

# THE VILLAGE VOICE

## A NEWSLETTER FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR DOUGLAS HOCKMAN

The Village placed our American Flags on the flagpoles to celebrate Abe Lincoln's, and George Washington's birthdays as well as President's Day. I was driving through town after the flags were up and saw a tremendous outpouring of Patriotic Pride. Homeowners and businesses all over the Village had also put their flags out. You would have thought it was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!!! We share a tremendous respect for our Country and those who help make us great! USA, USA, USA

**TO MY FRIENDS ON PURVIS:** we have started installing the storm sewer line running north from Marietta. We are working on our third section of 100 feet. If you have noticed, we are taking up the brick and cleaning them; then digging out our trench and placing the pipe; filling it back in then replacing the bricks before we move to the next 100 feet. It is our hope to minimize any inconvenience and keep the disruption to a minimum. Thanks for your patience.

Make sure you read the Brick and Mortar to get the details for a number of events upcoming in the Village and put those on your calendar. I won't repeat them here. However, do make note of the EATING EVENTS AND ANNUAL DINNER THEATER... we always like it when we eat!!! MORE IMPORTANTLY, please support our local businesses and those listed as Chamber members.

The March "VISIT WITH THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR" will be the THIRD Thursday this month on the 15<sup>th</sup> due to my being at a conference in Columbus on the 8<sup>th</sup>. We meet from 9:00 - 10:30 at the Bremen Bulk Foods & Mercantile on West Main St. in the downtown... Coffee is free!!!

**PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS:** If you have a child or grandchild getting ready for college or if you want to return to college there are SCHOLARSHIPS available through the Fairfield County Foundation. Last year, the Foundation provided \$775,518 in scholarships to 348 area students! Applications can be found on line at [www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org](http://www.fairfieldcountyfoundation.org) and are due to the Foundation office no later than March 29, 2012.

**I HAVE BEEN TRAVELING** on the rear property alley ways. Several observations: I am making notes and creating a repair list of potholes; I have seen a number of repairs and paint jobs done on garages, sheds, and out buildings; (thank you); there are quite a few properties with which I have concerns - namely safety... parts missing, big holes in which I have seen wild feral cats being harbored, walls leaning, roofing not secured and in good repair. If your building is not in good repair and neighborhood children can get in and possibly get hurt, you will be held responsible. I know you don't want that to happen.

**A word about cats.** If you have a family pet cat, it is probably not on a leash. It should have a collar so it can be distinguished from the many, many feral (wild) cats running in some of our neighborhoods. PLEASE DO NOT FEED WILD, FERAL CATS!!! They only continue to breed and make for an even greater unwanted population of wild cats. If your pet cat is an outdoors cat, then find a way to keep their food indoors and a way to contain their prowling. Please be considerate of your neighbors... Outdoor pets do leave their waste in the neighbor's yard and on their sidewalks. They don't want your pet's waste on their property and then have to clean it up.

When doing your taxes, please remember we are a part of R.I.T.A. the Regional Income Tax Agency. Information is online [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) or call 1-866-252-0913 with questions. Customer Service can be reached at 1-800-860-7482.

**RECYCLING WILL BE MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Please put out the night before!!!  
TRASH PICK UP WILL BE MARCH 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget - put out night before!**

For a nice scenic drive and stroll, I invite you to see Howell Park. Late last Fall, the Concession Stand and Restrooms were renovated with paint, roofing, and doors. To add to that, the Shelter House has been painted and all the backstops on the Horseshoe Pits have been repaired and painted. At the moment, all the red benches have been removed and are all being repaired. I want to restore the park to its prime and give our residents a place they want to come. I am also looking at two more charcoal grills for the picnic areas. Let's spend a lot of time at Howell Park this year. **REMEMBER...** call the Village Office if you wish to register for the Shelter House. Beginning in April, after all chances of a hard freeze, the restrooms will be open and available during the weekdays from 8:00 until 4:30. I am still trying to work something out for the weekends. The restroom doors are under the camera's watchful eye in the park.

**SWIMMING POOL NEWS:** Attention teenagers and young adults - lifeguards needed!!! If you take the training and receive your certification this year and sign up with the Bremen Pool, we will reimburse your costs for certification by paying an additional \$10.00 a week until you are fully reimbursed. Call the Y in Lancaster for information.

You can now book your Pool Party... All parties will be two hours long with a set price based on the number of people attending. Call the Village Office.

The **PAY EACH DAY RATE** will be \$2.00 per person from infant up to 60 years old. If you are 60 or older, admission is free.

**INDIVIDUAL PASSES** will be \$80.00 for 18 years and older; \$75.00 for 17 years and younger.

<b>FAMILY PASSES:</b>	Household (up to 6 people living in the home)	\$150.00
	Other additional people in the household	\$ 25.00 each
	Babysitter on Household Pass	\$ 35.00 each
	(Babysitter cannot use household pass for personal use)	

**POOL PARTY RENTAL:**

\$225.00 for up to 25 registered guests  
\$250.00 for 26 to 50 registered guests  
\$300.00 for 51 to 100 registered guests  
\$350.00 for 101 to 150 registered guests

There will be no parties larger than 150 people. Every person, regardless of age is counted toward the total of registered people.

**SWIMMING LESSONS** will be provided at the rate of \$35.00 per child as long as there are at least 10 children signed up in each of the two age groups. Lessons will go for one 5 day week unless rained out. The rained out days will be made up the following week beginning on Monday. The date for swimming lessons will be set later.

**BEGIN LOOKING** for your daffodil in the new section of Park just behind the Liberty Bell Restaurant. Last Fall, there were over 1500 daffodils planted in honor of every Village resident. It will be a beautiful ribbon of color as they bloom. I was so afraid they were going to be rotted from all the rain since November but they are up through the ground and headed toward flowering. Remember, **YOU** are important to this community and **WE HONOR YOU !!!** Thank you for living here and being a part of US.