

# HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION JULY 3RD

Join us for the 2022 Independence Day Celebration on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

This year's celebration will begin with the Children's Bike Rodeo 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., the Hiram Fire Department will have the fire trucks on display 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. with the Village Independence Day parade stepping off at approximately 6:45. The fireworks, sponsored by the Hiram Fire Association, will begin at dusk.

## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission met June 7, 2022 to discuss a possible variance for the construction of a carport for a property on Plum Ridge Drive and also to discuss the various nuisance properties throughout the Village.

*July's P&Z Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.*

**The Planning & Zoning Commission is looking for Village residents interested in serving on the P&Z Commission.** This position is an unpaid, volunteer appointment. The Commission meets as needed, usually the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone interested should contact Mayor Lou Bertrand at [mayor32.hvoh@gmail.com](mailto:mayor32.hvoh@gmail.com).

## HYDRANT FLUSHING TO START MAY 23rd

Hydrant flushing will begin Monday, May 23rd and continue periodically through September. You may experience discolored water when flushing occurs. Please let your faucets run till the water color returns to normal.

Any boil alerts or widespread water service interruptions will be posted on the **Smart911** system and on the Village website [hiramvillage.org](http://hiramvillage.org).

## FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT



### **Grilling Safety Tips –**

- \*Propane and charcoal BBQ Grills should only be used outdoors.
- \*The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- \*Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- \*Never leave your grill unattended.

\*Check the major connection points between the gas (propane) tank hose and the regulator and cylinder, and where the hose connects to the burners. Tighten if loose.

\*Check the gas (propane) tank hose for potential (gas) leaks. To do that: Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose using a brush or spray bottle. Turn the propane tank on. If there is a gas leak, the propane will release bubbles around the hose (big enough to see). If there are no bubbles, your grill is safe to use.

If there are bubbles, turn off the tank and check connections, then have your grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak doesn't stop, call the fire department immediately.

\*As you are cooking, if you smell gas, turn off the gas tank and burners.

\*If the leak stops immediately, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again.

\*If the smell continues, move away from the grill and call the fire department immediately. Do not move the grill.

## Smart911 ENHANCED 9-1-1 SERVICE AVAILABLE

The Hiram Village Administrator announced March 28<sup>th</sup> that **Smart911 + Alert is now available to all individuals and families living in the Hiram area.** Smart911 is a free service that allows individuals to create a Safety Profile for their household that can include any information they may want 9-1-1 call takers and first responders to have in the event of an emergency, then if they need to dial 9-1-1 their Safety Profile will immediately display on the call taker's screen saving critical seconds and even minutes in response to an emergency. Coupled with Rave Alert, individuals will receive notifications on potentially hazardous situations involving weather, traffic and other emergencies, **including water breaks and boil alerts for Hiram water utility customers.** *You do not need a smart phone to have this service Smart911 will call your landline as well.*

Go to the Hiram Village website [hiramvillage.org](http://hiramvillage.org), click on the "Residents" tab for more information on the program and the app.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WATER TESTING

The Hiram Village Water Department is seeking volunteer households to allow us to test their interior faucet water every 6 months. The EPA requires routine compliance testing of household water samples bi-annually. The Water Department will provide sample containers with instructions and will then collect the containers. If you are interested in participating in the program please call the Village Administrator, James McGee at 330-569-7802 ext. 223 or email at [va.hvoh@gmail.com](mailto:va.hvoh@gmail.com). Registration for volunteer households has been extended.

## OUR CONDOLENCES

The Hiram Village elected officials and staff would like to offer our condolences to the family of former Village Street Commissioner, Norman Wood. Norman served his community in Hiram Village for over 20 years beginning his career in the water/sewer department and eventually becoming Street Commissioner during the 1970's.