

Mt. Healthy Historical Society



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Please join us for our **annual holiday dinner and program Wednesday, December 4**. The dinner is a potluck for members only. It begins at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church.



The program, which will be open to the public, will be **a talk given by Maria Waltherr-Willard on her experience leaving Cuba and coming to the US**. Maria is a teacher at Roger Bacon High School and the Vice-mayor of Greenhills. We're excited to hear this firsthand account of recent history. A short Historical Society meeting for members will follow the program.

We will also be participating in **Christmas in Mt. Healthy on December 14**. We will be selling cookies and hot chocolate at the Community Room in the park (by the pool) from noon to 4 p.m. The museum will also be open from noon to 4 and will be decorated for Christmas. Please stop by and say hello.

There will be no monthly meeting in January or February.



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Our museum is open Saturday mornings from 10 to 12, as well as by appointment, except for January and February, when we will be closed to the public.



We were saddened to lose our dear friend and fellow Historical Society member Dave Huser on August 27. Dave was a constant presence at Society events and meetings, and spent countless Saturday and Tuesday mornings at the tollhouse over many years. He loved greeting visitors and showing off our artifacts. The Edison cylinder record player was a particular favorite of his, and he especially delighted in demonstrating it for children.

Dave will be sorely missed.

We've been having fun on our Facebook page playing "Where is this?" We post an old photo of a place or building in and around Mt. Healthy and people try to identify it. Here's an example:



Then Hunt Hardware, now Aquatics & Exotics:

Visit our Facebook page to play along.



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What can we learn from a single photo?



Here's another photo that was recently featured on our Facebook page. Several readers correctly identified it as being on Compton Road, just west of Harrison Ave., looking west. (For those who have been around here a while, the homes pictured are right across from the location of the old Hoop Elementary.) One reader commented on the presence of the very nice sidewalk running alongside the dirt road.

Let's take a dive into some history. In May 1894, just one year after Mt. Healthy incorporated as a village, the Village Council voted on the issue of putting up street lights. Initially the tie vote was broken by the mayor, who voted down the measure. In November the Council was presented with a petition that again stated the need for the lights: "The importance and necessity of this matter is obvious to all and we feel it is a reproach to a town of the size and ability to pay for such improvements as ours that we are obliged to walk in darkness." Less than a year later a contract for lights was approved. In 1895 the village took another step toward modernization by putting in sidewalks, some of wood plank and some, as seems to be the case in the above photo, of concrete.



The same spot today, and one of the original street lights.

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You can also order [through our website](#), where you can pay with PayPal.

Who on your list would love this?



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