

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER 2021

"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT"



Happy Thanksgiving!

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning and Zoning Commission did not meet in November. There was no new business to come before the Commission.

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Ohio has experienced many warmer than normal days this fall. Though we may be ready for more seasonable temperatures it's still hard to think of the cold winter weather headed our way and the added financial pinch of high heating bills that will soon be a reality for all of us. Many in our community will find themselves in need of assistance paying those bills. **The Home Energy Assistance Program, HEAP, is available to help 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 (234)703-4302 or the Home Energy Assistance Program at 1-800-282-0880, Monday through Friday 8:30 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

As the winter season approaches and snow begins to fall, clearing the 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 and 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 and salting of the Village streets. Although the Street Department has in the past cleared residential sidewalks, it is not the Department's first priority or responsibility.

Questions can be directed to the Village Administrator, James McGee, at va.hvoh@gmail.com.

NEW WATER UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM

The water utility billing department will be implementing a new billing system to compliment the RMI water meters.

The Village of Hiram Utility Department received a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission to replace our systems old water meters for all Village and Township water/sewer customers. Along with the new meters comes a new, up to date billing system.

The majority of the old meters had been in service 30 plus years and frequently did not give accurate reads. The new meter system will not only be accurate, it will allow the water department to determine in real time an unusual usage that may be caused by a leaking pipe, etc. You may also see a change in the amount charged on your bill due to the difference in the way the new meters read your water usage. The old system measured usage in thousand gallon units. The new system will measure in one hundred gallon units. The rate fee has not changed, just the way water usage is measured. Some households may see a slight increase in their monthly bill, others a decrease. This will be due to the increased accuracy of the new meters.

2021 LEAF PICK-UP

Curbside leaf pick-up will begin in October when accumulation warrants and will continue as needed until snow fall amounts prohibit pick up. ***This pick-up is for leaves only NO brush, twigs, limbs, ~~Christmas-trees~~ or other yard debris.***



RECYCLING PICK UP DATES

The following are the remaining recycling pick up dates as listed on the Portage County Solid Waste website.

Pick up dates through the end of 2021 are as follows:

Nov. 5 & 19
Dec. 3

Portage County Solid Waste Recycling will no longer pick up recycling for Hiram Village or Township after December 3, 2021. The Village and Township are currently accepting bids for curbside recycling service. Residents will be notified when a new recycling hauler has been named as well as the pickup schedule as soon as we have new information.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



The Hiram Village offices will be closed on the following holidays:

November 25th & 26th – Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24th – Christmas Holiday
January 3, 2022 – New Year's Day Holiday