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Council, Board of Public Affairs, Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Committee meetings are posted on the Village website calendar.

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**MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER
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TOM HORWEDEL, MAYOR**



2018 LABOR DAY CAR SHOW

This year's car show featured three hundred thirty-one (331) registered classic cars. It was a brutally hot day but that did not keep participants away. We thank the Boy Scouts for assisting with several aspects of the event. The LeRoy United Methodist Church, Historical Society, and the Fire Department prepared and served food and drinks again this year. Following tradition of years past, there was also a large yard sale. Thanks to all who made the day a success!

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

GREENWICH ROAD REPAIRS

We have all just lived through the inconvenience of a major road upgrade. This work was done through the County, which offered to do the repair work for us when they were paving Greenwich Road from Seville to Lodi. Our portion would have amounted to near one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), but by hooking on with the County our cost was eighty-seven thousand two hundred-fifty dollars (\$87,250.00). Just an incredible deal for the Village as part of the County project.

ROAD AND CATCH BASIN REPAIRS

The Village has repaired several bad road sections and catch basins for the second straight summer. We realize some of you may have been inconvenienced but these repairs were necessary. The total cost of the project was one hundred fifty-eight thousand, six hundred nineteen thousand dollars and six cents (\$158,619.06).

SEWER RE-LINING PROJECT

The Village is re-lining the main sewer line on South LeRoy Road beginning in mid-October. There will not be any digging with this project, however there may be a short shut-off period for each homeowner along the re-lining route. Homeowners will be notified prior to the start of the project. The total cost of this project is two hundred twelve thousand, two hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$212,268.00).

VILLAGE HALL PAINTING

The Village Hall will be re-painted before the snow flies. Yerman and Young have been employed at thirty-three thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$33,784.00). This is the first exterior painting for the building since it opened in 2001.

VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT

Village Council approved engineering to renovate the Village Hall parking lot, upgrade lighting and repair the fountain. This is the first renovation of the lot since Village Hall was opened in April, 2001. This project is projected to start in the summer of 2019 and will approach a cost of five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). Issues with the base requires a complete dig out of the lot and an application of material to improve the base, then repaving the entire lot. In short, this will be a major project.

SOUTH LEROY ROAD RE-PAVING

South LeRoy Road will be re-surfaced in the spring/summer of 2019. Plans call for a new road surfacing from Park Circle to the Village limits. Old sidewalks will be replaced and new sidewalks will be added where there presently are none. Existing curbs will be replaced as well as sewer laterals from the manhole to the edge of the Village Right-of-Way. This project, at approximately one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), will be financed through the Village Road Fund and the General Fund. The Village has been building the Road Fund over several years for a large project and this will be the one.

WESTFIELD R-CUT

ODOT recently held a meeting to explain the R-Cut at Westfield Road. It will bring the closing of direct access across US 224 to continue north on "south" Westfield Road.

Per ODOT, *"The recommended safety countermeasures consist of converting the two-way stop controlled intersection at Westfield Road and US 224 to a restricted crossing U-Turn (R-Cut) design. This design would include closing the median at Westfield Road and providing downstream median breaks on US 224 for U-Turns. Left turn and through movements from Westfield Road would be accommodated as downstream U-Turns. Left turn movements from US 224 to Westfield Road would also be made at the U-Turns."*

2019 SEWER RATES

As you may recall, the sewer debt rates were lowered at the beginning of January 2018. The sewer rates remained at \$8.66 per thousand gallons and the sewer debt payment was reduced from \$4.91 per thousand gallons to \$2.45 per thousand gallons. This was a result of final payment of a sewer debt loan. (The total sewer payment was lowered from \$13.57 to \$11.11.)

At the October, 2018 meeting, Village Council accepted the Board of Public Affairs recommendation to reduce the sewer rate to \$9.91 per thousand gallons. This results in the sewer debt rate being removed and the sewer rate will decrease by \$1.20 per thousand gallons. This rate will be effective January 1, 2019. In summary, the original sewer debt charge of \$4.91 is now clear. The Board retained the \$1.25 to maintain operations of the sewer plant. Council had been subsidizing the \$1.25 maintenance cost for the Board of Public Affairs over the past several years. Finally after twenty (20) years residents are free of the sewer debt loan.

YEAR	SEWER CHARGE	SEWER DEBT CHARGE	TOTAL CHARGE	1-4,000 GALLON MINIMUM CHARGE
2017	\$8.66	\$4.61	\$13.57	\$54.28
2018	\$8.66	\$2.45	\$11.11	\$44.44
2019	\$9.91	\$.00	\$ 9.91	\$39.64

UPDATE - NEW FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION

Simmons Brothers Construction were chosen as the builders. They are currently reviewing plans and finalizing the details of when construction will begin. Please check the Westfield Fire and Rescue website for updates:
www.westfieldfireandrescue.com

NEW EMPLOYEES

Brian Peculis was hired to replace a recent employee resignation. Brian works with Mr. Pitsenbarger in the Street Department.

Noah Schrock and Ashlee Miller are both full time Police Officers in Lodi. They have been hired as part time Police Officers for the Village. They will patrol the Village evenings and on weekends to increase our law enforcement presence in the Village.

REMINDERS:

Please **do not write** your social security number on your checks when you are submitting income tax payments.

To report street light outages please go online to the village website (www.villageofwestfieldcenter.com), click on the "Links & Resources" tab; click on "Report Street Light Outage/First Energy" link. Fill out the information as prompted. You will receive a confirmation of your report from First Energy via email.

Please make sure you take your trash cans in after the trash is picked up.

We have had several reports from residents advising they are receiving threatening phone calls from the IRS. The IRS **will not call** your house. Chief Patterson advises that you **do not respond** to these calls.

Please pick up after your pets.



UPCOMING EVENTS

“FOOD TRUCK MONDAYS”

The Food Trucks were so successful that they will continue to serve lunch at Park Circle on Mondays through the end of October.

OCTOBER 20, 2018

WESTFIELD FIRE AND RESCUE ANNUAL CLAM BAKE & STEAK FRY

4:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fire Station (8975 N. LeRoy Road)

Menu: Clams **OR** Steak

½ Chicken

Sides: Sweet Potatoes, Corn on the Cob, Cole Slaw

Tickets: 1 Order \$25.00; 2 Orders \$45.00; Extra Clams \$10.00

Tickets can be purchased at the Fire Station Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. OR call 330-887-5541

Entertainment: MC AXE and the Fire Crew will be performing throughout the day.

OCTOBER 23, 2018

OPIOID CRISIS PRESENTATION

On October 23 at 7:00 p.m. the Women’s Fellowship of the LeRoy United Methodist Church will sponsor a presentation at the church. Lodi Police Chief Keough will speak on a successful program Lodi has implemented for dealing with the opioid crisis in our area. Everyone is welcome to attend to learn more about this serious problem.

OCTOBER 31, 2018 – HALLOWEEN

6:00-6:30 p.m. Donuts and Cider

Fire Station (8975 N. LeRoy Road)

TRICK OR TREAT 6:30-8:00 P.M.



DECEMBER 2018 – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

(The exact date has not been determined. Please check the Westfield Fire and Rescue website “www.westfieldfireandrescue.com” for event updates.)

Westfield Township Hall (6699 Buffham Road)

Tickets: \$5.00 Adults; \$3.00 Children 4-11 Years Old; Children 3 Years and under are free

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Menu: Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Juice and Coffee





If you are interested in having a flag placed in your front lawn during the holidays (as listed below), please fill out the form below and return to Troop 454.



Troop 454 American Flag Display Service!

Show your patriotism, community spirit, and support the local Boy Scout Troop!

Scouts from Troop 454 in Westfield Center will place an American Flag in your front lawn for the following six holidays:

Memorial Day (May)
 Flag Day (June)
 Independence Day (July)
 Columbus Day (October)
 Veteran's Day (November)

For an annual donation of \$35.00 the Scouts will display a troop owned three foot by five foot (3' x 5') American Flag on a seven and one-half foot (7 ½') white pole with a gold finial in your Westfield Center front lawn. It will be placed the day before each holiday and removed the day after. Service begins on the holiday after payment is received.

Questions? Call Scott (440) 610-3356

First and Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Flag Placement (Street No. & Name): _____

Mailing Address
 (Street No. & Name): _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Do you have an invisible fence or sprinkler system? _____

Mail Form and Check (Payable to Troop 454): Troop 454,
 7 Park Circle, P. O. Box 327
 Westfield Center, OH 44251

Number of Flags: _____ **X \$35.00 =** _____

Additional Information/Comments: _____

FIBER OPTIC NETWORK

Please be aware that the Medina County Fiber Network is looking to expand service to residents. If this occurs you will have options regarding Spectrum services. As information becomes available it will be passed on to you. This could be a really good service for the Village.



Medina County Fiber understands that broadband is a crucial issue across Ohio affecting our day to day lives and our ability to run our businesses. We're taking the steps to bring fiber to Westfield Center, offering an open-access broadband network to our residents that offers better speeds, more ISP choices, and reliability.

Why Broadband?

Fiber Optic Networks are capable of carrying immense bandwidth. Installing a county-owned fiber optic network for broadband allows us to carry stronger signal across the county. Fiber is 100X faster than any other system. A County- owned open access network allows for a reduction in prices, better customization, and a strong signal for our residents.

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