

Fire and EMS Department 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. 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.

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.

Don't forget when we move our clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on

Sunday, November 3RD, 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.

The fire department is partnering with the American Red Cross to distribute FREE smoke detectors for residents in our response area. Anyone interested in obtaining a smoke alarm, please call the fire house at 962-4640 for additional information.

The Fire and EMS would like to thank the Lewisburg-Eaton Lions Club for their recent most generous donation.

The EMS department is most thankful for being awarded a Bureau of Worker's Compensation Grant to purchase a new cot and loading system. This grant was for approximately \$32,000.

The Fire & EMS and Police Chief McGee would like to thank our citizens who attended the Community Night Out at the Community Center

on October 1st. We hope that those who joined us gained useful and valuable tips to enhance the safety around their homes.

Lewisburg Village Council has held several work sessions over the last year and a half to develop a strategic plan for our community. Several needs were identified, discussed, and prioritized in order of importance for our citizens. Since the beginning of 2019, the Village Council Safety Committee has met to discuss how the Fire/EMS Departments can continue the current level of service to meet the expectations of our Village residents. Currently, our two biggest needs are in the area of personnel and equipment, especially apparatus. You may be aware that the number of volunteers for Fire/EMS has greatly decreased nationwide. Lewisburg is experiencing the same problem. This necessitates additional funds to hire more part-time employees. Some of our equipment, in spite of our care and attention also periodically needs replaced. In order to secure these needs, it was decided to place a 3.8 mil General Operations Replacement Levy on the ballot Nov. 5 for consideration by our Village citizens. If we are fortunate enough to receive a positive outcome, this levy would replace one that has been in existence since 1980 and is currently calculated on prop-

erty valuations from 39 years ago. The Replacement Levy will be based on current property values. For example, the tax on a \$100,000 home will cost an additional \$7.92 per month. Our Fire/EMS has been assured by Village Council that with the passage of this Replacement Levy the additional monies generated will be directed to the Fire/EMS departments to meet current and future needs. Through the years our departments have been so fortunate to have had the ongoing support of our citizens for which we are so thankful and appreciative. We hope you consider voting **YES** on this most important levy on **NOVEMBER 5** to provide additional funds for our team of dedicated public servants. We will continue to strive to support our mission of protecting the lives and property of our citizens. We would ask that anyone with questions about this Replacement Levy please contact Chief BJ Sewert at 962-4640.

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

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

State of the Village 2019 (continued from page 1)

Lewisburg continues to identify development potential by pursuing the annexation of approximately 120 acres west of the Village.

Teaming with The Preble County Arts Association, Tri-County North School and local art enthusiast, the Village brought Art to the community at First Friday Block Parties. Additional events are being planned to include Performing Arts in Lewisburg.

Brown Memorial Library is now hosting Preschool Story Time for children ages 3-5 on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Children listen to a story and make a related craft. The Rowdy Readers book discussion group meets on the 1st Tuesday every other month from September through May. The Bookie Monsters is a book club for teens that meets once a month: 99 children & 5 teens completed this past Summers Reading Program, 1,076 registered users, 1,087 ER (Electronic Resource) card users, more than 14,874 items checked out

Brown Memorial Library became the location for a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture/Arts and Mathematics) Maker Space to continue learning opportunities for all ages. A committee consisting of Ohio State University Preble County Extension Office, Tri-County North Schools, Scouts Troop 511, local businesses and village council representative meet monthly to direct the initiative. Celebrating 84 years of existence in 2019, our community is grateful to the Brown family for choosing to open a library! The Library Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Brown Memorial Library. Thank you Director Mary Lakes and staff for creating opportunities to enrich lives in our community.

Curb Appeal is a focal point. A plan has been developed to encourage and assist our residents with property maintenance to benefit our community. Input from the community has been positive with a desire to comply with Village Ordinances. The village deployed an aggressive Paving Program including 25 streets that received a new coat of asphalt with a useful life of 20 plus years. A 2nd phase of the Paving Project is expected to continue in future years.

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. Garbage and recycling are picked up on a weekly basis. Leaves are picked up in the autumn, snow is plowed in the winter and water main breaks are fixed.

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. Jeff Sewert is an asset in Preble County as well as Lewisburg. Our Village benefits from his relationships throughout the County. I quote Jeff as saying, "Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." End of quote.

Tri-County North Community Association is an inspiring group of citizens that pool many talents and resources to fill needs in the lives we touch - monthly bingo averages 85 players, Euchre tournament has become a yearly event adding to the fun, the annual Steak Fry and Auction was a record success this year.

Members of The Historical Society work to preserve the history of the Lewisburg area. The Depot and Singer Blacksmith shop are open monthly with demonstrations most of the time. The antique firetruck, wagon and hose cart will be on display at Lewisburg Community Night Out on Tuesday October 1st from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Tri County North Community Center.

The Mine Tour Wagon Rides and Kettle Corn sales at the Haunted Caves runs for seven weekends beginning Friday September 13th through Saturday October 26th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. This activity is well received by all ages. Another Snowball is planned for January. An Ice Cream Social and 75th Anniversary celebration of the end of WWII is being planned for June 19th through 21st, 2020.

Decades of history, growth and development have changed the community we live in and our hope for the future. Lewisburg continues to thrive. We look to the future, planning and aspiring to meet our full potential.

Thank you for your contribution to our success.





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Trick or Treat

On Thursday, October 31st Lewisburg Fire and EMS will be passing out candy at the firehouse for Beggar's Night from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Please stop by, show us your costume and we'll give you a treat without any tricks!

Leaf Collection & Trash Pickup

The Service Department has begun leaf pickup and will 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 through until all streets are clear.

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

Please contact the Village office if you have questions or if your leaves have been missed by our crew.

November 3, 2019

**Change clocks back 1 hour
 Change smoke detector battery**

November 5, 2019

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Reminder!

