



# The Village News

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November is filled with many events that allow us to be grateful. We are thankful for our small business owners. On **November 4 and 5 the WLBA will be hosting the Christmas in the Village Open House.** The local shops will be open with sales on both Friday and Saturday. There are also Christmas Trees decorated by local folks to help raise money for the West Liberty Business Association (this money supports all the events that they sponsor all year long). These trees are auctioned off (silent auction) and will be displayed at the Town Hall Clerk's Office. The highest bidder at 5 pm on Small Business Saturday (November 26) will win the tree. Pictures of the decorated trees will also be on the [www.mywestliberty.com](http://www.mywestliberty.com) website and on Facebook. Trees may be seen in person at the Clerk's Office and on Small Business Saturday (November 26) they will be available to be seen and bid on, in the front entrance way of Town Hall.

We are thankful for our **Veterans**. This year on **November 10 from 6 pm to 8 pm** we will be celebrating those men and women who have served our country. It is our small way to thank those who have defended our country and our freedom. This event is open to all veterans or currently serving service members and their families. The **public is invited to attend as well. This event will be held in the Town Hall Opera House.** There will be a public showing of collected recollections of stories from West Liberty veterans from our Purple Heart, Vietnam, Cold War, and Persian Gulf/Middle East tapings from this past summer. Light refreshments will be served.

**Santa** will be in the gazebo after the **Christmas Parade on November 25.** The parade starts at 6:30 pm through downtown.

**November 26** in the Opera House, children may come and see Santa and have **"Cookies and Cocoa with Santa"**. The elves (WLS Cheerleaders) will be helping pass out gifts (provided by WLBA elves) and kids may color a West Liberty exclusive coloring page which will be displayed during the holiday in the Clerk's office. This event will last from 9 am - 10 am.

*Also on November 26* besides being OSU vs Michigan game day is also **Small Business Saturday.** So come spend time downtown and bring your out of town friends. Please shop your local small businesses for those unique and one of a kind Christmas items during the holiday season but especially on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday. For each \$3 spent locally, \$2 stays in our community and helps neighbors and friends as well as our community stay strong. And if you are interested in West Liberty merchandise for a gift idea, all items are still available so contact the Clerk's Office to see the items in person (and order through the Clerk's office) or the online store <https://villageofwl.itemorder.com/shop/home/>. All proceeds from these sales goes into promoting our village. The West Liberty Calendars are for sale at some businesses (Country Friends) and the Clerk's Office and actually start in December 2022 and have December events in the village for 2022, such as the **Tour of Homes**. The calendar goes to January 2024. The calendar supports the West Columbus Street Bridge project.

For all that we as a community have been involved in helping each other and providing support when needed, thank you from my family to yours. We are blessed to live in this village.

**Happy Thanksgiving!!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Nov 4-5th: Christmas Open House in the Village.

Nov 8th: **Election Day.** Adriel Hall Yoder Center. 6:30AM - 7:30PM

Nov. 8th: **Election Day Dinner** @ W. Liberty First Church of God. 3-7:00 PM. \$12 to \$14 suggested donation.

Nov 10th: **Veterans Appreciation Event.** Town Hall Opera House. 6-8:00 PM Public is welcome !

Nov 21st: **West Liberty Lions Club** Ham & Turkey Raffle **New Location:** In the Opera House at 7pm.

Nov 25th: Donation-based **Soup Dinner** hosted by W. Liberty First Church of God, at the Firehouse. 4:00-6:00pm

Nov 25th: **Christmas Parade**, 6:30 PM through downtown.

Nov 26th: **Cookies and Cocoa with Santa.** Opera House 9-10 AM

Nov 26th: **Small Business Saturday.** Come shop in West Liberty at your favorite shops!

**As you head out to vote on November 8th** please remember the **gas and electric aggregation** will be on the ballot. This will be as 2 separate issues per the Ohio Revised Code. If this is passed then early next year, we will begin working on locking in lower rates for our residents for both gas and electricity. **If residents have a lower rate, they may opt out.**

**From the Fire Chief: Darin Leach** 201 N. Detroit St, West Liberty, 937-465-3989

## **Thanksgiving**

In case you're wondering, Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires. The day has three times the average number of reported home fires involved with cooking equipment. Please be careful this holiday season. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) discourages the use of outdoor, gas-fueled turkey fryers, which can lead to devastating burns, destruction of property, and other injuries. Additionally, Underwriters Laboratories (UL), the organization that certifies safe products, does not certify these types of fryers with its UL label.

**Both organizations discourage the use of open-flame fryers due to the following:**

- Turkey fryers tip easily, spilling their contents, and causing oil to ignite.
- Overfilling the fryer is common. The oil spills out of the pot when the turkey is placed in the fryer, engulfing the whole unit in flames.
- With no thermostat controls, the oil is prone to overheating to the combustion point. The handles and lid get extremely hot, which can cause severe burns.
- Since the unit is designed for outdoor use, rain or snow can fall on the unit, splattering the oil and converting the water to scalding steam.

**Despite these hazards, if you still plan on using a turkey fryer, please follow these safety guidelines:**

- Always use the fryer outdoors on a flat surface, safely away from structures, wooden decks, and covered patios. No matter what, **DO NOT** be tempted to use the fryer in a garage.
- **Have the correct kind of fire extinguisher nearby and ready to use.**
- To ensure you are using the right amount of oil, place a thawed turkey in the fry pot and add enough water to cover the bird by ½". Remove the turkey and mark the water level. Dump the water and thoroughly dry the pot and turkey. Fill the pot with oil to the marked level.
- Do not leave the fryer unattended. Monitor the temperature of the oil with a thermometer to prevent the oil from overheating and catching fire. If the oil begins to smoke, immediately turn the gas off.
- Ensure the turkey is COMPLETELY THAWED to prevent a fire or explosion hazard.
- Raise and lower the turkey slowly to prevent oil splatter, burns, and fire.
- Keep children and pets away from the fryer to prevent tipping, even after the turkey is done. The oil is dangerously hot for hours.
- Use your safety tools: Oven mitts, gloves, and safety goggles.
- Stand upwind of the propane tank and fryer so heat blows away from you.

**Good news for the residents of West Liberty:**

East Newell Street from Washington Street to end in Cul-De-Sac will be milled and paved.

North Street from East Newell Street to Pickrelltown rd. will be milled and paved.

North Street from Pickrelltown Rd to Linden Street will be overlaid with asphalt.

Race Street from Pickrelltown Rd to Linden Street will be overlaid with asphalt.

This work will be completed in the summer of 2023.

***Just a reminder:***

**1)** Please do not put leaves in the street as they can be a traffic hazard and can also clog storm drains if it rains which can cause flooding. Leaves run over by traffic are also hard to pick up. It is against village Ordinances to place any debris in streets. Please place leaves as close as possible to the street but not in the street or in the gutter. If possible make long and narrow row instead of one large pile. □

**2)** Leaf piles raked close to or behind trees, mailboxes, sign posts, fire hydrants etc. can't be reached with the machine, so please avoid raking your piles near these items. If cars are parked in front of or close to leaf piles we cannot reach them and piles will not be picked up. Please park two car lengths away from leaf piles.

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

**4)** 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. Leaf pickup usually ends around Thanksgiving as we have to get the trucks changed over for snow. As we get closer to the end of leaf season a call alert will go out with information about the last day of pickup. If you are not signed up for the free service or are not receiving alerts, contact Town Hall at 937-465-2716 to update your contact information.

Thank you,

**Bill Detrick**

Street Dept. Superintendent

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It's hard to make it more exciting other than adding an exclamation, however, if you're one that enjoys solving puzzles a budget is, at least, challenging. The process begins in October, but doesn't really go into practice until around March the following year. This means the village needs to have a certain amount of money carried over from 2022 for 2023. It's not like we press a reset button in January and money gets deposited into our account for the whole year. Certain money from different sources comes in at different times of the year.

2020 was a hard year for everyone and West Liberty was able to weather the storm, because our clerk/treasurer knows the importance of a budget and protecting our bottom line. However, there are still things that have slowed our economy down. In 2020 employment tax went down due to many people being furloughed or laid off, gas tax income went down because people weren't driving to and from work, money coming to us from Logan County and the State decreased for the same reasons. It's hard to recover fully when your income is not back to the level it once was prior to a disaster (like Covid), but your municipality still requires things like continued maintenance to streets, water/sewer, parks, properties. Our Department supervisors are good about finding grants to help supplement their department projects when possible.

Let me take a minute to explain that Each Department (Street, Police, Fire, Water, Parks, Cemetery, Zoning) gets a budget projected for the year. They are not interchangeable. The Columbus Street repair project slated for spring of 2023 is part of the Street Dept. jurisdiction. The Columbus Street Bridge repair money is coming from other sources and headed by Jayne Griffith Bridge Committee. This is money that can't be spent other than for what it was intended.

It's easy to think all of the villages money gets put in one big pot and that is how it is spent, but that's not the case. I encourage you to sit and work out your own household budget for 2023 then ask 10 of your friends if you can do their budget, too. Your money gets spent on your budget and their money is spent on theirs and they're not interchangeable. Then you'll have a better idea of how village finances work.

Thank you for reading till the end.

**Patty Kauffman WL Council Finance**

**Clerks Office**

The Clerks Office will be **closed** on Nov. 24th for Thanksgiving. We will be open on Friday, Nov. 25th.



**311 Zanesfield Rd. 937-465-3061 Open Mon. - Sat. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM**

One of the most popular destination sites in all of Logan and surrounding counties, and the cornerstone of retail shopping experiences in the village of West Liberty is the incredible candy store Marie’s Candies which has been in business since 1956! When you walk through the door you are greeted with a friendly face, a sample of candy, the overwhelming incredible smell of chocolate, and one of the most beautiful retail spaces you will ever see! Each season you are welcomed with a new theme and elaborate decorations to go with the season! The staff are helpful, kind and willing to make sure you have the very best experience you possibly can, and they go the extra mile to make sure you leave with all the incredible and tasty candies you could ever want! The candy store is an original train depot which was built in 1926 and was originally located in the southwest corner of the village. According to their website, Jay and Kathy King purchased the Depot in 1992, moved it through town in 1993 to its current location and renovated it for 3 years, opening the newly renovated space Thanksgiving weekend in 1996

Rebecca Craig, a third generation co-owner with her brother Shannon King explains the history of Marie’s Candies and how their family came to open and operate this incredible candy store. “Husband and wife, Winfred and Marie King dealt with paralyzing polio for Winfred. They gave gifts of homemade candy to helpful friends and neighbors. Marie’s Candies officially opened its doors in 1956 and provided a living for the Kings. Husband and wife, Jay (son of Winfred and Marie) and Kathy King took ownership in 1977 and had the vision and creativity for the growth of Marie’s Candies. They dedicated their lives to improving candy production, increasing candy options, and designing candy gifts. They also moved and restored a train depot that became the business’s retail space in 1996. Brother and sister, Shannon King and Rebecca Craig (children of Jay & Kathy) became co-owners in 2016 and continue the legacy of their grandparents and parents.”

Rebecca’s favorite thing about owning a business in West Liberty, is being able to give back to the community who was such a big help to her grandparents. We enjoy supplying candy and prizes for Easter egg hunts, coloring contests, trick-or-treating, pictures with Santa, and more.

Marie's Candies gives so much to our community and we are so very thankful and blessed to have them as part of our community. We are honored to name them November’s Business of the Month for the Village of West Liberty! Please stop by and visit them today!

**Buy your WL Apparel today,**

sweatshirts, t-shirts, hoodies. All colors and sizes.

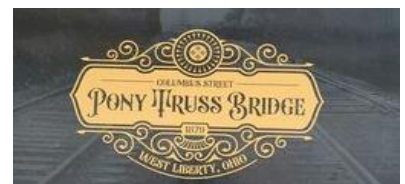


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<https://villageofwl.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

**Pony Truss Bridge Calendars**



With the purchase of this calendar, you can help to restore this historical bridge. If you are interested, they can be picked up in Town Hall for \$10.00 cash/check.