



# Pleasant Hill Echo

May-June 2025



## Community Events you do not want to miss!

### MAY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Large trash
- 5<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive
- 6<sup>th</sup> Election Day
- 8<sup>th</sup> Star Spangled banner auditions  
7pm, fieldhouse
- 10<sup>th</sup> Newton Alumni Banquet
- 14<sup>th</sup> Weather siren test

### JUNE

- 6<sup>th</sup>, Large trash 1-800-223-3960
- 11<sup>TH</sup> weather siren test, Village
- 28<sup>th</sup> Lights up the Night Festival

### WEEKLY EVENTS:

- Thursday; food trucks, when possible
- Wednesday, Food pantry, UCC Church, 5-6 pm, 10 W Monument, basement of church, no appt. needed
- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday large trash, regular refuse picks up every Friday (then put cans back)

**BIMONTHLY EVENTS:** Utility Billing  
Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, Mar 1<sup>st</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

### MONTHLY EVENTS:

#### Monday:

- Every Monday - History Center hours  
3 pm -7 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, BPA Meeting 5:30 pm

#### Tuesday:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Council Meeting 7 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Township Meeting 7 pm

#### Wednesday:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday, Tornado testing 10 am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, JFD Meeting 6:30 pm

#### Thursday:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, Event Committee Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Senior Table Talk 1pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, Planning Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, Village Workshop

#### Sunday:

Attend a church of your choice!

## Village Manager notes...

There are currently two vacant positions within the Village Council. The Council will be considering appointments at their next meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested in serving our community is encouraged to contact the Village office and/or attend the next Council meeting. Council meets twice a month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday as well as additional committee assignments. Any resident who is registered to vote is eligible to be appointed. If you have an interest in serving in this capacity, please consider this opportunity.

The Village will be completing some repairs on the library over the next few months. The windows will be deglazed, some minor repairs will be done and then repainted. New storm windows will be installed once this work is completed. The landscaping will get freshened up in the fall also.

Each year the Village is continuing to pave the remaining unpaved alleys. This Spring there are three sections that will be completed. The first section is the alley between High and North Streets from the Exchange to Main Street. The second is between North and Walnut from Church Street to Main Street. The third is off Court Street, just the section that is gravel.

**Please feel free to contact the Village office if you have any questions or concerns at 937-676-3241.**

Denis Aslinger, Village Manager  
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## It's almost time for the Annual Lights up the Nights celebration!!!

**The Pleasant Hill Events Committee is anxious to share this year's celebration as we speak! From the food trucks, to the kid favorite bouncy houses, to the adult favorite craft vendors, and let's not forget the all-around favorite... the fireworks to end the night, which this year we are proud to announce will be in loving memory of Virginia Kinney.**

**I personally can't be even more excited due to the fact that at this year's festival we kick off our 1 yearlong celebration of America 250.**

**Along with the celebration will be an amazing year of various events, and projects. A lot has happened in America over the last 250 years, and even more has happened in the Village since its incorporation in 1866. I know I'm learning a lot myself. From the history from the past to the history in the making, there is so much to celebrate! This year we as a committee are extremely excited for being one of 57 communities across this great state to receive a grant from the Ohio 250 committee. We're were able to achieve this with the tremendous help of the Village council and you, the Village.**

**Pleasant Hill will make its mark on the State of Ohio history by helping celebrate the great nations 250th Anniversary. And we can't wait to see you there to help us do so!!**

**Jerry Grise  
Pleasant Hill Events Committee  
President**

Some exciting news out of Columbus!! The Events Committee has been selected as a recipient of a \$5,000 grant from the state for the America 250 celebration!! We are beyond excited to receive this grant and this opportunity!! Below you can read the part for The Events Committee, and below that is the entire article from the Am-250 Organization.



Organization: Pleasant Hill Events Committee

Project Title: America 250: Pleasant Hill; Our story!

Location: Pleasant Hill, Ohio

Grant Award: \$5,000



The village of Pleasant Hill celebrates an annual 'Lights up the Night' festival. At the June 28th, 2025 festival, we will kick off our excitement, building throughout the year working toward the finale at the June 27th, 2026 Lights up the Night extraordinary celebration! We enjoy the idea of various celebrations, with our twist. Planting a Pawpaw tree grove with the ODNR celebrating our native state fruit, and its importance to history. Placing a colorful recreation wall mural in center of the Village. Present a play/drama of historical figures, as, 1st slave to vote Miami County (for Lincoln), as well as founder Nathan Hill's father served in the Revolutionary war and is buried beside him in our Village cemetery. Ellie Wampler dedicated her home to becoming a library and continuing the storytelling. Local educators and inventors of the Beery School of Horsemanship; Jesse Beery, Mike Sells; local potato chip company, and the inventor of Teflon; Roy Plunkett. And much more!

**Want to be a vendor, host a game booth,  
or a food booth? Send email to:  
[pleasanthilleventscommittee.com](mailto:pleasanthilleventscommittee.com)**

Please  
Be alert for street  
sweeper dates to move  
your vehicle to get the  
best job possible!

### Natural gas and electric Aggregate coming...when market settles

Pleasant Hill residents will be receiving notice in the mail proposing the rates for natural gas and electric through the Miami County aggregate purchasing agreement, as soon as the market settles steady. In the meantime, options are to stay with your contract, continue with what is offered, or get new contract with no termination fees or time limits.

Upon receiving the letter, you will be automatically be part of the purchasing power plan. You may at that time 'opt out' and search for your own contract as done in previous years. If you are currently in a contract at aggregate sign-up time, you may choose to cancel your contract (be aware there may be fees), or join in the aggregate after your contract is completed. Please direct any questions to, Bob Snavley who is our friendly representative, and is more than happy to answer all questions. [bsnavley@palmerenergy.com](mailto:bsnavley@palmerenergy.com)



# Ohio Trivia Quiz

Have some fun testing your Ohio trivia knowledge with these questions. See how many you can get right!  
(no peeking ahead to the answers on side 2!)

- Ohio has had three cities serve as the state capital since it's founding. Which city did not serve as Ohio's capital?  
A. Columbus  
B. Marietta  
C. Chillicothe  
D. Zanesville
- How many astronauts were born in Ohio? (Bonus point if you can name three Ohio astronauts)  
A. 40  
B. 17  
C. 25  
D. 10
- This delicious snack was invented in Dayton, Ohio.  
A. Animal crackers  
B. Goldfish crackers  
C. Cheez-Its  
D. Popcorn
- Professional baseball began in this Ohio city.  
A. Cincinnati  
B. Toledo  
C. Cleveland  
D. Youngstown
- Which restaurant was not founded in Ohio?  
A. Wendy's  
B. Buffalo Wild Wings  
C. Arby's  
D. McDonalds
- Which bird is the official state bird of Ohio?  
A. Sparrow  
B. Cardinal  
C. Blue Jay  
D. Duck
- The Ice Age Paleoindians would hunt large game like mammoths and mastodons to feed themselves and their families. How many pounds of meat could one mastodon provide?  
A. 1,000 lbs  
B. 2,500 lbs  
C. 5,000 lbs  
D. 8,000 lbs
- How many U.S. Presidents were born in Ohio? (Bonus point if you can name at least two!)  
A. 2  
B. 6  
C. 7  
D. 11
- True or False: Ohio's flag is the only non-rectangular U.S. state flag.  
A. True  
B. False
- This famous marksman and sharpshooter was born in Darke County, Ohio. Her impressive abilities led her to achieve international success!  
A. Annie Oakley  
B. Abigail Adams  
C. Maya Angelou  
D. Florence Nightingale
- What superhero character was created by Cleveland, Ohio residents Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster?  
A. Spiderman  
B. Batman  
C. Antman  
D. Superman
- What is the official state beverage of Ohio?  
A. Iced Tea  
B. Apple Cider  
C. Tomato Juice  
D. Ginger Ale

# Ohio Trivia Quiz Answers

- Answer: B – Marietta**  
Chillicothe was the first Ohio capital from 1810 – 1812, and then again from 1812 – 1816. Zanesville briefly served as the state capital from 1812 – 1814. The capital was permanently moved to Columbus in 1816.
- Answer: C – 25**  
Ohio is home to 25 astronauts, including John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, and Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon. Ohio is known as the birthplace of flight, and you can discover so much more about Ohio's accomplishments on the Ohio Air & Space Trail. <https://america250-ohio.org/trails-and-tales/>
- Answer: C – Cheez-Its**  
The Green & Green cracker company, located in the Edgemont neighborhood of the city of Dayton, revolutionized snack time with their invention of the Cheez-It in 1921. The original factory site has been approved for an Ohio Historical Marker, which will be unveiled within the next two years.
- Answer: A – Cincinnati**  
The Cincinnati Base Ball Club, also known as the Cincinnati Red Stockings, fielded the first known openly professional team and played its first game against an opposing team in 1869.
- Answer: D – McDonald's**  
Some of the country's most popular restaurants have been founded in Ohio. Known for being a test market for new food start-ups, the Buckeye State is also home to Max & Erma's, City Barbecue, Donatos Pizza, Jeni's, and Graeter's Ice Cream.
- Answer: B – The Cardinal**  
The cardinal is a small, non-migratory songbird that can be found year-round throughout Ohio. Male cardinals have bright red feathers and females are brown and grey with red-orange accents. They are known for their distinctive call.
- Answer: B – 2,500 pounds**  
Mastodons roamed and lived in Ohio 14,000-10,000 years ago, until the end of the last Ice Age.
- Answer: C – 7**  
Ohio is referred to as the "Mother of Presidents" with seven U.S. Presidents born in the state and an eighth, William Henry Harrison, eventually settling in Ohio (he was born in Virginia). Check out the Ohio Presidential Trail to learn more: <https://www.ohiohistory.org/visit/special-attractions/ohio-presidential-trail/>
- Answer: A – True**  
Ohio is the only state to have a flag in the shape of a burgee. The triangles formed by the main lines of the flag represent Ohio's hills and valleys, while the stripes represent Ohio's roads and waterways. The 17 stars indicate Ohio was the 17<sup>th</sup> state to be admitted to the United States.
- Answer: A – Annie Oakley**  
Annie Oakley was born Phoebe Ann Moses on Aug. 13, 1860 in Darke County, Ohio. As an apprentice, Annie was a skilled hunter, and her noted shooting ability eventually led to her performing in Buffalo Bill's Wild West show where she became a sharpshooting star.
- Answer: D – Superman**  
Did you know Superman started out as a villain? It was short-lived before creators Siegel and Shuster quickly turned the superhero into a good guy. Superman first appeared in Action Comics No. 1 in 1938. By the fourth issue, sales were off the charts!
- Answer: C – Tomato Juice**  
Tomato juice was established as the official state beverage by the Ohio General Assembly in 1965. At the time, Ohio was one of the leading producers of tomatoes in the United States, second only to California.

Questions and answers provided by the Ohio History Connection

## By providing your email/updated cell phone to the Village, you can:

- Be notified if your water usage at each reading is greatly increased, detecting leaks and water damage to your residence.
- Send your utility bill by email, getting them to you quicker, saving paperwork on your part, and costs to the Village!
- You can pay your utility bill on our website, and have the bill automatically deducted, for FREE, sign up for ACH!



Call the office if you have any questions, and submit your info to:  
[Utility.Clerk@pleasanthillohio.com](mailto:Utility.Clerk@pleasanthillohio.com)



**SPRING IS HERE, LET THE OUTDOOR TIME BEGIN!**

### Ordinances to remember:

~Grass under 7 inches, weeds removed from sidewalk and curb/gutter area,

~Peeling paint on structures to be freshly updated,

~Items removed from yard, building items (cement blocks/bricks, lumber, etc...),

~‘Junk’ cars and other vehicles removed from property,

~Only one boat or trailer per property, on street for 24 hours or less,

~Are your auto tags expired?

~Chickens and Golf carts, fences, decks, need permits,

~Porches for outdoor furniture; not for storage,

~Sidewalks cannot be blocked, by cars, toys, etc.,

~Don't throw grass on street when mowing.

**If you need help with projects, let office know, there may be places to apply for grant**

<https://www.pleasanthillohio.com/index.php>

Visit the Village website

<https://www.facebook.com/PleasantHillOH/>

Facebook page

### Village council meetings:

May 13 – meeting fieldhouse

May 29 – Thursday, Workshop, First Brethren Church 210 Church

Council meeting at different location, if close to you, stop in!

### Tree Commission Academy Graduation of Michael Waller!



Brenda Carroll; Mayor, Mike, Denis; Village Manager, Jeff; Street Superintendent



The Tree Commission Academy is an intense 50-hour training program developed and presented by the Ohio Division of Forestry. Each candidate has worked hard to complete 4 sets of classes.

Adding Mikes new knowledge to his amazing abilities he already has, and don't forget his boundless energy, the village will defiantly see his impact through our Village tree commission.