

# HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021

"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT"



### PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission did not meet on January 5<sup>th</sup> there was no new business to come before the Commission.

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a joint meeting with the Economic Development Committee on February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Now that winter is here and snow has begun to fall, clearing that snow from Village streets will be a priority. Any snow build-up along the edges of the streets will be moved back into the right-of-way, as time permits that build-up will be moved to another location. Any damage done to the right-of-way areas will be repaired.



**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 of our streets. Questions can be directed to the Village Administrator, James McGee, at [va.hvoh@gmail.com](mailto:va.hvoh@gmail.com).

### INCOME TAX SEASON

Income tax season is here and the Village Fiscal Office wants to remind everyone the **Regional Income Tax Agency, R.I.T.A.**, handles the Village's income tax collections. The Village Fiscal Office no longer accepts or processes personal or business income tax filings. **Please mail your Village Income Tax filings to R.I.T.A., P.O. Box 477900, Broadview Hts., OH 44147-7900. For more information, forms and help, visit the R.I.T.A. website at [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) or call 1-800-860-7482.**

Please remember the Hiram Village income tax rate is 2.25% effective July 1, 2018 per Resolution 2017-25.

### HIRAM VILLAGE MEETINGS

During this time of pandemic Hiram Village council and committee meetings will be held either in the Village service garage (following social distancing protocol) or via Zoom.com. Check the Village website [hiramvillage.org](http://hiramvillage.org) for meeting location updates. (Attendees of live meetings will be required to wear face masks.)

### FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Bedrooms are a common area of fire origin. Many of these fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, such as overloading extension cords or using portable space heaters too close to combustibles. Many other bedroom fires are caused by children who play with matches and lighters or careless smoking among adults. Please remember to sleep with bedroom doors closed to protect from fires outside of the bedroom as well.



### FROM THE PORTAGE COUNTY RECYCLING CENTER



**The Portage County Solid Waste Management District (the Recycling Center) is asking that all residents refrain from putting their recyclables in plastic bags.** Plastic

bags are often wet or have food waste on them when placed in the curbside recycling and contaminate other materials. Additionally, at recycling facilities, these plastics can jam sorting and processing equipment, leading to frequent shutdowns so worker can remove the tangled materials. The downtime results in higher processing costs which are passed on to the District.

### THE PORTAGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 2021 ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR RECYCLING

- ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS, PLEASE RINSE OUT
- CARDBOARD
- CARTONS, PLEASE RINSE OUT
- GLASS BOTTLES & JARS, PLEASE RINSE OUT
- NEWSPAPER, JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES
- PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS, PLEASE RINSE OUT

### NO 2021 TIRE COLLECTION

The Portage County Solid Waste Management District announced **February 12, 2021 there will be no tire collection in 2021.** Due to prohibitive costs the District Recycling Center regrets it will not be providing this service for the 2021 calendar year.

### FROM THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

Effective January 6, 2021 the Hiram Police Department will receive all calls for assistance through the Portage County Sheriff's Department Dispatch. The Hiram Police Department non-emergency number remains the same – 330-569-3236. The Sheriff's Department non-emergency number is 330-296-5100 dial "0" for dispatch.

**Dial 911 for all emergencies.** The Hiram PD emergency number 569-3235 is no longer functional.

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Hiram Village Council and Committee meeting dates can be found on the Village's website [hiramvillage.org](http://hiramvillage.org).