



# The Village News

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West Liberty Monthly Newsletter - September 2024



Dear Residents of West Liberty,

As we enter September, I want to take a moment to update you on some important developments and express our gratitude for the continued support of our community.

## Curbside Recycling Update

I am writing this letter prior to the potential decisions regarding the return of curbside recycling in West Liberty. On August 22nd, a committee met to determine a new rate structure and cost to allow our street department to provide curbside recycling services. We were fortunate to have Howard Weinerman, a consultant for the Logan County Solid Waste District, visit us recently. He recommended increasing our trash bag costs to help cover additional expenses such as labor, diesel, maintenance, and the capital cost of the new trash truck. This increase will also account for the additional day per week needed for curbside recycling pickup.

It's worth noting that Logan County Solid Waste currently charges \$2.75 per large bag, while our rate has remained at \$1.50 for quite some time. We have not raised our prices in a while, and these adjustments are necessary to continue providing efficient and sustainable waste management services.

Hopefully, the committee will have a recommendation ready for the council before this newsletter is published, and curbside recycling will be underway. Please stay tuned for more information as we finalize these plans.

## Festival Success and Community Appreciation

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Lion's Club, the Country Legends Concert Series, and all the volunteers and vendors who contributed to another fantastic festival this year. Your hard work and dedication made this event a great success, bringing joy and entertainment to our community.

## Congratulations to Our Honorees

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joe Buck Senior, who was honored as the 2024 Grand Marshal. Your dedication to our community is truly inspiring. Additionally, congratulations to Bob Harrison, who was named Lion of the Year! Your commitment to service and leadership within the Lions Club is greatly appreciated.

## United Way Community Care Day

A special thank you goes out to the Civista Bank volunteers who generously donated their time to re-stain the pergolas at the splash pad during the United Way Community Care Day. Your efforts have helped keep our public spaces looking their best, and we are deeply appreciative of your contribution.

## Village Sign Landscape Maintenance

We would also like to thank Logan Landscaping for their continued care of the landscape beds around our Village sign. Their dedication to maintaining these areas adds beauty to our community and creates a welcoming entrance to West Liberty.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in making West Liberty a wonderful place to live. As always, I look forward to working together to address our community's needs and opportunities.

Sincerely,

**Brad Hudson**  
Mayor of West Liberty

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

9-20, 21	Fall Open House at shops village wide	10am-5pm
9-7, 14, 21	Ohio Fish & Shrimp Festival	10am-10pm
9-14	W. Liberty Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	8am-11am
9-14	W. Liberty Lions Club Fish Fry	11am-1pm & 4pm- 7pm
9-28	G.I.'s & Jerry: Life On The Front. Piatt Castle Mac-O-Cheek	10am-4pm

**W. Liberty Business Anniversaries**

Elle A. Design

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**Clerk's Corner**

**Most children are back in school now. Please be extra careful when driving.**

**School safety tips:**

- Watch for Children
- Obey School Zone Speed limits
- Do not pass a bus loading or unloading children
- Never pass vehicles stopped at a crosswalk
- Pay attention to school crossing guards
- Eliminate distractions
- Use designated student drop-off and pick-up zones



**Golf Cart Winner**

Will be announced in **next** month's newsletter. Winner was not known as of printing date.

**Children** benefit from being on a schedule. This can be difficult with busy families, but as much of a schedule that can be provided, will be of help to your school aged children. A good nights sleep is important, turn electronics off well in advance of bedtime. Encourage your child to read for a few minutes, to slow down before bed. Set clothes and bookbags, shoes etc., out the night before, to minimize child/parent frustration in the morning. Allow enough time in the mornings for breakfast, this insures that your child has energy for morning classes.



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**West Liberty Historical Society:**

The West Liberty Historical Society will meet on the last Wed of each month for a presentation on Local History.

**Wed Sep 25 11:00AM** At the Opera House: The Mad River and Lake Erie Railroad

**RSVP to:** wlhistoricalsociety.ohio@gmail.com or 937-650-1869

[www.westlibertyhistory.com/events](http://www.westlibertyhistory.com/events)

**Street sweeping dates:**

**Cars off the streets from 9 am to 1 pm, please.  
Thank you for your patience and cooperation !**

**September 9th  
October 7th**



**Mosquito fogging  
schedule**

**Sep 11**





Friday & Saturday, September 20-21, 2024 Fall Open Houses

West Liberty's shops and businesses would like to invite you to partake in our annual autumn celebration! Join us September 20th and 21st from 10:00am-5:00pm to explore our new fall inventory and take advantage of select deals. Plus, some locations will be serving delicious refreshments!

**West Liberty Lions Club:**

**Charlie Jones Horseshoe Tournament 2024** Entry deadline: Sunday, September 8th  
**Saturday, September 14th** - Sanctioned Singles Entry Fee: \$20.00 per person.  
**Sunday, September 15th** - Unsanctioned Doubles Entry Fee: \$15.00 Per Team.



Bring your own partner, random draw for opponents, double elimination

Food will be available. Electric scorekeeping. Your pit will be turned for each game, if you desire.

**Contact:** Don Epps at 937-441-1612 or don.epps321@gmail.com or Ed Hildreth at 937-844-1912

**West Liberty Lions Club:**

**Pancake Breakfast:** Saturday September 14th, 8-11 AM.  
At Lions Park, main shelter.



**Fish Fry:** Saturday September 14th, 11 AM-1 PM & 5-7 PM  
At Lions Park, main shelter. Adults \$12, Children \$6



For more information on the Pancake Breakfast or Fish Fry go to: westlibertylions.org

**What's new in the water department ?**

We recently were awarded a grant to purchase a couple pieces of equipment.

Our line locator has been replaced with a more advanced model. It is more versatile and accurate in locating piping.

"Leak loggers" have also been purchased. These are listening devices that can be deployed around the village, they are programmed to listen every 2 seconds over night for water usage. The devices are retrieved and data analyzed the next morning. These devices can be moved around every few days so that we can continuously canvas the village, listening for leaks. We are hoping to hear the leaks as soon as they start and can begin to pinpoint the actual break and repair them before they are huge leaks. The village is built over lots of gravel, therefore our leaks "mainbreaks" tend to go down and drain away being undetected. Currently not until we see an increase in our pumping times from our wells, that supply drinking water to the village, do we discover that we must have a mainbreak somewhere. Catching and repairing these leaks early will save us time, money and water!

**Wastewater Dept**

Hopefully, in the next month or so we will be conducting a sewer "smoke testing". This event will double as a continuing education class. Many other villages will be here participating as well for this training/class. We will send out a "one call" alert a day before the testing will begin.

If you have any questions at all please call the wastewater department at **937-465-2719**.

A link explaining the process will also be provided on mywestliberty.com.

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Thank you and enjoy the rest of the summer!

**The Water Guys**

**Keith Anlin - Shane Freehauf**

**Wastewater Department 937-465-271**