

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!


PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

December 10th Mayor Bertrand had the honor of hosting the 2021 Oath of Office Ceremony for area newly and re-elected officials at Hiram College's Koritansky Hall. The ceremony began at 7:00 p.m. with Honorable Judge John Eklund officiating the evening's proceedings swearing into office thirteen area elected officials. The Rev. Father Lee Martin offered the invocation and benediction. MSG Fred Wood (US Army, retired) led the opening pledge of allegiance. A reception with light refreshments followed the ceremony.

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

 The Hiram Village Street Department will pick up Christmas trees through the month of January. Please place your tree at the curb and remember to remove all ornaments, lights, garland and tinsel.

FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

From the Village Administrator – **Please be advised that per Village of Hiram Codified Ordinance 901.01 winter sidewalk cleaning and salting is the responsibility of the property owner.** The Street Department's primary concern is the plowing and salting of the Village streets. Although the Street Department has in the past cleared residential sidewalks it is not the Department's first priority or responsibility. Thank you.

Questions can be directed to the Village Administrator, James McGee, at va.hvoh@gmail.com.

NEW WATER UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM

The water utility billing department will be implementing a new billing system to compliment the RMI water meters.

The Village of Hiram Utility Department received a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to replace our systems old water meters for all Village and Township water/sewer customers. Along with the new meters comes a new, up to date billing system.

The majority of the old meters had been in service 30 plus years and frequently did not give accurate reads. The new meter system will not only be accurate, it will allow the water department to determine in real time an unusual usage that may be caused by a leaking pipe, etc. You may also see a change in the amount charged on your bill due to the difference in the way the new meters read your water usage. The old system measured usage in thousand gallon units. The new system will measure in one hundred gallon units. The rate fee has not changed, just the way water usage is measured. Some households may see a slight increase in their monthly bill, others a decrease. This will be due to the increased accuracy of the new meters.

RECYCLING PICK-UP SERVICE UPDATE

Recycling pick-up to return to weekly service beginning January 7, 2022 –

Effective January 7, 2022 Kimble Sanitation will provide weekly recycling pick-up for Hiram Village and Township. Friday will remain as the recycling pick-up day.

The Portage County Solid Waste District Recycling Center will pick-up recycling through the end of 2021 on the following dates: December 3rd
December 17th
December 31st

Kimble Sanitation will deliver new containers in January. Portage County has not given the Village a date for the pick-up of their containers.

NEWLY ELECTED & RE-ELECTED COUNCIL

January will see new faces in Village Council. Newly elected council members Beth Greenwood and Chris McCreight will begin their terms while re-elected member Chris Szell will begin his second term.

Sadly we are saying goodbye to council members Robert Dempsey, a twelve year veteran of council, and Michael Greenwood who was appointed to fill the vacated position of Tom Wadkins in July 2018. We'd like to say thank you to both gentleman for their service to our community.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



The Hiram Village offices will be closed on the following holidays:

December 24th – Christmas Holiday
January 3, 2022 – New Year's Day Holiday
January 17, 2022 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day