

## The Village View

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#### **VILLAGE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

April 2022

The Village has seen and continues to see 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. 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 continued in 2022. Focus of the program will be on the following key components:

- Trash

- Disabled vehicles on the streets and in yards

- Junk

- Peeling paint on homes and out buildings

- Clutter

- 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 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 937-962-4377 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 937-962-4377 if you have any questions.

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#### Fire and EMS Department News

We would like to remind our citizens that tornado sirens are tested the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon. There are four 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.

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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 batterypowered radio in the event of a power outage.

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The departments are anxiously awaiting the delivery of a new rescue engine and an ambulance that will be replacing two

vehicles our department presently has in service. The present engine is 33 years old, and the current medic is 16 years old. We pride ourselves in the fact that we do our very best to take care of our vehicles to lengthen the time of these service pieces of equipment. We thank our citizens for their unwavering support which gives us the opportunity to secure equipment to serve our community.

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We would be remiss if we did not thank the Harrison Township Trustees for their most generous donation to assist us in being able to purchase some items for two new vehicles. With these monies, it will enable us to purchase new rescue tools along with a cot and load system to assist our departments to increase its ability and efficiency to assist our citizens in their time of need.

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The Fire/EMS Departments over the last 4 months were fortunate to receive from the three grants State of Ohio for approximately \$23,000. grant was for training o f n e w firefighters, an EMS grant for training and equipment, and an Ohio MARCS grant for the new communication equipment.

The Fire Department is excited to welcome three new members to our team. Kyle Gebhart, Casey Whipp, and Collin Whipp recently completed their of instruction course to become state certified firefighters. All three are third generation members of our department. These young men are all valuable assets to our Village.

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As a benefit to our community, we are still offering reflective address signs <u>free</u> of charge. It is extremely important that we can identify your residence quickly when responding to a call for assistance. Also, the department has smoke detectors available - <u>at no charge</u> – for our citizens.

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

#### 2021 Department Awards

Most EMS Training Hours:

- Steve Hobbs-FF/P
- TenilleLawrence-FF/EMT
- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT Most EMS Calls:
- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT Most EMS Back-Up Calls:
- Lt. Timothy Kring-Most EMS Hours Worked:
- Jessica Frye-FF/P
- Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT
- TenilleLawrence-FF/EMT

Most Fire Training Hours:

- Steve Hobbs-FF/P
- Lieutenant Timothy Kring
  Most Fire Calls:
- Lieutenant Timothy Kring

#### **Years of Service Awards:**

Five Years:

Jim Ake-FF/P
Cody Burnside-FF
Danial Douglas-FF
Ryan Gebhart—FF
Anthony Guerrero-FF
Josh Harry-FF
Alexis Kring-FF/P
Kendra Vanover-FF/P

- Ten Years:
  - Randall Anderson –FF/P
- Fifteen Years:

Aaron Cooper-FF
Brady Creech-FF/P
Steve Hobbs-FF/P
Katie McGrath-EMT
MichaelMcGrath-FF/EMT
Cynthia Pottenger-AEMT

Twenty Years:

Abigail Kring-P Jackie Sewert, AEMT

• Twenty-Five Years:

Jeffery Barnhart-EMT Patrick Fink-AC Lt. Todd Gebhart

- Lt. Timothy Kring
- Thirty-Five Years:
- Capt. Dave WhippForty Years:

Capt. Randy Creech

Fifty Years:

Chief BJ Sewert



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#### Lewisburg Honors EMS "Heart Savers" at December Council Meeting

On December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Village of Lewisburg Council meeting, several members of the Fire/EMS Department were recognized for exemplary service. Assistant Chief Pat Fink, Lt. Tim Kring, Lt. Aaron Kimmel, Cindy Pottenger - EMT-A, Nick Erbaugh – Firefighter/Paramedic, Mallory Creech – Firefighter/Paramedic, Allie Kring - Firefighter/ Paramedic, and Tenille Lawrence - Firefighter/EMT, were given commendations for saving the lives of two individuals in the past 12 months. Both Mike Imhoff and Janice Bricker suffered medical emergencies that could have resulted in death, if not for the quick and efficient medical care provided by these individuals.

The two incidents that led to the personnel receiving citations were heart related. In both patients, the signs and symptoms included unresponsiveness, non-breathing, and unconsciousness, resulting in the need for advanced cardiac care. Utilizing devices and equipment that Lewisburg citizens have graciously provided to the department through tax levies, not only were two lives saved, but moreover, the patients were able to make a full recovery and resume normal daily activities.

These calls for assistance exemplify two important aspects. First, the importance of a community-based CPR program as a vital link in the chain of survival. The one incident proves the difference made when a family member identifies the seriousness of their loved one's condition and begins CPR while activating 9-1-1. Without these procedures, the outcome could have ended considerably different. Second is having committed department members providing excellent service through competent skills and quality care. Through the passion of our members, the lives of these two citizens were saved.

For those that serve in the Fire/EMS field, one of the most rewarding accomplishments any member can experience is to know that their actions contributed to saving the life of another human being. The Lewisburg Fire/EMS Department strives to provide the highest quality of care to the citizens they protect by delivering emergency medical services efficiently and effectively. Accountability and compassion guide us to provide optimal customer service.

We would be remiss if we did not express our thanks to the individuals that were assisted along with their spouses for attending the ceremony and meeting those department members that provided the emergency lifesaving care at a time when it was needed the most.



Shown Left: Janice & Dave Brickel with Lt. Aaron Kimmel & Firefighter/Paramedic Nick Erbaugh

Shown Right: Mike & Melissa Imhoff with Asst Chief Pat Fink, Firefighter/Paramedics Nick Erbaugh, Mallory Creech, and Allie Kring, Firefighter/EMT Tenille Lawrence, EMT Cindy Pottenger (not shown Lt. Tim Kring)



DRINKING WATER NOTICE—Monitoring requirements were not met for the Village of Lewisburg

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During September 2021, we "did not monitor or test" or "did not complete all monitoring or testing" for total coliform bacteria, and therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time.

What should you do? There is nothing you need to do at this time. You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions. This notice is to inform you that the Village of Lewisburg did not monitor and report results for the presence of total coliform bacteria in the public drinking water system during the September 2021 time period, as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

What is being done? Upon being notified of this violation, the water supplier was required to have the drinking water analyzed for the above mentioned parameters. The water supplier will take steps to ensure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future. For more information, please contact Jeff Sewert at 937-962-4377 or at 112 S. Commerce Street, Lewisburg, Ohio 45338.

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### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday, April 16th at 10:00 AM the LEU/LFD will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Village Park on the Knapke Lane side. This is open to all children from 1 to 9 years of age. Please bring a basket for your children to collect eggs and prizes!



#### **Upcoming Village Events**

- Winter Farmers Market/Trinity Lutheran-2nd Saturday 10AM to 1PM
- Bingo Night/Community Center—2nd Saturday-Doors open at 6 PM
- \* Primary Election—May 3rd 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM at Community Center
- First Friday Block Party— May 6th from 5 PM to 8 PM
- \* Joy & Whimsy Spring Exhibition—Opens Saturday, May 7th
- \* Farmers Market at TCN—Mondays 5 PM to 7:30 PM starting in June
- Historical Society Ice Cream Social—June 18th 10 AM to 5 PM
- \* Bridges, Bikes & Blues—June 18th ending at the Lewisburg Park
- Lewisburg Comic Con at Joy & Whimsy & Trinity Lutheran—July 1 & 2