



Village of Fort Loramie

Winter Newsletter

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From the Administrator

I find it hard to believe that I began the next chapter of my life already 6 months ago. As the old saying goes "Time flies when you are having fun" While I am still settling in to my new position here at Fort Loramie I can not say how much I appreciate all the help I have received so far. I have met a lot of new people and over the course of this year I hope to meet many more. If you happen to see me out around town, please stop me and introduce yourself, I feel it is important to have a good relationship built with as many people as possible, this will help in the time when we need each other in whatever that may be.

As all of you are aware over the last year the price of products and services have increased, in some cases dramatically. It is important for us to be wise stewards of your money and make sound decisions when spending it. I will talk about the increase of the water and wastewater rates later in this publication.

There are a couple of projects that we will be completing this year, the first being an upgrade at the Youth Park. We received a grant in the Capital Budget Bill for \$122,000 to help pay for an update. The tennis courts and basketball courts will be getting a new playing surface, along with the new surface, six new pickleball courts will be installed, these courts will be taking the place of two of the tennis courts, one tennis court will remain. Along with this upgrade, there were new sidewalks poured around the shelter house and this winter/spring new siding and doors will be installed on the concession stand, shelter house and the storage building. The other project which will be also around the Youth Park will be to resurface Lane Street, this project will include the parking lot for the Youth Park and be from St. Rt. 66 to Grandview Drive.

Snow removal

So far this winter we have been fortunate in not having much snow. We still have a few months when an accumulating snow is possible. Village crews salt and plow the Village streets with each storm. You can assist the crews by moving your vehicle off the street. Please be considerate to others when removing snow from your property. For the safety of our residents, it is imperative that property owners clear their own sidewalks. When the sidewalks are covered it forces people to walk on the streets. When clearing snow from your property, it should remain on your property not on your neighbor's property or the street.

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 not 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.

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. There will be a \$20 monthly service charge for delinquent accounts. The new water and sewer rates will be effective January 1, 2023.

New Water rates are as follows:

First 2000 gallons	\$10.95 minimum
Next 10,000 gallons	\$1.82 per 1,000 gallons
Over 12,000 gallon	\$1.46 per 1,000 gallons.
Outdoor water	\$5.83 per 1,000 gallons.

New Sewer rates are as follows:

First 2,000 gallons	\$32.38 minimum
Next 3,000 gallons	\$10.59 per 1,000 gallons
Next 5,000 gallons	\$10.10 per 1,000 gallons
Next 10,000 gallons	\$8.38 per 1,000 gallons
Over 20,000 gallons	\$7.35 per 1,000 gallons.

Garbage and Recycling Rates:

The Village of Fort Loramie contracts with Republic Services for trash and recycling pickup.

Trash bag rates:

\$2.70 per bag	03/01/2023 to 02/28/2024
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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 get rid of will need to buy large item tags from the Office.

Unlimited Trash Service:

\$14.96 per month	03/01/2023 to 02/28/2024
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Republic Service will send you a quarterly bill. If you would like to receive unlimited trash service you can call Republic Services at 800-686-1732

<https://www.republicservices.com/shop/categories>

Recycling Rates

\$3.96 per month	03/01/2023 to 02/28/2024
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The recycling charge will continue to be charged on the water bills. For more information on recycling go to

www.ncowaste.org

Social Media:

The Village website: www.fortloramie.com.

Facebook Page: Village of Fort Loramie.

Twitter: @VofFLoramie

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 4th Monday of every month at 8:00 in the Village council chambers and are open to the public.

Utility Billing

Did you know you can view your utility billing online at <https://fortloramie.ohiobillpay.com/?> You will need to know your account number, including leading zeros, and PIN number to utilize this option. Your PIN number is located on the top left-hand side of your bill. If you misplace your PIN number, please call the office. Residents will be able to view the most recent billing information, as well as pay online. Please note there will be a 3.5% service fee for paying online by credit card. This amount is based on the amount of your payment.

Did you also know you can enroll in paperless billing? All we need is your email address. Simply contact the Village Office to get that feature set up.

And lastly did you know you can enroll in our **FREE** Auto-Pay Direct payment option? Let us do the work for you in making your payment on your account. If interested, please complete the ACH AutoPay form found at <https://www.fortloramie.com/pdfs/ACH-Utility-Payment-Authorization-Form.pdf>. Once complete this will authorize the Village of Fort Loramie to pull your utility payment due from a checking or savings account that you note on the 23rd of each month. If the 23rd falls on a Saturday or Sunday the amount will pull on the following Monday.

Upcoming Events

Gazebo Party – June (TBA)

Liberty Days – June 30, July 1st & 2nd

Gazebo Party - August 13

Lake Loramie Fall Festival – September 15, 16 & 17

German Heritage Days – September 22 & 23

Maintenance

Stick pickup begins the first week of April and the sticks are picked up on Monday the first and third week of the month.

Sticks do not belong in the compost drop off area, this is for yardwaste and grass clippings only.