



NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECTS

Village of New Lebanon
198 S. Clayton Road
New Lebanon, OH 45345

February 2016

Welcome to the first New Lebanon Community Newsletter for Fiscal Year 2016. This year will be a very busy one for the community as we have a lot of changes, projects, and new activities planned throughout the next eleven months.

Ohio Public Works Commission Projects:

First of all we will be involved with two Ohio Public Works Commission Projects this fiscal year. We plan to award the bid for the **LAST** PHASE of the Main Street Improvement Project next month at the March 1st Council meeting. This final phase of the project will pick up at Sawmill Lane and finish out at the West corporate limits. It will be a "cookie cutter" of the previous six phases of the Main Street Project consisting of storm sewer, curb & gutter, sidewalks on both sides of the street, and two courses of asphalt laid in the new road bed. This project could be started as soon as we make the bid award this March and the contractor will be expected to finish up no later than the end of October of this year.

We will also initiate Phase 13 of the system wide Sanitary Sewer Relining Project. This project is expected to be awarded early in the third quarter of the current fiscal year and will have a working timeline of only about two months from the start to the completion of the project. The overwhelming majority of the project will be underground and therefore not at all intrusive to the community. You will see a few trucks from the contractor in the relining area under repair, but no digging or altering of the street surface is expected to be necessary. This project will involve parts of North Maple St., East Weaver St., Hepner Ave., Mills Place, Avon Oak Ct., Lawson Ave., and Hazlehurst St. The project will rehab 22 man holes, 58 laterals, and reline approximately 3,156 feet of various sizes of sewer line. Both of these projects are funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission and are interest free grants & loans to the community for the life of the projects.



Raymond Arriola
Mayor

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Vice Mayor

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SERVICE DEPT. SUPERINTENDENT

Republic Services

Pick-Up on Tuesday

Trash and recycle should be placed at the curb the night before collection or by 6:30 am on Tuesday. Trash should be placed in cans or bags.

Trash receptacles should have a capacity of no more than 35 gallons. The combined weight of the container and its contents shall not exceed 75 lbs. To arrange large item trash pick-up, please call

1-937-687-1341

COUNCIL MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

7:30 P.M.

PLAN BOARD

2ND TUESDAY

7:00 P.M.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

Quarterly 4th Thursday

7:00 P.M.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Local Street Levy Project:

Our second major street project funded by the local Street Levy approved by our voters this past November of 2014 will be scheduled for Lufkin Drive. If we have a low enough estimate for the required repair work, we will also refurbish the cul-de-sac at the North end of Lufkin Dr across Gregory Ave. If the Engineer's project estimate comes in higher than we anticipate, we may only be able to refurbish Lufkin Dr from Gregory Ave to Homeway Drive. Either way, it will still be a very significant improvement to our community street infrastructure. This will be the second of five projects to be paid for with our local Street Levy monies.

Parks & Recreation Activities

We also plan to make significant improvements to our community Parks & Recreation Program this year. At Don Rusk Park we will add some gates to the baseball diamond core area as well as install some drainage tile in the West and North swales at the park. These tiles will help to capture the excess water and dry out the playing fields more quickly than currently is possible.

At Mills Park we plan to add concrete pads for the basketball court bleachers. We will also add connecting sidewalk North of Avon Oak on Mills Place on the circular side of the roadway nearest to the basketball courts. We plan to cut in a parking area near the basketball courts and use some of our stored, recycled road grindings to form a base layer for the new parking area. A store room and electric capability will be brought into the Lions shelter for use in our newly proposed summer program at the park.

We are currently working on an entryway plan for the North end of the park designed to access the park from the Clayton Road area. This area, when fully developed, will also have a parking lot using recycled road grindings for the parking area base. Additional park toys will be installed into this area of the park North of the community garden established by the Create a New Lebanon Group.

Lastly, we plan to fill a part-time seasonal Parks & Recreation Coordinator position that will liaison with the New Lebanon Local School District, the New Lebanon Library, the New Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, and various other community groups. Our coordinator will introduce a five week summer nature program that spends Monday/Tuesday at Mills Park, and Wednesday/Thursday at Don Rusk Park. Program participants will work in a loose knit environment that disconnects them from technology and refocuses them on outdoor nature projects, reading literacy, and other skills. A lunch at the New Lebanon Library will be provided by the CAMP Program at no cost to the program participants. Lunch and the afternoon program session will occur at our local library facility. This program will focus on the 7-11 year old age groups.

Additional program information and registration forms will be available in the May edition of our Community Newsletter. This is a new trial program that will be conducted at "no cost" to the program participants. This "start up" program will service fifteen participants at each park for an overall total of 30 participants for this first year of program operation. This is a very promising initiative that should be fun for all of us as we work within fluid program guidelines. The program will essentially be a "first come - first serve" registration initiative due to the limited number of participant positions planned for this first program. If this program is well received by the community, we may be able to expand the number of participant positions available for the second year of proposed program operations in Fiscal Year 2017.

Community Debt Reduction Plan:

As you may remember from past editions of this community newsletter, we have already paid off all but the last two pieces of our interest bearing debt. This current fiscal year we plan to pay \$100,000.00 on our Water Notes which will leave a balance of \$105,000.00 to be paid off next fiscal year 2017. We usually would only be able to pay \$40,000.00 on the Notes on an annual basis but we are now able to halve them this year, and then eliminate them completely in the Fiscal Year 2017 community budget. At that time we will only have interest bearing debt on the Court Building, and we tentatively plan to pay that debt completely off in Fiscal Year 2018.

The remainder of our debt load will be for the various Ohio Public Works Commission Projects that we have been awarded over these last ten years and all of these projects are interest free to the community. The annual repayments to the State sponsored program from New Lebanon are a principal only payment divided by the life of the project. That is why a smaller community like ours can afford to undertake multiple projects such as a \$600,000.00 road project and pay back only approximately \$21,000.00 a year to the State for the twenty-nine year life of that particular project. This type of program makes our community capital budget projects all well within our ability to pay and very doable for our fiscal year budget. Again, there are very few communities that are able to say that they are in the same or in a similar position as we will be here in New Lebanon once we eliminate our last two pieces of interest bearing debt.

Western Division Court Update

Montgomery County has recently announced that they will be initiating a study to determine the feasibility of moving our New Lebanon Court and the Huber Heights Court civil and criminal operations downtown to the county owned Reibold Building. As additional details emerge, we will keep you updated on this latest Montgomery County plan.

Huntington Bank Closure

As most of us already know, Huntington Bank will close their local office here in New Lebanon on March 18, 2016. Each account holder will have to decide if they want to change their bank affiliation or not. If you stay with Huntington, if you want to go to a bank, you will have to go to either Germantown or to Brookville for your banking service needs. Huntington states they will leave the ATM here for local customer use. They have also told us that even though they intend to sell their building, they do not intend to sell it to any competing banking institution for at least two to three years. Our thanks to Barb, Randy, and the entire crew for their years of dedicated service to our local community.

March 15th Primary Ballot

This coming March the Village will have two Replacement Continuing levies on the March Primary Ballot. The 1999 Police Levy and the 1998 Fire Levy will both be on the ballot requesting voter approval. As you can determine from the dates on the levies, the Police Levy is 17 years out of date and the Fire Levy is 18 years out of date. The reason this makes a difference is a levy loses its original value as it ages and it does not continue to raise the same amount of funding as the original voter approved millage did. Both of these levies were approved at a rate of 5 mills each and that millage rate will remain exactly the same if approved in the March Primary. Both of these levies are currently valued at less than the previously voter approved millage due to the passage of time. We would sincerely appreciate your consideration of both of these Replacement Continuing Levies scheduled for the March 15th Primary Ballot.

New Village Web Site

Mike Overbay of Overbay Designs, David Lunsford, our Part-time Zoning Inspector and a retired New Lebanon Police Sergeant, and Ms. Sandy Wright, our Clerk of Council and Municipal Office Manager have worked very diligently to revamp and improve our community web site. They have done a stellar job and we will be going live with our new community web site this month. Our new web site will be a "work in progress" as we continue to build the site with the overall goal being to make it as user friendly as possible while continuing to supply appropriate day to day information to the New Lebanon community. Our New Lebanon Municipal Web Site can be accessed at www.newlebanonoh.com



Mayor Arriola presented Council Member Douglas R. Smith with a plaque in special recognition for his years of service to the Community from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2015.



Law Director Ron Keener administers Oath of Office to Mayor Ray Arriola on January 5, 2016.



Pictured to the right Law Director Ron Keener administers Oath of Office to Council Member Gale Joy on January 5, 2016

NEW LEBANON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHANGE OF DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

**WILL NOW MEET ON THE 4TH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 12 NOON
AT THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEBANON MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 198 SOUTH CLAYTON ROAD,
NEW LEBANON, OHIO 45345. PLEASE FEEL TO BRING A CARRY IN LUNCH.**

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 22nd



Law Director Ron Keener administers the Oath of Office to Council Member Christopher Sands on January 5, 2016.



Law Director Ron Keener administers the Oath of Office to Council Member Carol Macmann on February 2, 2016.



Municipal Manager George Markus presents Barb Morgan a plaque at the February 2, 2016 Council Meeting recognizing her 24 years of dedicated service to the greater New Lebanon area community while working with the New Lebanon Area Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Arriola looks on.

NEW LEBANON INCOME TAX FILING DEADLINE IS APRIL 18TH

WHO NEEDS TO FILE?

Every person 16 years and older who lives, works, or owns a business or rental property in the Village must file an income tax return whether or not any tax is due.

Non-residents who received a salary, wages, commissions, and other earned income for work done or services performed or rendered within the Village and Non-Residents who own rental property within the Village must file an income tax return. The tax is computed on net income for allowable expenses.

College students, even though they reside outside of New Lebanon for a portion of the year, are required to file a return if their permanent residence is in New Lebanon.

Military Active Duty Pay or Reserve Duty Pay is not taxable.

WHEN DO I NEED TO FILE?

The filing deadline is April 18th to avoid penalty and interest.

WHAT IF MY EMPLOYER DOESN'T WITHHOLD NEW LEBANON INCOME TAX?

If your employer does not withhold New Lebanon Income Tax. A Declaration of Estimated Income Tax for the current year needs to be filed and payments made quarterly, April 15 for the first quarter, July 15 for second quarter, October 15 for third quarter and December 15 for the fourth quarter. Failure to file and pay a declaration of 90% of the actual income tax could result in penalties and interest being added.

Pre-printed forms have been mailed. Forms are available at the Village offices, 198 South Clayton Road, New Lebanon, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm.

Forms can be downloaded from the Village website newlebanonoh.com

If you have questions please contact Kelly Pinkerton

Village of New Lebanon Income Tax Department

198 South Clayton Road, New Lebanon, Ohio 45345

(937) 687-1341 Fax (937-687-1213)

Hours: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm 1:30 pm - 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Friday

If you need assistance completing your tax form please call the office for an appointment.





Daylight Savings Time will begin on Sunday March 13h at 2:00 a.m. and ends Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.. We encourage everyone to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks. Ninety percent of homes in the United States have detectors, but one-third are estimated to have dead or missing batteries.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- Friday, March 25, 2016 to observe Good Friday Holiday**
- Monday, May 30, 2016 to observe Memorial Day Holiday**
- Monday, July 4, 2016 to observe Fourth of July Holiday**
- Monday, September 5, 2016 to observe Labor Day Holiday**

UTILITY DEPARTMENT REMINDERS

In **July of 2008** we ***discontinued giving sewer credits*** for water leaks, filling of hot tubs and swimming pools, watering grass, watering trees, watering flowers, and watering gardens.

Utility bills are due when received. All payments received after the 30th of each month are subject to a 10% penalty and could be subject to water service being disconnected.

Billing statements are mailed detailing the delinquent amount due and explaining that the utility service will be disconnected if the past due amount is not paid on or before the 15th of the following month for all customers whose total past due is \$5.00 or more.

As an added convenience to New Lebanon Residents a mail drop box is located between the Municipal Building and the Lake for payments made with check or money order only. **Cash payments** put in **the night drop box** are no longer processed.

The Village does not accept credit card or debit card payments.

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Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency 9-1-1

Non Emergency Police and Fire Dispatch (937) 687-3080

Village Office (937) 687-1341

Municipal Court of Montgomery County Ohio Western Division (937) 687-9099

MEDICAL DIIRECTORY FOR UNINSURED

URGENT CARE OF UNINSURED, GOOD NEIGHBOR HOUSE 224-3003

IMMUNIZATIONS, (SHOTS) COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT 225-4550

CHILDREN'S HEALTH CLINIC (Across from Children's Medical Center) 641-3500

PRENATAL CLINICS; (Combined Health District) Vogel Health Center and Charles H. Drew Health Center, 225-4484

WIC PROGRAM OFFICE, Salem Clinic 4699 Salem Avenue, 496-3176

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