



NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECTS

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

February 2017

Welcome to the first New Lebanon Community Newsletter for Fiscal Year 2017. 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.

Our first project will be a two phase Water Main Replacement Project on Perry Street. The contractor for the first phase of the Perry Street Project will begin project work activities, weather permitting, in March of this year with a scheduled August completion date. C & G Construction from Miamisburg, Ohio will be our project contractor for Phase I of this project. Perry Street Phase I will start at Clayton Road and move eastward to about Brice Street installing new water lines and new connections to the residential homes in that identified area. The road bed will also be redone, receiving the standard bed repair as well as a top coat of asphalt.

If funded by the OPWC we also plan to initiate Phase 14 of the system wide Sanitary Sewer Relining Project late this Spring. This project is expected to be bid and awarded late in the second 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 the relining of 2,822' of 15" sanitary sewer line and the rehabilitation of 10 man holes between South Fuls Road and South Clayton Road. Both of these projects, once awarded, are funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission and are interest free to the community for the life of the project.



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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 third major street project funded by the Local Street Levy approved by our voters in November of 2014 will be scheduled for Avon Oak from South Clayton Road to Lawson Avenue continuing eastward to Church Street. If we have a low enough estimate for the required repair work, we will run the project from South Clayton road to Church Street. If the Engineer's project estimate comes in higher than we anticipate, **we may only be able to refurbish a shorter piece of that proposed project.** Either way, it will still be a very significant improvement to our community street infrastructure. This will be the third of five projects to be paid for with our Local Street Levy monies.

Parks & Recreation Activities

We again plan to make significant improvements to our community Parks & Recreation Program this year. At Don Rusk Park we will be finishing the 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.

We also plan to install a nine hole Disc Golf Course at Don Rusk Park late this Spring. The Disc Golf course will essentially follow the large oval around the park boundaries.

At Stanley Jones (Mills) Park we plan to add some benches around the community garden and the Nature Play Area. We will also add some landscaping to the two new parking areas at the North and South ends of the park nearest to the Community Garden and to the basketball courts. We have used some of our stored, recycled road grindings to form a base layer for the new parking areas and plan to use the remainder at Don Rusk Park. Additional park toys may also be installed into the area of the park North of the community garden established by the Create a New Lebanon Group.

Lastly, we plan to fill a full-time Recreation and Community Development Specialist 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 Recreation and Community Development Specialist will continue our five week summer nature program at Stanley Jones (Mills) Park. Program participants will again 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 will be provided by the New Lebanon Local School District via a grant program and there will again be no cost to the nature camp program participants. Lunch and the afternoon program session may occur at our local library facility as well as at other community locations. This restructured program will focus on a variety of age groups. **Additional program information and registration forms will be available in the May edition of our Community Newsletter.**

Our Nature Camp continues to be an evolving program that will be conducted at "no cost" to the program participants. This program will service a projected total of 30 participants for this second 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 second year program. If this program continues to be well received by the community, we may be able to expand the number of participant positions available for this second year of program operations in this current 2017 Fiscal Year.

We are also planning for our annual Farmers Market; the Sunflower Festival; Halloween in the Park; and the EDGE after school Program. These events will round out our community programs for this year with the possible addition of a Disc Golf League at Don Rusk Park.

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 \$107,618.00 on our Water Notes which will leave a balance of zero to be paid next fiscal year in 2018. We usually would only be able to pay \$40,000.00 on the Water Notes on an annual basis. However, due to careful budgeting, we are now able to eliminate them completely in the Fiscal Year 2017 community budget.

At this time we will only have interest bearing debt remaining on the Court Building, and we tentatively plan to pay that debt completely off in Fiscal Year 2018. The original cost of the court building debt was \$1,895,000.00 and only \$145,000.00 in debt service will remain 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 eleven 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 not be moving our New Lebanon Court or the Huber Heights Court civil and criminal operations downtown to the county owned Reibold Building. They currently are reviewing options for the remodeling of both facilities into what they have identified as sustainable models for future court operations. As additional details emerge, we will keep you updated on this latest Montgomery County Court initiative.

POLICE LEVY INFORMATION MAY PRIMARY BALLOT

This coming May 2nd the Village will have a new 3.5 mil Police Levy on the Ballot requesting voter approval. This Levy request will be in addition to the two existing 1997 and 1998 Levies. The two existing Police Levies were initiated in 1997 and 1998 when the millage changed from the then 3 mils, to the current 5 and 5.2mils. As you can determine from the dates on the levies, the Police Levies are about nineteen and twenty years out of date with the current economic times. We want to acknowledge as well as thank all of our voters who have renewed and updated these levies over the past decades. We appreciate the community support for our local police operations.

In Fiscal Year 2016 the New Lebanon Police Department responded to 3,698 dispatches for a variety of emergency and non-emergency police services. Based upon statistical analysis of the 2016 police call load, approximately one in every three New Lebanon households will call for police services this current fiscal year. And again, based upon the Fiscal Year 2016 statistical review, that call for police services will most likely be for a Property Crime such as Burglary, Breaking and Entering, Theft, Criminal Damaging , and Vandalism. The next most likely type of request for police services would be some type of crime of violence such as Domestic Violence, Aggravated Menacing, Assault, or Menacing. These two separate categories encompass over 262 calls for emergency and non-emergency service or over 39% of the 667 Police Reports filed last year. The Police Department also provided 1,560 Business checks, 1,440 security checks, and 228 Vacation House Checks for our community members.

The proposed 3.5 Mil Levy will cost the owner of an \$80,000.00 home ninety eight dollars a year or approximately 27 cents a day. This levy will provide funding for two police patrol officer positions. Please consider this request to update our community police services. Thank you for your continual support and consideration of this levy request

New Lebanon Veterans Memorial

We plan to construct a local Veterans Memorial here in New Lebanon on the extreme southwest corner of the Court House parking lot by the grass area. This plan would see a six feet wide sidewalk moving west from the edge of the parking lot into a twenty-five foot round concrete base that supports some reflecting benches, multiple flag poles, and an upright memorial stone fixed in the center of the circle area. The five branches of the military will be affixed to the face of the memorial stone and an inscription will be chiseled into the center of the stone area. We intend to use some generic language that would recognize all veterans of all wars on the memorial stone and invite you to submit some proposed language to be used on the face of the memorial stone. Please keep in mind that we may choose to use all, part, or none of the submissions. If you are interested in helping us choose the memorial language, please submit your proposal to the Village Managers office by February 27th. The submissions may be dropped in the night deposit box after hours or at the municipal office front counter during normal business hours. Our "goal" is to have everything in place for a Veterans Day Memorial Service in November. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Community Web Site

Our new community web site is up and running and remains a "work in progress" as we continue to tweak it and add new information to the various areas highlighted on the site. Ultimately, we hope to have videos as well as pictures depicting all of the departments and personnel at work in their respective areas. If you don't see what you want, please let us know and maybe we can drop it in there for you !

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PROJECT APPLICATION UPDATE

On February 6, 2017 we were notified by the OPWC that our Perry Street Project Phase 2 submitted August 2016 was approved for funding. More information on this project will be provided in the May issue of the Community Newsletter.

FOOD BANK DATES 2017

February 17, 2017

March 17, 2017

April 21, 2017

May 19, 2017

June 16, 2017

July 21, 2017

August 18, 2017

Sept 22, 2017

October 20, 2017

November 17, 2017

December 15, 2017

Court House Parking Lot

10:00 am to 11:30 am

New Lebanon Rotary



Annual Chili Supper Fundraiser

Saturday March 11th, 5:30-8:00

American Legion

35 W Main Street, New Lebanon

**Tickets to attend / door prizes are \$6 each or
2 for \$10**

**Win a 60" Flat Screen TV & Other Door
Prizes!**

No need to be present to win!

Open to the Public

Questions? Call Mike at 937-835-5670

NEW LEBANON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MEETS ON THE 1ST 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 FREE TO BRING A CARRY IN LUNCH.

FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF NEW LEBANON ZONING DEPARTMENT

It is that time of year again this is a friendly reminder that per Section 93.20 of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of New Lebanon requires a property owner to cut their grass, weeds, and other vegetation when it reaches a height of seven (7) inches.

Section 93.21 of that same code requires the municipality to notify the property owner to cut their grass, weeds and other vegetation only one time per season. Failure of the property owner to cut their grass, weeds and other vegetation within the five (5) days after notification will cause the municipality to cut the grass, weeds and other vegetation at a charge of One Hundred Twenty-Five (\$125.00) Dollars per hour.

Some of our community members are probably considering painting their house or maybe even adding some type of siding just to avoid the maintenance issue usually associated with a building paint job. Well good news here, there is absolutely **NO PERMIT** necessary to side your house. Thinking of a new roof too? **NO PERMIT** requirement there either. The majority of those things that might be considered an occasional or annual maintenance issue also do not require a permit. Anytime you have a question about a permit requirement, please do not hesitate to call us at 687-1341 and ask for Zoning information

ZONING COMPLIANCE OFFICER DAVID A. LUNSFORD

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

TELEPHONE (937) 687-3700



NEW LEBANON INCOME TAX FILING DEADLINE IS April 17th

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 17th 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 will result in penalties and interest being applied

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 12h at 2:00 a.m. and ends Sunday, November 5th 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

- Monday, February 20, 2017, to observe President's Day
- Friday, April 14, 2017 to observe Good Friday Holiday
- Monday, May 29, 2017 to observe Memorial Day Holiday
- Tuesday, July 4, 2017 to observe Fourth of July Holiday
- Monday, September 4, 2017 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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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



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