

HIRAM COMMUNICATOR

SEPTEMBER 2019

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

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

FROM THE HIRAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

September is National Preparedness Month. During the month, the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be sharing information with residents about preparing for relevant disasters and emergencies that occur in our area.

Some of the most important actions people can take toward disaster preparedness are:

- Put together an emergency supply kit containing items that will allow families to survive for at least three days in the event of an emergency.
- Create a family emergency communications plan.
- Get a NOAA Weather Radio to hear tornado warnings and other weather alerts issued directly by the National Weather Service.

You can find these and other suggestions by visiting the Portage County Homeland Security website at co.portage.oh.us/homeland-security-emergency-management or the National Homeland Security website ready.gov.

2019 CURBSIDE 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. Remember to rake your leaves to the curb, not into the street, and please do not mix twigs or branches with your leaves.

FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Fairview Cemetery Fall Clean-up: The V.A. is asking that any dead or dying plants or faded silk arrangements be removed from gravesites by October 31st in preparation for the winter season. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

SCHEDULE FOR 2019 BRUSH PICK-UP

Brush pick-up for 2019 will be the last Friday of September. The amount of brush should be no more than two men can load in 15 minutes. Tree branches and brush should be no longer than 8 foot. Leaves and small twigs must be bagged in bio-degradable bags, and sealed with a bio-degradable tape or twine. Please, place your brush and leaf bags far enough from the curb to avoid road traffic.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR



The Hiram Village offices will be **closed** Monday, October 14th in observance of Columbus Day.