



Piqua-Caldwell HISTORIC DISTRICT

Preserving our Past, For the Future

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MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

The Piqua-Caldwell Historic District Association (PCHDA) will once again be hosting their Mother's Day plant sale on Saturday, May 13, from 9:30am-2pm. Included in the sale will be gallon pots of brightly colored geraniums (\$15 each) along with beautiful flowering hanging baskets and 10" mixed flower pots (\$28 each). Mom will love them!

The sale takes place at the corner of Ash and North Downing Streets and payment options include cash, check or credit cards. Pre-orders can be made at piquacaldwellhistoricdistrict.org and picked up on the day of the event. Any customer purchasing five or more plants will qualify for free delivery within the Piqua city limits.

Proceeds from this sale will support the Piqua-Caldwell Historic District's placement of aluminum cast historic markers to help increase awareness of the rich history behind its beautiful historic properties. PCHDA is also working to partner with the City of Piqua to install historic district street signage to encourage an increase in heritage tourism within downtown Piqua.



Clean-Up Day - May 6 9am-Noon

Spring is here and it's time to get outside and clean up the neighborhood so our properties and landscapes can shine. To assist in the effort, PCHDA is partnering with the City of Piqua and Mainstreet Piqua on Saturday, May 6, for Clean-up Day.

Residents living within the Piqua-Caldwell Historic District are encouraged to join forces to pick up trash from yards, sidewalks and in the curb at their own properties and for any neighbors who are unable to do so themselves.

Bags and latex gloves will be provided and can be picked up at 333 West Greene Street beginning at 9am on the day of the event. Any filled bags should be set on the curb by noon on May 6, for pick up and the City will be hauling the bags to the dump. Please only include trash picked up during the event and not residential trash. Together, we CAN make a difference!



PIQUA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

The first grant request for PCHDA was written and submitted to the Piqua Community Foundation (PCF) in March of 2023. Since becoming a 501(c)3 non-profit organization in 2019, PCHDA has been self-funded with fundraising efforts along with the generosity of donations by several individuals and Koverman Staley Dickerson Insurance.

The grant submitted to PCF included the purchase of permanent QR code signs that would be placed in front of the historic properties that currently display a cast aluminum historic marker. These signs would allow visitors to take a self-guided walking tour of the district to learn more about the history and architecture of these homes.

Other items requested were a popcorn machine that would be utilized during special events; three sets of microphones and speakers allowing PCHDA to solicit music talent for events who might not own such equipment; and lastly, yard signs to promote our upcoming events.


Once PCHDA learns the outcome of the PCF grant request, the results will be shared on our website as well as social media.



Signs, Signs, Everywhere a Sign

Another exciting project that is moving along is PCHDA's partnership with the City of Piqua to place markers around the perimeter of the residential segment of the district along with new street sign toppers that include the PCHD logo.

Chris Schmiesing of the City of Piqua has shared that we should see the signs in place as early as July of 2023. This is another project that has been in the works for some time and PCHDA is very excited to have the help of the City to highlight the history of our historic district in this way.



2023 Calendar of Events

MOTHER'S DAY PLANT SALE
Saturday, May 13 | 9:30am-2pm

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE
(district residents encouraged to participate!)
Saturday, June 3, | 9am-5pm

SCAVENGER HUNT
Sunday, October 8 | Noon-3pm

FALL MUM SALE
Saturday, September 16 | 9:30am-3pm

ANNUAL MEETING
Meeting Date and Location TBD

"GHOSTS OF THE PAST" HAYRIDE
Tentatively Fri & Sat, October 27-28 | 6-8pm

HISTORIC HOLIDAY TOUR AND ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT
Saturday, December 9 | 5-8pm

Neighborhood Event


Joe Wilson will once again be hosting the NIGHT OUT BLOCK PARTY on August 8, 2023 beginning at 5pm at 211 West Greene Street. All PCHDA neighbors are invited to attend and to bring a carry-in dish to share.



Executive Committee Seeks Nominations

December 31, 2023 marks the end of a term for several of our executive committee members and PCHDA will be looking for nominations to fill those seats. After four years of service, Mary Frances Rodriguez (President), Denise and Rick Klosterman (Editors), and Shelley Black (Co-Marketing Chair, will not be seeking reelection so we will need to fill these positions.

If you, or someone you know, live within our historic district and would be interested in joining this board, please email Mary Frances directly at design52@woh.rr.com for more information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Neighborhood Captains

In an effort to better distribute news and information regarding PCHDA, we are seeking Neighborhood Captains. Someone that is willing to be responsible for sharing information regarding our district with the neighbors on both sides of the street on their block.

Day-of-Event Help

Anyone interested in lending a hand during our events, please let us know your availability. Please check out calendar of events to get an idea of which is of most interest.

New Event Planning

PCHDA has plans to launch a fun, new event this year called the "Ghosts of the Past" Hayride taking place in late October (date TBD). Participants will be delighted to take a hayride throughout the district while hearing ghost tales at particular properties. We welcome help with brainstorming and planning this event, soliciting neighbors to share ghost stories regarding their properties, "ghost story tellers" and of course volunteers to help with managing the details of the event as it happens. We anticipate this to be a very well received event and would like to form a strong planning committee that will be under the direction of our co-fundraising chairs, Melanie Walker and Lotte Welbaum.

Anyone interested in these volunteer opportunities please contact us through our "contact us" page on our website or email piquacaldwellhistoricdistrict@gmail.com. You can also mail your availability to PCHDA, PO Box 212, Piqua, OH 45356. Thank you for your consideration.



ABOUT US

Any residential or business property owner within the district is invited to be a part of the Piqua-Caldwell Historic District Association (PCHDA) that was established in 2017. The organization became a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation in 2019, and is governed by a board of elected executive officers. The board meets a minimum of four times per year (quarterly) and hosts an annual meeting inviting the public in the fall.

PCHDA provides events throughout the year to engage the community and promote awareness of Piqua's rich history. We also hold fundraisers generating funds that are earmarked for historic street signage, historic markers and operating expenses.

2022-2024 Executive Officers

President, Mary Frances Rodriguez
Vice President, Don Smith
Treasurer, Lori Hedberg
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