



The Village News

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West Liberty, OH 43357

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October 2021

WL Mayor - Jill McKelvey

Congratulations to this year's winner of the 2021 Beautification Award.

The Dooley's on Sidney Street.

Thank you for all the homeowners who participated and for the online voters at www.mywestliberty.com



On October 21, at 6 pm we will be dedicating the memorial to our Purple Heart Veterans at the Veterans Park at the bottom of Adriel Hill.

The public is invited to attend. Afterwards, there will be a reception for all Purple Heart Veterans and their families where the Veterans may share their stories. Location will be established at a later time on mywestliberty.com and on the WL Village Town Sign. A recorded video of this event will be available to any veterans, their families and the public.

In September, we submitted the OPWC grant for the 2nd phase of the Columbus Street paving project. This would complete the work from Reynolds Street to the bridge. If the grant is successful, the project would be completed in the summer of 2022.

Broadband update: We are currently working with the Logan County Commissioners, the Logan County Port Authority, and Ohio Gig to complete the design phase of this project. The village money for this project will come from the American Rescue Plan money the village received. As soon as more details are available, it will be in the newsletter.

The ODOT Crosswalk Project grant was funded at 100% and will begin next spring/early summer. This grant will develop a crosswalk on the south side of the village at Thoman's and Sidney Street. The north side of the village crosswalk will be at Leonard Street in order to allow individuals to cross to the Veterans' Park.

WL Police Department:

As our students are beginning to get settled in with another school year, and we start to share our streets with school buses, I would like to remind everyone to be a little extra cautious each day. The students will be walking to their bus stops, the buses will be making several stops, and it is important to remember that our students may not always be paying the proper attention to traffic. We also need to be reminded that we cannot pass a school bus that has its lights activated while actively loading or unloading. We just need to allow ourselves that little extra time to make it to our destination so that we can all arrive safely.

Shane Oelker

Chief of Police West Liberty Police Department

PO Box 187

111 Runkle St. West Liberty, Ohio 43357

937-465-2801 ext. 101 or

by email at soelker@westlibertypolice.org

WL Fire Department:

It's that time of year again when farmers are back out in fields with harvest. Please slow down, allow some extra time to reach your destination. The large equipment traveling down the road is difficult to see around. It also maybe turning into a field at anytime. Please take a second look and make sure you are clear before passing. Also remember that harvest along with cooler weather causes deer to move. The fire department does not want you to be our next call.

Darin Leach

WL Fire Chief

WL Water Department:

Water Dept. News:

We will continue flushing and testing fire hydrants. This helps to keep a better fire rating which helps homeowner insurance rates. The Splash Pad was a hit this year. Usage was 2.2 million gallons from May 18th to September 17th. This averaged 18 thousand gallons per day, a cost of \$90.85/day. Inexpensive for the joy it has brought to the children and their families. Our Water Plant produces approximately 180 thousand gallons a day of treated water. First it is filtered through a green sand called M.A.R.I.S. media to remove Iron and Manganese (which stain tubs and toilet tanks). Then it is softened through Ion Exchange (just like a home water softener). We blend some hard water back in via a bypass valve in order to reduce our salt usage as well as keep our finished water mild. One hundred percent soft water is corrosive and would be hard on our water mains and interior home plumbing which would lead to more water main breaks. Our raw water is approximately 450 parts per million hardness and our treated water is approximately 140 parts per million hardness (or 8 grains of hardness per gallon). We only have traces of Iron and Manganese which are measured in parts per billion. The OEPA recommended range for finished water hardness for lead and copper corrosion control is 120 mg/L to 150 mg/L (7 to 9 grains/gallon) expressed as CaCO₃(Calcium Carbonate).

Wastewater Dept. News:

We should hear news mid-October regarding grant applications for UV Disinfection, Lift Station Maintenance, and sewer main/lateral replacements on Linden, Race and Sidney Streets.

In an effort to reduce inflow and infiltration in to our sewer mains during heavy rain periods, we will be putting a survey on MyWestLiberty.com with a few questions to help create a plan to resolve high flows at sewer plant during flood events. Sump pumps in basements that pump to sewer mains create a challenge for our lift stations to keep up with flow. We also need to verify that roof gutters don't drain to sewer mains. If you have these, they will need to be rerouted to storm catch basin.

Maintenance item: Please do not put grease, egg shells, coffee grounds, potato peels, feminine products, sharp objects or Swiffer/wet ("disposable") wipes down the drain. These products cause problems with our pumps and also add to sewer main backup issues.

Brad Hudson



WL Street Department:

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

- 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. 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.
 - 2) 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.
 - 4) Sticks, yard waste, rocks etc. placed in the leaf pile can clog the machine. When this happens we have to take time remove the blockage which sets us behind schedule.
 - 5) 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. If you have any questions, please call 937-465-0971

Bill Detrick
Street Superintendent

Upcoming Events

All events and info : www.mywestliberty.com

Gl's & Jerry, Life at the Front

Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek

Saturday Oct 2, 2021
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Logan County Halloween

Beggars Night/Trick or Treat

Saturday Oct. 30, 2021
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Celebrating Autumn

Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek

Sunday Oct. 31, 2021
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

WL Business Association

Annual Christmas Trees Silent Auction

If interested in decorating a 3 ft. Christmas Tree, please contact Cindee Boyd at 937-465-2716. 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.

The Family Haunt

Piatt Castle Mac-A-Cheek

Sunday Nov. 7, 2021



WL Village Council News

The Village of West Liberty has been awarded a Grant from Logan County Land Trust AARP Community Challenge to create and complete a "Parklet/Green Space" at the newly dedicated Sherman Ricketts Park. The Land Trust and The West Liberty Village Council have worked together for about 1 ½ years to secure these funds after a third selection process by the AARP Ohio State Association.

The grant is limited in funds but encompasses "grand" ideas! The Plans and monies are designated for: Shelter house (approx. 16x20), 3 solar lights, Picnic Bench (ADA), Pollinator Garden, 3 Benches (ADA), Prairie Grass, Bike Rental Kiosk, Trees, Bike Repair Kiosk, Signage, Water Bottle station, Permaculture Garden, and Electric Station (charging phones & iPads).

They will be reaching out to many organizations for contributions, volunteers, and donations.

We hope you will lend your support!

The year 2022 will mark the 60th Anniversary of Marshall Sherman Ricketts heroic actions.

West Liberty Village Parklet Committee:

* Linda Vernon: Logan County Land Trust 937-844-1541

* Bev Yoder: WL Village Councilperson; Ricketts Family 937-844-9395

* Louise Dunham: Teacher; LCLT

* Barb Smith-Tremble: Teacher; Ricketts Family

WL Village Clerk/Secretary

Cindee Boyd 937-465-2716

Clerk 's office has new email addresses.

vowclerk@mywestliberty.com: Cindee Boyd

vowlsecretary@mywestliberty.com : Missy Hughes

s.barger@mywestliberty.com : Sherry Barger

Town Sign Information /Events

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

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.

WL Village Council News

Vote November 2nd at Adriel School located at 550 N. Detroit St. West Liberty voting begins at 6:30 AM until 7:30 PM for all Village of West Liberty Residents.

The Village of West Liberty has four council seats open. These are the candidates running.

Jayne Griffith
Jim Hoffman
Hope L. Justice
Sam Park

Kenneth Ruetsch
Trent Spriggs
A. Jeanette Zerkle

The Village has a RENEWAL 5 mills for current expenses on the ballot. This renewal brings in about \$121,000.00 annually. No increase to homeowners.

Logan County has a proposed Sales and Use RENEWAL Road Tax Levy – this is used for roads and bridges within the Village of West Liberty. We have spent about \$371,000 on streets in the Village over the last five years from this levy. We are extremely grateful and encourage you to get out and vote.



West Liberty Salem Schools

The following candidates are running for the West Liberty-Salem Local School District Board of Education.

Alycia Brehm
Mindie Fish
Tim Lamb
Amy Pratt
Trey Richardson
Doug Williams

There will be a Community Q&A on October 25th. Location and time TBD on www.wlstigers.org