



NEW LEBANON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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

November 2015

FISCAL YEAR 2015 IN REVIEW

What's happened in New Lebanon this past year? How did the Fiscal Year proceed and was it successful? How's the budget coming along? These and many more questions can be answered by just looking around the community and seeing all of the positive changes that have occurred over the last eleven months of the current fiscal year.

With the help of many different community groups we have seen marked improvement in our municipal park system. At Mills Park these improvements include the refinished basketball court and the painted chain link fence; the cleared and refurbished baseball diamond; the painted park toys; and the new paint and mural at the Lions shelter. The gazebo at Jenkins Pond has also been refurbished and a steel roof will follow later on this fall.

Don Rusk Park has also seen new paint on the tennis court fencing and park shelters as well as at the stage area. Additionally, new trees and benches have been installed at the children's play area and tennis courts. The grindings from the Clayton Road paving project are currently stored in the Don Rusk parking lot area and those grindings will be spread and leveled in the lot to add to the parking lot base. Some additional grindings from the Clayton Road Project have also been taken to the municipal water tower on West Main Street to begin to develop an asphalt base for a service road to the tower maintenance area.

Phase #6 of the Main Street Improvement Project was successfully completed this past year as well as was Phase 12 of the Sanitary Sewer Relining Project. The last of our major projects for FY2015 was completed in late October with the repaving of South Clayton Road from Main Street to the South corporate limits. The Clayton Road Project was the first of five planned projects to be funded by the New Lebanon Street Levy passed last November, 2014. The second project funded by our new Street Levy will focus on Lufkin and will be undertaken in FY2016.

Our Water & Waste Water Plants were both inspected by the Ohio EPA early this fall and were pronounced deficit free. Additionally, we were able to perform our fall hydrant flushing earlier than usual and expect to experience an improved water quality due to the early flushing as well as to a final filter medium exchange at the water plant.

Raymond Arriola

Mayor

Glena Madden

Vice Mayor

Council Members

Linda M. Green

Gale B. Joy

Thomas S. Simon

Christopher Sands

Douglas Smith

ADMINISTRATION

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER

BRENDA K. ETTER

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

RICK DAULTON

CHIEF OF POLICE

SCOTT A. BROCK

SERVICE DEPT. SUPERINTENDENT

Dempsey Waste Systems II

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

1-937-543-1339

COUNCIL MEETINGS

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

7:30 P.M.

PLAN BOARD

2ND TUESDAY

7:00 P.M.

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD

4TH TUESDAY

7:00 P.M.

VILLAGE OFFICE HOURS

8:00 AM TO 4:30 PM

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Our Municipal Debt Reduction Plan is working well and we now have only two pieces of interest bearing debt to eliminate. In FY2016 we plan to pay down the water debt by approximately one hundred thousand dollars and completely pay it off in FY2017. That will leave only the court building as our remaining piece of interest bearing debt as the ground for the building has already been paid off. The court building is expected to be paid off in FY2019.

What else has been happening in the community recently? As a major ongoing activity, you can see the initial construction work at the site of the new New Lebanon Library building beginning to take form. Ground breaking was this past September and occupancy of the new building is expected to be in the late summer or early fall of next year.

Additionally, we have seen a major refurbishment of the Family Dollar store, the Dollar General store, the Rite Aid drug store, the parking lot at B&B Gear, and the exterior upgrades at the New Lebanon Plaza. The old Alco building continues to be upgraded by the Faith Worship Center and the exterior improvements to the building makes it a very positive addition to our existing "streetscape" here in the community.

So all in all, we here in the greater New Lebanon area community have had a very good year recognizing all of the activity and community improvements that have taken place. Once again, we are maintaining our position in Western Montgomery County as a sustainable community as we continue to experience positive steps forward for all of our residents.

We wish you a happy and safe Holiday Season as we move toward the close of the fiscal and calendar year here in New Lebanon!

Holiday Closings For Municipal Building

Thursday and Friday, November 26—27, 2015 Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 25, 2015, Christmas Day

Friday, January 1, 2016 New Year's Day

Monday, February 15, 2016 President's Day

NEW LEBANON ROTARY AUCTION

The New Lebanon Rotary will hold its annual Christmas Auction on Thursday December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the New Lebanon Municipal Office located at 198 S. Clayton Road, New Lebanon, Ohio.

Dinner is \$6.00 and there will be a silent auction. Auction proceeds go towards scholarships for Dixie High School seniors. Hope to see you there.



DIXIE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Dixie Elementary Christmas Program will be held on Saturday December 5, 2015 starting at 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON at the First Baptist Church located at 335 S. Church Street, New Lebanon, Ohio.



VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Village Christmas Craft Show 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday December 5th at First Baptist Church located at 335 S. Church Street, New Lebanon, Ohio.



General Budget Comments

There will be no increase in the number of full-time personnel in the Proposed Budget for FY2016. The Police, Fire, and Service Departments will all continue to operate short one full-time position in each respective department.

Two part-time seasonal employees are budgeted for general parks operations. A new part-time seasonal position, titled Recreation Coordinator, will be introduced in this proposed budget document. This position will coordinate municipal activities with the New Lebanon Local School District, the New Lebanon Library, the New Lebanon Stagecoach Days group, the New Lebanon Chamber of Commerce, and various other community organizations. The position incumbent will introduce a community wide activity program that will focus on Mills Park and Don Rusk Park during the day time hours of operation. We will also be partnering with the New Lebanon Library to introduce an early evening "youth gathering place" type of program to be based in their new community room.

The Police Department will be restructuring in the upcoming fiscal year to eliminate the existing Sergeant position and add a Police Captain position. They may also test for the newly implemented Police Corporal position. Their overall departmental goal will be to recruit and retain an additional four to six part-time personnel as well as to identify a number of auxiliary personnel for the organization. The Fire Department will also be focusing on the recruitment and retention of additional volunteer and part-time personnel for the organization in FY2016. The municipal administrative group will continue to aggressively pursue Grant & Loan Projects via the Ohio Public Works Commission Program to improve our community infrastructure. We plan to award the bid for the final phase of the Main Street Improvement Project and the next phase of the sanitary sewer relining program in the upcoming fiscal year. We will also identify and award a bid for the next major project to be funded by our recently approved community Road Levy.

We are also recommending to council that the remaining 1999 Police Levy and the 1998 incorporated area Fire Levy be placed on the Spring Primary Ballot for the community as a renewal. Additionally, we are recommending to council that we place a three year, one mil Parks Levy on the ballot in the Fall General Election. If passed, this new levy would generate approximately \$38,000.00 for use in our community parks system. The proposed tax levy would cost the owner of a \$70,000.00 home approximately \$24.50/year or 6.7 cents a day.

Additionally, we would point out that after multiple years of severe budget cuts caused by the faltering economy and mandated by our current state government administration, we have successfully worked through those cuts using our debt reduction program and very careful as well as cautious budgeting practices to bring our general fund balance up from a low of \$918,868.05 dollars in September of 2009 to its current balance of \$1,247,117.73 dollars in September of 2015. Council is also reminded that the municipality continues to accomplish our annual work plan with a 1% Income tax first enacted on July 1, 1973. Our 1% Income Tax rate remains unchanged to today's date which clearly identifies the value of all of the municipal operations performed for our community within the scope of our existing resource pool of personnel, materials, supplies, and local tax dollars.

Further, on the New Lebanon local landscape we have recently seen the Family Dollar store, the Dollar General store, and the Rite Aid drug store all undergo major renovations. The new construction at the New Lebanon Library has started with an estimated completion date of fall, 2016, and B&B Gear has expanded as well as hired additional employees. Things are stabilizing in our local New Lebanon economic community and we are meeting our long term goal of being a sustainable economic force in Western Montgomery County.

In closing, we look forward to FY2016 as another exciting, challenging, and prosperous year for our greater New Lebanon area community as well as for all of the local residents that we serve.



2015 NEW LEBANON EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Pictured above are Clerk of Council Sandy Wright, Income Tax Administrative Assistant Kelly Pinkerton, and Municipal Manager George Markus.

The Chamber of Commerce held their Annual Employee of the Year Recognition Dinner on Thursday, October 15th. Mrs. Kelly Pinkerton, the Income Tax Administrative Assistant for the Village of New Lebanon was selected as the Employee of the Year for 2015. Kelly has been employed with the Village for approximately two (2) years and has completely updated the income tax files in the office and has eliminated most of the backlog.



Create A New Lebanon
Halloween Decorating Contest

17 participants

1st Place



2nd Place
Estonia



3rd Place
Church St



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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