



Village of Fort Loramie

Spring News Letter

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Utility Bill Questions?

Call 295-3088 x101

Elected Officials

Mayor

Phil Eilerman

Village Council

Ryan Albers

Paul Eilerman

Matt Hoying

Ryan Simon

Adam Schmiesing

Chad Wray

Good Bye Winter, Hello Spring!

Large Item Cleanup Day

With the arrival of Spring comes Spring cleaning. We are having our annual Large Item Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 26th from 8:00 am until noon. There will be roll off dumpsters at the Utility Building at 100 Tower Drive in the Industrial Park. Any appliance must have the Freon removed and tagged to be accepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted. The football committee will also have a trailer there for any scrap metal items you would like to get rid of.

This is for Village of Fort Loramie Residents ONLY.

Tree Limb Pickup

The Village has started limb pickup service again this spring. Limbs will be picked up on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Try to keep limbs under 4" in diameter and of a size that one person can handle. Place the limbs on 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.

Grass Clipping and Yard Waste

The Village has a compost storage area at the north end of Tower Drive in the Industrial Park to dispose of your grass clippings and yard waste. Only non-woody material can be disposed of at this location. Rose bush trimmings should be disposed of in the compost storage area. Do not place rose bushes at the curb with limbs to be chipped. Cut rose bushes into 18 inch or shorter pieces. Please place your clippings and yard waste within the concrete walls as far back as you can. Do not place any waste outside of the walls.

New Fiscal Officer

The village is pleased to announce the hiring of Carolyn Gasson as the new fiscal officer. Carolyn started working for the village in November 2013. Carolyn graduated from Russia High School and Sinclair Community College and currently lives in Fort Loramie with her husband Chad and three children, Cody 15, Caitlyn 11, and Chelsea 7.

New Council Members

We have four newly elected council members; Paul Eilerman, Ryan Albers, Ryan Simon, and Chad Wray. The new council members started their term on January 1, 2014. We would like to thank the outgoing councilmen Steve Barhorst, Tim Boerger, Don Gusching and Rick Meyer for their time and service they provided to the Village.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Village will be conducting the semi-annual fire hydrant flushing on April 30th and May 1st 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 most likely 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.

Firewood

The Village has more Ash trees that we are in the process of cutting down. We'll have fire wood available from those trees. If you are interested in any of the firewood, please call the Village Office. You will need to haul the firewood yourself.

Redskins Memorial Park

The Village is in the process of getting new estimates for Phase 1 Redskin Memorial Park development. Phase I consist of site grading, top soil removal and replacement, and storm drainage tiles. The Village Council has currently set aside \$209,000 for this project. The Village will need additional community support to fund this project. A Fort Loramie Village Park Fund has been established with The Community Foundation of Shelby County where tax deductible donations can be made. The money from this fund can ONLY be used for Fort Loramie Village Parks. For more information on the Fort Loramie Village Park Fund you can contact the village office or The Community Foundation of Shelby County at 497-7800.

Youth Park Ball Diamond Improvements

This year the Village will be making some improvements to the ball diamonds in the Youth Park. The improvements will include 4 new dugouts, planting grass in the foul territory of the infield and leveling and reseeding the outfield. The Village was awarded a \$13,067 NatureWorks Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help fund this project.

Canal Park Improvements

This year the Village will also be making some major improvements to the Canal Park. 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, park benches and a sprinkler 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>

Automatic Utility Bill Payment:

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

Walking Your Dog

Help keep our parks and private properties clean. Those of you who walk your dogs around town and in the Village Parks, please be courteous to your fellow residents and bring a bag with you to pick up your dogs droppings and dispose of it in a proper place.

Vote YES on Issue 1 on May 6th

On May 6, voters will decide whether to approve Issue 1, renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program which has helped local communities all over Ohio complete 11,500 road, bridge, sewer and other infrastructure projects over the last 27 years.

We are asking you to vote Yes on Issue 1 on May 6th to continue this program. Over the past 18 years, the Village of Fort Loramie has received \$1,654,721 in grants and \$674,300 in zero interest loans from this program. This year the Village was awarded another \$375,000 grant for infrastructure improvements on Elm St., West Main and Water St..

See the included fact sheet for more information on this program.