



The Village News

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WL Street Department:

I want to thank the residents for their cooperation in moving their vehicles off the streets during the last snow storm. This helped us to be able to clean the streets efficiently and properly.

Spring is almost here!!

We have a limited number of dumpsters available for rent for household clean up. If you are interested in renting a dumpster, contact me at 937-465-0971 for more information.

Also, any soft furniture, mattress, boxes springs, chairs, couches, etc. you want to dispose of must be completely wrapped, top bottom and sides, in plastic and securely taped or tied. If items are not properly wrapped, we will not pick them up. Properly wrapped items will get picked up on your regular trash day.

There is an extra charge for these items.

There are some issues with residents setting out orange trash bags days before their pickup date. Bags that are set out several days in advance draw animals that tear into bags allowing trash to blow into the streets. We strongly suggest residents not set trash bags out for pickup any earlier than the night before your trash day. If at all possible, please set your bags out by 7:00 AM on your trash morning. Let's keep our Village beautiful!!

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Detrick

Street Dept. Superintendent



WL Fire Department 100th Anniversary:

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of our Fire Department. In honor of this historic event, we will be recognizing the WLFD Chiefs each month in the newsletter.

March 2022: Fire Chief John Esch

Previous Fire Chief John Esch started with West Liberty in 1972 as a volunteer firefighter. He served as a firefighter under the direction of Fire Chief Don Holderman and then Fire Chief Jim Hostetler. He was hired as the Fire Chief for West Liberty in 1999. Fire Chief John Esch retired on Sept. 1, 2013 after serving 27 years as a volunteer and 14 years as Fire Chief for the West Liberty Fire Department.

WL Mayor - Jill McKelvey:

March is Women's History Month, and is a wonderful opportunity to honor some of the memorable stories and accomplishments of these pioneers. One such woman from our village's own history is recorded in the meeting minutes from the early 1900s. Ms. Peelle served as the first female attorney for the village. After talking with the West Liberty Historical Society, it became clear that there had to be more to this story. After reading and reviewing records, I realized how amazing this woman is. Her full name is Delpha O. Peelle. She is a graduate of West Liberty and the Lima Business College, where she earned her degree as a stenographer. She then worked for many prosecutors for Logan County and read the law in her spare time. Eventually, she went to Cincinnati where she took a four month course at the Y.M.C.A. Law School. In June of 1921, she passed the State Bar Exam and was admitted to the Practice of Law. In 1923, she won election for mayor over the incumbent Mayor Van B. Bailey. Consider that women had just been given the right to vote in America on August 18, 1920. So just three years after women gained the right to vote, Delpha was elected Mayor. Nearly a century later, I am humbled to follow in the footsteps of this trailblazer.

Miss Delpha Peelle Is Now Mayor of West Liberty.

Miss Delpha Peelle, who was chosen Mayor of West Liberty, at the November election, took up the duties of the office on New Years Day, at 10 o'clock.

Miss Peelle, in company with a number of lady friends, came to the Mayor's office at that hour, and the oath of office was administered by the retiring Mayor, Van B. Bailey, who handed over the keys of the village to Her Honor, and wished her a successful administration. Congratulations were offered by all present, and the Mayor was presented with a large bouquet of fragrant flowers by the ladies.

Miss Peelle is an attorney-at-law, a young woman of business, as well as legal ability, and in every way qualified to fill the office, and we bespeak for her a successful administration. She should be given the support of all our people in her efforts to make West Liberty the best governed town of its size in Ohio.

Only two of the newly-elected Councilmen were present, and a meeting will be held later for organization of that body.



MISS DELPHA PEELE.



Early 1900s
Hope Scarborough, Maudie Bink, Gertrude Cook, unknown.
Standing Edna Frantz, Delpha Peelle, Maud Ginn and Stella Demery.

WL Police Department:

The West Liberty Police Department would like to remind residents that the Village Council passes an ordinance prohibiting parking downtown between the hours of 10pm and 6am. The ordinance was put into place so that the Street Department can remove snow safely and effectively. In the event a vehicle is parked downtown during prohibited hours, officers will be contacting you to move them in accordance with the ordinance. It is not the Police Department's intention to issue citations, but repeated offenders may subject themselves to a citation.

We want to work with everyone, and we are well aware that there are issues throughout the village regarding a lack of parking. We continue to work on an adequate solution with other village officials.

We hope that we can all work together, and it will be sunny and 75 before we know it!

Shane Oelker
Chief of Police
West Liberty Police Department
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WL Village Clerk/Secretary:

Tax season is upon us. It is mandatory all West Liberty Residents must file municipal tax with Regional Income Tax Agency. To file go to www.ritaohio.com> forms>individual>Form 37 – forms and instructions. If you are retired and earn NO income, please fill out the Exemption Form. Forms are available in the clerk's office and at the WL Library.

Bill Payments

View and pay your bill online at www.ub-pay.com. The Municipal Code is **WestLiberty357**

Please DO NOT use govpaynow.com because payments will not be accepted if used.

WL Fire Department:

About three out of five fire deaths happen in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan providing early warning to reduce your risk of dying in a fire. The National Fire Protection Association recommends you:

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas on the ceiling or high on the wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen, at least 10 feet from the stove, to reduce false alarms. Use special alarms with strobe lights and bed shakers for people who are hard of hearing or deaf.

Test smoke alarms monthly. Replace batteries in your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector annually. Replace smoke alarms that are 10 or more years old.

Darin Leach
WL Fire Chief
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WL City Council:

As a new member of the Village Council, I am here to represent the Citizenry of our Village. I believe regular people who call West Liberty home should become involved in some type of local government, keeping in mind that we are here to represent your interests and concerns. As your representative, please feel free to contact me, or other Council Members, with any concerns or issues you might have so those concerns can be addressed by the Village Council.

Mayor McKelvey and I recently met and discussed some of my concerns as well as concerns that were posed to me while I was running for Council. I can tell you that some of these concerns are presently being addressed. One of the issues at the forefront for many is parking. We discussed the property to the East of the Shell station, and although there are some concerns with ground contamination, the Village is eligible for a grant that would allow the Village to remove the concrete and potentially use that property to create a parking lot. There are other options being considered for parking. The absence of available parking is a deterrent to businesses and has created many empty store fronts, which is another grave concern. Council will be looking at other villages that are thriving in an attempt to discover new ways to promote our village and encourage new businesses to invest in West Liberty. As a final thought, it is the responsibility and obligation of all of us to take pride in our Village. Pride is one of the principles that allows the Village of West Liberty to be one of the most desirable communities to raise our families and live peaceful lives.

Jeanette Zerkle
West Liberty Village Council



West Liberty Purple Heart:

Purple Heart Veterans Event – Spring 2022

As we move forward into 2022, we would like to invite you and your families to be a part of these events that we have planned to honor those who have received the distinguished honor of the purple heart.

The Ohio Military Order of the Purple Heart will bestow on April 4 or 11 at the Village Council meeting, the proclamation making us a Purple Heart Community. Watch our Town Sign and mywestliberty.com for the specific information for this event.

In early May, we will hold a two day event to allow all Purple Heart Veterans and or their families to share a story or memories about their service/time in the military. Videos time will be limited to 10 minutes. We would like to record these stories and upload them to our www.mywestliberty.com website and then eventually have them shown in the West Liberty Historical Society - Bailey House so they would be archived for future generations and visitors to the village. Please view mywestliberty.com (Purple Hearts) website for available dates and times. Then contact Sherry Barger to register for a time slot at s.barger@mywestliberty.com

On Memorial Day at 11:00 am in the Opera House at the Town Hall, we will recognize our newest Purple Heart Veterans and Donut Dollies (donuts and coffee). Then we would like to do a "Meet and Greet" with each Veteran or Family Member of having their own table to display their pictures, memorabilia, uniform or anything else our veterans are willing to share with the public from 11:30 am-1:30 pm. Set up with memorabilia will be at 10:00 am. Tables will be provided. This would allow the community to go from table to table and talk one on one with each Purple Heart Veteran or Family Members. We wanted a more personal approach to the veterans or families sharing stories. We want to preserve what we have for future generations to understand the sacrifice made by our military veterans. The West Liberty Memorial Day Parade will start at 2 pm so we will end this event in time for everyone to see or be a part of the parade. Please contact Larry Lance 937-465-6560 about parade information or if you would like to participate in the West Liberty Memorial Day Parade. We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for these events.



Upcoming Events

All events and info : www.mywestliberty.com

Daylight Saving Time

Sun. March 13

West Liberty Lions Club: Visitor's Night

Mon. March 21

6:45 pm

West Liberty Town Hall - Opera House

www.westlibertylions.org

WEST LIBERTY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

HEY PIZZA LOVERS

FIRST TIME EVER

The Logan County Visitors Bureau is bringing you the Logan County Pizza Bracket.

It is time to find out who is Logan County's "Fan Favorite" pizza!

- Bracket style voting begins March 15th and ends on March 31st
- Winner of the bracket will be announced on April 4th
- Official bracket will drop online March 1st

More information:

experiencelogancounty.com/Logan-county-pizza-bracket

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Serving our community for over 35 years

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Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 4pm - 9pm

Fri 11am - 1pm, 4pm - 10pm

Sat 4pm- 10pm

Sun 4pm - 9pm