

# HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

March 2023

"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT"



## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission met February 7<sup>th</sup> and March 7, 2023. Possible changes to zoning and follow-up information regarding various nuisance properties was discussed at both meetings.

## PORTAGE COUNTY RECYCLING EVENT



The Portage County District Recycling Center will hold an **Earth Day Recycling Event** on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

**Where:** Portage County Recycling Center  
3588 Mogadore Road  
Kent, OH 44240  
(330) 678-8808

**What:** Latex Paint  
Passenger Tires (limit 8, NO rims)  
Electronics (\$20 fee for TV's & monitors, printers \$10)

Valid ID is required to drop off. More information can be found at [PORTAGERECYCLES.COM](http://PORTAGERECYCLES.COM) or Facebook – Portage County Recycling.

Items **will not** be accepted at the Hiram Village Municipal Building. Thank You.

## 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.

## TOWN HALL MEETING RESCHEDULED

The Hiram Village Town Hall meeting originally scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> has been moved to April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Village Council President Christopher Szell and a representative from iPark will give a presentation explaining the new parking proposal. The meeting will be held at Hiram College's Koritansky Hall located at the corner of Garfield and Wakefield Roads. This is an informational public meeting only, although other council members may also be present. Due to venue size seating will be limited. This meeting is open to the public.

## HIRAM PD PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Mark your calendar for the 2023 Hiram Police Department "**Shop With A Cop**" **Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 15th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** All you can eat pancakes will be served at Hiram College Kennedy Center Dix Dining Hall, 11730 Garfield Road, Hiram. Donations received at this annual event help fund the Hiram Police Department's "Shop With A Cop" program.

## 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.



## HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day  
June 19<sup>th</sup> – Juneteenth Observed  
July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day  
Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day  
Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day  
Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day  
Nov. 23 & 24 – Thanksgiving Holiday  
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Holiday  
Jan. 1, 2024 – New Year's Day