



Village of Fort Loramie

Winter Newsletter

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Main Street Improvement Project

The Main Street Improvement Project continues to progress with the relocation of the electric, phone and cable lines from along the street to the back of the properties. On March 1st, Barrett Paving will begin the Pre-Phase of street construction with the installation of a new water main. On March 14th - 28th they will be replacing Klecker Ditch culvert (between Al's Place and Fort Loramie Day Care). During the culvert replacement one lane will remain open to traffic. The Pre-Phase of the construction will run through May 19th. Phase I will begin May 12th and run through June 29th. This phase will include the installation of fire hydrants, water service laterals, additional water mains and some storm lines. July 1st - 9th there will be a break in construction to accommodate the Liberty Days and Country Concert traffic. Phase 2 will begin on July 10th and run through October 11th. During Phase 2 the asphalt, curbs and sidewalks will be removed and replaced. This is the major construction phase of the project and Main Street will be closed for 90 days starting July 10th. Phase 3 will begin September 19th and run through October 15th. This phase includes the reconstruction of Canal St. After October 15th, ODOT will be placing the final 3 inches of asphalt to complete the project.

During the Main St construction project, it's going to be an inconvenience getting around town. Please remember to patronize our local businesses.

Electric and Natural Gas Aggregation

We continue to get questions from residents regarding signing up for the Village's aggregate electric and gas rates. If you were not automatically enrolled in the aggregate rates due to being in a contract or for whatever reason, you can still enroll in the aggregation programs. Check with your current service provider to be sure you are not in a contract period with them.

To enroll in the electric aggregation call AEP Energy at 1-877-726-0214. Identify yourself as a resident of Fort Loramie and request to be enrolled in the town's electric aggregation rate. The aggregation rate for electric is 5.441cents per kilowatt hour.

To enroll in the natural gas aggregation call Constellation at 1-844-275-0802. Identify yourself as a resident of Fort Loramie and request to be enrolled in the town's natural gas aggregation rate. The aggregation rate for natural gas is 38.98 cents per 100 cubic feet (Ccf).

If you have any further questions about enrolling the electric and natural gas aggregation program or have trouble enrolling into the aggregations when contacting the suppliers, please call Jordan Haarmann with Affordable Gas and Electric at 618-203-8328.

Water and Sewer Rates

Due to the increases in operating and maintenance cost of the Villages Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems, the current rates have not been sufficient to cover the cost of operating and maintaining our current infrastructure and is depleting our reserve funds. With the increase in operating cost and needed infrastructure improvements, the Village Council has decided to increase both the water and sanitary sewage rates. The last water usage rate increase was in 1996 and the last sewer usage rate increase was in 2006. There will be a \$20 monthly service charge for delinquent accounts. The new water and sewer rates will be effective March 1, 2017.

New Water rates are as follows:

First 2000 gallons	\$9.38 minimum
Next 10,000 gallons	\$1.56 per 1,000 gallons
Over 12,000 gallon	\$1.25 per 1,000 gallons.
Outdoor water use	\$5.00 per 1,000 gallons.

New Sewer rates are as follows:

First 2,000 gallons	\$27.75 minimum
Next 3,000 gallons	\$9.08 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$8.66 per 1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$7.18 per 1,000 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$6.30 per 1,000 gallons.

Garbage and Recycling Rates:

The Village of Fort Loramie along with the Villages of Anna, Botkins, Jackson Center and Russia have entered into an Inter Local Agreement with the North Central Ohio Solid Waste District to negotiate trash and recycling pickup rates for the district. NCOSWD has negotiated very favorable rates with Republic Services who is our current provider. March 1, 2017 the new trash and recycling rates will become effective.

Trash bag rates:

\$2.35 per bag	03/01/17 to 02/28/18
\$2.35 per bag	03/01/18 to 02/28/19
\$2.42 per bag	03/01/19 to 02/28/20
\$2.48 per bag	03/01/20 to 02/28/21
\$2.55 per bag	03/01/21 to 02/28/22

Trash bags can be purchased at North Loramie Drive Thru, Wagner's and the Village Office. Residents using the bag service who have a large item to dispose of that doesn't fit in a trash bag will need to purchase a tag to dispose of that item. The tags can be purchased at the Village Office.

Unlimited Trash Pickup:

\$12.90 per month	03/01/17 to 02/28/19
\$13.29 per month	03/01/19 to 02/28/20
\$13.36 per month	03/01/20 to 02/28/21
\$14.10 per month	03/01/21 to 02/28/22.

To sign up for unlimited trash pickup, call Republic Service at 800-686-1732. Republic Service will bill you directly on a quarterly basis. The waste wheeler cart rental is included in the monthly rate.

Recycling:

\$3.00 per month	03/01/17 to 02/28/19
\$3.09 per month	03/01/19 to 02/28/20
\$3.18 per month	03/01/20 to 02/28/21
\$3.28 per month	03/01/21 to 02/28/22.

The recycling charge will continue to be charged on the water bills. Recycling bins are available at the Village Office. For more information about recycling go to the solid waste district's website www.ncowaste.org.

Redskins Memorial Park

Phase I of the Redskin Memorial Park is almost completed. This consisted of site grading, top soil removal and replacement, clearing the woods, storm drainage tiles and sanitary sewer. The Village and Fort Loramie Football Boosters split the cost to construct a storage and shelter building with restrooms. The Village has invested over \$500,000 for the acquisition and improvements made so far to the park property. The rest of the park development is estimated to be \$1,750,000. The Village was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the State of Ohio for the park development. The remaining \$1,250,000 will need to be raised through private donations, fund raisers and possible additional grants. A Redskin Memorial Park Committee has been established. This committee is responsible for raising funds to complete the park. The officers for the committee consist of Craig Drees, President, Ryan Homan, Vice President, Lisa Benanzer, Secretary, and Jeanne Hoying, Treasurer. This project is going to need the support of the whole Fort Loramie Community, not just the village residents. A Redskin Memorial Park Fund has been established with The Community Foundation of Shelby County where tax deductible donations can be made for the park development. For more information on the Redskin Memorial Park Fund you can contact the Village Office or The Community Foundation of Shelby County at 497-7800. A donation form can be found on the Village website www.fortloramie.com/forms-docs. The committee also has a Face Book page where you can updates about the park at www.facebook.com/RedskinMemorialPark.

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. The form can also be found on our Village Website www.fortloramie.com.

Fort Loramie School:

The Dayton Business Journal released a report in the State of the Schools December 2, 2016 issue that ranked Fort Loramie Local Schools at number 2 out of public schools of all sizes in the Dayton region. Congratulations to the students, staff, parents, and community members who contributed to this achievement.

Sports: Congratulations to the Boys Cross Country team on their accomplishment of Division IV state champs. Congratulations also to the girls Cross Country team for advancing to state. JH boys and girls competed in JH State Meet and the girls received first place for the second year in the row. Congratulations also to Brad Goettemoeller for advancing to state in golf. Brad finished 7th overall.

Congratulations to JH Girls basketball program. The 7th grade girls were runners up in SCL and the 8th grade girls were champions in the SCL league. Good luck to all the basketball teams as they begin their tournament run.

Spring is Coming

Spring weather is just around the corner. With the arrival of Spring also comes the chance of severe weather. The Village has a tornado siren located at the intersection of Louis and Lane St. Although you may be able to hear the siren in your home or business, the siren is designed to be an outdoor warning system. You can also get Telephone-based mass notifications from the County's 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>

Shelby County 211 Hotline

The 211 information and referral hotline will be answered 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. The hotline will connect residents to available community resources. The trained operators will be able to provide callers with phone numbers, hours of operation and qualifications for various programs available.

The advertisement for the Shelby County 211 Hotline. It features the 211 logo with the tagline "Get Connected. Get Answers." and a photo of a woman in an orange shirt working at a computer. The text includes: "LOCAL OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS 24/7/365.", "ONE FREE CALL TO 2-1-1 CONNECTS YOU WITH ALL HUMAN SERVICES IN SHELBY COUNTY", "GET HELP" (listing services like Food, Clothing, Shelter, Housing, Rent/Utility Assistance, Counseling, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Victims of Crimes, Transportation, Support Groups, Senior Services, Aging Parents, Child Care, Employment, Legal Assistance, Medical and Dental Care, and Developmental Disabilities), "GIVE HELP" (listing Volunteer locally and Find where to donate food, clothes, furniture), "SAVE 211 IN YOUR CONTACT LIST FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!", "211 IS YOUR NEW, FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, AND LOCAL INFORMATION & REFERRAL HOTLINE ALSO AVAILABLE AT (855) 663-8333.", and "ONLINE AT WWW.SHELBYCOUNTY211.ORG".

Snow removal

So far this winter we have been fortunate in not having much snow. We still have a few weeks where we could get some accumulating snow. When accumulating snow is predicted, we ask for your cooperation by not parking your vehicles on the streets so our maintenance workers can effectively remove snow from the streets.

Also as a reminder, we do not pickup twigs and leaves at the curb during the winter months. If you need to remove these items from your property, please bring to the maintenance department at the north end of Tower Drive in the Industrial Park.

Social Media:

The Village website: www.fortloramie.com.
Facebook Page: Village of Fort Loramie.
Any pertinent information will be posted on any of these social media to help keep you better informed.

Council Meetings

Regular monthly council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at 8:00 in the Village council chambers.