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LAUER HISTORICAL FARM OPEN HOUSE

The Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District will host an open house of the Lauer Historical Farm, 1600 Franklin Road, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, August 12, 2016.

The project was completed in the 2005 but had to be placed on hold for over ten years due to a loss of funding. Plans were revised and construction was started in late 2016 and the primary contract was finished in 2017. Landscaping and finish work has continued in 2016, but as we often say, the park never will never be "finished", but will continue to evolve and improve for many years to come.

The area is named for Ann Shirley Lauer, one of those park contributors who helped create the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District in 1972. A number of the buildings within the converted 1840's farmstead have been restored from Ann's estate. The Farm will feature the home, a restored barn, an outdoor wedding venue, all of which will be available for weddings, corporate meetings, reunions, corporate retreats, etc. Reservations will be accepted for 2017 beginning September 4, 2016 at 9 am by contacting the Park District office.



Old House, New Look, Get



The farm home will be used for historical and cultural programs, too. Cooking, sewing, and daily life on the farm will be presented, as well as a wide variety of special events.

Historic in the 1840's, before war, restored from the 1940's, etc.), the time moves forward, the Park District will develop the "working farm" aspect of the site. The land will be farmed with professional equipment while in the process of land restoration will explain the various structures in the area. By approximately fall,

during, and after World War II, records will eventually merge the farm as a new world as well. School, social and other groups will be welcomed at the site for outdoor programming. We continue to accept all types of equipment and/or long term loans for general event farm items.

Please join us on Sunday, August 12, 2016 from 1pm to 5pm for the open house as we will have it in the 1840's. We'll have a short presentation at 1pm to introduce many of the people who have had a role in the planning, development, and success of the Lauer Historical Farm. In closing, your comments are welcome to assist us.

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