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A Message from the Mayor



Welcome to what I hope is the first of many quarterly newsletters from my office. I have enjoyed my first 10 weeks as Mayor and look forward to representing Pemberville for the next 4 years. I am pleased to say that all Village employees have made my transition from Council to Mayor very smooth. Mayor Opelt couldn’t have been more helpful and supportive in getting me started. Working with Council and the Board of Public Affairs has been productive and we enter 2012 with a bit of optimism. While Village financial resources are tight, our two governing boards are careful and conservative. In the following paragraphs, I will ramble on about a few topics and then there will be some short articles that you may find interesting.

Pemberville’s reputation as “Peaceful Pemberville” and one of the nicest places to live in Wood County is well deserved, I believe. I can list

a dozen reasons why I believe this to be true, but one of the reasons is our personal pride in our Village and our own property. I applaud that pride. In some cases, there have been foreclosed properties in your neighborhood that have gone unattended. In some cases neighbors have helped keep the property decent by periodically mowing grass and weeds. While this isn’t appropriate in all cases, the Village does have a procedure to control neglected property through warnings and citations. As a last resort, Village employees will maintain the outside property and charge the cost to the property taxes. My point is it should never get to a last resort. We all should be willing to keep our properties sharp—trash picked up, large weeds pulled, garbage containers covered, lawns mowed. If you sense there is a problem property near you, and you don’t have a relationship with your neighbor, you may contact my office and I will serve a gentle reminder that we all benefit when owners keep up their properties.

This incredible weather and early Spring is getting residents out of their houses and enjoying the outside. Our children especially benefit from outdoor activities and

there are lots of choices. After night-fall, sometimes unaccompanied teenagers become mischievous. All families are reminded that Pemberville does have a curfew. Unaccompanied juveniles under 15 are not to be out between 10 pm and 6 am during the week (11 pm And 6 am Fri. & Sat.). Sixteen and Seventeen year olds are not to be out between 11 pm and 6 am weeknights (Midnight and 6 am Fri. & Sat.). These hours do not apply to any juvenile accompanied by his/her parent, guardian or older sibling over 21, or performing a legitimate errand for a parent, or returning from gainful employment. Ordinance #1440, January, 2009.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health & Human Services, is conducting a National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey this year. Of all the states and their counties, Wood County, Ohio has been selected as a survey area. Out of approximately 5000 total examinations across the country, 439 Wood County residents will be asked to participate. If you are selected, you will be notified well in advance by mail. The survey will be conducted in our area between March 12 and May 18, 2012.



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Newly elected / re-elected officials:

- Mayor Gordon Bowman
- Council member Randy Rothenbuhler
- Council member Eileen Schuerman
- BPA member Dean Krukemyer
- BPA member Charles Schulte

A Change of the Guards

The Village of Pemberville welcomed new Mayor Gordon Bowman and new Council persons Eileen Schuerman and Randy Rothenbuhler at the first meeting in January. Mayor James Opelt and Councilman Christian King were honored for their years of service at a reception following the last meeting in December.

At the January 17, 2012 council meeting, Mayor Bowman distributed committee appointments. Reorganization took place during the end of January.

Committee appointments were:

Finance, Purchasing, Budget, & Records – Marge Cox (chairman), Randy Rothen-

buhler, Stephanie Bowe, Mayor Bowman

Flood – Eric Campbell (chairman), Larry Bockbrader, Gene Steele

Parks/Swimming Pool – Eileen Schuerman (chairman), Mayor Bowman

Personnel – Marge Cox (chairman), Randy Rothenbuhler, Dean Krukemyer

Planning Commission – Randy Rothenbuhler (chairman), Dave Miesmer, Ed Wozniak

Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks– Eric Campbell (chairman), Ryan Fuerst, Larry Bockbrader

Safety – Mayor Bowman

(chairman), Larry Bockbrader, Eileen Schuerman

Tree Commission – Marge Cox (chairman), John Lockard, Ruth Phillips, Brian Myer, Terry Nigh, Dan Piotrowski, Pat Vandersall

Utilities – Marge Cox (chairman), Larry Bockbrader

Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependent Fund Board – Ryan Fuerst

Pemberville-Freedom Fire Department Fire Committee – Larry Bockbrader, Ryan Fuerst

Pemberville Union Cemetery Board Marge Cox (1 year remaining), Ryan Fuerst (3 years)

Pemberville Happenings

Pemberville continues to be a great community of volunteers and service. The Pemberville Fair Board will hold the 66th edition of the Pemberville Free Fair August 15 thru 18 on American Legion and Village Park grounds. The nearly 2 hour Free Fair Parade kicks off at 1 pm on Saturday. The 4th Saturday in October, the Historical Society stages the Autumn Fest & Craft Show at the American Legion, Pemberville Elementary, Freedom Twp. Fire Hall and Downtown Pemberville. The Pemberville Independent Merchants Association holds Classic Cruise-Ins the first

Thursday evenings of June, July, August and September. And in 2011, a new Village beautification group, The Petal Pushers, improved Village parks and buildings with plantings, trimming and weeding. All these efforts are supported by Village employees, including Pemberville Police, and the Streets, Electric, Water and Sewer departments.

The new \$2.5 Million Wastewater Treatment Plant is the newest infrastructure asset for the Village. Funded partially with a \$1.25 Million grant from the Ohio EPA, it

was built with an eye to the future, with extra capacity and able to process from outside the Village. Careful hi-tech processing returns water to the Portage that is cleaner with less chemicals than the river itself.

In 2012, the Village will continue maintenance on the Memorial Park Pool, look at resurfacing the tennis courts, work to develop soccer fields at Northwest Park, and clean up the Walking Trail and Oberhouse Park. The water tower was repainted last year, and 3 Village wells were refurbished and now have improved production.





The Inside Scoop on Your Utilities

Here are the charges that you typically see on your monthly bill and an explanation of the charge:

ER – Electric Residential: This is a charge based on the amount of electricity usage in kWh.

WR – Water Residential: This is a charge based on a metered water usage. There is a minimum charge of \$9.75 for the first 1000 gallons and then an additional charge of \$5.00 for each additional 1000 gal-

lons of water used.

SC – Sewer Charge: This is a charge for sewer service and is based on water usage. There is a minimum charge of \$9.25 for the first 1000 gallons and then an additional charge of \$5.70 for each 1000 gallons of water used.

WD – Water Debt Service: This is a charge that goes into a designated fund to pay for capital improvements to the water distribution system. All utility accounts with water

service pay \$5 per month.

DS – Sewer Debt Service: This is a charge which is used to pay for debt incurred in the Sewer Department and is currently \$18 per month.

SSS – Storm Sewer Service: This is a \$3 per month charge that goes into a designated fund to pay for the repairs, maintenance, and capital improvements to the storm sewer system.



ATV's, 4-Wheelers Cause Concern for Residents

Some vehicles were made just for fun. Off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, “4-wheelers”, snowmobiles, etc. provide hours of fast, exciting riding for their owners. But their use inside the Village has a chilling effect on other residents, who view their use as risky, loud and dangerous. In 2003, Council created an ordinance to deal with this issue. (Full text of the ordinance appears below.) The more important points of the ordinance are

a. No off-highway vehicle can be oper-

- ated on Village sidewalks
- b. No off-highway vehicle can be operated on a State Highway. For those who live on Front Street, (State Route 105) who operate an off-highway vehicle, travel along Front Street is only permitted until a Village Street is reached.
 - c. Off-highway vehicles (and golf carts) may be operated on Village streets, but only by a licensed driver, equipped as required by State Law, and drivers are equipped with protective eye-wear.

Like many other neighborhood issues, your use of your home and personal property is one of the great freedoms we have as Americans. But like the old adage, “My rights stop where yours begin”, off-highway vehicle use needs to be tempered with consideration for our neighbors.

If you haven't already done so, register your off-highway vehicle with the Police Dept. or Village Hall. **ORDINANCE 1269 JULY 15, 2003**



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Income Tax Time



It is that time of the year again. Village of Pemberville income tax filing is due by April 17, 2012. The Village has mandatory filing for any one with earned income.

Income Tax forms are available at the Town Hall, at the Pemberville Public Library or you may download the PDF fillable forms from our website: www.pemberville.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the village office M-F 8:30am—4:30pm.

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2012 Pemberville Community Pool Information

The Village is preparing for the 2012 Pool season. The Pool offers a fun safe summer-time activity for everyone. Summer swimming lessons, swim team, and rentals are available as well.

The 2012 Pool Season is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 28. Regular hours will be Monday through Sunday 1pm-5pm and 7pm-9pm.

Swim Lesson, Swim Team, Membership sign-ups will be April 14 and May 19 from 9am—noon at Pemberville Elementary in the Gymnasium. 2012 pricing will be available soon on our website.



Meeting Dates and Times

Council Meetings:

The first and third Tuesday of each month

BPA Meetings:

The Monday preceding Council Meetings.

Parks/Swimming Pool – meets fourth Thursday at 7pm

Personnel – meets second Thursday at 7pm

Planning Commission – meets third Wednesday at 7pm

Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks– meets third Thursday at 3:30pm

Tree Commission – meets last Thursday of each month at 3pm

Utilities – meets during BPA meeting



Upcoming Events

April 2: Brush Collection

April 14: Swim Sign-up

April 17: Village Income Taxes Due

April 17: Wood County Commissioners
Town Hall Meeting at 6:15pm in
the Pemberville Town Hall.
Public is welcome to attend.

May 7: Brush Collection

May 11: Pemberville Baseball/Softball
Opening Day Festivities

May 19: Swim Sign up

May 28: Village Offices Closed

June 7: Car Show / Cruise in'

The second Saturday of each month recycling is available through the Eastwood Band Boosters.

We're on the web: www.pemberville.org