

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER
October 2011

Thank you!

With the end of summer we want to extend our appreciation once again to the Wayside Garden Club for the beautiful annual landscaping in the downtown area and at the welcome signs. We also want to send a big thank you to the many volunteers who dedicate so many hours to our summer youth recreation programs. The recreation department had a great summer!

Dr. Nathan Tucker Award

Congratulations to Frances Turner R.N. and to Cindy Fidler, this year's recipients of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence. Each year the Village Council accepts nominations and then selects individuals who have contributed much to our Village to receive this award. Mrs. Turner, nominated by Joanne Trainer and Jan Lower, and Mrs. Fidler, nominated by Dr. William Taylor, were honored at the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon in August and their names have been added to the plaque in the Mt. Gilead Village Council Chambers.

Mt. Gilead Fire Department

The Fire Safety Slogan for this year is "Protect Your Family from Fire." How much better can you accomplish that than by Changing Your Smoke Detector Batteries on November 6th at the end of daylight savings time? Also don't forget your CO detector battery. The cost of a battery compared to a fire injury or a loss of life due to a fire. Statistics from 2009 NFPA analysis show that there were 3,010 civilian deaths, 17,050 civilian injuries. That is one (1) civilian injury every 31 seconds. Fire Departments across the USA respond to 1 fire every 23 seconds. We respond to an emergency on the average every 19 hours.

In 1977 there were 157 firefighter deaths in the USA, in 2001 there were 105 firefighters and then 343 additional firefighters killed in the WTC attack. This year we have had 51 firefighter fatalities in 8 months. That projects out to be 77 firefighter deaths this year. So far there have been 30 volunteer firefighter deaths, 18 career, 2 wildland part-time and 1 paid-on-call firefighter deaths.

Be Safe – "Protect Your Family from Fire"
Replace Your Detector Batteries!

Schools

There is still some confusion for parents who transport their children to and from school. The Police have worked closely with the school administration to coordinate the safest route for parents to take their children or to pick them up from school. Traffic should travel from west to east on Park Ave. in the morning and in the afternoon. Do not arrive before 2:20 PM to pick up your child from school. Patience and respect for other parents will make this area safe and more pleasant for everyone.

Brush-Chipper-Leaf Pickup

Fall is here! The chipper made its last run through the Village in September. It is time to think about raking leaves. Please rake leaves to the curb (not in the street!) but try to stay away from poles and signs. The leaf machine will make several rounds before the end of the season.

There is no schedule for the leaf pick-up so please be patient.

The yard waste site on Loren Road is open daily from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM and Saturdays 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Hydrant Flushing

Hydrant flushing will begin the first Thursday in October. The schedule is as follows:

October 6 – north of High St. and west of Main St. to RR tracks

October 13 – south of High St. and west of Main St. to RR tracks

October 20 – Section A: west of RR tracks to Edison Corp. limits

Section B: north of Union St.

East of Main St.

October 27– south of Union St. and east of Main St.

Halloween

Drive carefully! Little ghosts and goblins will be out and about on Saturday, October 29th, from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Turn on your porch lights and welcome these little ones!

Looking Ahead

Holiday Hours

Normal office hours are 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 8:00 AM until 12:00 Noon on Thursdays.

The Village offices and services will observe the following holidays:

In honor of our Veterans, the Village offices and services will be closed Friday, November 11th.

For Thanksgiving, the offices and services will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and on Friday, November 24th

For Christmas and New Years, the offices and services will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

Trash pickup will be the regular schedule.

We extend our appreciation to our employees who never close for the holidays; Police and Firefighters and Utility Departments.

Christmas in the Village

You don't want to miss the annual Christmas Festival sponsored by the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce on December 10, 2011. The parade bringing Santa Claus will begin at 12:00 noon and the activities will run until 5:00 PM. The festival features beautiful ice sculptures, sleigh rides, lots of crafts, music and food vendors and frozen turkey bowling! The downtown businesses will be decorated for Christmas and offer lots of shopping specials.

Income Tax

After the holidays, we will be mailing out important information about the 2010 income tax returns. Remember, filing in Mt. Gilead is mandatory!! As always, if you have questions, please call the office 419-946-4861.

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