COVID-19 has impacted all our lives in one way or another. Since we reopened to the public on June 17 for a guided or self-guided tour, we have taken steps to protect our visitors, members, volunteers, and staff so everyone can enjoy visiting or working at the Village.

Visitation for the months of June-August 2019 was 608 and in 2020 it was 354. Attendance was down, but not as much as I thought it would be. It is important to keep in mind we lost two weeks of visitation this year because we did not reopen until mid-June. Another surprise is that last year our first Five Days event drew 1,164 people. I was sure we would struggle to reach 200 this year. I was WRONG! 759 people came and enjoyed visiting several buildings being open. August 5-9 the weather was beautiful, and people wanted to get out. Between the donation jar and gift shop we made $.64 more than 2019!

Going into the Fall there will continue to be changes at the Village. Haunted Village had many old attractions. These include the Elk Lick Haunted House, the Fortune Teller, the Witch’s House, Balloon Art, the Cemetery, and Haunted Trail. Some activities were not possible due to COVID-19 guidelines. The concession stand was scaled back to just water and pre-packaged snacks. The main change was that everyone needed to purchase their tickets on-line and select a specific time to come. Ghost Hosts guided visitors to each activity. The Hamilton County Public Health said this was our best option to be open and create a safe environment for everyone.

Here's to staying healthy and we will see you at the Village!
Period Dinner

Savor some 18th century cuisine during the Period Dinner on Nov. 13. We’ll have 1792 pork chops with 1784 macaroni, 1723 asparagus with butter, smashed potatoes from the Kemper Garden, and a dessert of 18th Century White Pot. Education Director, Steve Preston, will prepare the meal and give guests background into the history and preparation of each dish. The cost is $35 per person. Reserve your seat by calling 513-563-9484.

A 19th Century Holiday Guided Tour

Join us for a seasonal guided tour through the Village decorated for the holidays and learn how Christmas celebrations evolved over the 19th century. Visitors will see glimpses of the earliest Christmases in Cincinnati, the impact of the Civil War on holiday celebrations, and how Queen Victorian and Prince Albert influenced Christmas traditions from an ocean away.

Tours will leave every hour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, and every hour from noon to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12. We can accommodate up to 10 people per time slot. Social distancing will be adhered to and face mask will be required for everyone age 6 and older. Tickets will be available on our website and must be purchased in advance.

Mark Your Calendar

Here’s a handy reference you can use to keep track of upcoming events:

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Advance registration is required. Call 513-563-9484 to register.
After months of volunteering hundreds of hours from home, Heritage Village’s volunteers returned to the Village to help us put on a safe, socially distanced Haunted Village during the middle three weekends of October. Throughout the three sold out weekends our incredible Ghost Hosts led a Village filled with spooky volunteers. With volunteers doing everything from checking groups in, passing out candy bags and working concessions to being ghosts and monsters, undertakers, witches, and fortune tellers, it would take up far more space than I have allotted to thank every volunteer across my name. I would, however, like to thank our Ghost Hosts by name. Haunted Village quite literally could not have happened this year without them and they rose to the occasion to help make this year’s Haunted Village a success.

To begin this list of incredible volunteers, I would like to first highlight the three Ghost Hosts who worked all 6 nights of Haunted Village: Holly Christopher, Ashley Gilker, and Gabriella Mordino. These three ladies were the backbone of our Ghost Hosts and we are all so incredibly thankful to them. Thank you to Sandi Cloppert and Mike Schott who both Ghost Hosted 3 nights, and thanks to Claire Anderton, Rob Carter, Frank Davis, and Gianna Orth with Marypat Schmidt who Ghost Hosted 2 nights each. Lastly onto our single night Ghost Hosts: Kiera Braunskill, Courtney Clark, Angela Dengel, Zachary Dichtl, Stella Dionysiou, Alec Jones, Logan Leesemann, Meg McNab, Sarah Schaen, Marypat Schmidt, Christina Solomon, and Lucy Stratton. Whether you signed up for the role or were conscripted in last minute, thank you all so much for making Haunted Village possible this year!

Thank you also to the dozens of other incredible volunteers who are not listed here, but who also made Haunted Village possible this year. Everyone worked so hard and were incredibly flexible as we worked to figure out exactly everything was going to work. Our volunteers never cease to amaze me, and these past few months have only reinforced that truth. So, thank you all again!
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