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"CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS"





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2014 HISTORIC CHARLTON PARK BOARD

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CHARLTON PARK STAFF

Mr. Dan Patton – Director

Mrs. Claire Johnston – Curator

Ms. Stacey Graham – Office Manager

Mr. Tom Campbell – Maintenance Supervisor

Ms. Shannon Ritzer – Education Coordinator

Mr. Roger Smith – Maintenance Worker I

Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum & Recreation Area continues to be an outstanding primary historical attraction and recreational opportunity for thousands of people every year. As a community resource, Charlton Park provides opportunities for Barry County residents and visitors to experience history and the outdoors. Strengthening connections to history, physical activity/recreation and improved quality of life is our focus, helping make Barry County, Michigan a great place to live, work and play.

As 2013 began, we were busy planning for our first-ever traveling museum exhibit titled “Resourceful Women: 30 Who Worked to Preserve Michigan's Water, Woods, and Wildlife” and things only improved from there. The summer of 2013 kicked off with our 7th Annual Charlton Park Day to celebrate Barry County and all that Historic Charlton Park has to offer our citizens and the surrounding area. While we finished 2013 in the dark due to an ice storm, it never diminished our excitement for the upcoming 2014 events season and Paleo Joe Dinosaur Prep Lab exhibit. With over 25,000 visitors annually, it is no wonder we are excited about Historic Charlton Park and the role we play in significantly impacting our area tourism efforts and economic sustainability.

In addition to our busy summer schedule of 2013, we continued to expand and grow our educational and interpretive programming. With nearly 5,000 participants in our programs, the Park continues to be a major learning center for understanding history, the outdoors and developing our connection to both.

In 2014, our focus will be on providing exceptional customer service and finalizing our Strategic and Master Plans to ensure our future success. The future of Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum, & Recreation Area, has never been brighter and we look forward to serving our community and county that we call home.

From the sound of steam engine whistles, to the battle of Civil War-era soldiers, and swimming at the beach, 2013 was a year to celebrate. Thank you for your investment and keep sharing the good news about what Historic Charlton Park is doing for Barry County. Be sure to join us in 2014 and help us celebrate history, recreation, and family-friendly fun that continue to make Barry County a destination location.

We look forward to serving you in 2014!

Dan Patton, Director

MISSION

The Mission of Historic Charlton Park is to provide educational and recreational opportunities, through the collection, preservation and demonstration of early rural Michigan life, artifacts and buildings, and the management of natural and recreation areas.

VISION

Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum and Recreation Area endeavors to be regarded by all residents of Barry County as a leader of historic interpretation, historic artifact collection and preservation, and provider of high quality outdoor recreational opportunities that creates community through programs, events, experiences, and connectivity with history, people, and nature, while supporting economic investment and financial sustainability.

VALUES

- Excellent stewardship
- Safe & secure environment
- Managing collections and artifacts to current standards under the Museum Assessment Program (MAP).
- Educational and interpretive programming that represents the rich history of Barry County and the State of Michigan.
- Inclusiveness and accessibility by creating an opportunity for all to enjoy park resources through universal access.
- Knowledgeable, well-trained staff & volunteers
- Quality customer service
- Accountability

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- 4,950 Participants (adults/teachers/students)
- 92 Programs

The numbers above do not include any of our public input sessions for our Strategic Planning or Master Planning process or numbers as part of any of our regularly scheduled special events.

Program Types

- Historical Education Programs
- Explore More (5th - 8th Grades)
- No Family Left Indoors
- Old Fashioned Field Days
- Scout Programs
- Civic Organizations

Free educational programming for all 2nd Grades in Hastings, Delton, and Thornapple Kellogg School Districts, and Maple Valley 3rd Graders. All other school districts pay five dollars per person/child and include: Grand Rapids, Lansing, Kalamazoo, Hamilton, Grand Ledge, Wayland, and many others, plus Home School groups.

VOLUNTEERS

- 3,100 hours of volunteer labor
- Reflecting an estimated value of \$63,953 (Corporation for National & Community Service MI Rate)

Volunteer Types

- Education Volunteers
- Special Event Volunteers
- Collections Volunteers
- Gas & Steam Volunteers
- Operations Volunteers

Other Volunteer Time

- 2,730 hours of work release time from Barry County Sheriff's Department Inmates
- 250 hours of time from Community Service placement, Michigan Works placement, and other programs.

COLLECTIONS REPORT

Items in Database

17,536 Collections Inventoried & Catalogued

- 7,585 3D
- 8,248 2D
- 1,703 Library
- 24,667 Images attached to records

2013 Accepted Donations

- Ladies pheasant trimmed hat, c. 1920-1940
- Documents and plaque related to the Barry County Sportswomen's Club, 1946-1996
- Hair Wave Clip and Jack in Pulpit Amberina Bowl, c. 1938-1960
- Collection of irons, ice tongs, and handmade wheat flail
- Hastings Bottling Works bottle
- Hamilton Crane Civil War letters (appeared in Banner)
- Archival documents relating to Charlton family
- Bliss foundry worker's toolbox and tools
- Flory family records and genealogy materials

2013 Declined Donations

- Wooden washing machine
- Pump organ
- Upjohn bottles and medications
- Table saw and electric hand tools

Restoration

- Hastings City Bank Clock (Completion Date May 2014)

DOING BUSINESS WITH CHARLTON PARK

The Historic Charlton Park Board has invested funds from the millage, Charlton Park Foundation donations, and other grant dollars into preserving and maintaining Historic Charlton Park Village, Museum, and Recreation Area. In the process of contracting for construction materials and supplies, Charlton Park consistently chooses local partnerships and continues to be a major economic engine for Barry County.

Local Companies Supported by Historic Charlton Park:

Ace Hardware – Hastings	An'D Sign
Barry County Lumber/Brown's Carpet One	Barry County Telephone
Burkey's Glass	Cedar Creek Flooring
Buckland Insurance Company	Culligan of Hastings
Family Fare/Spartan Stores	Haskin Electric
Diamond Propane	Grand Rental Company
Greenmark Equipment: John Deere	Frost Heating & Cooling
Glen's Gas & Welding	Hamilton Excavating Inc.
Home Town Tree Service	J-Ad Graphics & Printing Plus
Katie & Christy's Midlakes Screenprinting	Kent Oil – Nashville
Les' Sanitary	Maxi Muffler Plus
Message Express Internet	NBT Screen Printing
Pennock Health Services	Progressive Graphics
Vern's Repair & Sport	WBCH Radio
Welton's Heating & Cooling	

2013 FINANCIALS AT A GLANCE

Revenue

Millage Total	73%	\$419,375
Fees/Donations	15%	\$84,524
Grant/Intergovernmental	7%	\$38,408
Sales/Misc./Other	3%	\$18,437
Interest/Rental Income	2%	\$11,735
	TOTAL	\$572,479
Fund Reserve		\$20,604
	TOTAL	\$593,083

Expenditures

Salaries & Fringes	58%	\$344,669
Goods & Supplies	22%	\$130,964
Contractual Services	15%	\$86,760
Capital	2%	\$14,389
County Debt	2%	\$11,461
Vending & Sales	1%	\$4,841
	TOTAL	\$593,083

All above financials are unaudited calculations.



Join us in 2014!

Paleo Joe Dinosaur Exhibit – April 8-June 27

Spring into the Past – Sat./Sun. May 3-4

8th Annual Charlton Park Day – Sat. May 24

33rd Annual Father's Day Car Show – Sun. June 15

CK&S Rail Fan Festival – Sat. June 21

County Yard Sale – Sat. June 28

32nd Annual 4th of July and Veteran's BBQ – Fri. July 4

43rd Annual Gas & Steam Engine Show – Fri./Sat. July 11-12

Civil War Muster – Sat./Sun. July 19-20

County Yard Sale/Antique Outboard Motor Show – Sat. July 26

Great Lakes Longbow Invitational – Fri.-Sun. August 8-10

County Yard Sale/August Fest Car Show – Sat. August 16

Barry County Outdoor Recreation Youth Day – Sat. September 13

3rd Annual Happy Tails 5k - Sat. September 13

“Walk in the Spirit” Pow Wow – Sat./Sun. September 20-21

Fall Harvest Festival - September 27-28

All Hallows Eve – Sat. October 25

Of Christmas Past – Sat./Sun. December 13-14