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The Village View

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2017 PROJECTS



Late last year, the Village of Lewisburg completed a major stream bank project along Twin Creek within our Village Park. The project consisted of removal of debris, trees that were infected with the Emerald Ash Borer, and, most importantly, rehabilitation of the creek bank with appropriate stone according to engineering standards to assure for erosion control. Twin Creek has been designated as a exceptional warm water habitat stream, and the Village is very dedicated in conserving that status. The project was made possible through a \$242,000 Clean Ohio grant. This spring, Village crews will be doing grass seeding and planting of trees to finalize the project.

The Village of Lewisburg recently received an Ohio Department of Transportation Alternatives Grant in the amount of \$225,000 to construct sidewalks and curbs along Clay Street within the Village. The project will begin at Clay and Floyd Streets and extend eastwardly past the recently-constructed Community Center, water spray park, and Lewisburg Unleashed Dog Park allowing for safe pedestrian travel. Also, the project will tie into the existing walking trails located within the Village Park on both the Tillman Lane and Knapke Lane sides. Ultimately, this will allow for citizens - especially children - to travel safely to and from this area of the Village and further enhance the Village Park system, one of the finest in the area. The project will begin in June and be completed in early fall.

Another project that will be forthcoming this summer is the beginning of a \$300,000 community development block grant from the State of Ohio and the Preble County Commissioners. The project is a two-year program and will fund improvements to the Village downtown business district to include new streetscape projects, new sidewalks, storm sewer upgrades, landscaping improvements, upgrade to the fire hydrant system, and a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Dayton and Commerce Streets. The majority of the business improvements will be facade improvements or rectifying code deficiencies.

The Village of Lewisburg wishes to thank the Preble County Commissioners and the Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce for their support and funding of this downtown business revitalization project.

Take Note!

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The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Baseball opening day is April 22! Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

Hey kids! The Spray Park opens Memorial Day!



Filling Your Pool?



It's time to start thinking about filling your pool! In order for you to receive the proper water discount when filling your pool, please call the Village office before filling the pool so that we can take a water reading. When the pool is full, call the Village again so that we can take another reading. We will also need the dimensions of the pool and the depth of the water. This will make sure that you receive the proper adjustment to your water bill.

If you have questions, please contact Margee McClain at the Village office at 962-4377.

200 Years of Food & Fun!!



The Bicentennial Cookbook Committee wants to publish your favorite recipes! We are looking for recipes from past or present residents of our community! Please send us 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes that have been handed down from your parents and grandparents that you still use today and enjoy with your friends and family! You can pick up a form at any of the banks in town, or at the Village offices. We need your recipes no later than May 31, 2017!! The cookbooks will be published and sold during the Derby Days celebration in August 2017 and during the Bicentennial celebration on September 7, 8 and 9, 2018. The price for the cookbooks will be \$13.00, and advance sales are available. For more information, contact Diane ShROUT at 937-962-4224.

Police News

The Lewisburg Police Department is happy to announce that Officer Apollo has passed his state certification and is actively working the road with his partner, Cpl. A. Johnson.

Apollo will soon have his own body armor to protect him while he is on patrol with Cpl. Johnson. Thanks to a private donation from a person who wishes to remain anonymous, Apollo will soon be wearing a SWAT-style vest produced through the Spikes K9 Fund organization. On March 11, 2017, the 2 ½ year old German Shepherd was fitted by Jill Cutter for the \$2,500 vest that is breathable and made to order for each dog. Apollo played with a tennis ball as Ms. Cutter adjusted the form to his body and trimmed away material to make it fit perfectly. Care was taken to make sure it didn't rub or wasn't too tight to allow

ease of movement while on the job. In about six weeks, the custom-made vest produced by a company in Canada will arrive in Lewisburg.

"He'll wear it," Johnson said with a smile, noting Apollo doesn't currently have any body armor. Safety is a concern for his canine partner, he said. "It is another step to keep him safe," Johnson said. "Hope we never have to use it, but it is nice to know it is there in the event he would need it."

Spikes K9 Fund was founded by James Hatch, a retired Special Warfare Operator. It is a national non-profit organization that provides police dogs with vests.

"As a K9 handler on several deployments, James' life was regularly spared by the work of K9s — one of the most memorable was Spike. And on James' final deployment, the night

he was critically wounded, a K9 spared James' life while losing his own," according to the organization's website.

Thank you,

Chief Rick McGee

Village of Lewisburg

"Operor lustum"



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



We are gearing up for our yearly programs, particularly Summer Reading, which will begin June 3rd. Our Summer Reading program encourages kids to read and keeps them entertained with weekly crafts. It's a great opportunity for them to learn and socialize with other kids their age in a safe and friendly environment. Summer is usually our busiest time of year, so keep an eye on our calendar and monthly newsletter for some of the programs we have lined up for this year.

Brown Memorial recently hosted a book signing event with former Lewisburg resi-

dent Cheryl (Scott) Keely, author of the new picture book "A Book of Bridges: Here to There and Me to You". The author read from her debut book and personally autographed books that were available for sale at the event. Cheryl was kind enough to donate \$1.00 to the library from each book purchased. Cheryl Keely is a TCN graduate and the daughter of library employee Joy Scott and the late Dave Scott, former mayor of Lewisburg.

Remember to bring your youngsters to our weekly Preschool Story-Time program (ages 2 ½ to 5), where they will hear a story, socialize, and make an accompanying craft with Miss Chris. No signups are required to participate and two sessions are held each Monday at 10:30 and 11:30 AM. The same content is repeated at each session. Programs run through April.

Brown Memorial would also like to invite you to our bi-monthly Rowdy Reader adult book discussion group. Join us for a fun evening of discussion and refreshments. Our last book discussion will be held on May 2. We are always looking for new members to share our reading experiences with. Book group will resume on September 6.

And last, but certainly not least, we encourage patrons to stop by and place a hold on a selection of new books to be released over the coming months by popular authors John Grisham, James Patterson, and Danielle Steel.

We are your local library and are proud to serve the Lewisburg community. Visit us at <http://brownmemorial.lib.oh.us>.

Fire and EMS News

Lewisburg Fire/EMS Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Village Park on Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. As a special treat, those in attendance will be able to meet the Easter Bunny. The age groups for the Easter Egg Hunt are as follows: 0-3 years old; 4-6 years old; and 7-9 years old. EMS members will be coordinating this event with assistance from the Fire Department, which is always an enjoyable opportunity to serve the community. We are looking forward to seeing all the youngsters and their parents!

Warmer weather also means an increased use of bicycles, skateboards, and rollerblades. Recent statistics verify that the use of helmets can significantly reduce the risk of head injuries while riding a bicycle. We strongly encourage all riders to wear protective helmets. The American Academy of Pediatrics is reminding everyone to "Put a Lid on it! Protect before you pedal!"

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 area, 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.

When preparing to do spring cleaning in and around your home, the departments would like to of-

fer some simple steps to protect your family and home.

- 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.

The EMS department would like to remind our citizens to be careful when using commercially-prepared cleaning solvents and weed killers. These items should be used in well-ventilated areas and be used in compliance with manufacturer's guidelines.

Some fire safety tips are offered:

- Remember to test smoke detectors. If batteries have not been changed within the past year, now is the time. Replace your detector if the unit is 10 years or older.

A fire escape plan should be in place and fire drills should be conducted annually. Remember, your family should know two ways out of your home and be aware of the outside locations to meet.

Recently the EMS department received a new heart monitor compliments of Reid Hospital. This device will be placed in the first responder vehicle which will enable us to provide life saving

measures as quickly as possible. We thank Reid Hospital for this most generous donation.

The Fire department was fortunate to receive a grant from the Darke Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. through its Operation Roundup program. This grant will allow us to purchase some updated rescue equipment.

Recently, the state Fire Marshal's office issued grants for radio equipment. The Lewisburg Fire Department received one of these grants, which will enhance our communication abilities.

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

The departments would like to express our condolences to the Brennan family for the loss of their patriarch, Eddie Brennan. Mr. Brennan was a cornerstone of our community for many years and generously supported our organizations through the years. We are keeping his loved ones in our thoughts during this difficult time.



Do you have concerns or comments you would like to discuss with Congressman Warren Davidson? A representative from Congressman Davidson's office will be at the Village offices on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. to meet with you and listen! Stop in and let your voice be heard!