



# The Village News

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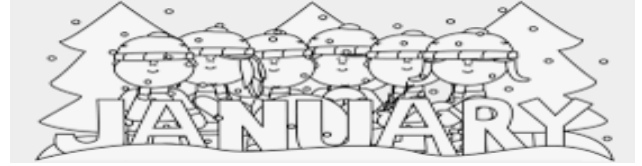
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Dear Residents,

As I step into the role of Mayor of our great Village of West Liberty, I am filled with pride and excitement for the journey ahead. Our town, known for its vibrant spirit and collaborative ethos, stands as a testament to what communities can achieve when working together.



Our strength lies in the diverse and robust relationships we've nurtured among various groups within our community. It's these bonds that have shaped our town into the wonderful place it is today. I am committed to fostering these relationships further and eagerly anticipate the continuation of the positive collaborations and events that have become a cornerstone of our community life.

Looking to the future, I am especially enthusiastic about harnessing the collective wisdom and creativity of our Citizens, Council, and Employees. Your ideas and input are invaluable as we craft a shared vision for our future. In this spirit, I propose launching a community contest or survey to adopt a new motto for West Liberty. This initiative aims to gauge the direction our community collectively wishes to move forward, capturing the essence of our shared aspirations and vision for our future.

A critical area of focus is sustainability. The Council and I are actively gathering information on recycling options and look forward to sharing this. Your input will be crucial in identifying a suitable solution that aligns with our community's needs and values. We are committed to making West Liberty a leader in environmental stewardship. As we embark on this four-year journey together, I am eager to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas. Your voice is a guiding force in shaping the future of West Liberty. Let's unite in our efforts to create a bright and prosperous future for our community.

Happy New Year!

Brad Hudson

Mayor of West Liberty, Ohio

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Download** the Feel @ Home WL app if you have not already done so. Stay up to date with all that's going on in West Liberty !



For more information about upcoming events go to [mywestliberty.com](http://mywestliberty.com)



## **CORRECTION**

**In December's Newsletter** Solomon's Garage was listed as having a Business Anniversary on November 1st. Their actual Anniversary date is January 1st. We apologize to Solomon's Garage for this misprint and wish them a very happy Anniversary!

### West Liberty Business Anniversaries

- 1-1 Solomon's Garage
- 1-4 Hillside Greenhouse
- 1-10 People's Savings & Loan Co.

## Clerk's Corner

We are NOW collecting your **automatic payment withdrawal information**, for water billing payments. We know many of you have been waiting anxiously for this day to arrive. For those interested in this **option**: We will need a canceled check or a voided deposit slip or a letter from your bank, with this information, and whether it is a checking or savings account. Contact us with any questions you may have. Please note, this is **NOT** mandatory. You are not required to sign up for this billing option.

**Dog tags** can be purchased at Thoman's Friday, January 5th from 9am to Noon.

**The 2024 bridge calendars** are available for purchase at local businesses and the Clerk's Office, for \$13 each. Get yours today ! They are loaded with all the important dates of upcoming events happening in West Liberty.

**Village Meetings:** Council meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 7PM. Board of Public Affairs meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday at 6PM. Cemetery Board will meet on January 8th at 6PM.

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## **From The Water & Sewer Department**

My water bill has gone up and it says that I have high usage! What do I do?

First of all, find your meter and read the numbers on it. Compare that to the reading stated on your bill. Two weeks or so has passed since the meter was read so it's easy to determine if you are on pace for another high usage. There is a red or black triangle on the face of the meter. As water is being used this triangle will spin. Make sure all the water is off and check to see if it's spinning. Maybe even take a picture of it and wait a half hour or so and see if it has moved at all.

99.9% of high usage is a result of a leaky toilet. Often times you cannot hear or see the water moving. Try putting a few drops of food coloring or koolaid in the tank, wait a few minutes and see if any of the color has made its way into the bowl. The flapper is most likely the bad guy here. Do not use chlorine tabs as a cleaning/disinfection agent that lay in the bottom of the tank. This high concentration of chlorine will distort the flat surface of the flapper not allowing it to seat properly robbing you of water and hard earned dollars! Also, sometimes it can be a stuck float. It could need a cleaning or maybe a slight adjustment.

Garden hoses are also a source of water loss. Most generally out of sight and out of mind while you are in search of your lost water!

Leaky water faucets. Yes, that constant drip besides being annoying it is wasting water and is steering you to a high water bill. Do you know how many drips are in a gallon of water? Most times these drips can be fixed relatively quick and inexpensively. There are many tutorials on youtube to help you complete the repair so there is no reason to let it continue to drip. Multiply this by the other sink faucets, tub, clothes washer, shower head..etc. It adds up quickly. Another source of leaks is a pin hole in the supply line or in a soldier joint or other fitting. A pinhole the size of a pencil lead (1/16") can add up to over a 25,000 gallon loss in just 1 month!!

The average gallons of water per day a person uses in your normal routine is 80-100. So it doesn't take long for a drip or stuck toilet float to take you over the minimum allotment of gallons and a possible high water bill. The answer to the question of how many drips of water in a gallon is 15,140! If you should have questions on your water you may call the water department 937-465-1506.

Have a great month !

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