

# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## Calendar

### June-July-August

WHS is Open  
Every Wednesday 10:30-2:00

### June 1

Newsletter Mailing  
Log Cabin Days Meeting 1:00

### June 15

Board Meeting 2:15

### June 24

Log Cabin Workday 10:00

### June 25

**Log Cabin Days 10-5**

### June 26

**Log Cabin Days 10-4**

### July 20

Board Meeting 2:15

### August 17

Board Meeting 2:15

### September 7

Newsletter Mailing

### September 14

Board Meeting 2:15

### September 28

Last Day to visit Village

## President's Notes

The weather is finally cooperating and the Village is officially open. We have four groups booked every Wednesday and are on the downhill race to Log Cabin Days.

Last year we had way too much rain, so this year I put my order in earlier for sunny skies. Hopefully it will work.

In any case, the show must go on! June 25 & 26 are not far away. PLEASE plan to help us out. It takes all of us to make this Festival run and here are some of the things you can do: sit in a building for a shift, help out in the white elephant tent, donate items for the white elephant sale, bake cookies for our cookie sale, make a monetary contribution and invite your friends and neighbors to come. We will also be setting up on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 and need hands for that.

We will be taking everything down at 4:00 on Sunday at the end of Log Cabin Days. We have done this for the last couple years and it works great! What we need is FRESH people. So, anyone NOT working the event, please come at 4:00. It only takes about 2 hours with a bunch of people and it is put to bed.

Sometimes just a fresh smiling face makes all the difference in the world!

See you soon, *Sally Strait*



## Newsletter Sponsors

A big THANK YOU to Nick & Becky for sponsoring this edition of the newsletter.

Like to help sponsor our next newsletter? Send a check for \$25 to WHS at our address: PO Box 300491, Waterford MI 48330-0491. Write 'Newsletter' on the memo line. Donors may stay anonymous if they wish.

## Board Members

### President

Sally Strait 248-683-2697  
sstrait649@comcast.net

### Vice President

Bob Allen 248-623-0463

### Recording Secretary

Becky Morgan 248-673-2689

### Corresponding Secretary

Betty Seymour 248-666-4265

### Treasurer

Betty Horn 248-673-9708

### Bookkeeper

Cheryl Stoutenburg 248-623-0414

### Members At Large

Grace Rockey 248-666-3673  
Gary Wall 248-674-6201  
Norman Watchpocket 248-673-5310  
Tammie Wolfe 248-842-1664  
Dorothy Webber 248-666-4907

## Village Schedule

The Waterford Historic Village, Hatchery House, Log Cabin, research library and office are all open every Wednesday 10:30 am-2 pm May through September.



## Help Requests: Log Cabin Days Sat & Sun June 25 & 26



We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Days 2016! We really need help from members at this time. Here are ways to help:

- **Help sort and price** White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday in June.
- **Clean a building any Wednesday (10:30-2).**
- **Help us set up tents and/or the White Elephant Sale** starting at 10 AM Friday, June 24.
- **Work a Log Cabin Days shift.**  
It is best to have one volunteer in each building. **It is easy!** Just push the button on the audio box & visitors will hear all about that building! **Stop in on a Wednesday (10:30-2) or call Sally (248-683-2697) & sign up for one shift.**
- **Attend Log Cabin Days.**
- **Tell a friend/family member or neighbor** about Log Cabin Days or bring them with you.
- **Help take tents down Sunday, June 26 at 4 pm.**
- **Consider giving a monetary donation** to help with the costs of Log Cabin Days. The shuttle bus alone is a big expense.

## Log Cabin Days WANTED

1. **White Elephant or Boutique items** for us to sell. Bring it any Wednesday (10:30-2) from now on. Boutique items are a bit more 'upper scale' than White Elephant items.
2. **Cookies baked** for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them to us on Saturday, June 25th or Sunday, June 26th. **The cookies always sell!**



## Log Cabin Days Parking

- **General Parking:**  
Pierce Middle School  
5145 Hatchery Road  
Waterford MI 48329  
(Free shuttle buses run frequently between Pierce and the park.)
- **Disability Parking on site at Fish Hatchery Park:**  
4490 Hatchery Rd  
Waterford, MI 48329

## Annual Membership Meeting And Election Results

Thanks to all who attended our Annual Membership Meeting and Election on May 19th. It is always a great evening!



The officers elected are:

### 2 year terms:

President - Sally Strait  
Corresponding Secretary - Betty Seymour  
Treasurer - Betty Horn

Welcome to volunteer Walt Gale. He has volunteered to be a liaison between the Historical Society Board and Waterford Parks & Recreation Board.



Give these folks a round of applause. Thank you to our board members who are ready to lead our group into the future!



## Kroger Community Rewards



We are continuing to participate in Kroger's Community Rewards Program.

Use your Kroger Plus card with our number (82795) and Waterford Historical Society will get a check in the mail every quarter.

**—SIGN UP TIME IS HERE—This is a reminder to the supporters of the Waterford Historical Society they need to re-enroll each year to continue earning money for the WHS in the Kroger Community Rewards Program.**

**Any member who enrolled before April 1, 2016 must re-enroll to continue earning.**

**All participants must sign up for the program every year in order to continue earning funds for the Waterford Historical Society.**

(Our NPO number is 82795)

It's easy for our supporters to enroll or re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards.

Visit [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), click on "Michigan" and click "Enroll". All participants must have a valid online account at [kroger.com](http://kroger.com) and must sign up online to participate.



## What is Log Cabin Days?

**Log Cabin Days**  
**Sat/Sun**  
**June 25/26, 2016**  
**Admission is Free**

Waterford Historical Society is fortunate to be able to have Log Cabin Days because our Log Cabin is on the official register of Michigan log cabins. Michigan is the only state that has an annual statewide log cabin festival. The Michigan Legislature passed a bill to make Log Cabin Day an annual event. It was signed by Governor Blanchard on June 15, 1989. The last Sunday in June is known as 'Log Cabin Day'.

Log Cabin Days is a unique festival that brings our past to life. Take it easy, relax, explore and celebrate the history of Waterford in a family friendly atmosphere.

Log Cabin Days is a festival with lots to see and do for all ages.

- Attractions:
- 1700's & 1800's Encampments
  - Alpacas
  - Antique Fire Truck
  - Antique Tractors
  - Big Chief Chorus
  - Blacksmith
  - Bob Lowe's Music Time
  - Children's Activities
  - Chores from Long Ago
  - Colonial Woodworking & Domestic Life Skills
  - Hands on History Area
  - Knitters & Crocheters
  - Lace Makers
  - Muzzle Loaders
  - New Horizons Band
  - Potters
  - Rope Making
  - Rug Weaver
  - Small Scale Steamers
  - Strawberry Shortcake
  - White Elephant Sale
  - Yarn Spinner

Enjoy the history of Waterford come to life. Thanks to the community for their support of the Historical Society.





# Waterford Historic Village

Located in Fish Hatchery Park  
4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford MI 48329  
(between Frembes Rd and Dixie Hwy)

Open Wednesdays 10:30-2:00 May through September  
Admission is Free



Hatchery House



Log Cabin



Blain Play House



Nelson's Filling Station



Cobbler Shop



Lohff's Print Shop



Webber & Crigger Hardware



Drayton Plains Depot



1957 Grand Trunk Caboose



Jacob's Store

Welcome  
to our  
Village!



Schoolhouse



Outhouse



Bakery  
Millinery  
Dentist  
Doctor  
Barber

Hands On History Area  
Multipurpose Room

Water  
Tower



Carriage House

## History of Lunchboxes

by Brooke Dowd Sacco

(Source: kidcrave.com/scoop/history-of-lunchboxes)

The History of Lunchboxes chronicles how they got their start and have evolved through the decades.



1880's – In the late 1800s, blue-collar workers carried their lunches to work in metal pails that originally held cigars or cookies. Your lunch pail illustrated your place on the economic scale. Carrying one meant you couldn't afford a hot noontime meal.



1890's – These miners' dinner pails would hold hard-boiled eggs, vegetables, meat, coffee, pie, and other hardy fare for laborers.



1920s – Later, "thermos" vacuum bottles like the ones we know of today kept workers' drinks hot or cold until the noon whistle blew. Boxes such as these were made specifically for workers.



1920's – As usual, kids wanted to emulate their parents, and began using household tins to carry their lunch. Soon enough, mass-produced lunch pails for children were produced. They resembled picnic baskets and featured scenes of kids playing.



1935 – In 1935, the lunch box as we think of it today was born. That's when a Milwaukee, Wisconsin company called Geuder, Paeschke, and Frey licensed the likeness of a new cartoon character named Mickey Mouse for the top of its oblong-shaped "Lunch Kit." The metal container was sealed at the top with a loop of stiff wire that doubled as a handle.

## Help Us By Shopping



We really appreciate everyone who participates in community savings programs by shopping at Kroger. They donate a percentage of the total of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society. Thank you so much for your help!

**Thank you to Kroger for their generosity! Please support them by shopping at those stores.**



*Kroger shoppers keep using your store card. (Kroger shoppers must sign up online to participate in this program. See Kroger Community Rewards article on page 2.)*

## Renew Your Membership... Or Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society or renewing their membership may clip and fill out the form below. Bring it in on a Wednesday (10:30-2) or mail it to:

Waterford Historical Society  
P.O. Box 300491  
Waterford MI 48330-0491

All memberships coming in now will be good until December of 2016. This entitles members to receive the WHS newsletters.



Join us...

There is much going on. Don't miss out!

**Help keep history alive.**

### Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application

		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
<hr/> Date	<hr/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
<hr/> Name		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
<hr/> Address		<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
<hr/> City, State, Zip	<hr/> Mail payment to:	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
	Waterford Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
<hr/> Make Check Payable To:	<hr/> P.O. Box 300491	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
<hr/> Waterford Township Historical Society	<hr/> Waterford, MI 48330-0491	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

## Waterford Historical Society

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:  
4490 Hatchery Rd  
Waterford, MI 48329

**Our Mailing Address is:**  
**P.O. Box 300491**  
**Waterford, MI 48330-0491**

Contact us at:  
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)  
Non-profit 501(c)3 organization

## Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Concerts at the Park:**  
**FREE Concerts in the Park** Thursdays, June 2,9,16,23&30  
6 pm at Hess Hathaway Park [www.waterfordchamber.com](http://www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Peace Fest Art & Music Festival:** Sat/Sun, June 4 & 5  
11am - 7pm at L.A. Café  
5815 Dixie Highway, Waterford MI 48329 (248-623-1610)
- ◆ **Movies Under the Moonlight:** Friday, June 24  
Gates open at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.  
Pierce Middle School Football Field [www.waterfordchamber.com](http://www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Log Cabin Days Festival:**  
Saturday, June 25 10am-5pm & Sunday, June 26 10am-4pm  
Fish Hatchery Park, Waterford  
[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** Fri, July 8 thru Sun, July 17  
Springfield Oaks County Park  
12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg MI 48350  
[www.oakfair.org](http://www.oakfair.org) (248-634-8830)
- ◆ **Park It Family Fun Movie Night:** Tuesday, July 19/ 6- 9pm  
Hess Hathaway Park [waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec](http://waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec)
- ◆ **Oakland Uncorked Wine & Food Tasting:**  
Fri, August 5th, 7-10 pm Oakland County Market  
[www.waterfordchamber.org](http://www.waterfordchamber.org) or 248-666-8600 for tickets

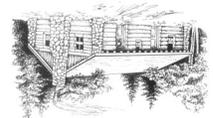
## SAVE THE DATE!

Waterford Parks and Recreation  
50+ Recreation Program

**APPLE PIE SALE**  
**OCTOBER 17-21, 2016**

Our Mission Statement:  
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of  
Waterford Township for the interest and education  
of present and future generations.

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