

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

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"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT"



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

THANK YOU HIRAM VOTERS!

Mayor Bertrand and the Village staff would like to thank you for supporting your community through the passage of the Village current expense levy.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in November. There was no new business or actions needed.

2016 HALLOWEEN PARTY FRIGHTENLY SUCCESSFUL!

This year's HFD Halloween party was a great success. Approximately 200 Trick or Treaters enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and sweet treats.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



This winter many Northeast Ohioans will feel the added pinch of high heating bills. The Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP, helps eligible Ohioans pay their home energy bill. The benefit is applied directly to a customer's utility bill or bulk fuel bill. The amount of the benefit is determined by the number of people in the household, the heating source, and the region of residence. To find out if you are eligible for help with your home heating bills contact the Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. at 330-297-1456 or the Home Energy Assistance Program at 1-800-282-0880, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can also visit HEAP Ohio's website for more information and application forms at www.development.ohio.gov and type HEAP into the search box.

FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

It's that time of year again, most of us have traded our flip-flops for "real" shoes, and soon we'll be trading leaf rakes for snow shovels. As the winter season approaches and snow begins 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. Questions can be directed to the Village Administrator, James McGee, at va.hvoh@gmail.com

HIRAM VILLAGE COMMITTEES AND RECORDS RETENTION COMMISSION TO MEET NOV. 21st

The Records Retention Commission will meet on November 21st at 6:30 pm. Following the Records Retention meeting the Finance Committee meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The following committees will meet after the Finance Committee: the Advisory Committee on Blighted Properties and the Committee to Address the Deterioration Sidewalks.

FROM THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

REMINDER: Effective November 15, 2016 the Village of Hiram will be switching over to Aurora Dispatch. The Hiram Police Emergency and Non-Emergency telephone numbers will remain the same. HPD and HFD will respond to your calls.

If you are in need of Aurora Dispatch, the direct line is 330-562-8181. Thank you Mantua Dispatch, for many years of GREAT service.



Congratulations Patrolman Eduardo Rodriguez! Ptl. Rodriguez was promoted to Corporal on November 8th. Cpl. Rodriguez has 15 years of law enforcement experience and will aid in the supervisory role within Team Hiram.

INCOME TAX SEASON

Income tax season is quickly approaching and the Village Fiscal Office wants to remind everyone the **Regional Income Tax Authority, R.I.T.A.**, now 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 or call 1-800-860-7482.

FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

So much has been said lately about the advantages and disadvantages of alternative heating sources such as kerosene heaters and wood stoves that the Hiram Fire Department would like to remind you of safety procedures to insure that your standard home heating system is properly maintained. * Have a professional check and service your heating system every fall. They will look for possible worn out parts, frayed wiring and blocked heating ducts. * Keep flammable material away from heat vents. Teach children not to touch these vents as some vents can become very warm while the heating system is in use. * When purchasing an electric space heater, look for a seal from a nationally recognized testing agency, such as Underwriters Laboratory (UL). * Make sure that the electric cord is in good condition, not frayed. * Regular household extension cords should not be used with an electric heater. The heaters draw too much electricity and will overload the cord. * Never put a portable electric heater in a child's bedroom. In an attempt to get warm quickly, they may pull the heater too close to the bed, which could ignite the blankets on the bed.

