

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 2017

"ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS WE PRINT"



PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Commission met on September 5th for discussion and work session regarding improvements to Constance Road.


FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR


September is here and before we know it falling leaves will be replaced by falling snow. As the winter season approaches and the snow begins to fly, 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

FROM THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

*As leaves begin to fall it is time to be aware of wet leaves on the roadways. Young drivers, especially, need to be reminded that wet leaves can pose a hazard when driving. "In the autumn when leaves start to accumulate and cover our roads and then become wet, they will get very slippery making the driving conditions similar to driving on an icy road. Should we have a frost and the temperature falls to below freezing, the wet leaves will freeze and turn the road into an ice rink. This will not only reduce your vehicles traction, resulting in you skidding and the possibility of losing control. Leaves often pile up and cover over the road markings making it difficult to know the locations of the lanes, junctions etc."

*Please be careful of internet fraud. If you feel that you have fallen victim, please file a complaint about the theft with the Federal Trade Commission. You can do so online at ftccomplaintassistant.gov or call 1-877-438-4338. Brochures regarding "Identity Theft" will be available at the Rosser Municipal Building after October 22nd.

 The Hiram Police Department mourns the passing of Former Police Chief Mark Lombardi on August 19, 2017. Funeral Services were held August 26th at the Hiram Christian Church. Condolence cards may be sent to the Lombardi family at 15902 Jug Road, Burton, OH 44021.


 The Police Department is saddened by the passing of former Hiram Police Officer Elder Fletcher age 95 on August 20, 2017.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY NEWS

The Village Administrator's office is pleased to announce Portage Marble and Granite will begin repairing headstones in Fairview Cemetery this fall. Repairs are possible, in part, through a grant received from the Hiram Community Trust.

Fairview Cemetery's fall clean-up will begin the first week of October. The V.A. is asking that any faded silk arrangements and dead or dying plants be removed from gravesites by October 31st in preparation for the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHEDULE FOR 2017 LEAF & BRUSH PICK-UP

 Curbside leaf pick up will begin October 2nd and continue until snow fall amounts prohibit leaf collection. Remember to rake your leaves to the curb not into the street. Please do not mix twigs or branches with your leaves. *Brush pickup will be the last full week of September.*

A NIGHT OF HOPE

The Haven of Portage County invites you to "A Night of Hope" on Sunday September 24th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Mark your calendars to attend this benefit open house for Haven of Portage County's new warming center and rescue mission. The evening will feature family friendly activities which will include a Kids Corner with face painting, D.A.R.E., and lots of fun. Local vendors and a concert by local Christian musicians will round out the evening. For more information on The Haven of Portage County's mission and programs visit their website at www.portagehaven.org.



FROM THE HIRAM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Clean Dryer Vents – Clothes dryers often start fires in residential areas. Clean the lint filter every time you start a load of clothes to dry or after the drying cycle is complete. Make sure your exhaust duct is made of metal tubing and not plastic or foil. Clean the exhaust duct with a good quality dryer vent brush to prevent blockage & check for lint building up behind the dryer at least twice a year.



Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors – Make sure you have at least one smoke and carbon monoxide detector on each floor of your house to ensure the safest environment for your family. Ideally there should be one in each bedroom, in hallways on each floor of your home and near living areas such as your family room.

VILLAGE SIDEWALKS

Village sidewalk repair has been a topic of discussion at several Council meetings and a committee to address the deteriorating sidewalks has been formed. The V.A. would like to remind residents it is the property owners' responsibility to maintain the areas along the sidewalks and help in the maintenance of the sidewalks themselves. A copy of the *Codified Ordinance Chapter 901* for street and sidewalk areas is available on the Village website at www.hiramvillage.org. Questions can be addressed to James McGee, Village Administrator at va.hvoh@gmail.com.