

VILLAGE OF MARSHALLVILLE

Spring/Summer 2017

UTILITY NEWS

Most of us have noticed cloudy water coming from our taps over the last 7 months. Hopefully, you are seeing less and less of this as we are working to clear our system of sediments. The water is safe to drink, but is not attractive. Last August we replaced 300' of waterline on Park Street during our Green Street Project. Anytime we have to depressurize a line sediments are knocked loose from the waterlines which cause some cloudiness. After this project we flushed hydrants which increases flow through the lines and carries the sediments out of the system.

Important Dates

Town wide yard sales: June 24th
8 AM-6 PM

Lions Chicken Barbecue: June
24th, noon. Presale orders only.
Call 330-855-2871 to order by
June 20th

July 23rd: 1860's Rules Baseball
Game. Smithville Stars
vs. Mohican Rivermen; 2 PM at
the Park

August 13th: 1860's Rules
Baseball; Smithville Stars vs.
Whiskey Island Shamrocks; 2
PM at the Park

Historical Days: August 25-26th

In November we started the North Main Street Waterline Replacement Project which replaced 1700' of waterline coming out of our water plant. This line replaced a 60 year old line that was prone to breaks and had restricted flow. The plan was to flush hydrants in January after the new line was installed. However, the first week of January saw one of our two electric motors that power the high service pumps (pumps that pump water throughout the town) go down. This was replaced the second week of January. The day the motor was replaced one of the two pumps broke down. This pump was rebuilt and reinstalled the first week of February. Just in time for our second pump to go down. This one could not be rebuilt and a new one ordered and installed the last week of February.

During this time we had a large water leak in the system (60,000 gallons per day) that could not be located. After two weeks, Ohio Rural Water Association sent a listening device to find the leak. A six inch water main at the park had broken and was draining into the storm sewer system. Once this was repaired one of our two water softeners lost a valve which caused our water to be harder than usual and added to the cloudiness. Finally, the first of April saw this repaired and for the first time in nearly six months our water system was working at nearly 100%. We flushed hydrants in April which removed a lot of sediment, but there are still pockets of sediments that are getting knocked loose from time

to time.

We will flush hydrants again this summer, but we have one more large project that may create more sediment in our system: the inside of the water tower is to be cleaned and repainted. We will flush hydrants after the completion of this project. In the meantime, if you experience a period of cloudy water you can clear a lot of the sediments from your line by

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Utilities: 330-855-5985

Park Pavilion Rental: Lynn Martin at 330-601-4074

Fiscal Officer Dave Govern: 216-235-9037

Police Dispatch (NONEMERGENCY):330-264-3333

Emergency: 911

Mayor's Court with Judge William Rickett is held the second Monday of each month at the town hall at 7:30 PM

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running the cold water in your bathtub. Don't try clearing it by running the hot water as this puts the sediment in your hot water tank and causes longer periods of cloudy water.

Another thing that helps reduce the stresses on our utility system is please do not flush non-flushable items down the toilet. We have mentioned this before, but each week we remove a wheelbarrow full of cloth rags and other items that should not be flushed. This clogs up our treatment facility, and again increases our costs.

Please be aware that your electric and water meters need to be accessible to be read. Please trim any obstructing bushes, remove obstacles, or any other obstructions that make it difficult or unsafe to read your meters. If meters cannot be easily accessed your monthly bill will be estimated. Thank you for your cooperation.

***Utility Payments may be made by mail or in person at Farmer's State Bank. Remember they are always due on the 15th of each month, and delinquent bills are shut off on the 26th of the month.**

*** Please plan accordingly as utilities are due the same day each month.**

*** If you do not receive your bill by the 5th of the month please contact the utility office 330-855-5985.**

***Please note utility payments may be dropped off at the bank's night deposit box.**

MARSHALLVILLE BICENTENNIAL

This is Marshallville's 200th birthday year. It is also a good reason to take a look at Marshallville's image as we will have many visitors over the year. You may not wish to volunteer to help civic groups help plan the celebration, but there is still a lot you can do. One thing that really would help Marshallville put its best foot forward is take a look at your property. Over the years some properties seem to collect a lot of "stuff" that isn't a positive for the Village. If your property is one that has a lot of "stuff" piled up the Bicentennial is a good reason to clean it up, store it properly, or just get rid of it.

Marshallville Utilities does not offer pool credits for pool water.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

I usually arrive at the office M-F between 8:30 and 9:00 AM , and I am usually there until early afternoon. The schedule is often interrupted with meetings, but if you call the town hall and leave a message I will return it the next business day or sooner.

MOSQUITOES

With the wet spring we have had there may be an increased mosquito population this summer. Yes, the Village sprays for mosquitoes and larvacides our catch basins to prevent larvae from maturing into adults. Spraying helps reduce the adult population, but it is not realistic to think it kills all of the mosquitoes. The control of mosquitoes begins with the property owner. The number one way to reduce the mosquito population is to eliminate their breeding grounds. Here are the best ways to reduce the mosquito population:

1. Clean clogged spouting. All you have to do is take a walk and look at the spouting on some houses. If you see plants growing in them, they are clogged and contributing to the mosquito population as you have provided a nice breeding ground.
2. Change bird bath water every other day.
3. Keep weeds and grass cut low.
4. GET RID OF OLD TIRES OR KEEP THEM INDOORS (this is also a violation of village ordinance).
5. Keep swimming pools in good repair.
6. Standing water anywhere should be eliminated.
7. Encourage natural insect eaters like birds and bats by providing habitats for them.

MARSHALLVILLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

Marshallville has a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Marshallville Community Improvement Corporation, which is designed to help improve the community in various ways. One thing the CIC can do is develop property. You may have noticed the old school property has been lotted off into seven nice size lots. The CIC is preparing to market these lots for housing. The lots are going to be priced at \$28,500, and the lots are restricted as to what can be built on them. Stay tuned for more information.

OTHER ITEMS

Please note if you are trying to report some type of incident that is a non-emergency, but would like an officer to respond please call the Wayne County dispatch at 330-264-3333. They can contact our officers and will inform them of the call. Many times we will find messages on our town hall answering machine that are urgent, but the **answering machine is not** in the police department, and therefore the messages can't be handled in a timely fashion. Please use dispatch to handle urgent, non-emergency needs. If you have an emergency please call **911**.

Do you have unlicensed, inoperable, or junk cars or car parts lying around on your property? Please be aware the village has an ordinance that prohibits these to be outside of a building. To avoid a citation keep all vehicles properly licensed, in operating condition, and all vehicle parts inside a building. Also, just because vehicle is in operable condition it will be in violation if it does not have current licensing.

Marshallville has an ordinance prohibiting the operation of ATV's on the streets and public property. This includes the Rail-to Trails owned property and farmers' fields. Use of these vehicles on these properties is considered trespassing unless written permission is first obtained. Please call dispatch @330-264-3333 to have an officer address any complaints.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Important dates:

July 8th, Solar Field Walking Tour, 9 AM: If you would like to take a walking tour of the new solar field meet at the bike trail gate beside the Country Pickers at 55 E. Market St. Please be aware the owners of the solar field require we strictly follow their rules to lead tours of the facility. **Proper dress is required: no shorts, no tank tops, and no open toe shoes.** Failure to follow these dress requirements will keep you from entering the fenced area of the solar field. This is a walking tour that will last approximately an hour and will travel about one mile.

August 25th & 26th, Historical Days, Parade at 11 AM on August 26th.

Thursday, October 26th, Trick-or-Treat, 6PM-7:30 PM: Why do we have trick-or-treat on the last Thursday of October? The answer goes back over 30 years. Wayne County Schools used to have a professional development day on the last Friday of October, so schools were closed. Students could enjoy an evening trick-or-treat and not have to go to school the

next day. Over the years the professional development day ceased to exist, but the trick-or-treat date has remained. We are lucky enough to live in a safe community where we can still offer an evening of trick-or-treating, and the date has remained constant.

December 9th, Christmas in the Village at the Historical Society. Santa Claus will drop by at 7 PM to see the good girls and boys.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS (submitted by the individual groups) *Contact the town hall if you would like to have an event in the newsletter

America Legion Post 718: The first Saturday of each month the Marshallville American Legion Post has a breakfast from 8 – 11 AM. \$6.00 for sausage gravy, eggs, hash browns, toast, coffee, and orange juice. The public is welcome. The Legion uses the money raised to continue to do good things in the community. Please support them.

RECYCLING NEWS

*****BEGINNING WITH THE JULY 8TH TRASH PICKUP WE WILL HAVE WEEKLY RECYCLING PICKUP. SET YOUR RECYCLING BINS OUT EVERY WEEK FROM THIS POINT FORWARD***** Council approved going to a weekly recycling pickup due to a number of comments and suggestions. Many residents requested larger recycling containers or a more frequent recycling pick up. The additional pickups increase our contract amount \$.97 per month. The July, August, and September billings are already out, so the October billing will have the additional charge for July-September on it.

Our recycling tonnage as of May 31, 2017, is 16.43 tons. Last year at this time we had 13 tons. We are doing a very nice job. Please remember to rinse out food containers before recycling and plastic grocery bags are not recyclable in the curbside program. They cause the sorting machines at the recycling facilities to get jammed. They are recyclable at most grocery stores.

WHERE TO DROP OFF YARD WASTE

Grass, Leaves, Branches, Stumps, Shrubs, Sod, Christmas Tress (no tinsel)
Unacceptable Materials: Lumber, Pallets, Railroad Ties, Wooden Furniture

There is no charge to drop off yard waste materials at the following community drop off locations. Contact **800-678-9839** for more information.

Paradise Lawn Care	6203 Akron Rd, Smithville	Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm (year-round)
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If you have other questions as to where to recycle different items go to this website:<http://www.timetorecycle.org/> to find where to take items such as motor oil, electronics, etc.

ZONING PERMITS

Want to build a shed? A fence? Add on to your house? You will need to contact our zoning inspector at 855-5985 to get a zoning permit. This permit is necessary to get a building permit or to properly install a shed or fence. Failure to do this will result in the Wayne County Building Department declining your request for a building permit, or you may be required to move or remove a structure. Be safe and call to see if your project requires a zoning permit.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you's go out to Marshallville American Legion Post 718 for providing flags and geraniums at the local cemeteries; the Marshallville Lions Club for creating and maintaining Memory Park and donating mulch to the town; Gary Romanchik for mowing Memory Park; Jenny Brooker for maintaining the flowers at Memory Park; Gary Simpson and Al and Shelly Fox for mowing at the town hall; Joe and Nancy Yoder, and John and Joanna Stevic for planting flowers at the town hall parking lot, the park, and the Historical Society; and the Smithville High School sophomore class for using their Community Service Day on May 12th to paint 29 of our 54 fire hydrants. Want to help? Just ask, there is always a lot to do in the Village and our budget is very thin.

SUMMER TIME CONCERNS

It's time to get outside and enjoy the nice weather. Please be cognizant of several items that may lead to problems. First, camp fires must be limited to clean burning wood and the fuel source may not be larger than 3'x3'x2'. Burning grass, leaves, trash, or any other refuse is not acceptable. Barking and unrestrained dogs are often nuisances. We have ordinances regarding both. Please be a responsible pet owner and keep them from nuisance barking and wandering off your property. Grass must be kept under 10", and junk vehicles and vehicle parts must be kept in a building.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Summer Recreation Program was to be reinstated this summer. Unfortunately, we have been informed due to a family health concern the director will not be available this summer. There will be no Summer Recreation Program this summer.

BARKING DOGS (AND CROWING ROOSTERS)

If you own a dog, a cat, or a crowing rooster please remember it is the owner's responsibility to keep the animal quiet and properly restrained. A barking dog may not bother you, but your neighbor may have a different opinion. **Also, there have been some dogs roaming the village.** Be sure your pet is properly restrained on your property and licensed. Dog complaints will be handled by the police department at 855-2491 or call dispatch at 264-3333. Please remember owning a pet takes time and responsibility, and if you do not have the time to put towards the animal maybe you should reconsider having one.

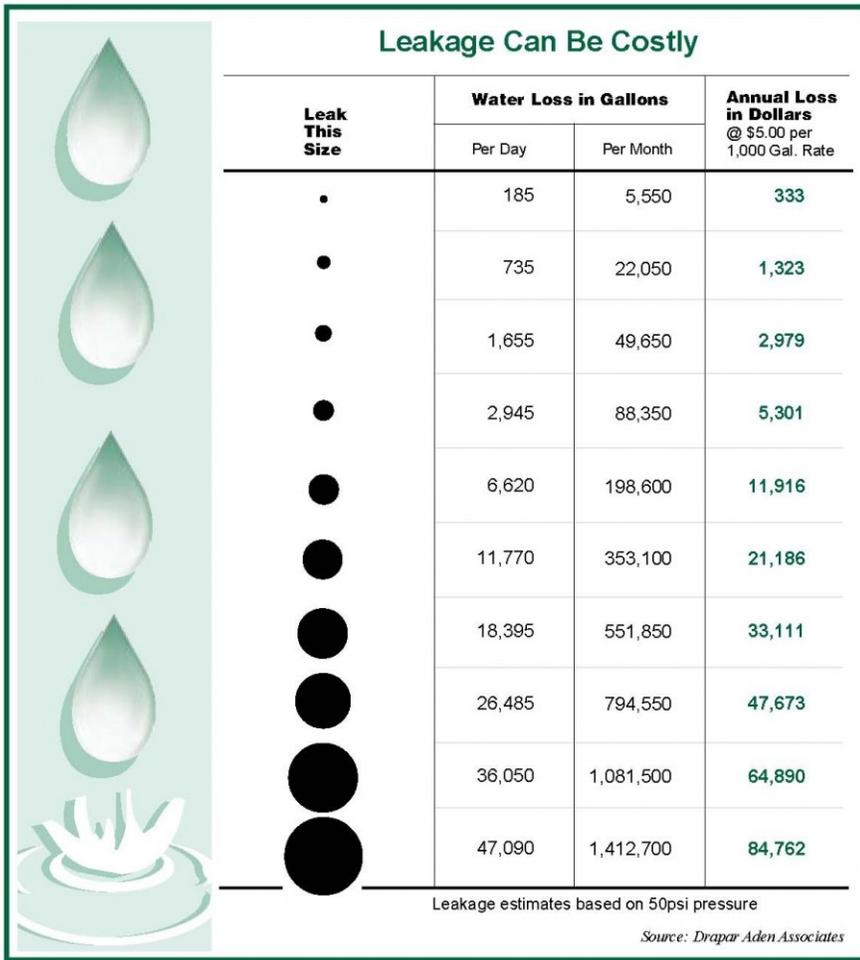
Did you know the average dog bite claim in the US costs \$37,214?

TIRES

Each year the Village spends a couple thousand dollars to spray and larvacide for mosquitoes. The spraying helps, but it is unrealistic to think it will eliminate mosquitoes entirely. The most effective way to eliminate the mosquito population is to remove the mosquito's breeding grounds. This year we will aggressively enforce the junk vehicle and car parts ordinance. There are several properties with old tires on them. These tires are the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes. One tire provides the perfect breeding ground for thousands of mosquitoes which defeats the work done by the Village to reduce the mosquito population. If you have old tires please remove them or place them inside a building.

VACANCIES

There are two open seats on the Board of Trustees of Public Affairs. The meetings are the Wednesday following the first Monday of each month at 6 PM. If you are interested you need to be 18 years of age, live within the corporation limits, and be a registered voter. Contact the town hall for information.



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