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# The Village View

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## VILLAGE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

With the Bicentennial year of 2018 behind us, the Village saw many property maintenance improvements throughout the community by our citizens and businesses to provide for a higher standard of quality of life. Be aware that with poor property maintenance within a community comes the affects to our environment, health, safety, and property values. Also, in 2018, the Mayor and Village council, through a strategic plan, defined a Mission Statement: "To Develop a Thriving Community, to Lead by Example, and Present Opportunities for Others to Contribute to a Safe, Healthy, and Desirable Place to Live, Work, Play and Visit". To continue the quality of life and to make further strides in the Village's Mission Statement, an even more aggressive property maintenance program will be initiated in 2019. Focus of the program will be on the following key components:

**Trash  
Junk  
Clutter**

**Disabled vehicles on the streets and in yards  
Peeling paint on homes and out buildings  
Overgrown lawns, hedges and bushes**

If a property is found to be in violation, the owner will receive a Notice to Comply by certified mail and will be given a specific period of time in which to correct the issue(s). If the issue(s) has not been corrected within the specified time period, the Village will initiate court proceedings against the property owner.

Please remember that it is a violation of Village Ordinance 1333.04(e)(9) to store your trash cans/toters in front of your house. Ordinance 1333.04(e) states: "It is hereby declared a public nuisance for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having charge or possession of any premises in this Village to maintain the premises in a manner that any of the following conditions are found to exist... (9) Garbage cans stored in front yard and visible from public streets, except when set out temporarily for garbage pick-up." So, please remember to store your garbage cans out of sight.

Following are some additional points of the property maintenance code to keep in mind:

- ◆ Please note that mattresses and upholstered furniture must be wrapped in plastic before the Village can pick them up. If they are not wrapped, we cannot take them.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Properties should be free of broken glass, stumps, garbage 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.

This is just a small sampling of the code. You can pick up a copy of the property maintenance code 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.

The Village has resource partners to assist residents with property maintenance issues such as removing trash and debris, sidewalk replacement, tree removal, junk and appliance pickup. Please contact the Village offices at 962-4377 if you have any questions.

## Lewisburg Park News

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We are excited to announce our tree replacement project. The Village has removed 90+ ash trees due to the ash bug, so now its time to replace the trees for generations to enjoy. A blueprint of the project can be viewed at the Village offices. Once the weather breaks, a copy will be posted at the park kiosk. The trees can be purchased in honor of, or in memory of, a loved one.

Park clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m. Rain out date is April 20. If you are interested in helping, please come to the park dressed to work!

Baseball opening day is Saturday, April 27, with the parade starting at 10:00 a.m. Please – no parking in front of the fence at the park where any "No Parking" sign is posted.

A big THANK YOU to Sean Finnigan and his parents, Brian and Dodi, for making the picnic tables for his Troop 511 Eagle Scout project. Congratulations on a job well done, Sean! Sean made a total of six picnic tables, two of which will accommodate wheelchairs. We very much appreciate that Sean chose the park to do his Eagle Scout project.

Park Board meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Village offices. In warmer weather, the meetings are held at the Knapke Lane shelter. If you would like to address the Park Board, please call the Village office so we can put you on the agenda. Park Board members are Brenda Gullickson, President, Marti Eley-Paul, Vice President, Don Cox, Logan Justis, Sandy Heindl, and Ted Thies, Council Representative.

Thank you, and Happy Spring!

### Community Garden Coming to Lewisburg!



Without a store that offers fresh produce and public transportation, our village does not have quick access to fresh fruits and vegetables.

Seeing a need for our community, local and county resources have been working hard to foster ideas that would bring good nutrition and hands-on collaboration to Lewisburg. This

year, we are excited to announce this will come in the form of the Lewisburg Community Garden.

The garden will be located between Dayton and Clay Street and will be available for use by individuals, families and organizations residing in Lewisburg.

The benefits of a community garden can reach far beyond the garden gates, bringing people closer to the Earth and to each other. Participants will have opportunities for exercise, education, therapy, relaxation and social interaction, along with preserving green space and conserving resources.

Construction of the garden is planned for early May 2019 and

will require donations of lumber, soil, plants, garden tools and storage. If you are interested in helping with construction needs or participating in the garden this summer, please contact Marsha Jones at 937-286-2376.



### Brown Memorial Library News

Spring is a time of new beginnings and fresh starts and that is why April is FINES FORGIVENESS MONTH at Brown Memorial Library. If you happen to find any library materials while doing your spring cleaning, bring them back to the library and we will forgive the fines, no questions asked! (Not applicable to lost or damaged items).

A great way to avoid fines is by downloading the new SEO app. This app keeps track of your physical library materials as well as your digital materials and also allows you to check out audiobooks and e-books through your device. You can access the library anytime, anywhere! A short tutorial is available on our website [www.brownmemorial.lib.oh.us](http://www.brownmemorial.lib.oh.us)

We are currently gearing up for summer reading which will begin on June 3. The program encourages kids

to read while keeping them entertained with weekly crafts and special programs. It's helps to prevent the dreaded "summer slide" and provides an opportunity to socialize with other kids in a safe and friendly environment.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Rowdy Readers Book Discussion Group** gets together every other Month on the first Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. The next gathering will be held May 7<sup>th</sup>. Rowdy Readers will take a short break for the summer and will pick back up in September. Come and be a part of this dynamic group.

**Next Chapter Book Club**, a reading group especially for adults with intellectual and development disabilities, meets every Monday at 12 p.m. For more information call 937-

962-2377 and ask to speak with Mary or Pam.

#### Summer Reading June 3-July 31

This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories." Special Program dates to be announced. Check our website and social media for updates. June 3 —Sign-ups begin with free Ice Cream provided by T's Freeze Gourmet Ice Cream.



### Fire and EMS News

With the onset of spring and the desire to do 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.

Warmer weather also means an increased use of bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades and motorcycles. 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!"

The Lewisburg Fire/EMS Department annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Village Park on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. As a special treat, those in attendance will be able to meet Mrs. 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!

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

The Fire/EMS Department would like to invite everyone to our breakfast on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held at the Community Center from 7-10 a.m.

We would like to congratulate one of our members on successfully completing requirements to become a state-certified paramedic. **Allie Kring** completed the required coursework through Sinclair Community College. One of our EMS members, **Jeffrey Lewis**, is beginning a level of instruction to become a certified firefighter. We wish him well as he pursues this certification. Our newest member, **Nick Erbaugh**, has been quite busy these past several months. He recently became a Level I firefighter through Clark State Community College. Upon completion of this class, he began training at Sinclair Community College to become a certified EMT. We thank these three individuals for their dedication and perseverance.

The Fire department was excited to recently receive a new THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA (TIC). This invaluable device allows personnel to identify victims that become trapped and disoriented in dark and smoky environments such as structure fires. We are extremely thankful to have been able to purchase this item with monies that were bequeathed to our department by several families in our community. This new TIC replaced one that we had been in service for several years.

The Fire/EMS departments are anxiously awaiting word on whether they will be recipients of several grants. We are working with Cargill, Firehouse Subs, and the Bureau of Workers' Compensation to acquire items that will be beneficial to our personnel and also increase our level of service to our citizens.

The department would like to remind our citizens that we are always looking for dedicated and caring individuals to join our EMS and Fire teams. There is no greater satisfaction in knowing that you have helped someone in their time of need.

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

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.