



October 1, 2007

Happy Halloween
Monday, October 29, 2007
5 PM – 7 PM

VILLAGE OF WINDHAM NEWS

Notices:

- **Fire hydrant flushing – October 1st thru the 5th**
- **Leaf pickup – the Village will be providing bio-degradable paper bags to residents for bagging leaves. These bags can be picked up at the Administration Office free of charge. After filled by the resident, the bags will be picked up from the street median. Please do not blow the leaves in piles on the street. The leaves must be in these bags for pickup.**
- **Halloween – Monday, October 29, 2007 from 5 pm until 7 pm, Village & Township**

General News:

- **Flu and Pneumonia shots** will be available at the Fire Station in November. **A date will be announced.** The Portage County Health Department and Public Health Nurses sponsor this service. The cost of the vaccines are – FLU \$20.00 and PNEUMONIA \$45.00 – for Village and Township residents.

- **Open House for residents to see the completed renovation of the Administration Offices,** Council Chambers and new parking area will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. We encourage Village and Township residents to see the downtown improvements.
- **Joint Fire District Discussions status.** The Attorney for the Trustees and the Attorney for Village Council are drafting a Joint Statement that may be agreeable to the Trustees and the Village Council. So far both sides have avoided legal action.
- **The Board of Elections voting for Village Precinct B voters will be at the New K. T. School off Maple Grove Road** on November 6, 2007. Precinct A voters will continue to vote at the Fire Station.

- **The \$1,617,000.00 new sewer line budget was \$40,000.00 under budget.** The U.S.D.A. Rural Development will allow us to use these funds to benefit the Village sewer budget. The purchase of new excavating equipment will be the first priority to enable our own employees to be more efficient.

Of the \$1.6 million total new sewer line cost, free **grant monies totaled \$912,000.00.** This project was a huge infrastructure improvement.

- **The Ohio Army National Guard (OANG) has discussed with us their plans to put a new gate and fencing at the South Main Street entrance to the Arsenal.** This is in anticipation of convenient access for construction of new water / sewer lines from the Village, and to allow Village Utility employees access to maintain the lines. There is also the possibility of providing fire and EMS services to the Army National Guard by our Fire Department personnel.

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We will continue to pursue the OANG to allow soldiers and other personnel use of the South Main Street gate into our Village so that we can increase patronage of Village businesses, improving our economy and helping us grow.

- **Volunteer Firefighter, Daryl Cottle, was hired as a Village part time laborer.** Daryl and his family live in the Village and will be available to answer emergency fire calls during the daytime.
- **Long time employee, Roger Stier, will be retiring in December.** His position of Waste Water Superintendent must be filled and ads have been placed for resumes and applications for qualified candidates. In advance, we wish Roger a happy, safe and healthy retirement.
- **We will be seeking one trash hauler in the Village at a much lower cost for apartment and home owners.** The trash would all be picked up the same day each week and will help to keep our Village clean. This has been very successful in other Villages. Council Committees and Mayor will begin discussions on this issue in the near future.
- **O.D.O.T. will be paving State Route 303 (East Center Street) through our Village next year, 2008.** This is good timing to improve the uneven pavement caused by the new sewer line construction.
- If you see any potholes that may have been missed by our street crew, let us know. Call the utilities department at 330-326-2622 extension 3.

- **The General Fund finances have substantially improved over the past 18 months.** This is due to appointments and hiring of employees who are qualified, dedicated to excellence, working together and therefore providing outstanding results for our Village. Some may already realize that in 2007, Village Council did not need to ask you to vote to increase the income tax and that is directly related to the outstanding performance of our Administration Staff.

Police Department Statistics YTD 2007

- **Physical arrests** 168
- **Felony arrests** 14
- **General Complaints** 1397

There has been a significant decrease in serious complaints and arrests. This can be associated to patrol visibility and proactive officers.

The Windham Police Department is honored to be invited to the Windham Junior / High School Parade this Fall. Traffic control for the parade will be maintained.

Also, the Windham Police Department will be holding a forum the last Thursday of every month. It will be held in the Council Chambers. Time 7:00 pm and hosted by Ptl. Jarod Dean.

We will also be putting together a mentorship program for the schools in late Fall.

- **The Village Office will be closed Monday, October 8, 2007 in observance of Columbus Day and will re-open Tuesday, October 9, 2007.**

C. James Moore, Mayor Scott Garrett, Council President

Maurice Hankins, Village Administrator Ed Perdian, Police Chief