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The Village View

April 2018

New Mayor and Council Members



The Village of Lewisburg council accepted the resignation of Mayor Pat Putnam and appointed Marsha Jones to fill the vacancy effective December 31, 2017 at noon. The Village would like to thank former Mayor Putnam for his years of service, both as a council member and as mayor, and wish him well.

Other new council members taking the oath of office were Lori Pheanis, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the end of Jackie Sewert's term, and Ted Thies, who was appointed to fill the vacant seat created when Marsha Jones was appointed mayor. Chad Woodworth was voted in as President of council. Welcome to our new council members!

Just a reminder that council meets on the first and third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the firehouse. If you would like to address council at a meeting regarding a particular issue, you must be placed on the meeting agenda. In order to be placed on the meeting agenda, contact Kim at 962-4377 at least two days before the meeting.

Note from the Municipal Manager!

Winter is behind us and spring is in the air. It's the season of mowing grass and spring cleaning of properties. The Village of Lewisburg Zoning Department will be aggressively enforcing the property maintenance code. To assist our citizens in following this code, the Village offers extra curbside pick-up of large items, curbside brush pick-up, and other items that the normal refuse doesn't pick up on a weekly basis. Just give us a call at 962-4377, and we will place you on a schedule for a timely pick-up.

When mowing grass, please do not blow the grass onto the streets. This could potentially clog up the storm sewers. Even though the Village sweeps our streets on a bi-weekly basis, major problems can occur when grass is blown onto the streets.

It is recommended that property owners place their trash out at the curb for the weekly pick-up the night before. We are seeing more and more properties where residents are placing their trash out two to three days before their regular pick-up. This allows for an unsightly presence in the village.

Please be aware that, effective January 1, there is now a charge for extra hauling. Ordinance 2017-17 amends Section 951.06 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Lewisburg to charge \$20.00 per trip. Those requesting a dumpster will be charged the new rate of \$20.00 per trip. Tire pickup and disposal will be charged the rate of \$3.00 per tire.

With the Village celebrating its 200th birthday and many Bicentennial activities planned, please take that extra initiative to spruce up your property as the Village will be a spotlight for many past residents, visitors and dignitaries traveling to and through our Village this year.

The Village has resource partners to assist residents with property maintenance issues such as removing trash and debris, painting programs, sidewalk replacement, tree removal, junk and appliance pickup. Please contact the Village offices if you have any questions.

Please enjoy the spring flowers and upcoming summer season!. By working together we can make for a better Lewisburg.

Take Note!

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The Village Offices will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day.

Baseball opening day is April 28! Parade starts at 10:00 a.m.

The Spray Park opens Memorial Day!



Bicentennial Celebration Timeline!!

- April 7 - Tea and Old Time Fashion Show
- May 10 - Creative Canvas—Bicentennial Tote Painting Event
- May 19 - Vintage Baseball Game
- May 28 - Hanging of Hometown Heroes Flags
- June 10 - Ice Cream Social & Car Show
- August 16, 17 & 18 - Derby Days
- September 7, 8 & 9 - 3-Day Celebration of the Village's 200th Birthday!!!

Police News

On May 8, voters will go to the polls for the 2018 primaries. Village residents will see Issue 3 on their ballots - the police levy.

Issue 3 provides for a five-year increase in property taxes in the amount of \$0.225, or 2.25 mills, commencing in the tax year 2018, first due and/or collected in the calendar year 2019. If approved by the electors of the Village, property owners will see an increase in property taxes equating to \$0.22 per day.

While we understand that no one likes to pay additional taxes, we feel the time has come to ask for the increase so that we can continue providing and maintaining the police vehicles, communications equipment, along with the maintenance of the building and salaries of the permanent and part-time police officers. The additional income will generate

approximately \$65,100 annually.

Due to recent cuts in revenue received by the Village at the state and local levels, these additional funds are needed to continue to maintain the 24-hour, 7 days-a-week service the Police department currently provides. We have the finest police department in Preble County, and this additional funding will ensure we can maintain the level of services residents and businesses currently receive and depend upon.

There will be town hall meeting at the Community Center on Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Issue 3. Please plan to attend, bring your questions, and show your support for the Police department.

If you can't attend the town hall meeting, you can call Jeff Sewert, Municipal Manager, at 962-4377, or email him at jeff.sewert@lewisburg.net, with any questions. You may also contact Chief Rick McGee at 962-4677.

Apollo would like to remind everyone to vote on May 8! Thank you for your support of this very important issue!



Reminder - Look out for motorcycle and bicycle riders now that spring is here. Let's all share the roads safely!



Brown Memorial Library News

Brown Memorial Library is happy to announce the recent employment of our new Director, Mary Ellen Lakes. A reception was held celebrating her arrival on March 5 where members of the public were invited to join and enjoy assorted snacks and plenty of cake. The staff at Brown Memorial would like to thank everyone who made an appearance for their support and enthusiasm.

Otherwise, it is business as usual here at the library. We are gearing up for our Summer Reading program, which runs from June 2-July 14, and provides kids with an excellent means of keeping up with their reading over school break. Weekly craft events

will be held, and various prizes passed out to those who fulfill their reading goals. Last year's prizes included chipotle gift cards and tickets to the King's Island amusement park. Patrons should also be on the lookout for our Homeschool Program, which will occur on April 18 (signup is required).

Be sure to keep an eye on our calendar for upcoming events. 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>.



Happy Spring



Fire and EMS News

The Lewisburg Fire/EMS Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Village Park on Saturday, March 31st 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 the assistance of 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!

When preparing to do spring cleaning in and around your home, the departments would like to offer 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 the manufacturer's guidelines.

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.

As a benefit to our community, we are still offering reflective address signs free of charge. It is extremely important that we can identify your residence quickly when responding to a call for assistance.

We would like to remind all of our citizens that tornado sirens are tested the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon. There are 4 alerting devices in our service area. These are located at the village water tower, the fire station, adjacent to the Knollwood subdivision, and near West Sonora.

The Fire Department is extremely grateful for the recent arrival of our new personal protective gear, which includes new coats, pants, helmets, hoods, and gloves. These items replace gear that has been in service for 10-12 years. This purchase was made possible through capital purchase monies secured when our citizens passed a .25 increase to the village income tax. We thank our loyal citizens for assisting in the purchase of this much needed equipment.

We are pleased to announce that several of our members are pursuing various educational avenues as follows: Stephen Miller and Josh Harry are participating in the Emergency Medical Responder class; Jeffrey Lewis is taking the EMT course to become certified as an EMT in the state of Ohio, and Modesta Douglas has passed the National Register EMT exam.



Do you have concerns or comments you would like to discuss with Congressman Warren Davidson? Ben Thaler, 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, meet Ben, and let your voice be heard!