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FIRE STATION

THE MAY BALLOT WILL HAVE AN ISSUE FOR VILLAGE VOTERS TO CONSIDER THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION ON SIX ACRES OF LAND SURROUNDING DOCTOR THOMAS' DENTIST OFFICE NEAR ROUTE 224. THE 2.2 MILL LEVY WILL RAISE APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRE STATION. THE BALLOT LANGUAGE SPEAKS TO THIS BEING A COMMUNITY SERVICE BUILDING FOR THE TOWNSHIP AS WELL AS A FIRE STATION. THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING ROOM AND AN AREA FOR A TOWNSHIP VEHICLE. HOWEVER, THE FACILITY IS 90% FIRE STATION. THE BROADER LANGUAGE MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO RAISE THE 2.2 MILLS NECESSARY TO CONSTRUCT THE BUILDING. VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS WILL SEE AN ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$77.00 PER YOUR \$100,000.00 OF HOME TAX VALUE.

WE ARE EXTREMELY FORTUNATE THAT THE FACILITY WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN THE VILLAGE, GUARANTEEING US THE CONTINUED GREAT SERVICE WE ARE RECEIVING.

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**PROPOSED BOND ISSUE
WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP**

A MAJORITY AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IS NECESSARY FOR PASSAGE.

SHALL BONDS BE ISSUED BY WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING FOR FIRE PROTECTION, ROAD MAINTENANCE, AND HEALTH AND SAFETY, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE SAME, IMPROVING THE SITE THEREOF, AND ACQUIRING LAND AND INTERESTS IN LAND AS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION THEREWITH IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000), TO BE REPAID ANNUALLY OVER A MAXIMUM PERIOD OF THIRTY (30) YEARS, AND AN ANNUAL LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES BE MADE OUTSIDE OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION, ESTIMATED BY THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO AVERAGE OVER THE REPAYMENT PERIOD OF THE BOND ISSUE TWO AND TWO-TENTHS (2.2) MILLS FOR EACH ONE DOLLAR OF TAX VALUATION, WHICH AMOUNTS TO TWENTY-TWO CENTS (\$0.22) FOR EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF TAX VALUATION, COMMENCING IN 2017, FIRST DUE IN CALENDAR YEAR 2018, TO PAY THE ANNUAL DEBT CHARGES ON THE BONDS, AND TO PAY DEBT CHARGES ON ANY NOTES ISSUED IN ANTICIPATION OF THOSE BONDS?

TWO MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THE PROJECT AND TO ANSWER RESIDENT QUESTIONS.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH 7:00 P.M. At the TOWNSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND 7:00 P.M. At the VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND TO LEARN WHAT IS PLANNED BY THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT BILL THOMBS, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE AT 330-416-4127.

AN OFFICIAL SITE PLAN FOR THE FIRE STATION HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED OR APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THIS TIME. TO VIEW A PROPOSED PLAN, PLEASE CONTACT CHIEF FLETCHER (330-887-5541) AT THE FIRE STATION, 8975 N. LEROY ROAD OR CONTACT EITHER WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP, 6699 BUFFHAM ROAD (330-887-5562) OR WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, BILL THOMBS (330-416-4127).

WESTFIELD ROAD MEDIAN CLOSURE



THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS PLANNING TO CLOSE WESTFIELD ROAD AT ROUTE 224, PERMITTING THRU TRAFFIC ONLY VIA U-TURNS OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "MICHIGAN" TURN-A-ROUNDS. THIS PROJECT WILL EFFECTIVELY CLOSE NORTH-SOUTH TRAFFIC ON WESTFIELD ROAD AT ROUTE 224. VILLAGE COUNCIL HAS EXPRESSED THEIR OBJECTION TO THIS CLOSURE. THE RESULT WILL SURELY BE INCREASED TRAFFIC AT LeROY ROAD. THERE IS A MEETING SCHEDULED AT WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL ON MARCH 14, 2017 FROM 5:00 P.M. -7:00 P.M. THIS WILL BE A TIME THAT RESIDENTS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROJECT SHOULD GO AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. TRAFFIC FLOW IN AND OUT OF TOWN WILL CHANGE DRASTICALLY IF THE CLOSURE BECOMES REALITY. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO TALK TO ODOT.

OAKWOOD DRIVE & HICKORY DRIVE

THE VILLAGE CURRENTLY OWNS IRONWOOD DRIVE AT THE WESTFIELD ON THE GREEN CONDOMINIUMS. IRONWOOD DRIVE WAS DEDICATED TO THE VILLAGE SHORTLY AFTER THE AREA WAS ANNEXED TO THE VILLAGE IN 1996. TOTAL DISTANCE OF IRONWOOD DRIVE IS THREE (3) TENTHS OF A MILE.

THE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION HAS APPROACHED THE VILLAGE ABOUT ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF OAKWOOD DRIVE AND HICKORY DRIVE AT THE WESTFIELD ON THE GREEN CONDOMINIUMS. IF THE DEDICATIONS OF THE TWO ROADS ARE ACCEPTED THIS WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL THREE (3) TENTHS OF A MILE OF VILLAGE ROAD.

THE VILLAGE CONTRACTED WITH ITS ENGINEERS FOR A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ACCEPTING OAKWOOD DRIVE AND HICKORY DRIVE FOR DEDICATION TO THE VILLAGE. THE STUDY DETERMINED THAT MOST OF BOTH ROADS ARE OF ACCEPTABLE WIDTH BUT NOT ALL OF EACH. THE ENGINEERS ALSO RATED THE CONDITION OF OAKWOOD DRIVE AND HICKORY DRIVE AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION. A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED AT THE FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING TO FORM A COMMISSION OF FIVE (5) PERSONS TO CONSIDER THE DEDICATION OF OAKWOOD DRIVE AND HICKORY DRIVE.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED:

1. THE CONDO ASSOCIATION WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THE VILLAGE UP FRONT FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE DEDICATION AND POTENTIAL REPLACEMENT OF ROAD SECTIONS THAT APPEAR TO BE SUSPECT. ESTIMATES ARE THAT THE COST TO THE CONDO ASSOCIATION COULD BE IN THE \$75,000 AREA.
2. SNOW REMOVAL AND TURN AROUND AREAS WILL BE ADDED.
3. THE VILLAGE WILL NOT ACCEPT THE LIGHTING OR STORM WATER SYSTEM. THE VILLAGE WILL CONSIDER TAKING THE ROAD ONLY AND EASEMENTS TO ALLOW WORKING ON THE ROADS.

THE DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE PROJECT WAS NOT TAKEN LIGHTLY. COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT THE DEDICATION OF THESE TWO ROADS WILL BE IN THE LONG TERM INTEREST OF KEEPING THE VILLAGE AT THE HIGH LEVEL WE ALL EXPECT. A PARALLEL PROJECT WAS HILLCREST DRIVE. IT WAS IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND IN DEPLORABLE CONDITION. THE VILLAGE TOOK OWNERSHIP AND PUT IN A NEW ROAD. OAKWOOD DRIVE AND HICKORY DRIVE DO NOT PRESENT THE IMMEDIATE COSTS HILLCREST DID BUT THE VILLAGE IS GUARDING AGAINST THAT BY UP FRONT MONEY TO DEAL WITH ANY ISSUES THAT MAY COME UP IN THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN (5-10) YEARS.

THE COMMISSION WILL REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AFTER ALL ASPECTS ARE CONSIDERED. THIS COMMISSION INCLUDES PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS, A SECOND COUNCIL PERSON, THE VILLAGE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE PRESI-

**THE ENTIRE ENGINEER'S STUDY IS AVAILABLE AT VILLAGE HALL DURING OFFICE HOURS.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP IN AND PICK UP A COPY.
THE ENGINEER'S STUDY CAN ALSO BE VIEWED ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE.
(WWW.VILLAGEOFWESTFIELDCENTER.COM/MAYOR)**

VILLAGE PARK PLANNING

COUNCIL HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE VILLAGE ENGINEER TO PLAN WHAT WILL BE DONE AT THE PARK IN THE FUTURE. THIS PLAN IS NOT SET TO BE INSTANTLY CARRIED OUT. IT IS SO THAT ADDITIONS CAN BE MADE IN AN ORDERLY WAY AS THEY CAN BE AFFORDED. FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE PARK PLANNING SURVEY AND A PROPOSED MAP FOR PARK DEVELOPMENT. IT IS NOT YET FINAL SO BE SURE TO FORWARD ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO COUNCIL PERSON, PAT EDINGTON (330-887-5531).



NEARLY 350 INDIVIDUALS AND/OR FAMILIES RESPONDED TO THE NORTH ROAD PARK PLANNING SURVEY INCLUDED WITH THE NOVEMBER SEWER BILL AND FOUND ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE. THIS NUMBER, ACCORDING TO THE VILLAGE'S ENGINEERING FIRM, OHM, WAS AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE. THE SURVEY AND THE OPEN HOUSE HELD IN EARLY DECEMBER GAVE DIRECTION TO THE WESTFIELD CENTER VILLAGE COUNCIL AS TO WHAT VILLAGERS WOULD ENJOY IN OUR NORTH ROAD PARK.

THE TOP TEN INCLUDE:

1. MORE RESTROOMS AND TO BE OPEN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS.
2. ADDITION TO THE WALKING PATHS.
3. BENCHES, TABLES, PICNIC AREA, DRINKING FOUNTAINS.
4. DOG PARK.
5. CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.
6. BIKING PATH.
7. RENTABLE PAVILION.
8. GARDENS AND FLOWERS
9. EXERCISE CIRCUIT.
10. BASKETBALL COURTS.

PLEASE SEE THE ENCLOSED PROPOSED PARK PLAN TO VIEW THE POTENTIAL LAY-OUT AS DESIGNED BY THE VILLAGE ENGINEERS. (THIS PLAN IS IN DRAFT FORM AND HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED TO DATE.) ADDITIONAL COMMENTS CAN BE MADE TO COUNCIL PERSONS, PAT EDINGTON AT 330-887-5531 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO (PREEDINGTON@FRONTIER.COM) AND/OR KEVIN SLIFE 330-887-5390 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO (KSLIFE@VILLAGEOFWESTFIELDCENTER.COM).

FREE LITTLE LIBRARY

MATT CHIDSEY'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT HAS RESULTED IN A SMALL LIBRARY BEING ESTABLISHED AT THE LEROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.



THE LIBRARY IS LOCATED NEAR THE LEROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OFFICE DOOR AND IS INTENDED TO SERVE THE ENTIRE VILLAGE. NO COST, NO LATE FEES, NO CHECKOUT... SIMPLY TAKE OR DROP OFF A BOOK OR TWO. THE BOOKS ARE FOR ALL AGE GROUPS. PLEASE RETURN ANY BOOKS YOU TAKE WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED WITH THEM. THE LEROY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WILL MAINTAIN THE LIBRARY.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES—2017

VILLAGE COUNCIL MET JANUARY 17TH TO DISCUSS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES NEEDED IN 2017. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF WHAT IS APPROVED/PLANNED FOR 2017:

POST OFFICE FLOORING	\$ 2,000
STORM DRAIN STUDY	\$ 3,000
VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT PATCHING	\$ 2,000
WALKING TRAIL REPAIRS	\$ 5,000
CAMERA'S AT BALL FIELDS	\$ 10,000
PRACTICE FIELD DIRT	\$ 15,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 40,000
REPLACE 550 DUMP TRUCK	\$100,000
ADDITIONAL STREET REPAIRS	\$100,000
PARK ENGINEERING	\$ 25,000
TOTAL	\$302,000

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHRED DAY

THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER 5TH ANNUAL SHRED DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR **APRIL 15, 2017**. RESIDENTS MAY BRING UP TO FIVE (5) BOXES/BAGS OF PAPER TO BE SHREDDED. THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE VILLAGE HALL FROM **9:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M.** (DETAILED POST CARDS WILL BE MAILED THE FIRST OF MARCH.)

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IS SCHEDULED FOR **MAY 29, 2017**. THE PARADE IS PLANNED TO START AT THE PARK ON NORTH LEROY ROAD AT 11:00 A.M. AND END AT THE FLAG POLE IN THE CEMETERY ON GREENWICH ROAD. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING PLEASE CONTACT NANCY POWELL AT 330-590-0313 OR BY EMAIL



CAR SHOW:



18TH ANNUAL LABOR DAY CAR SHOW ON **SEPTEMBER 4, 2017** 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. (MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE AT A LATER DATE.)

MEETING SCHEDULES/COMMUNITY EVENTS:

THE VILLAGE WEBSITE IS UPDATED DAILY TO INCLUDE ANY SCHEDULED MEETINGS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS.

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS:

THERE ARE EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS ON THE WEBSITE.

ZONING:

WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL CALLS REGARDING ZONING QUESTIONS. THE ZONING RULES ARE INCLUDED IN THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER CODIFIED ORDINANCES. THE VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER CODIFIED ORDINANCES CAN BE FOUND UNDER THE FOLLOWING TABS (LOCATED AT THE TOP OF THE WEB PAGE): **RESIDENTIAL, PLANNING & ZONING, LINKS/RESOURCES** (ZONING PERMIT FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE.)

VACATION WATCH FORMS:

SELECT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TAB AT THE TOP OF THE PAGE. CLICK ON "RESIDENTIAL VACATION WATCH REQUEST FORM". THE FORM CAN BE COMPLETED AND FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE WEBSITE.

REMINDERS

SEWER BILLING:

SEWER BILLING IS COMPUTED ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS. SEWER BILLS ARE MAILED AROUND THE 10TH OF JANUARY, MARCH, MAY, JULY, SEPTEMBER, AND NOVEMBER. THE BILLS ARE DUE THE FOLLOWING MONTH AROUND THE 15TH OF FEBRUARY, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST, OCTOBER, AND DECEMBER.

DRIVEWAY SNOW REMOVAL:



PLEASE DO NOT PUSH SNOW FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY ONTO VILLAGE ROADS. THIS HAS BEEN OCCURRING AND CREATES A DANGEROUS SITUATION AND IS A VIOLATION OF THE VILLAGE ORDINANCE.

INCOME TAX: DUE APRIL 18, 2017

VILLAGE DROP BOX: THE VILLAGE HAS A DROP BOX OUTSIDE THE BUILDING LOCATED TO THE LEFT OF THE FRONT ENTRANCE. ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THERE HAS BEEN MAIL INTENDED FOR THE POST OFFICE LEFT IN THE BOX. THIS DROP BOX IS FOR VILLAGE CORRESPONDENCE ONLY. (EXAMPLES: SEWER PAYMENTS, INCOME TAX FORMS/PAYMENTS, PERMIT FORMS)

COUNCIL MEMBERS CONTACT LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
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DARRYL CHIDSEY	330-634-6040
TERRY BITTNER	330-887-5091
PATRICIA EDINGTON	330-887-5531
NANCY POWELL	330-590-0313
GREG OAKES	330-887-5187
KEVIN SLIFE	330-887-5390

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTACT LIST

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
RICK ROBBS	330-802-3303
GARY EWERS	330-887-5532
KEN POWELL	330-590-7423

VILLAGE OF WESTFIELD CENTER POLICE CHIEF

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.
FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M.