

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
Spring / Summer 2010

Thank you

To all that participated in the Annual Spring Clean Up in town. The level of trash in town has fallen dramatically over the last few years. This is because of you the local resident that has taken pride in your community.

Council

On January 4, 2010, Dianne Matuch and Tim Clapper, along with returning members Emily Shaffer and Steve Hart, took the Oath of Office for the Mount Gilead Village Council. Currently serving on the Council are John Curtis and Darrell Levings. The Village bids appreciation and best wishes to retiring Council members, Betty Williams and Keith Strait. The Council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM except during July and August when the first meeting of the month is cancelled. The public is welcome.

Income Tax

The Village has one very important change this year. On December 7, 2009, the Mt. Gilead Village Council voted unanimously to amend the Income Tax Ordinance to allow the one half percent credit for taxes paid to other municipalities only when the tax return is filed on or before April 15. If the resident works and pays income tax to another municipality, he is only required to pay one half of one percent (.50%) of his income to Mt. Gilead. However, if that tax return is not filed by April 15, the credit is waived and the resident will be required to pay the full one percent (1.%) to the Village. It is important to file and pay your taxes in a timely manner! Please remember, filing in Mt. Gilead is mandatory for everyone 18 and older. To further assist residents, we will have two office employees available in Council Chambers during normal business hours and we will be open until 5:00 pm on April 15. Please enter from the east door. If you have any questions or if you would like assistance filing your local income tax, please feel free to call the office at 419-946-4861. As always, the Tax Office is here to help you.

Message from Fire Chief Don Staiger

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless gas that causes thousands of deaths each year in North America. Breathing in CO is very dangerous. It is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States. CO is a chemical produced from the incomplete burning of natural gas or other products containing carbon. The following items may produce CO: anything that burns coal, gasoline, kerosene, oil, propane, or wood, automobile engines, charcoal grills, (charcoal should never be burned indoors) indoor and portable heaters, kitchen stoves, camp stoves, water heaters that use natural gas and others. The symptoms of CO may include the following: breathing problems, chest pain, coma, confusion, convulsions, dizziness, drowsiness, fainting, headache, hyper activity, impaired judgment, irritability, low blood pressure, muscle weakness, rapid or abnormal heart beat, shock, nausea, loss of consciousness, or vomiting. If you think you are breathing in CO, immediately move to fresh air and seek medical help.

Holiday Hours

The Village offices and service departments will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day and Monday July 5.

Clean up Day

The Annual Spring clean up has passed, however if you have additional trash, just call the office and advise us and we will pick it up on your regular trash day. Depending on how much you have, there may be a nominal charge for extra trash.

Yard Waste

Please note the Chipper schedule!! May 24 and 25, July 26 and 27, September 27 and 28. Yard waste (leaves and grass clippings) may be taken to the yard waste facility Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM and on Saturday from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. The chipper does not pick up leaves or lawn clippings.. **Please do not set yard waste along the curbs other than the scheduled dates. It must be at the curb on the scheduled Monday, we will only pick up for two days each time.**

Hydrant Flushing

Spring hydrant flushing has been completed for the Spring. A schedule will be posted for the fall flushing of fire hydrants.

Recreation

We have completed the repairs to our municipal pool and we will be open on time for Memorial weekend.

The north wall and east walls have been updated with stainless steel, due to deterioration of the concrete walls.

The pool is a huge asset to our Village and we are doing our best to take care of what we have so that future generations of children and adults in our community will be able to enjoy the pool and facilities for many years to come.

Projects in the Village

- The storm sewer project finishing up in the Northwood subdivision should be completed over the next couple of weeks. This project will help resolve some of the flooding issues we have had over the year.
- The downtown renovation of the Monument and new stop lights has been completed.
- We will also be relining many of our sanitary sewers over the next few weeks. These sewers are located between High St and Marion Street, Lincoln Avenue and High Street and the North side of East Union Street and in some of the old alleys. There will be some of the man holes replaced on the project, so you may see machinery in your back yards making these repairs. Any damage to yards or property will be repaired by the contractor.
- Later this summer the Village will be replacing and upgrading the storm sewer and other utilities in front of the Morrow County Hospital. This project will replace the current open ditch with a box culvert and eliminate the retaining wall that is starting to fall in along the current ditch.

Web Site

For additional information visit the Village web site at www.mountgilead.net.