

VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL NEWSLETTER

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Good-Bye 2023~

As I complete my commitment as a council member and then mayor – I would like to identify a few things over my four (4) years, starting with 2020, where we all were faced with COVID – an unknown virus that affected a number of lives, not only by health, but lifestyles. We as a “community” worked diligently to bring a sense of normality to the Village, to build friendships, share fellowship, and share community events that strengthen our relationships. In 2021, COVID was still a challenge, but the Village stood-tall and made a number of improvements – adding the red and yellow flashing lights to our Civil War Monument, completing a number of street infrastructure projects, and hosting the 1st “Lights Up The Night” 4th of July Celebration with a variety of events, and an amazing fireworks display. In 2022 and 2023, our lives seemed to return to some regularity – seeing life through different colors, the Village continued to enhance safety, and infrastructure. We completed the extension to West Franklin, professionally cleaned our Civil War Monument, increased community events, added a number of new businesses, held movies at the library, hosted Food Trucks Thursday, and held the 2nd and 3rd “Lights Up The Night” Celebration to name a few.

Another year will soon be in the books. I encourage each community member to continue to support the Council, Board of Public Affairs, the Pleasant Hill/Newton Township Joint Fire & EMS, Newton Local School, and Newton Township. I wish each of you good health, wealth, and happiness in the upcoming year.

Regards, Judy – Mayor, Village of Pleasant Hill

Utility Billing Schedule for 2024

Village Utility Payment due date for 2024:

January 20th, March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th, November 20th

*If payment is not received by the Payment due date, ONE (1) Red TAG Notice will be issued, the amount noted on the bill should be paid by 8:00am on the 27th of the respective month or the water will be shut off.

Credit Cards Accepted for Payment(s)

The Village is accepting Credit Cards for payments for utilities, purchasing cemetery lots, etc.

****NOTE:** There is a 3.00% non-refundable service fee for each transaction.

****Account Number and Exact Amount of the Utility Bill is required.**

****SPECIAL NOTE:** Payments MUST be submitted by 10:00pm EST. for same day payment.

To access the form - click on the "PAYMENTS" menu item on the top right of the front page of the Village Website (pleasanthillohio.com).

Village Leaf Pick-Up

The Pleasant Hill Street Department has begun picking up leaves Monday thru Friday each week until the first Friday in December. Please place bagged leaves in the lawn side of the curb for pick-up. Do not rake your leaves or lawn waste into the curb gutter or the street; this is a violation of Ordinance 1074. All leaves must be bagged in regular trash bags no larger than 50-gallon size. **NO TRASH, PINE NEEDLES, STICKS, OR FLOWERS.**

If you have any questions, call 676-3241 and leave a message.

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Income Tax Increase

The Village Council has approved an increase to the Village Income Tax. Ordinance #1095. Purpose of Tax: To provide funds for the purposes of general municipal operations, maintenance, new equipment, extension and enlargement of municipal services and facilities and capitol improvements. The annual tax is levied at a rate of 1.00% (one percent). The tax is levied at a uniform rate on all persons residing in or earning or receiving income in the Village of Pleasant Hill. The Ordinance will become effective January 1, 2024. Forms are available on the Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) website (RITAOhio.Com) or by calling 1-800-860-0742.

Hometown Heroes Banner (HTH) – 2024 Applications due February 17th, 2024

The Village of Pleasant Hill/Newton Township would like to honor the men and women that have proudly served their country, past/present. The village is looking for individuals or groups to sponsor a Hometown Heroes (HTH) Banner. The banners will be displayed on the village streets from Memorial Day through Veteran’s Day for approximately three years then returned to the purchaser(s). More information can be obtained by visiting www.pleasanthillohio.com or calling Judy Barga (937) 620-3029.

**Veterans HTH banners from 2021, that are retired can be picked up at the Village Office, 200 Walnut Street, Pleasant Hill Ohio the week of November 27th, 2023. If you need assistance and/or require further direction on this matter, please feel free to contact the Village Office at 937-676-3321.

The Newton Food Pantry

The Newton Food Pantry will be open every Wednesday from 5:00-6:00pm. A variety of non-perishable and fresh food items will be available. The Newton Food Pantry is in the basement of the United Church of Christ, 10 West Monument St. Pleasant Hill. Please call Joe Bledsoe at 937-974-0337 for more information.

Pleasant Hill History Center Membership

The Pleasant Hill History Center has memberships. Purchase an annual membership for only \$10. Business partners can join for \$25. Forms are available at the Pleasant Hill History Center. Please contact Donna Favorite at 937-676-8431 with any questions. Continuing to preserve our rich history!

Rumpke Trash Holiday Schedule

Christmas Day: Monday, Dec. 25, 2023, and New Year's Day: Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

Services will be delayed one day during the rest of the week.

Rumpke Trash Guidelines - Got Questions call 1-800-223-3960

*Trash/recycling must be placed curbside the night before your scheduled collection. Drivers may not return to residences if materials are unprepared at the scheduled collection time. *Please contact Rumpke at least 24 hours before your regularly scheduled collection to request a large item pick-up for acceptable large items, and/or excessive amounts of trash. Television sets cannot exceed 32 inches for curbside pick-up. Any mattress or upholstered furniture must be completely sealed in disposable plastic for removal. Additional fees may apply.

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Upcoming Village Events

Craft Bazaar, Saturday November 4th

Village of Pleasant Hill Craft Bazaar will be Saturday, November 4th, 2023 - 10:00am – 4:00pm at the Newton Cafeteria and Jr. High Gym. To register for a booth – call or text: Alisha Wood (937-216-9214)

Village of Pleasant Hill Council Blood Drive - November 6th, 2023, 3:00pm-7:00pm

Community Blood Center (CBC) is now Solvita Blood Center, don't be confused by the name, same great people helping you out, to help out others! The event will take place at the Church of the Brethren, 300 East Monument Street. Sign up now before the Holidays start getting in the way, and to get blood stored up for the Holidays. Appointment preferred: www.donortime.com, enter sponsor code: 1737. Thanks!

2024 Village “Lights Up the Night” Planning Meeting, November 9th at 6:30pm

Open meeting for residents who are interested in helping with the June 29th, 2024 “Lights Up The Night” Celebration. The meeting will be on November 9th, 2023, at the Newton Fieldhouse Community Room at 6:30pm. Please bring your ideas – we want to make it even better in 2024.

Veterans Day Celebration, November 10th, 2023, at Newton High School

Attention Veterans. The Newton Student Council would like to invite you to come to their Veterans Day Celebration, honoring this day of American pride. They invite you and your family to our reception following the ceremony of recognition. Please call and RSVP to 937-676-2002. Please arrive between 9:15-9:30 am and enter through the high school doors.

Pleasant Hill Library – Decorate Turkey Cupcakes

Tuesday, November 16th, 3:30pm – 4:15pm. Grades 6-12, No registration required.

LifeWise Academy Breakfast with Santa, November 18th, 2023

LifeWise Academy will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 18th, 2023, from 9:00am-11:00am. Stop by enjoy breakfast and have your photo with Santa at the Chouse (115 N. Main Street)

3rd Annual Newton LifeWise Academy Tree Farm, Saturday, November 18th, 2023

LifeWise Newton will host its 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Farm Opening on Saturday, November 18th, 2023. Events will be: 9-11 Breakfast with Santa; 10-2 Permanent Jewelry with JS Links; 11-2 Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (weather permitting); 12-1:30 Wreath Making Workshop; 1:00 Board & Brush Workshop; 1:00 Ornament Making Workshop; and 2:00 Polar Plunge. Hot Chocolate & Cookie Stand! Events will take place behind 115 North Main Street. Pick out your favorite tree and wreath, and enjoy hot chocolate around the fire.

Tree Farm will be open daily until Christmas (while supplies last).

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"Christmas In the Village" November 26th, 2023

Everyone is invited to visit "Christmas in the Village" on Sunday November 26th, 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The event will take place in Monument Park and on West Monument Street.

Santa arrives at 5:00pm, Tree Lighting will be at 6:00pm.

Festive Food, Artisan Gifts, Sugar Cookie Contest, Library Movie, Hot Chocolate, Cookies and much more!

Remember to bring your favorite ornament for the Village Christmas Tree.

Bring the family for an evening of fun and entertainment!

Second Annual Mrs. Kinney's Sugar Cookie Contest, November 26th, 2023

Find out who makes the best sugar cookie in the Village! Make one dozen of your tastiest homemade sugar cookies and bring them to the "Christmas in the Village" on Sunday, November 26th.

Entries must be checked in at the judging booth in front of 8 West Monument Street by 4:00pm.

Three age groups are open to participate: 5 and under, 6 to 12, and 12 to adult.

Judging by the Kinney Family will take place at 6:15pm.

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for "Best Overall" and "Best Decorated" will receive cash prizes.

Contact Stephanie at 859-230-9750 to register!

"Letters to Santa" Mailbox at Monument Park

Now as you've been so good this year it's time to tell Santa about some of the presents that you would like to receive this Christmas. Remember Santa needs to have enough room in his sleigh for all the good children's presents so just mention 2 or 3 items that you really want. Remember to include your name at the beginning of the letter, Santa receives many letters each year and he needs to know it's from you. PS - Make sure to put your address on the envelope or letter too! Last Day to send a letter to Santa will be December 16th.

Pink Ribbon Good (PRG) Small Town Christmas Parade & Activities at the Exchange, December 1st, 2023

Pink Ribbon Good is excited to Kick-off their "Small Town Christmas" in the Village of Pleasant Hill, with their 1st ever Christmas Parade! Following the parade, Pink Ribbon Good will have a special Pink Tree Lighting at the Exchange along with a number of activities and food trucks.

The Parade will start at 6:00pm on Friday, December 1st, 2023. Line-up will begin at the Newton School parking lot, the parade will proceed left on Main Street, right on West Monument, to Pearson Street, ending at the Exchange on West High Street. If you are interested in having a float or vehicle in the parade, please email: csalazar@pinkribbongood.org or just show up before 6:00pm.

7th Annual Village Christmas Property Decorating Contest, Sunday December 17th

Register at PleasantHillOhio.com – November 27th through December 13th.

Village Residents will have the opportunity to vote for the best category using the following criteria:

Creativity, Light & Decorations, & Overall Appearance

*Voting ballots can be picked up at the Library Parking Lot December 18th

Judging will be from 6:00-7:30 pm,

Refreshments will be provided by the Village Council. Winners announced at 8:00 pm.!!