

# Marshallville Newsletter

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## Marshallville Issues

This spring will see some issues that will affect the future of Marshallville. Green Local is supporting a plan to build a campus in Smithville and remove a school from our community. As Mayor and council we cannot support a plan that doesn't include a school in the Village of Marshallville. Our school committee has met several times with the Green Local School's officials to plead our case to try to keep a school in town. However, at this time the bond issue that will be voted on in May does not provide us with our own community school.

Our position is "Yes, Smithville and Marshallville students deserve up to date facilities, but each town deserves to have its own school". This doesn't mean each village should have a K – 5 building, but a K – 2 or 3 building in Marshallville would go a long way to preserve our property values and community ideals. The May bond issue is going to be a tough vote and we are encouraging you to vote and vote your conscience.

Another positive item in Marshallville's future is the Rails to Trails path that will go through the east side of town. This trail will be a benefit to our village economically and aesthetically. Three years ago we received a nearly \$700,000 dollar grant to build sidewalks and storm sewers along West and East Church Streets and some along S. Main St. from ODOT. The possible Rails to Trails path increased Marshallville's standing in the selection process, and thus secured our

grant over other entities competing with us that didn't have access to a possible bike and hike path.

There are already discussions about creating a trail head in Marshallville that will attract people to our village, and the possibility of a new business or two. Safety? Bike paths are very safe, and our police department currently has everything needed for a bicycle patrol on the trail.

However, there is some opposition to bike paths. I encourage you to visit the Sippo Trail in Dalton or the Erie Towpath in Clinton to see what these paths can do for a village. Also, the website:

[http://www.greenway.org/pdf/la\\_bikepath\\_safety.pdf](http://www.greenway.org/pdf/la_bikepath_safety.pdf) can show you information on concerns people have had with the creation of bike paths.

Hopefully, within the next two years we can ride or walk safely to Orrville or Clinton on our new bike path.

## Sidewalks

Yes, the village has some new sidewalks and this fall we purchased a new snow blade for our Steiner tractor. We make every effort to try to keep our sidewalks clear for you, but it must be understood the clearing of the sidewalks is secondary to our streets and parking lots. Also, when the snow gets too high our tractor is not capable of moving the snow effectively or safely.

Unfortunately, that means you still may have to clear your own path on the sidewalks. If your sidewalk has a path partially cleared our tractor will be able to more effectively clear the rest of the sidewalk.

We are clearing as many sidewalks as we can as a courtesy, but we cannot and will not make everyone happy. Look on the bright side: very few other communities clear a large portion of their sidewalks for their residents.

### **Natural Gas Aggregation**

Residents within the corporation limits of Marshallville are eligible to take part in the American Municipal Power Gas Aggregation Program with our current contract holder, IGS. The program started converting Dominion customers over to the program in December. However, some customers had gas contracts that would not waive the cancellation fees so automatic conversion was stopped for these customers.

You may still want to sign up for the program as it has a rate of \$6.42 per thousand cubic feet through October 2010. Contact IGS Energy directly at 877-444-7427. Identify yourself as being part of the AMP Wadsworth, Orrville, Doylestown, and Marshallville aggregation unit.

### **Junk Ordinance**

Here we go again. Every newsletter so far has addressed this topic, and so will this one. Please remember the village has ordinances prohibiting junk from accumulating on properties within the village. This includes inoperable and/or unlicensed vehicles; vehicle parts including tires; appliances; construction debris; and other various materials. The items mentioned above (and in the ordinance) must be kept in a building out of sight.

If you have questions please contact the police department for more information concerning this topic.

Notices will be served at the beginning of April for current violators.

### **Income Taxes**

It's that time of the year again: time to file your taxes. Please be aware that the village has an income tax of 1%. The tax is on earned income. Pensions, interest income, and capital gains are not taxed. Please be mindful of the April 15, 2010, filing date. If you have tax questions please call our fiscal officer, Lin Pennypacker, at 330-682-2727.

### **2010 Census**

The U.S. Census Bureau is now working on the 2010 Census. This count is incredibly important to our small community as the grants that we apply for to complete major projects are often determined by the information gathered in the census. Since 2000 our village has received \$5,500,000 in grants and low or no interest loans due in part to the information gathered in the 2000 Census. Please take a moment to fill out and return any Census material you may receive.

### **Snow Parking Bans**

The Village of Marshallville issues snow parking bans along **all of our streets which allow street side parking**. They are issued when snow exceeds 2 inches and are announced on WQKT 104.5 FM radio. We have had good compliance, but there always seems to be a car or two parked along the roadway causing our snow plow to work around them. Violators can expect to be plowed in and possibly ticketed or towed. Please respect the need to have your vehicle removed from the roadway during snow events.

### **Phone Numbers**

Village Hall 855-2491  
Police and Fire Emergency 911  
Police non-emergency 855-2491  
Police non-emergency dispatch  
264-3333  
Fire non-emergency 855-1000  
Utility Dept. 855-5985 (business hours  
are from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM)  
Zoning Permits (get before you build  
anything) 855-5985  
Park Pavilion Rental call John at  
Howmar Carpet at 855-3551  
Tax or financial questions call Fiscal  
Officer Lin Pennypacker at 682-2727

### **Barking Dogs**

This is a reminder to dog owners that the village has a barking dog ordinance. Owners are responsible for keeping their dogs quiet and from becoming a nuisance. Citizens wishing to report a barking dog problem may do so by contacting the police department at 855-2491.

### **Important Dates**

Here are some important dates for 2010 within the village:

**Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony:**

Monday, May 31, 2010, 10 AM at  
Memory Park

**Village Wide Yard Sales and Ox**

**Roast:** Saturday, June 26, 2010. Yard  
Sales from 8 AM to 6 PM and the Ox  
Roast at Marshallville Community Park  
starting at noon.

**Historical Days:** August 27 & 28<sup>th</sup>

**Trick or Treat:** Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup>  
from 6 – 7:30 PM