

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

April 2023

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Spring has Sprung!

MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 29th

Join us **Monday, May 29th for the 2023 Memorial Day Program** honoring our service men and women at Fairview Cemetery.

Our traditional Memorial Day program will be held at Fairview Cemetery. Reception to follow at Hiram College's Koritansky Hall.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet in April. There was no new business to come before the Commission.

CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED!!

The Hiram Village spring clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2023. Pick up will be 7:00 a.m. – Noon.

Clean-up Guidelines:

***Collection to begin at 7:00 a.m.:** Materials need to be set at the curb properly prepared for collection as mentioned in these guidelines. Kimble will pass by each residence to provide service one time only. Materials set out after the Kimble truck passes will be left at the curb.

***Bulk Items:** Large appliances with doors removed will be collected even though they weigh over 50 pounds. Wooden furniture and wooden chairs will be collected. Upholstered couches and chairs infested with bed bugs need to be wrapped in plastic or they will be left at the curb. Glass portions or windows need to be removed or taped for the safety of the workers and to minimize the chance for glass to spill out of the truck onto the roadway.

***Unacceptable items include:** Hazardous waste, chemicals, fuel, paint, batteries, tires, car parts, lawn mowers, metal, tree branches over 4' in length, or railroad ties. Containers over 33 gallons in size will not be emptied, containers that have materials in that weigh over 50 pounds (ex: dirt/rocks) will not be emptied.

FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources has issued an outdoor open burning ban in unincorporated areas statewide from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the months of March, April, and May, as well as again in the fall during October and November. According to the ODNR, the ban was put in place due to the heightened wildfire danger at times in the spring and fall. In spring, wildfire danger is higher before plants have turned green, and in fall the danger is higher due to dry leaves and dead grass. In both seasons, the risk is higher due to warm, windy weather. This ban also includes burning yard waste, trash and other debris.

NEW OHIO DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

Effective April 2023 Ohio Senate Bill 288 (distracted driving law) will be enforced statewide. In January Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed Senate Bill 288 which strengthens laws in Ohio related to the use of cell phones and other electronic communication devices while driving as a primary traffic offense for all drivers and allow law enforcement to immediately pull over a distracted driver as a primary offense upon witnessing a violation. Law enforcement will issue warnings for a grace period of six (6) months. Once the grace period has expired the penalties will include a fine of up to \$150 for a driver's first offense and two (2) points on their license unless a distracted driving safety course is completed. Increased penalties can occur if the driver is a repeat offender.

MAILING ADDRESS CHANGE

Effective immediately the Village of Hiram municipal building, utility billing, street department, fiscal office, police and fire departments mailing address has changed to our physical location at **11617 Garfield Road, Hiram OH 44234-3407**. Water/sewer payments may be mailed to the address noted on your statement card through Dec. 1, 2023. We would appreciate payments be mailed to the above address. Thank you.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Hiram Village offices will be closed in observance of the following 2023 holidays:

May 29th – Memorial Day

June 19th – Juneteenth Observed

July 4th – Independence Day ** fireworks display evening of July 3rd

Sept. 4th – Labor Day

Oct. 9th – Columbus Day

Nov. 10th – Veterans Day

Nov. 23 & 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec. 25th – Christmas Holiday

Jan. 1, 2024 – New Year's Day