

MAY 2011 HIRAM VILLAGE COMMUNICATOR

Motto: *All the news that fits, we print. @*

SCHEDULE FOR 2011 SPRING CLEANING & BRUSH PICK UP

THIS SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2011 is **ASPRING CLEAN UP DAY** @ Place all items near street. Also, it is **ATire & Computer Drop Off Day** @ Drop off those items at the south Village Hall parking lot from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Brush pick up is the last **full** week of **MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST** and **SEPTEMBER**. Amounts of brush should be no more than two men can load. Branches and brush should be **no longer** than 8 ft. Leaves and small twigs must be bagged in bio-degradable bags and sealed with bio-degradable tape, or twine. All materials should be placed to avoid interference with pedestrian and vehicular traffic.

PLANNING & ZONING:

P&Z Commission met on May 3rd past when two applications were presented. (1) Hiram Farm Application to use the former Tarnowski property as an autistic adult day care center for habilitation in connection with the Hiram Farm, Inc. This was granted on condition that the said applicant continues to carry its current licenses with the Ohio Department of Health and comply with state and federal building and fire codes in addition to the federal A.D.A. law and regulations.

(2) Mr. Doug McGee and representatives of CT Consultants tendered the site plan of the Hinsdale Rd. Extension which will be conveyed to the Village. The goal is to have this right-of-way conveyance and acceptance confirmed by Council at the June meeting.

ADDITIONS TO COMMUNITY AND GRANT REQUESTS:

As reported earlier in late December past the Village received approval for a \$50,000 NOPEC energy efficiency grant. The grant is being utilized to make energy saving permanent improvements in village structures. [This Grant has been received all \$50,000 however, the improvements haven't been totally bid thus far.]

As reported earlier, demolition of the old Hiram School is almost completed for the contract price of \$66,900 to Ace - Zuver, LLC. However there is a little more that \$40,000 remaining in the CBG Block grant but after contacting Ms. Lisa Reeves of the Portage County Regional Planning Commission those funds may not be

available for further improvements on the site. As reported the property owner, Ferdinand Fojas, M.D., responded to the offer sheet e-mailed to him January past, he has made a counter offer of \$160k with a credit of \$30k In February Hiram Village applied for two ODNR grants totaling 94,000 to be utilized for the purchase of this property, however, the Village is constrained not to enter into a Purchase/Sales Agreement until the State rules on the two grants.

The purchase of the 5.1 acres of Hiram School property may be financed through loan/mortgage/bonds [*at no cost to village tax payers*] and leased to Hiram College for the purposes of Hiram School Park [baseball field and observatory].

The Ohio Public Works Commission grant approved by Gov. Kasich approved \$177,500 this is a 50% grant for Hinsdale Rd. Extension with Hiram College bearing balance of the costs. (CT Consultants is the engineering firm on this project with a total estimated cost at: \$355k) It has been suggested that the Village take the necessary time to plan and build this roadway through 2012 so that this project is completed in a sound and workmanship like manner.

FIRE AND EMS

The Village has not yet inked a new two (2) year Fire and Police service contract with Hiram College with a 5% increase in the first year to **\$69,930** and a 3% increase in the second year to **\$72,028**. [The DEVIL is in the details. Thus the two chiefs and Council President Tom Wadkins are currently working out any particular troublesome wording in the contract with the College.]

ANNEXATION NEWS:

May 5th the Portage County Board of County Commissioners denied the Petitioners' request to annex approx. 139 acres to the Village. The Commissioners full decision is located at:

<http://www.co.portage.oh.us/commissioners.htm>

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES, MONDAY MAY 30TH

This year's speaker is: LIEUTENANT COL. DONALD HAZELWOOD (USA) LTC Hazelwood is a Professor of Military Science at John Carroll University and unit commander of the Cleveland area R.O.T.C. program, which includes Hiram College.

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MR. RICHARD SPENCER has written that he can no longer read the names of those veterans buried in the Hiram Village and Township cemeteries. **SSG BARRIE ZUVER BARKER** will participate in the readings.

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