently we asked for assistance from members and friends of the organization to help finance two major projects.

Both of our aging furnaces are in need of replacement, and we had the opportunity to repave our rear parking area in conjunction with the neighboring property. Paving our lot separately would have increased our cost by at least \$4000.

We would like to thank everyone who responded to our request for donations. An anonymous donor offered a challenge to match all donations up to \$1500. Thanks to all of you, we were able to meet and exceed that challenge. We also applied for a grant from the Akron Community Foundation and received assistance from them. Our Handel's Community Spirit Night also raised nearly \$100.

When we consider the contributions from all sources, we have received over half of the \$13,400 needed for the project. The parking lot repaving has been completed, and we are scheduling the furnace replacement.

Thank you again to all of you who supported us through your generous donations!

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### Please support the Twinsburg Historical Society by shopping at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

Smile has the same products, **prices**, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. For example: the Twinsburg Historical Society

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To see how much you have donated, hover over "Hello, [your name] Account & Lists", then in the right column of the drop-down, click on "Your **Amazon Smile**." You'll see your orders, what **donation** you've generated for your charity (us), and how **much** your charity(us) has collected overall from **Amazon Smile**. It **REALLY** adds up and is a perfect way to support a great organization at no cost to you.

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### Please note:

*The Facebook page is open to all for sharing historical information or old picture. It is a great way to drop great information and tasty historical tidbits. It is **NOT** for advertising or discussions about local issues or politics. We are a non-partisan group dedicated to the preservation of and participation in the history of our three communities. If you are not sure don't post. Send us a private message, email or give us a call.*

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## New Members:

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Donna L. Beck

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## Renewing Members:

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Joyce Harney

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## Want to get involved or just help out?

Are you a High School Student that needs community service hours? Are you a person that just wants to get involved with the Historical Society as a volunteer? Please consider signing up as a THS Volunteer. It is simple, Just fill out the Volunteer Information Sheet and we will put you on our Volunteer list. When things come up we will contact you and give you dates, times and what we need help with. You can download the form by scanning this QR Code.



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## Racing in Northfield Timeline by D. Diersing 2015

**November 1, 1956** – Plans are announced to convert Sportsman Park in Northfield to horse racing by Walter Michael, president of the Grandview track. The Grandview track was converted to harness racing in 1953. It was located on Rt. 43 between Solon and Aurora. Two year later on November 29, 1958 the Grandview clubhouse and a large portion of the grandstands was destroyed.

## 1957

**February 27, 1957** – Sportsman Park is sold for \$400,000 to a syndicate headed by Walter Michael, president of the Greenville Oval harness track. The name of Sportsmans Park is changed to Northfield Park. The Ohio Racing Commission approved Northfields first racing season for August 23rd. to October 12th.

In order to convert the quarter mile Sportsman Park to a half mile required additional land be purchased from Ford Motor Company. The estimated \$200,000 conversion would include new grandstands.



Construction of Northfield Park Grandstands

## This Month in History:

**1986** The first case of BSE or "mad cow disease" is found in cattle in England

**1605** Guy Fawkes Gunpowder Plot To Blow Up The House of Lords discovered

**1969** Sesame Street known for its Muppet characters, makes it's debut on PBS.

**1941** HMS Ark Royal is torpedoed By U-Boat

**1967** Beatles Release "Magical Mystery Tour"

**1906** International Morse code distress signal or SOS Becomes World Wide Standard

**1910** Penn Station opens in New York

**1990** Maggy Thatcher Quits

## Trivia Challenge:

What military award was established during the Civil War?

- A. Purple Heart
- B. Navy Cross
- C. Medal of Honor
- D. Bronze Star

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Answer: C

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