



Happy Independence Day

# The Village News

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### WL Police Department:

The Village Council recently passed several parking ordinances which will impact parking in the downtown area as well as the manner in which the ordinances are enforced. The downtown business district will continue to be 2 hour parking with the exception being 10:00pm to 6:00am. During those overnight hours, there is to be no parking in the downtown area of Detroit Street between Baird and Columbus Streets. I have encouraged my officers to educate those individuals violating the ordinances so that there will be no action that may occur. I have also instructed my officers to be on the lookout for other parking complaints such as vehicles parking and blocking sidewalks and mailboxes in residential areas and vehicles being parked and blocking the alleys. I would encourage the public to call my office and speak with me if there are any questions or concerns about the new parking ordinances. I am working with the Mayor to find better alternatives for parking areas that we may have in the downtown area. I want to see our town grow and offer our best assistance.

From the Ordinance 331.45 regarding golf carts: Only *licensed drivers* may operate golf carts on village streets (no highways) and the golf cart must have an inspection and a license tag displayed on it. No other non licensed vehicles (side by side, gators, or ATVs) are allowed to be on the streets.

**Shane Oelker**  
Chief of Police West Liberty Police Department  
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e to the problem.  
937-465-2801 ext. 101 or  
by email at [soelker@westlibertypolice.org](mailto:soelker@westlibertypolice.org)

### WL Code Enforcement Officer:

Any questions or concerns regarding zoning and to obtain permits, please feel free to contact. Scott Woodruff Cell # 937-441-6826. Permits are to be paid at the Clerk's Office

There is one (1) opening on the Zoning Appeals Board if any resident is interested. Please leave your name and contact information with at the Clerk's Office. All interested individuals will be contacted by the Mayor of West Liberty.

**Scott Woodruff**  
937-441-6826  
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### Mayor Jill McKelvey

At the May 24th meeting of the Village Council, Logan County Chamber of Commerce President Ben Vollrath came to speak about the possibility of introducing the village to fiber internet through Peak Fiber. He explained that the ultimate goal is to connect the entire county to a fiber connection to help provide fast and reliable internet. The limitations of the current service provider was starting to show with the stress put on by the closures that happened during the pandemic. While some houses had reliable service, others suffered from bottlenecking of traffic from all of the devices in a home and others had periods where the internet was unusable at all. While the start up to the project would be costly, the benefits will outweigh the initial impact. Currently, most providers offer a copper connection and limit speeds to download of 100mb per second and upload of 10mb per second. A fiber connection would offer download and upload speeds of 1000mb per second. Along with the increased speed, there would be minimal to zero latency when browsing the internet, using streaming services, and playing games. The speed of the network could rival what is offered in major cities like Columbus and Chicago. A fiber connection would also increase the value of a property by roughly \$3,000 to \$5,000. There would be three options for residents/customers (projected cost per month for each resident) to sign up for: \$59.99/\$79.99/\$99.99. More information will be forthcoming once a decision is made. Phone service would be an option that could be added. Residents would need to opt in. Residents may keep current internet providers; this would just be an option.

Council and the Mayor would like input from the community and see if there is further interest in individual residents having fiber lines installed to their homes. The funds for the project would come from the American Rescue Act and would be done in cooperation with the Logan County Chamber of Commerce and other local entities. If residents have questions or comments, they can contact the Clerk's Office at 937-465-2716

### WL Fire Department:

My name is Darin Leach and I was hired as the new WL Fire Chief. My wife, Laurie and I reside in West Liberty. We have 3 daughters, Ashley and Alex, Courtney and Logan, and Rachel and Weston. We have 2 grandchildren, Rowan and Iris. I have been in the fire service for 31 years serving with West Liberty since 2000. I currently hold certifications as Firefighter Level II, certified live fire instructor, fire investigator, and also fire safety inspector. I am also the County Executive Director for the Logan County Farm Service Agency and have been teaching fire instruction with Clark State since 2012. I look forward to serving as the next Fire Chief of West Liberty, OH.

**WL Fire Chief Darin Leach**



### **WL Water Department:**

The Water Dept. has several upcoming projects this summer. We have contracted to have all of the fire hydrants painted red (as opposed to pink). Also, the contact tank at the water plant is showing some wear and rust spots. This will be prepped, primed and painted. This work should start on 6/28/21, weather permitting.

Wastewater Projects: In an effort to decrease inflow and infiltration, we have contracted with State Pipe Services to clean and camera approximately 5000 lineal feet of sewer main East of St. Rt. 68. Once this work is complete, they will test and re-grout joints as needed in order to decrease groundwater infiltration during heavy and long lasting rain events. This work should help decrease total flow to wastewater plant and also have potential to prevent basement backups during flood events.

We also have had some root problems and found sewer main on Linden St and Race St with several offsets (making the sewer inefficient and hard to clean). In addition, there are two sewer laterals that need tied into new sewer on Sidney St. We are going through the process of creating specifications, designing and a public bid for that project.

**Brad Hudson**  
**Water/Sewer Superintendent**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **7th Annual Young Life Memorial Run**

July 10, 2021  
6:45pm - 10:00pm

#### **Logan County Fair**

July 11 -17, 2021

#### **West Liberty's 4th Fridays**



#### **West Liberty Annual Ice Cream Social**

July 24, 2021  
4:00pm - 7:30pm  
West Liberty United Methodist Church  
Volunteers needed. Please contact Clerk's Office.

#### **West Liberty Vacation Bible School**

July 26 -30 2021  
6:00pm - 8:00pm  
West Liberty United Church of God

### **WL Street Department:**

#### **4th of July Trash Pick Up Week**

**East:** Tuesday July 6  
**West:** Friday July 9th  
**Recycling:** Fri. July 9th

Grass and weeds in 5 gallon buckets.  
7 per week at no charge.  
Limbs and sticks in no larger than 35 gallon trash cans that not to exceed 6" above container. 2 per week  
No trash is allowed in these containers.

#### **Street Sweeping will be done on the following dates**

**July 12th**

Aug. 9th

Sept. 13

Oct. 4th

\*Please move all vehicles off the streets between the hours of 6:30am thru 12:30 pm so streets can be swept properly. By Village Ordinance, vehicles may be towed at owner's expense if not moved within the time frame.

Later this summer, we will be having work done to some of the streets in the Village. Sidney St and Pickrelltown Rd will be getting chip & sealed. A few weeks later, the streets will be swept of loose stone and fog sealed which locks in the stone and gives appearance of asphalt and is a much better process than just chip and seal alone. The reason for chip , fog seal is to preserve the lifetime of the streets that are in good condition. East Newell will be have the bad areas of asphalt ground out and replaced. Traffic may be very limited during the times of these repairs. To help you prepare ,when I get a firm date for work to be started we will send out a message on the alert system. If you are not signed up for this free service and would like to be kept informed of what goes on in the village, contact the Clerk's Office 465-2716

**Bill Detrick**  
**Street Superintendent**

### **WL Historical Society:**

Thank you West Liberty for making the June 10, 2021 launch of our fundraising drive successful!

We were excited to share the Opera House with so many! We appreciate your ongoing support in bringing the Opera House back for the community.

Donations are always welcome.  
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### **Clerk's Office**

The Clerk's Office will be closed on Monday July 5 for observance of Independence Day.

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