

# Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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## Calendar

### June-July-August

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

#### June 7

Newsletter Mailing  
Log Cabin Day Meeting 1:00

#### June 14

Board Meeting 2:15

#### June 24

Log Cabin Workday 10:00

**Sunday, June 25**  
**Log Cabin Day 10-4**

#### July 19

Board Meeting 2:15

**Sunday, July 23**  
**Summer Sunday**  
**At the Village 1 - 4**

#### August 16

Board Meeting 2:15

**Sunday, August 20**  
**Summer Sunday**  
**At the Village 1 - 4**

#### September 6

Newsletter Mailing

**Sunday, September 17**  
**Summer Sunday**  
**At the Village 1 - 4**

#### September 20

Board Meeting 2:15

#### September 27

Last Day to visit Village  
For this season


## President's Notes

Well the big news coming from us is a very large last minute change for Log Cabin Days-it will only be one day! Log Cabin Day will be on Sunday, June 25, from 10:00-4:00. Truthfully this has been coming and discussed for a few years.

This year had a couple twists that made it seem we needed to jump in and make the change. We will have handicap and some regular parking on site. The shuttle pick up will be on Crescent Lake Road south of the Fire Station in the parking lot where the Police Station and Parks & Rec. used to be. We will still feature: Bob Lowe, strawberry shortcake, hot dogs, White Elephant, etc. But in a smaller version and most in the Village proper. Set up will be on Saturday, June 24, 10:00.

Going along with this is another change that, again, has been coming. We call it *Summer Sundays in the Village*. We will be open from 1-4 on the following Sundays: July 23, August 20, and September 17. No hoopla, just history! People can enjoy the Village at their leisure.

Facilitating all of this has been the fact that the SIDEWALKS are DONE! You can go all the way from the parking lot by the Clinton River, with a new concrete ramp in front the Hatchery House, to the Village. I am so in love with these sidewalks. You have to come and walk them! And when you walk them you can see that the Schoolhouse is done and decorated with artifacts.

Whew! I am out breath from telling you all of this but you can bet I will still be walking around the sidewalks on Wednesday. Come join me. *Sally Strait* 

## 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

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### 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

### Liaison

Walt Gale - Liaison between  
Waterford Historical Society Board  
& Waterford Parks & Recreation Board

## 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 Day Sunday June 25



We are busy getting ready for Log Cabin Day 2017! We can use help from members at this time. Here are ways to help:

- **Help sort and price** White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday in June.
- **Spiff up a building any Wednesday (10:30-2).**
- **Help us set up** at 10 AM Saturday, June 24.
- **Work a Log Cabin Day shift.**  
It is best to have one volunteer in each building. **It is easy! Just push a 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 a shift.
- **Attend Log Cabin Day.**
- **Tell a friend/family member or neighbor** about Log Cabin Day or bring them with you.
- **Help take down on Sunday, June 25 at 4 pm.**
- **Consider giving a monetary donation** to help with the cost of Log Cabin Day.

## Log Cabin Day WANTED

1. **White Elephant or Boutique items** for us to sell. Bring it any Wednesday (10:30-2) by Wednesday, June 14th. 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 Sunday, June 25th. **The cookies always sell!**



## Log Cabin Day Parking

- **General Parking:**  
Parking Lot  
2303 Crescent Lake Rd  
Waterford MI 48329  
(Just South of Waterford Fire Station 1)  
Free shuttle bus runs frequently  
between there 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:

Vice President - Bob Allen  
Recording Secretary - Becky Morgan  
Bookkeeper - Cheryl Stoutenburg

### 3 year terms:

#### Members at Large:

- Dorothy Webber
- Grace Rockey

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, 2017 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.



## Toys from Long Ago

Source: *Historical Folk Toys*  
[www.historicalfolktoys.com](http://www.historicalfolktoys.com)

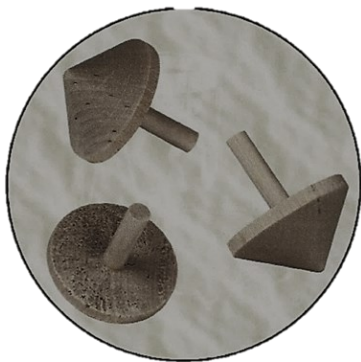


### Sleeper Yo-Yo

The yo-yo dates back to ancient Greece and was used in England, France, and other European countries. It was also known as a "Bandelure" or winding toy and, in England, a "Prince of Wales" toy. Today, most yo-yos are made from either wood or plastic, but they have also been made from gold, silver, and animal horn.

### Cup and Ball Toss Toy

Toss toys date back to ancient Greece. The Cup and Ball Toss Toy was played with in Colonial America and is mentioned in an 1834 publication for girls. It is similar to, but much easier than the Bilboquet, which has the ball landing on a pointed stick instead of inside a cup. Do not let this toy fool you; it takes good hand dexterity to get the ball in the cup!



### Finger Tops

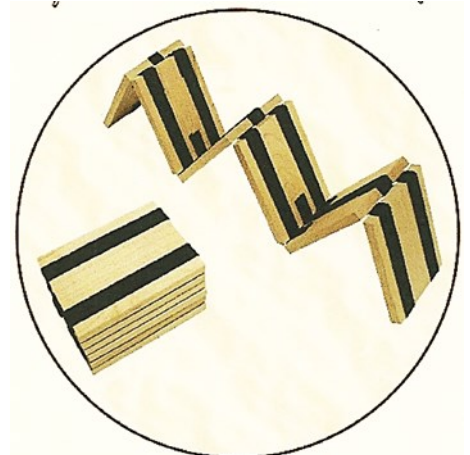
This top is an authentic reproduction of an early 19th-century spinning, wooden top. Tops come in many different shapes and sizes and have various names like Peg Top, Humming Top, Whip Top, Spinning Top, and Finger Top. Some are used with string; others just have a long round stem like this Finger Top, for spinning between the thumb and first finger. Play with two tops and see which top spins the longest.

### Jacob's Ladder

The Jacob's Ladder toy dates back to Pilgrim times in the New World and this toy was allowed to be played with on Sunday by the Puritan children because of its biblical reference (Genesis 28:12). Jacob was on a journey and had a dream about angels moving up and down a ladder between heaven and earth.

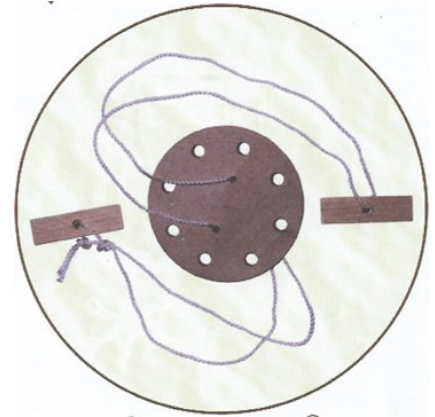
Other Sunday toys included the Handkerchief Doll (church doll), Noah's Ark, Whirlygog, Pillars of Solomon, Wolf in Sheep's Clothing, and the Buzz Saw.

The Jacob's Ladder toy is still enjoyed today by both children and adults as a "nice quiet toy".



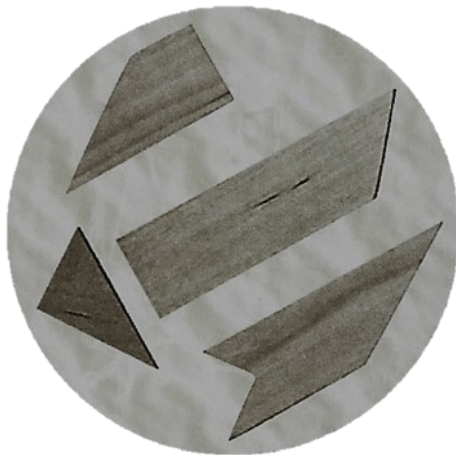
## Buzz Saw

The buzz Saw is one of the most popular noisemakers of all times! Native Americans made “buzzers” from a circular piece of bone or antler and used sinew instead of string. Colonial children played with buzz saws. This type of noisemaker was also known as “button on a string” during the Victorian Period and later. A very large button from mother’s sewing basket could be strung for this toy. Coins, bamboo, stones, and seashells have also been used to make this toy. Tin was even used, and teeth were cut around the circumference so that the disc would shred a piece of paper when the two come into contact. Made this way, it resembles a circular saw blade, and this is where it got the name Buzz Saw. Other names for the Buzz Saw are Whizzer, Whiligig, Whirligig, Moonwinder, and Skyewinder.

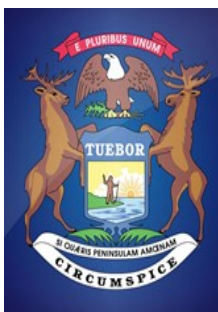


## “T” Puzzle

The “T” Puzzle was first used in advertising in the early 1900’s. One of the oldest “T” puzzles is thought to be the one that was included with a box of White Rose Ceylon Tea distributed by Seaman Brothers of New York in 1903. The puzzle had four parts and had printing on the longest part. “Arrange these four pieces of cardboard so as to form a perfect T. White Rose Ceylon is a perfect Tea,” said the tea company. One piece depicts a cup of steaming tea. Below are three of the actual pieces from this puzzle. A reference to the T-puzzle appears in “Carpentry & Mechanics for Boys”, published by A. Neely Hall in 1918. Hall’s description states, “The T-Puzzle, a famous old puzzle, is more difficult to assemble than it looks.”



## What’s a Michigander?



The term many of us use and love today was coined by Abraham Lincoln in 1848.

Then an Illinois congressman, Lincoln referred to Michigan Gov. Lewis Cass, who was running for president as a

Democrat, as a “Michigander,” meaning he was as silly as a goose. Lincoln was mad at the Democrats for making more that they should have of Cass’ military experience, and the term was meant as an insult.

“There is one entire article of the sort I have not discussed yet,” Lincoln said, “I mean the military tale you Democrats are now engaged in Dovetailing onto the great Michigander.”

Many prefer “Michiganian.” Neither one is official.

By Kathleen Lavey *Lansing State Journal*

## Highway lines were invented here!

We have Edward Hines to thank, who came up with the idea in 1911. He lobbied the state Legislature to give responsibility for roads to counties instead of townships and cities, a measure that was eventually adopted.

As a Wayne County road commissioner, Haines lobbied for long-lasting concrete roads instead of gravel or asphalt.

His brilliant idea came to him as he watched a leaky milk wagon drip a strip of milk down a dusty road and thought something like, “Hey! If we painted lines on our good concrete roads, drivers would know where the middle is!” It’s hard to imagine navigating Michigan roads without help from Hines.



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## Dorothy White will be Honored

Dorothy White will be honored on Saturday, July 29th at 2 p.m. This will take place at the Waterford Historic Village in Fish Hatchery Park.

Dorothy is being honored posthumously for her efforts in starting the Waterford Historical Society, starting the Village, teaching school children about the history of Waterford, preserving the history of Waterford and so much more.



There will be a short memorial honoring Dorothy with a few speeches. Then the special plaque honoring Dorothy will be placed on the wall just inside the schoolhouse.

Thanks to Dorothy's daughter, LuAnn Goldblatt, for all her effort in planning this special tribute.

## Help Us By Shopping

We really appreciate everyone who participates in the Kroger community savings program by making sure you have registered our number (82795) on your Kroger card and by using your store card every time you shop at Kroger. They donate a percentage of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society.



***Thank you to Kroger for their generosity!***



*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.)*

## Enjoy Summer Sundays in the Village

Join us on the following Sundays:

from 1:00 pm-4:00 pm,

July 23, August 20 and September 17.

Pack a lunch and enjoy the Village & the grounds at Fish Hatchery Park. No hoopla just history!

4490 Hatchery Road  
Waterford MI 48329  
(between Frembes Rd & Dixie Hwy)



## 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 2017. This entitles members to receive the WHS newsletters.



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

**Join us...  
Help keep history alive.**

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## Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application - New Address? Check Here:

	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

Date	Phone	
Name		
Address		
City, State, Zip	Mail payment to: Waterford Historical Society	
Make Check Payable To: Waterford Township Historical Society	P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491	

## 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

## SAVE THE DATE!

Waterford Parks and Recreation  
50+ Recreation Program

**APPLE PIE SALE**  
**OCTOBER 16-20, 2017**

## Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Concert at the Park:**  
FREE Summer Concert in the Park Thursday, June 8 at 6 pm at Hess Hathaway Park [www.waterfordchamber.com](http://www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Peace Fest Art & Music Festival:** Sat/Sun, June 3 & 4  
11am - 7pm at L.A. Café  
5815 Dixie Highway, Waterford MI 48329 (248-623-1610)
- ◆ **9th Annual Movies Under the Moonlight:** Friday, June 23  
Gates open at 6:30 pm. Movie begins at dusk.  
Pierce Middle School [www.waterfordchamber.com](http://www.waterfordchamber.com)
- ◆ **Log Cabin Day:** Sunday, June 25 from 10 am - 4 pm  
at Fish Hatchery Park, 4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford MI 48329  
[www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org)
- ◆ **Oakland County Fair:** Fri, July 7 thru Sun, July 16  
Springfield Oaks County Park  
12451 Andersonville Rd, Davisburg MI 48350  
[www.oakfair.org](http://www.oakfair.org) (248-634-8830)
- ◆ **Oakland Uncorked Wine & Food Tasting:**  
Fri, August 4th, 7-10 pm Oakland County Market  
[www.waterfordchamber.org](http://www.waterfordchamber.org) or 248-666-8600 for tickets
- ◆ **Summer Sundays at the Village:**  
July 23, August 20 & Sept. 17 from 1 - 4 p.m.  
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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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