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# The Village View

October 2016



## State of the Village 2016

The desire and efforts of Mayor Pat Putnam and Council members to improve our village are greatly appreciated. The progress to make our village a better place to live, work and visit would not be possible without our team work.

Over the past year, the village has progressed in our goals.

It was over 30 years since the Village had an income tax increase. In November 2015, our residents voted to increase our income tax by .25%. The increase is being used for capital projects in the Village budget. Some have been completed:

- \* Two new heart monitor defibrillators for the Lewisburg Fire and Emergency Medical Services and
- \* A new backhoe for the Service Department has been purchased.
- \* Paving Tri-County North Community Association parking lot has been completed.
- \* Collaboration with Superintendent Bill Derringer on their Capital Improvements lead to paving Front Street, adjacent to the school this past summer.

Twin Creek cleanup and bank restoration in the area of the footbridge is in the bidding process. The project will include the removal of concrete and debris on the creek bank and restored with appropriate materials and trees planted. Upon completion of the project this year, aesthetics in the area of the creek will be enhanced and flood damage control provided.

Curbs, gutters and sidewalks along Clay Street from Floyd Street to Depot Lane are moving forward and will be completed in 2017. The improvements will provide safe pedestrian access to the Community Center and Spray Park and promote our Village Park system by tying into existing walk and bikeway.

With the village acquisition of the water and sewer systems south of Interstate 70, relationships have been built with two Fortune 500 companies, Cargill and Mars.

Royal Canin, a division of Mars, has completed construction of Lewisburg Unleashed Dog Park on Village park land. Our dog park features two safe fenced areas; both having separate gated entries, and dog play equipment allowing dogs to run, play, exercise and socialize off leash with supervision by their owners.

A sun cover for the spray park was provided by Royal Canin, offering much needed shade. Royal Canin also sponsored the first annual pet contest at Derby Days this year.

The Village is proud to participate in Preble County Development Partnership. We benefit from the collaboration of business, industry, local government and education partners working together with a shared goal to promote and advance the commercial, industrial and civic development of Preble County. The efforts of this Partnership contribute to employment opportunities.

Thank you, Chief Sewert, and members of Lewisburg Fire & Emergency Unit for the highest level of fire suppression and emergency medical care 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to the communities you serve.

We thank Lewisburg Chief of Police Rick McGee and officers for their commitment to protect the lives and property of our residents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Thanks to Brown Memorial Library Director Dianna Oda and staff for creating opportunities to enrich the lives of all ages in our community.

We benefit from a top notch Service Department providing us with high quality water from our water treatment plant and ensuring the village wastewater plant meets rules and regulations of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

## General Election November 8, 2016 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

**Mayor—Pat Putnam**  
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### To Do - November 6

- ✓ Change Clocks Back One Hour!
- ✓ Change Battery in Smoke Detector!

**Trick or Treat**  
October 31st  
6:00 PM to  
7:30 PM



### Police Department News

The Lewisburg Police Department remains mindful of our aging population and feels that the Senior Watch Program can provide many benefits, while improving the quality of life for many of our citizens. To qualify for services, residents must be 65 years old or older, living alone, and have limited to no contact with family members or caregivers. He/she may also have limited mobility, be disabled, and/or bedridden.

Participants have the opportunity to become part of our call-in program. He/she will designate a day and time to call or check-in with the Lewisburg Police Department. If the call is missed, an officer will call back as soon as possible or, if phone contact is not made, visit the home to check on the resident. The benefit of this program is that the client doesn't have to be home to call in.

Senior citizens also have the option to be on our designated Elderly Call list. On selected days and times, the police department will call the residents to check on their welfare. If no phone contact is made, an officer will be sent to the home.

Some seniors require more assistance than others. These seniors may not have family to check on them or to provide assistance. A police officer will visit the resident once a week (or more) to check on their welfare.

For more information or to obtain an application, please call (937) 962-4677 or (937) 962-4377.

### TCN Community Association

The members of the Tri-County North Community Association are busy planning fall activities. Mark your calendars, come and have a good time!

**October 15, 2016 - Bingo at the Community Center - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**November 12, 2016 - Bingo at the Community Center - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

**December 4, 2016**

**Tour of Homes 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**The Lighting of the Christmas Lights - at the Lewisburg Park, after the Tour of Homes.**

**December 10, 2016 - Bingo at the Community Center - 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

### State of the Village 2016 (continued from page 1)

Thanks to Municipal Manager Jeff Sewert for establishing a department that does their job with dedication and professionalism for the good of our citizens and businesses.

The Village of Lewisburg will celebrate 200 years of existence in 2018. Decades of history, growth and development have changed the community we live in and our hope for the future. Although 2018 seems far away, advanced planning to create a schedule of events is underway to honor our 200 years of history and the businesses and organizations that represent us. Join us in preserving this 'Once in a lifetime Milestone' and make memories for generations to come. Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to attend meetings held the 3rd Monday of every other month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

Lewisburg continues to thrive. We look to the future, plan and aspire to our full potential. Thank you for your contribution to our success.

Thank you,

Marsha Jones  
President, Lewisburg Village Council

### Fire and EMS Departments News

As we move into the fall season, the Fire Department would like to stress the importance of having heating devices checked by a qualified professional prior to use in the near future. The chimneys of all furnaces, fireplaces, and woodstoves should be inspected and cleaned prior to the start of every heating season. Utilizing carbon monoxide detectors is highly recommended to ensure safety within your homes. Give space heaters plenty of room. Keep fixed and portable space heaters at least 3 feet from anything flammable. Turn off heaters when you leave the room or go to sleep. Be extra careful when using candles. Keep candles at least one foot from anything that can burn. Extinguish candles when you leave the room.

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As a reminder, when we move our clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, please remember to also replace the batteries in your smoke detectors. The smoke detector and carbon monoxide monitors are two inexpensive and essential devices that will prevent the loss of life and property.

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Cooking is the leading cause of residential building fires. It is advised that you stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling, or broiling food. If you

must leave the area, even for a short time, turn off the stove. If you are simmering foods, baking, roasting or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking and use a timer.

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On Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 p.m., the annual Fire Prevention Open House will be held at the firehouse. There will be fun activities and refreshments will be provided. Come join us for the fun!

In the ongoing effort of fire prevention, the department is continuing to inspect businesses and commercial establishments within our jurisdiction. During the past few months, many inspections have occurred with the goal of assisting the businesses to eliminate potential fire hazards and keep their environment as safe as possible.

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Community Blood Center will be at the TCN Community Center conducting the annual blood drive on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-7:00 p.m. Give the gift of life. Become a blood donor.

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On Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> Lewisburg Fire and EMS will be passing out candy at the firehouse for Beggar's Night from 6-7:30 p.m. Please stop by, show us your costume, and we'll give you a treat without any tricks!

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The green address signs are still available at the fire station. These are FREE and will help us reach you quickly in times of emergency.

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The LFD is excited to announce the addition of 8 new volunteer firefighters. Seven have recently completed the 36- hour fire class through the state of Ohio, and we are fortunate that they are also Village of Lewisburg employees. This will greatly enhance the department's response to daytime incidents. Their names are: Josh Harry, Josh Meyers, Zach Crum, Danial Douglas, Dustin Green, Stephen Miller, and Anthony Guerrero. The eighth gentleman, Cody Burnside, had already completed training prior to joining our department.

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As always, we ask that anyone having questions or concerns regarding our departments, please contact the station at 962-4640.



### Leaf Collection & Trash Pickup



The Service Department will begin the leaf pickup on October 17 and continue through early December. Residents are asked to rake leaves away from the curb so that storm water will drain. Please, DO NOT place limbs, sticks or yard debris with the leaves.

Depending on weather conditions, each week the Village crew will begin at one end of the Village and work until all streets are clear.

Just a reminder that trash pickup starts at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (north end) & Thursdays (south end). Recycle pickup starts at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Village offices at 962-4377 if you have any questions or your leaves have been missed by our crew.