

MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER

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YOU'RE INVITED... FOOD TRUCK MONDAYS!

Westfield Insurance will be hosting Food Truck Mondays this year in response to campus renovations and would like to extend the invitation for the community to partake. Food trucks will be visiting on the circle each Monday beginning May 7th and running through September, during the lunchtime hours of 11:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Lunch will be available to purchase via cash or credit card and trucks will feature a variety of options from tacos, grilled sandwiches, pizza and more! Picnic tables and trash receptacles will be added to the circle green space for all to use. We look forward to seeing you there!

VARMINT CONTROL

Village Council has put into place a program to control raccoons, woodchucks and skunks. Below is a list of procedures:

- 1) Beginning in April 2018, E. J. Buzon, the Village Varmint Control Officer, will begin trapping on private property at a property owner's request.
- 2) Any property owner who desires that the Village trap on their property must complete a Trapping Request Permission Form. The forms will be available in the Village office or on the Village website.
- 3) The Village Varmint Control Officer will only trap raccoons, woodchucks and skunks. Any domestic animals, as well as feral cats and/or opossum that may get caught in a trap will be released.
- 4) Demand may exceed the ability for a quick response. Trapping will occur in the order that requests are received. There will be a limited number of traps set on any given day.
- 5) Mr. Buzon will set the traps late in the day and the traps will be retrieved the following morning.
- 6) The Village will maintain only their traps. Any resident setting a trap on their own will have to deal with anything caught in the trap.
- 7) All varmints will be euthanized per state laws and regulations.
- 8) The Varmint Control Officer **will not** answer requests regarding stray dogs, feral cats or issues with any other animals. Only raccoons, woodchucks and skunks will be dealt with as part of the Village trapping program.

Village Council is hopeful that this process will cut down on the larger number of varmints in the Village, raccoons in particular. This is a new venture for the Village and one that we hope will improve the general quality of residential life.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Village Council made plans for several capital expenditures in 2018. Some will be completed in 2019 but engineered in 2018. The amounts listed on the right are estimates. The Village hall parking lot total includes a complete reshaping of the lot to better accommodate traffic.

<u>2018 PROJECT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
1. REPLACE INTERNATIONAL TRUCK	\$ 170,000.00
2. STREET AND CATCH BASIN REPAIRS	\$ 132,000.00
3. VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT AND FOUNTAIN	\$ 450,000.00
4. VILLAGE HALL EXTERIOR RENOVATIONS	\$ 50,000.00
5. CEMETERY STAGING AREA	\$ 50,000.00
6. GREENWICH ROAD PAVING	\$ 100,000.00
7. COUNCIL CHAMBERS SOUND SYSTEM	\$ 5,000.00
8. POST OFFICE FLOORING	\$ 7,000.00
9. TREE PLANTING ~ PARK	\$ 15,000.00
10. MAINTENANCE: ROADS, SIDEWALKS, TREES, CEMETERY AND MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 100,000.00
11. ENGINEERING FOR 2019 PROJECTS (SOUTH LEROY ROAD PAVING AND SIDEWALKS; NATURE WORKS GRANT; N. LEROY WALKING TRAIL EXTENSION)	\$ 50,000.00
TOTAL	\$1,129,000.00

TRASH COLLECTION

The Village is now into the third month using C. Martin Trucking with everyone using a standard 65 gallon or 95 gallon receptacle. It has not been without some problems. C. Martin Trucking has worked with the Mayor in each situation as they want to make this systems as good as possible for residents. If you have a problem, contact the Village Hall. You will be asked to complete a complaint form and the Village will consider your concern.

2018 SEWER RATES

Village Council approved 2018 sewer rates at the January meeting. The sewer rates remained at \$8.66 per thousand gallons. The sewer debt payment for residents was reduced from \$4.91 per thousand gallons to \$2.45 per thousand gallons. This is the result of the sewer debt payment for 2018 being the last payment therefore the charge was decreased to one-half (1/2) of what it was in previous years. Your sewer payment per thousand gallons has thus in total been lowered from \$13.57 to \$11.11 for 2018.

GREENWICH ROAD REPAVING

This summer the county will be repaving Greenwich Road. We do not know the start and/or finish dates but we know it will be this year. There is certain to be inconvenience with the project but the need to do so is overdue. This is an incredible bargain for the Village. For about \$100,000.00 the Village will get paving work done that would cost near one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). The County Engineer and the County Commissioners do the Village well by including Westfield Center in this paving project.

SAVE THE DATE

Bill Bittner will be inducted into the Medina Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame on June 8, 2018. Bill receives this coveted honor in recognition of his years of service to both Westfield Center and Medina County. Bill was President of Westfield Center Village Council for 44 years, retiring in 2005. Council Chambers bears the name Bittner Hall in his honor. Bill is one of those rare individuals who has always known what it takes to make a difference. The Mayor and Village Council encourage residents to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize and thank Bill Bittner for his dedication to public service. Chamber of Commerce details as follows:

“The Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present its 11th Hall of Fame event. The Hall of Fame recognizes individuals that have provided outstanding service to the Chamber and have contributed to the growth and progress of the business community and the socioeconomic base of the Medina area. The 2018 class consists of six (6) individuals and one (1) organization that have demonstrated above and beyond dedication to the growth and well-being of our community.”

“Friends, family and general public are invited to celebrate with the inductees on June 8, 2018 at Weymouth Country Club. Additional information and tickets are available at www.medinachamber.com.”



- Save the Date -

The Eleventh Hall of Fame Awards Dinner

SATURDAY JUNE 8, 2018

Weymouth Country Club Grand Ballroom • 3946 Weymouth Road | Medina, Ohio

**Join Us In Honoring These
2018 Hall of Fame Inductees**

Bill Bittner | Tad Coleman | Barbara Dzur
Gary Hallman | George Paidas | Lloyd Vaughn
Medina Friends of the Cemetery

Hors D'oeuvres 6:00p.m. - Dinner 6:45p.m.
Program and Awards to Follow Dinner • \$60.00 Per Person • Cash Bar
www.medinachamber.com

shred Day

Help Fight Identify Theft! The Village of Westfield Center is holding a community document shred event at the Municipal Building on **Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for Village Residents Only**. Bring your confidential/sensitive documents to be shredded on site, free of charge. Residents may bring up to **five (5) boxes/bags** of paper to be shredded. (Boxes will be returned.) Examples: Bank Statements, Canceled Checks, Paycheck Stubs, Outdated Tax Returns, Credit Card Statements, Outdated Bills, Medical Information, Letters, Envelopes, Ledgers, Junk Mail Note: It is not necessary to remove paper clips from the documents, however, **please remove binders and/or binder clips. Cardboard is not accepted**. If you have any questions, please call the Village Hall at 330-887-5151. Post cards were mailed to residents last month.



FIRE STATION

Westfield Center Residents will see a ballot issue that concerns everyone. It is for construction of a Fire Station in the Village near Route 224, west of the water towers. This issue is 1.9 mills of taxation on taxable home value for twenty (20) years. It will raise 3.3 million dollars to construct a 12,000 square foot station. It is important that all Village residents vote to express their opinion on this bond issue. If approved, the new fire station will replace the one just off the circle here in town. To better understand the financial impact for you, please call or visit www.medinacountyauditor.org and search your property. Next, look at the taxable value. This value is 35% of the value the auditor has for your home, not the price your home can be sold for. For example, the taxable value of a home that the Auditor values at \$179,140.00 would be \$62,700.00, now take this number and multiply it by 0.0019. $\$62,700.00 \times 0.0019 = \119.313 cost per year (or \$9.93 per month).

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