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Flushing Hydrants

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The Village of Lewisburg Service Department will be **flushing hydrants** during the week of April 25. Residents are advised to check the water for discoloration before washing clothes during this time period. The water will remain safe for consumption. Flushing is done bi-annually each year to maintain and ensure water quality within the water distribution system. The process also allows the Service Department to check the operation of each fire hydrant and make any needed repairs. Any questions concerning the flushing should be directed to the village offices at 962-4377.

The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Baseball opening day is April 23! Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

The Spray Park opens Memorial Day!



The Village View

April 2016

Property Maintenance



Winter is finally behind us, and spring is in the air! It's that time of year when we are preparing to cut the grass and clean up our properties.

The Village of Lewisburg Zoning Department will be aggressively enforcing the property maintenance code, which addresses tall grass, weeds, trash and junk on properties. To assist in the enforcement of the property maintenance code, the Village offers curbside pickup of large items, brush and other items that the refuse truck doesn't normally pick up on a weekly basis. Contact the Village offices at 962-4377 to be put on the schedule so we can remove your items in a timely manner once you've placed them curbside. Please note that mattresses must now be wrapped in plastic before the Village can pick them up. If they are not wrapped, we cannot take them. Following are some points of the property maintenance code to keep in mind:

- ✧ It is the property owner's and/or occupant's responsibility to make sure that the exteriors of all properties in the Village are structurally sound and free of nuisances, unsanitary conditions and hazards to ensure the safety of occupants, pedestrians, and others, as well as to help protect property values.
- ✧ Properties should be free of broken glass, stumps, garage and other debris. Dead trees, limbs or other natural growth that is rotting should be removed. Lawns, hedges and bushes should be kept from becoming overgrown. Grass may not exceed a height of 8 inches.
- ✧ All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair and be free from hazardous conditions.
- ✧ Property owners should place their trash curbside the night before pickup. Setting your trash out two or three days before your regular pickup day only allows for an unsightly presence in the Village and also allows the opportunity for the trash to get knocked over and scattered.
- ✧ Fences, walls, signs, etc. should be maintained and firmly anchored and have painted and/or protected surfaces to prevent decay and hazard.

This is just a small sampling of the code. You can pick up a copy of the property maintenance at the Village offices. If you have a property maintenance complaint, please contact the Village offices at 962-4377 where the complaint will be turned over to the proper personnel for investigation.

As a reminder, residents are asked not to blow or discharge grass clippings into the street, especially the curb. Over a period of time, grass clippings accumulate in the curb causing the flow of rain water to be altered. It can also cause catch basins to become clogged, resulting in flooding of the streets during heavy rains.



The goal of the Mayor, Council and Village is to promote for a more vibrant community - one in which citizens can state they are proud to live, work and play, and one which visitors applaud.

Enjoy the spring flowers! If you have ideas, suggestions or comments, don't hesitate to contact the Village offices. By working together, we can make for a better Lewisburg!

Police News

The Lewisburg Police Department would like to take this time to thank the citizens that attended the Town Hall meeting about the Heroin issues that Preble County is facing. We would also like to thank the Tri County North School, the Substance Abuse Prevention Partnership, Preble County Sheriff's Office, Eaton Police Division, Lewisburg Fire / EMS and all the guest speakers that helped put this program on. We had a great turn out and want to remind those that are interested that there will be additional town meetings in the near future. You may contact the Vil-

lage Office at 962-4377 for information on these meetings.

We would also like to thank the citizens and organizations for their generous donations towards the Village of Lewisburg's efforts to obtain a police canine. We are still currently working on our efforts in obtaining additional funding through various donors.

Just a friendly reminder that we see an increase in crimes against property with the warmer weather and wanted to offer a few tips to help prevent from being a victim. First, try and remember to lock your vehicles and do not leave anything of value in your

vehicle such as laptops, electronic devices, wallets and a purse with credit cards, social security cards and personal information. It would also be a good idea to check all your exterior lights to make sure they are working as well.

Please don't hesitate to call the Lewisburg Police Department at 962-4677 if you see anything strange or suspicious. This will aid us in the performance of our jobs.

Thank you.



The Lewisburg Police Department would like to remind everyone to look out for motorcycle and bicycle riders now that spring is here. Let's all share the roads safely!



Brown Memorial Library News



Spring was here, gone, and hopefully is back for good and the library is thinking about summer! The library staff is hard at work planning the Summer Reading program, set to begin June 4. Story, craft, and special programs will be held each Monday & Wednesday at 10:30 AM beginning Monday, June 6. All program information is always available by checking the library website at <http://brownmemorial.lib.oh.us> or our Facebook page.

Sessions are offered to three age groups: children aged 3-5; those who have finished kindergarten – second grade; and those who've finished third

grade and older. No registration is required to attend the crafts & activities; however, children must sign up to participate in the reading program to be eligible to win prizes. We'll begin registering children once school is out, but reading for program credit does not begin until June 4.

This year's reading theme is **"On your Mark, Get Set, READ!"** in celebration of wellness, activity, sports, and the Olympics this summer. Several of our planned programs will offer kids the opportunity to get active, have fun, and maybe learn something new! We also have guest readers lined up for our youngest listeners, and everyone who completes the reading program will be eligible for the random prize drawing. Some of the prizes up for grabs are Kings Island tickets, passes to Sky Zone Trampoline Park,

and much more! The program will conclude on Saturday, July 16.

Back by popular demand will be the adult Summer Reading program. Gift cards will be up for grabs for those participating by checking out books from Brown Memorial.

The Rowdy Readers book discussion group will have its' last meeting on Tuesday, May 3. As a special treat, Ruby Purl Chocolates & Coffee will be hosting the group at 6:30 PM. The book selection is *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens and copies are available for checkout. Group moderators Pam and Chris wish everyone a great summer and look forward to another fun year when the group resumes Tuesday, September 6.

Fire and EMS News

The Lewisburg Fire/EMS would like to thank all who participated in our Easter Egg Hunt this year. As a special treat, those in attendance were able to meet the Easter Bunny. We hope all the children had an enjoyable experience at the event staged at the Community Park.

We would like to congratulate FF2/EMT Kendra Vanover on her successful completion of the State of Ohio Fire Safety Inspector course held at Sinclair CC. This certification will enable her to assist in the prevention program that the department provides our community. Most notably, she will join several other department inspectors who routinely conduct inspections at local businesses and industries. We thank her for the compassion and dedication to enhance her abilities to serve our department.

FF Allie Kring continues her schooling to become a state certified EMT at the Miami Valley Career Technology Center. Upon completion of this course, Ms. Kring will be a state certified EMT. We look forward to having her join our EMS team.

EMS members recently completed yearly protocol testing. This testing includes written and practical exams mandated by the Greater Miami Valley EMS Council.

The Fire training center that is located on Water Tower Lane opened for the 2016 season in

March by hosting a Level 2 fire-fighting class from Clark State Community College. For those not aware, our department is fortunate to have a live burn training facility. Not only is this a most beneficial asset for our department, but we are able to assist many area departments in meeting their training needs. We would encourage our citizens to view this facility. This would enable you to see one aspect of training that your firefighters routinely perform to increase our abilities to protect you.

Over the last couple of months, several of our Fire/EMS members participated in some trainings in Eaton, Dayton, and Greenville. Topics included children emergencies, trauma issues and grain bin rescue. We commend these individuals for taking the initiative to attend these invaluable educational events.

With the onset of spring and the desire to clean and clear debris after the winter months, residents should be aware of the prohibition of open burning in the Village. In the rural areas, a burn permit acquired from the proper authorities is required to open burn. Anyone needing further information related to open burning should call the Fire station at 962-4640.

As we move to spring and the desire to do some spring cleaning, the departments would like to offer some simple steps to protect your family and home.

* Clear leaves, debris and other yard waste from around the home, garage, and storage sheds.

* Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires. Replace them or have them repaired by a qualified professional.

* Remove any combustibles from around hot water tanks, clothes dryers, and vents.

* Remove lint build-up from clothes dryers.

* Get rid of oily rags and recycle stacks of newspapers.

* Have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio in the event of a power outage.



Please keep sidewalks free from obstruction where children going to school have to walk in the street to get around them. This presents a danger to our citizens walking on the sidewalks and any vehicles that may be passing.