

The Village News

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WL Mayor - Jill McKelvey



Many good things are happening in the Village:

The development of the Sherman Ricketts

Memorial Park is coming along with the design

and building of the shelter house and amenities at the Simon Kenton Bike Trailhead. The dedication of the shelter

house will be held on June 29, 2022. This date is the 60th anniversary of the heroic act of the Marshal. If you are

interested in this project or donating to this project, please contact Councilwoman Bev Yoder (email

b.yoder@mywestliberty.com). Councilwoman Jayne Griffith is working on funding sources to reopen the Columbus

Street bridge to pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Thank you to those residents who attend the informational meeting on

October 19. Additional meetings will be happening in the future, watch the sign at Town Hall for this information. If you

are interested in this project, please contact Jayne (email j.griffith@mywestliberty.com). Thank you to those who came

out to the Purple Heart dedication and recognition of our Veterans. A special thank you to Sherry Barger for all the

planning of the celebration. Veterans' Park was in need of a facelift and the Village is grateful for those local businesses

who helped us renovate the park. So a big thank you to Shane Long for all the repairs to the cannons, base of both large

rocks and installing the Purple Heart stones. Also a big thank you to Eric Esh for installation of the lights for the Purple

Heart memorial and lighting the flag pole. And a big thanks to Logan Lawn Care and Jake Vitt for the wonderful

landscaping. The park truly shows our gratitude to the Veterans who have served this country from the Revolutionary

War (as the large rock says) to those currently serving. In the spring/summer of 2022 a crosswalk is being completed by

ODOT from Leonard Street over to the park. This crosswalk will not cost the Village any money as it was paid in full by a

grant. Wishing all of you a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

WL Water Department:

Water Dept. News:

There are two water main valves that have a small leak through operating nut. One is located near the railroad tracks by Theresa's Gingerbread House. The other valve is near Kings Feed on SR 245 West. We plan to dig a.s.a.p. and repair or replace. This could result in a small area of depressurization near the repairs should we have to turn the water off. This may require a boil water advisory. We will keep you informed.

Wastewater Dept. News:

A little light on news this month, but we continue to maintain Wastewater Treatment operations and OEPA Compliance. Normally, we would be ready to haul Class B beneficial use sludge, but our new cover on the drying bed is working well and has increased our storage capacity since dryer sludge takes up less room. I was going to add a wastewater joke, but they are not my favorite. They are however, a solid #2.

Brad Hudson

Water/Sewer Superintendent

WL Police Department:

I would like to remind all residence to contact the police department if they observe any criminal activity in the village. We often find that residents see something, but are afraid to call or don't want to bother the police.

I strongly urge all residents to contact our communications center at 937-592-5731 if they observe anything out of the ordinary. A communications officer will then dispatch a police patrol unit to the area. In the event that a resident has an emergency they are reminded to dial 911.

Residents can still call our business number at 937-465-2801 to leave messages for officers or other general inquires.

Shane Oelker

Chief of Police

West Liberty Police Department

111 Runkle St.

PO Box 187

West Liberty, Ohio 43357

937-465-2801

937-650-1024 Fax

WL Fire Department:

The West Liberty Fire Dept. wants to remind you that with the upcoming time change to also check and/or replace your smoke detector batteries.

Smoke alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement. Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.

Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.

It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.

Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.

Today's smoke alarms will be more technologically advanced to respond to a multitude of fire conditions yet mitigate false alarms.

A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or high on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.

People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

As we head into the fall season, The West Liberty FD wants to remind you that it is illegal to burn leaves inside the village limits. Smoke from burning leaves obscures visibility on streets and creates issues with person with breathing problems. The village Street department has provided guidelines on raking and making available for pickup. (See September Newsletter or contact the village with questions)

Darin Leach
WL Fire Chief

WL Code Enforcement Officer:

The Village of West Liberty requires all occupants to obtain a permit in order to have a shed placed on their properties. Permits are required for propane tanks, fences, concrete patios, additions onto homes or garages.

Please remember occupants are required to clean up brush and overgrowth into streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Violating these ordinances will result in fines.

Scott Woodruff
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WL Street Department:

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, we have applied for a grant to finish the second phase of West Columbus from Reynolds Street to the Columbus Street bridge.

We will know in the spring of 2022 if we will receive any of this grant money and if so, construction should start later in the year. This will include complete street reconstruction ,catch basins, curbs ,gutters and sidewalks . Even with the grant, the Village is responsible for a large portion of the construction cost.

Instructions for leaf pick up:

Leaf season is upon us. Here are a few instructions that will help us get your leaves picked up in a timely matter:

-Do not put leaves in the street as they can be a traffic hazard , they get run over by vehicles which makes them hard to pick up and can also clog storm drains if it rains which can cause flooding. Place leaves as close as possible to the street but not in the street or in the gutter. If possible make a long row instead of one large pile.

-Leaf piles raked close to trees, mailboxes, sign posts, fire hydrants etc. can't be reached with the machine, so please avoid raking your piles near these items. Also do not park cars in front or close to leaf piles.

-Sticks, yard waste, rocks etc. placed in the leaf pile can clog or damage the machine. When this happens we have to take time remove the blockage which sets us behind schedule.

-Please do not rake trash, paper or other waste of any kind in with leaves as this is against EPA regulations.

We pick up leaves most days of the week. If your leaves aren't out when we go by your house it may be a week or longer before we get back as it takes time to cover the whole town when leaves are falling heavily.

By following these guidelines, we can pick up leaves faster and more efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation.

Bill Detrick
Superintendent
West Liberty Street Dept.

WL Village Clerk/Secretary

Clerk's Office Hours

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wed 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Phone: 937-465-2716

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.

Masks

Although there are no State or County mandates for Masks, the Village of West Liberty is taking the following precautions to keep our employees and the residents safe. Please wear a mask into the Clerk's office AND for any meetings attended.

Upcoming Events

All events and info : www.mywestliberty.com

WL Business Association

Annual Christmas Trees Silent Auction

Christmas Tree Silent Auction runs thru
Nov. 1 - 26, 2021

and ends at 4:00 pm on Nov. 26, 2021.

Decorated Christmas trees will be displayed
at the WL Clerk's Office.

Christmas in the Village Open House

Nov. 5-6

Village of West Liberty

West Liberty Business Association

The Family Haunt

Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek

Sunday Nov. 7

7:30 pm www.piatcastle.org

West Liberty Lions Club Ham & Turkey Raffle

Monday Nov. 15

7:00 pm West Liberty Fire Station

22 Annual Luminaries 5K Race

Friday Nov 26. 5:00 pm

Village of West Liberty

Contact Maggie for info 937-935-2166

or mywestliberty.com

Christmas in the Village Parade

Friday Nov. 26 6:30 pm

Lighting of Tree, Santa at Town Hall

West Liberty First Church of God

Community Soup Dinner

Saturday Nov. 27

4:00 - 6:00 pm West Liberty Fire Station

West Liberty Small Business Saturday

Saturday Nov. 27

West Liberty Business Association

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Honoring West Liberty Heroes

Thank You For Your Service

"The Village of West Liberty recognizes
Purple Heart Recipients."

We dedicated the Purple Heart Memorial at the
Veterans' Park to recognize and thank those Purple
Heart recipients.

Veterans Park was renovated with the help of
Shane Long who repaired the cannon bases and
installed and designed the layout for the purple heart
stones, Eric Esh who installed our lights for the
memorial, Mark Bowman for placing the Purple Heart
Memorial Sign, and Jake Vitt of Logan Landscaping who
created this beautiful space to honor our service
members.

The purpose of becoming a Purple Heart Community
and a part of the Purple Heart Trail is to serve as a
reminder to those who use the road system that others
have paid a high price for their freedom to travel and
live in a free society.

In the Spring of 2022, once the Village receives the
Proclamation for becoming a Purple Heart Community,
the Village will honor them all and provide video of
each individual stories that will be posted on
mywestliberty.com for everyone to view.

