

# VILLAGE OF PLEASANT HILL NEWSLETTER

## **Village Office Posted Hours:**

Tuesday-Friday, 0830-1200, Message can be left at 937-676-3321

## **Upcoming Village Events**

### **Pleasant Hill History Center Opens Monday, March 4, 2019**

Pleasant Hill History Center Museum will re-open Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Hours are 3:00 – 7:00 pm

### **CANCELLED:**

### **Pleasant Hill History Center Presents “Picturesque Journey thru Miami County”**

with Doug Christian and Chuck Martin, Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

### **Village Garage Sale Date – Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

OK, you've gone through your house from the top to the bottom and even the dog kennel and you have inventory to sell. The Pleasant Hill Village Council has established the date for the 2020 Village Garage Sales for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Registration will be available on the website starting in April 2020.

### **Village Beautification Committee’s 3rd “Adopt a Barrel Day” - Saturday May 9th at 9:00**

at the Library Parking Lot

If you would like to nurture and care for a barrel located around the village, here is your chance. Flowers and soil will be provided. Each barrel will display a plaque with your name or in memory of someone. No need to register, just show up!

### **Community Connection Night #1 – Saturday, May 9th, 2020, 6-9pm**

At the Newton School Gymnasium

**Featuring** - Mike Hemmelgarn, Comedy Juggler & Ventriloquist. “Creative Comedy with a Unique & Unforgettable Blend of Variety.” More details forthcoming!

## **The Pleasant Hill Village Council 2019 Highlights**

For additional details visit the Council Minutes on the Pleasant Hill Website ([PleasantHillOhio.com](http://PleasantHillOhio.com))

**January-** Pleasant Hill Village Council started 2019 with acting Mayor, Mr. Lenny Wirz; President Pro Tempore Ms. Judy Barga, Council Members Trishanda Barhorst, Penny Fessler, Brian Liengang, Terri Studebaker & Alisha Wood. Council members discussed their interest in various committees such as finance, beautification, social, etc.

Mr. Liengang explained the Village employees' evaluation program. It would be a two-step process. Evaluate the Village Service Superintendent and Assistants on their performance, employees submit their goals to accomplish during the year. At the end of the year, the employees would be evaluated on how well they accomplished their Goals. The combination of these two evaluations then could be the basis for merit wage increases.

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**February** – Pastor Lynn Mercer, Pleasant Hill First Brethren Church, provided the invocation.

Village Service Superintendent updated Council on the new water meters being installed in the Village. The Mayor reported that the BPA has decided to suspend the current meter replacement program and go with a better meter that will be more reliable and have a 20-year accuracy warranty.

Ms. Studebaker, Council representative on the Joint fire Department (JFD) reported this year will be the 125th Anniversary of the Pleasant Hill Fire Department. The JFD is discussing ways to celebrate this anniversary by hosting the Southwestern Ohio Fire Convention in June.

The Beautification Committee selected Bill & Kelly Cornett, 118 West Monument St. for the Village Pride Winners.

**March** – Pastor Lynn Mercer, Pleasant Hill First Brethren Church, provided the invocation.

The mowing contract for the Village Cemetery was awarded to Accu-Green LLC. at \$560.00 per mowing. Dustin Trost, owner of Accu-Green LLC. entered into a three-year contract for the \$560.00 per mowing.

Mr. Marko, Fiscal Officer provided Council the 2019 Village Insurance Policy Coverage quote from Hylant Group for the 2019 Village Insurance Policy. The cost from March 2019 to March 2020 is \$8,642.00.

Mayor Wirz reported the Ohio Department of Transportation, based on the data provided by the Village and the Sheriff's Office, are willing to approve changing the speed limit to 40 miles per hour from Locust Street to the end of the Village on East Monument Street. However, the speed limit from Main Street to Locust Street would also be changed to 40 miles per hour. Council determined that increasing the speed limit from 35 miles per hour to 40 miles per hour for those three blocks would be a greater safety hazard than leaving the speed limit as currently posted on East Monument from Locust Street to the Village entrance. Mayor Wirz will inform ODoT.

Ms. Barga will be advertising the Hometown Heroes Banners, and ordering ten seasonal banners and five Armed Service Banners. Special Thanks to Jerry Warner, Pleasant Hill and Matt Klint, Troy for creating a Monument photo that will used for 'Welcome to Pleasant Hill' Banners.

The Beautification Committee selected John & Lolitta Schultz, 110 East Hill St. for the Village Pride Winners.

**April** – Acting Mayor, Ms. Barga discussed the proposed LED Sign for the Library Parking Lot. She informed the council that the Main and Monument Street intersection is the 67<sup>th</sup> most dangerous intersection in a 20 county area around the Miami Valley. Council decided that a picture of a mock sign would be placed in the newsletter going out with the utility bills and asked residents to call Mayor Wirz or Council member Mrs. Wood and let them know if they are for or against the LED Sign. The majority of calls received were opposed to purchasing and placing a sign at that location.

Resolution 2019-02. This resolution adopted a "Mission Statement" for the Pleasant Hill Council. The mission statement is: "It is the Mission of the Pleasant Hill Council to Promote Pride in our Village, Provide Responsive Government and Efficient Stewardship, Cultivate a Stronger Community, Create a Sense of Well Being, and Preserve the Quality of Life in our Home Town."

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The Beautification Committee selected Ryan & Becky Christman, 108 South Main St. for the Village Pride Award.

**May** – Deputy Adams, Miami Cty Sheriff's Office reported they have stepped up enforcement in School Zone.

Ms. Barga reported that she has ordered 46 new "Home Town Heroes" banners, along with six Armed Forces banners for the Monument and Main Street intersection.

Mrs. Fessler received positive feedback from residents on what Council is doing to make Pleasant Hill look better.

Mrs. Wood reported that flowers for the "Adopt a Barrel Day" being held on May 18<sup>th</sup> have been ordered from the Covered Wagon. The beautification committee discussed purchasing new flower boxes for the monument. The Beautification Committee sponsored the 2nd Village "Adopt a Planter" program.

Community Connection Night #1 was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Mike Hemmelgarn, Comedy Juggler & Ventriloquist "Creative Comedy with an Unforgettable Blend of Variety."

The Beautification Committee selected Ms. Anita Clutter, 410 West Franklin St. for the Village Pride Award.

**June** – Mrs. Fessler reported that the Beautification Committee hosted a "Village of Pleasant Hill Yard Walk" on June 15, 2019. Unfortunately, the event was cancelled due to rain.

Residents on East High St. express their concerns about the standing water on their property. Mayor Wirz explained that he had an engineer survey the property and the drainage problem could not be resolved until No Name Street is reconstructed and a Storm Sewer is installed. Plan to accomplish that project in the next few years.

Village Service Superintendent provided Council a report on the recently posted speed sign on East High Street. The sign recorded 454 incoming cars with the average of 18.9 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded was 56 miles per hour. There were 760 outgoing cars and they averaged 19.6 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded for the outgoing vehicles was 36 miles per hour. The speed limit is 25 miles per hour.

Council moved to approve a \$.75 hourly wage increase to two Village employees, the increase is to be retroactive to their 1 -year anniversary date.

Mr. Stallman, Miami Valley Lightning attended to discuss the five-year renewal of our street light contract. He provided a briefing on the new contract and laid out options for of replacing the current mercury vapor fixture lamps with LED lights. The cost for replacing the lamps would \$3,645. The savings for the next four years would be \$3,014. Future contracts will also have cost savings for the street lights that have LED bulbs. Therefore, the Village will end up paying for the switching to LED on future contracts and show net savings.

Community Connection Night #2 was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, around 100 people attended. Featuring an outdoor art gallery and music provided by "Steel Expressions."

The Beautification Committee selected Dick & Carolyn Guittar, 2 Pearson Street for the Village Pride Award.

**July** – Beautification Committee sponsored the 2nd Village Door Decorating Contest July 21, 2019.

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Community Connection Night #3 was held on July 20th, featuring Rum River Band.

**August** – The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Village Barbecue Council meeting was held at the library parking lot. Mayor Wirz introduced Warren Davidson, Congressman U.S. Representative of the 8<sup>th</sup> District and Ohio State Representative Ms. Jena Powell. Ms. Powell accepted a Mayoral Proclamation for Ms. Virginia Kinney, who has been working for 10 years on trying to get the Ohio Legislature to make the "Sugar Cookie" the Official Dessert of Ohio. Along with the social, the Pleasant Hill Library hosted a Movie Night.

**September**- This month's meeting was held at the Pleasant Hill/Newton Township History Center.

Mr. Fessler was in attendance to report to Council that the Joint Fire District intends to file a petition to have the 5.311 Acres at the south edge of town be annexed to the Village. The Joint Fire District is planning to build a new fire station on this property.

Mayor Wirz reported that Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) was in town to talk to individuals that have not filed their Pleasant Hill City Income Tax Returns. Approximately one-third of the folks that received a subpoena showed up to meet with RITA agents. It is now up to Pleasant Hill to pursue these non-filers in the court system.

Mayor Wirz reported that the Emergency Siren was replaced at a cost to the Village of \$21,030.

The Beautification Committee selected Rhonda King and Joan Koble, 210 S. Church St. for the Village Pride Award.

**October** – Village of Pleasant Hill hosted Trick or Treat Night. Council provided pumpkins for the Oakes-Beitman children program and candy for the JFD's Halloween Contest.

Mrs. Wood expressed to Village Employees that action on purchasing identification badges or clothing that identifies our employees to the residents of the Village needs to be completed.

The Beautification Committee sponsored a Fall/Halloween Property Decorating Contest which was a success. They had twelve properties participating, with residents casting votes for their favorite decorated homes.

**November** – Planning for the 2020 Annual Village Garage Sale was discussed. Council decided to have the Village Garage Sale Day on April 25, 2020.

**December** – Mayor Wirz stated that Terri Studebaker and Andrew Marchal will serve on the Ordinance Review Board. The Mayor and the Board will meet and go over all of the Village's Ordinances and determine if Council needs to update and/or rescind any Ordinance.

Welcome Mrs. Alisa Weber to fill the Utility Billing/Assistant Fiscal Officer Position.

The Beautification Committee sponsored a Christmas Property Decorating Contest which was a success. We had 15 registered and 135 residents' casting votes for their favorite decorated home. First, Second, Third and Four Honorable Mention Winners were presented a prize.