



# Village of Fort Loramie

## 2014 Fall News Letter

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### Village Administrative Office

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### Fiscal Officer

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### Utility Bill Questions?

Call 295-3088 x101

### Elected Officials

#### Mayor

Phil Eilerman

#### Village Council

Ryan Albers

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Matt Hoying

Ryan Simon

Adam Schmiesing

Chad Wray

### Trick or Treat

Trick or Treat in the Village will be on Sunday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 - 3:30. Please use caution when driving in the Village during this time.

### Tornado Siren

The Village has applied for a grant that will pay 50% of the cost to install a tornado siren. The grant award notifications will be announced sometime in October. The Village plans to install the tornado siren this fall on the north water tower. Please note that tornado sirens are designed for outdoor notifications. If you are inside a building, you may not hear the siren. It is recommended that you also sign up for the Shelby County Emergency Mass Notification System.

### Shelby County Emergency Mass Notification System

Telephone-based mass notifications systems are used by thousands of public safety agencies across the US to warn citizens about local emergencies, hazards and other threats. Shelby County Emergency Officials are pleased to announce that they have selected Hyper-Reach as a new provider to help bring this same life-saving capability to our county residents and workers.



For those who sign up, the new emergency alert system can provide rapid notification of hazardous and urgent situations using a mix of telephone calls, text and email messages, and TTY/TDD service for the hearing impaired.

To register for this service, go to the county's web site <http://co.shelby.oh.us>

## **Fire Hydrant Flushing**

The Village will be conducting the semi-annual fire hydrant flushing on October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. We normally complete the flushing in 1 day but we schedule both days to allow for any unforeseen issues. While the hydrants are being flushed, you may experience lower water pressure and possibly discolored water. If you do experience discolored water, run your faucets until the water clears up. Please use caution when doing laundry during this time.

## **Leaf Pickup**

The scheduled days for leaf pickup this year are Mondays and Thursdays. Place your leaves in the gutter. Please keep the leaves away from the catch basins. We will continue to pick leaves up until leaves are gone or snow covers the ground for the winter.

## **Tree Limb Pickup**

The trim limbs pickup will continue to be picked up by the Village on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. The last limb pickup for the year will be November 17<sup>th</sup>. Try to keep limbs under 4" in diameter and of a size which one person can handle. Place the limbs in the curb lawn or behind the sidewalk with the butt ends facing the same direction. Please do not put the limbs in the gutter or create large piles.

## **Snow Removal**

With winter just around the corner, we ask that you help us keep the streets clear of snow by not parking on the street when they are forecasting an accumulating snow fall. Also, do not blow or shovel snow from your driveway or sidewalks into the street. Not only does this create a traffic hazard, we end up plowing the snow back into your driveway.

## **Firewood**

The Village will be cutting down some Ash trees again this fall. We'll have firewood available from those trees. If you are interested

in any of the firewood, please call the Village Office to be put on the list.

## **Police Department**

As school is back in session and fall activities are in full swing, the Fort Loramie Police Department would like to remind everyone to obey all traffic laws, especially around our schools.

On September 1, 2014 the Fort Loramie Police Department welcomed Jonathan Gilbert to their full time roster. Jonathan is from Union City, Ohio.

The Fort Loramie Police Department recently replaced their 2008 Dodge Dakota Truck with a 2015 Ford Utility Police Interceptor.

## **Woodland Estates Subdivision**

Rapid Development will soon begin construction of a 21 lot subdivision on the east side of Fort Loramie off of SR 362. More information about this subdivision can be found on their web site [www.rapiddevelopmentinc.net](http://www.rapiddevelopmentinc.net) or by calling Rapid Development at 937-295-4244.

## **Redskins Memorial Park**

The Village is currently waiting on Vectren Energy to determine how much ground they will allow to be moved on top of the high pressure gas main that runs through the south west corner of the park. When we get an answer from Vectren, we will advertise for bids to level the remaining 2/3's of the park. After that ground is leveled, we will install new storm water mains and drainage tiles. This work will most likely begin in the spring.

## **Street Sign Upgrade Project**

Village employees have refaced the stop signs with engineering grade reflective facing to meet the federal mandates for reflectivity. The speed limit signs will also be refaced.

## **Youth Park Ball Diamond Improvements**

Village Employees have planted new grass in the outfield and foul territory of the infield on the two ball diamonds, installed cement pads for the dugouts, equipment storage shed and repaired the concrete pad behind the backstop. New fencing along the sidelines, backstops and dugouts will also be installed along with a new shelter over the dugouts.

The Village was awarded a \$13,067 NatureWorks Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help fund this project.

## **Canal Park Improvements**

The Village has begun removing the sidewalks and trees in the Canal Park to prepare for the improvements to the park. This fall, fill dirt and top soil will be trucked in to raise center of the park about a foot. The centerpiece of the project will be a gazebo that will be built in the center of the park. The Gazebo is being funded by the Fort Loramie Area Chamber of Commerce with funds generated from the German Heritage Days Festivals. The project will also include a new concrete walking path through the park, new landscaping, trees, park benches and a sprinkler system.

## **Utility Department Vehicle Replacements**

This year the Village purchased a 2015 Ford F250 to replace the 2004 Dodge Utility Truck. The new truck equipped with a V-Bade snow plow, tool boxes, lights and accessories cost \$36,991. With the trade-in of the 2004 Dodge for \$8,000, the net cost for the Village was \$28,991.

The Village is also replacing the 1996 GMC Bucket Truck with a used 2008 Ford F550 with a 37' Bucket. The cost of the 2008 Ford Bucket Truck is \$43,500. The Village sold the 1996 GMC Bucket Truck for \$8,151 making the net cost to replace the bucket truck \$35,349.

## **2015 Street Improvements**

In the spring of 2015, the village will be making improvements to the following streets:

**Elm Street** – A new 12” water main will be installed along with new service lines to each property.

**West Main Street** - A new 8” water main will be installed along with new service lines to each property. New curbs, sidewalks, storm water main and 1.5” coat of black top will be applied to the street.

**Water Street** – Water Street will be totally reconstructed. This will include a new water main with new service lines to each property, new curbs, sidewalks, storm water main and new asphalt.

## **Outdoor Lighting Replacement Project**

The Village employees are in the process of replacing the outdoor lighting in the Village with LED lights. This includes the outdoor lighting on the Village buildings, signs and the 188 decorative street lights. The lights on the buildings, signs and 2/3's of the street lights have already been replaced. The remaining street lights will be replaced by the end of October. The total cost of the project is \$44,676. The Village will receive rebates of \$22,530 from DP&L, and \$2,776 from Pioneer for installing the more efficient LED lighting. With the rebates, the net cost of the project is \$19,370.

## **Automatic Utility Bill Payment:**

If you are interested in signing up for ACH to have to your village utility bill payments automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, please contact the village office at 295-3088 extension 101.

## **Trash & Recycling Schedule**

The schedule for trash and recycling pickup for the weeks of the upcoming holidays will be:

Thanksgiving: Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Christmas: Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

New Years: Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>