

# HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2019

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## PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

## FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Mayor Bertrand and the Village staff would like to thank you for supporting your community through the passage of the Hiram Fire/EMS Levy renewal.

## CURBSIDE LEAF PICK-UP

Curbside leaf pick up is finished for the season. Any leaves should be raked into bio-degradable bags and placed at the curb.

## FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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](mailto:va.hvoh@gmail.com)

## FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

**SANTA ON THE FIRE TRUCK** will be coming to Hiram on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please feel free to drop presents off at the Fire Station located at 11617 Garfield Road, Hiram starting Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through 6:00 p.m. Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure each gift is labeled with your child's name and the Hiram Village or Hiram Township address where you would like the gift to be delivered. Remember Santa can deliver gifts to Hiram Village and Hiram Township addresses only. December 22<sup>nd</sup> delivery times will be announced on the Hiram Fire Department's FaceBook page.



## 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 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](http://www.development.ohio.gov) and type HEAP into the search box.



## INCOME TAX SEASON

Income tax season is quickly approaching and the Village Fiscal Office wants to remind everyone the **Regional Income Tax Agency, R.I.T.A.**, 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](http://www.ritaohio.com) or call 1-800-860-7482.**

Please remember the Hiram Village income tax rate is 2.25% effective July 1, 2018 per Resolution 2017-25.

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Christmas trees may be placed at the curb during the month of January for pick up by the Street Department. Please remove ALL lights, ornaments and garland or tinsel.

## HOLIDAY CALENDAR

The Hiram Village offices will be **closed** Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and New Year's Day Wednesday, January 1, 2020.

*The Hiram Village Staff Wishes You and Yours  
A Joyous Holiday Season*

