

THE LIMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Dear LHS Members and Friends,

We extend our warmest greetings to you and your family during this holiday season. We sincerely appreciate the dedication of members and friends like you in sustaining the Lima Historical Society over the years, and supporting its mission to preserve our town's history and the unique "sense of place" that it provides. We are also grateful to the Town of Lima for their continuing financial assistance for the museum, and to the Village of Lima for helping out in other practical ways, such as snowplowing.

While the Covid-19 pandemic of the last two years has limited some of our public meetings and programs, it has given us an opportunity to step back and take closer stock of the needs of the Tennie Burton Museum—the condition of the nearly 190-year old building itself, as well those of the irreplaceable artifact collections, photos, and records housed in it. As a result, we have made plans for this coming Spring to refurbish the building's exterior with much-needed repairs to the siding, windows, and roof, and for repainting the entire building in its present historic color palette. As we all know, the costs of such labor-intensive work are significant, especially in these uncertain times. We are currently seeking grant monies to help underwrite some of these costs.

Additional expenses for the museum include a required upgrade of our waterline connection from Rochester Street to the building because of the installation of a new main waterline by the Village of Lima along Rochester Street. Once that work is complete, we are also planning on resealing the driveway and parking area to prevent further surface cracking and deterioration.

Finally, work on the interior of the museum will continue in the coming year. Following last year's basic reorganization of our storage areas and the addition of more efficient shelving, plans for 2022 include further efforts to preserve and enhance public access to our fragile collections of historic objects, photos and documents. These involve extending our inventory, digitization and rehousing of storage collections in acid free archival containers. While a small dedicated group of our members provide the expertise and labor for most of these efforts, specialized storage containers and materials are costly, and professional scanning of some of our largest and most fragile photos and documents is advisable.

Thus, we invite you to consider making a tax-deductible Year-End contribution to the society this year to help us move forward on these projects. It is easy to do by check, Paypal or credit card. Go to our website <https://limahistorical.org> and click on the Donate button.

Sincerely,

Offices and Trustees
Lima Historical Society