



Happy Labor Day Holiday

September 3, 2007

# VILLAGE OF WINDHAM NEWS

## Notice:

The Joint Fire District Exploratory / Advisory Committee recommended to Village Council and to the Township Trustees that a Joint Fire District be formed. The Committee's recommendation and all details of all meetings held, is on the Village website ([www.windhamvillage.com](http://www.windhamvillage.com)).

## General News:

- We are reaching a critical point in the negotiation with the Ohio Army National Guard (OHANG) concerning the possibility of extending water and sewer lines into the arsenal for their training and logistics sites. The additional 133,000 gallons each day that we will possibly be selling to the OHANG will help the Village to stabilize resident's water and sewer bills. We currently produce 250,000 gallons per day, an increase in water demand means increased revenue to the Village. The South Main Street gate into the arsenal will be our utility employees' access to enter the arsenal to maintain the water and sewer lines. Mayor Moore and Village Administrator Maurice Hankins are negotiating with the OHANG to also open the South Main Street arsenal gate to allow soldiers and other personnel access to the Village so they can contribute to the Village economy with increased revenue to

Village businesses. For 2007, the OHANG population is 1535. The nearest training location is 1 ¼ miles south from the South Main Street arsenal gate. **We are excited about these possible improvements for all Windham residents.**

- **The large parking area expansion is completed around the Police Department, Administration Offices, Library and Community Building.** Many have expressed their appreciation for this improvement. This is helping provide more rentals of the Community Building and is much more convenient for the football team, soccer teams, the fans, those using the recycle bins and residents doing business at the Village Offices, Police Department and Library. **Thanks to the Windham Board of Education for the agreement to lease part of their property for this parking.**
- **In mid to late September the inside renovation of the Administration Offices will be complete.** The Administration Office will be in the back behind the Council Chambers. The public will park on the west side parking lot and enter the offices on the west side in a door near where the Council Chambers door is located. **The Police Department will have the entire front of the Municipal Building.**
- **A \$60,000 grant has been awarded by the Portage County Commissioners for new sidewalks on Maple Grove Road in 2008.**
- **An agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (O.D.O.T.) will provide \$1,600 of hot patch for street repairs.** Due to the detour of traffic when the culvert was being replaced by O.D.O.T. on East Center Street (303) near Harbison Walker Drive, O.D.O.T. agreed to provide the hot patch. Village personnel will soon be repairing the streets.

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- **Car show September 16, 2007 from 1 PM to 5 PM at T & J's Restaurant and Windham Pharmacy, sponsored by the Windham Chamber of Commerce.** The Chamber is being formed and this is their first event. With good weather, this will be a nice event in our Village.
- The tear down of the 4 apartment buildings owned by NDS has been delayed until October or November due to the paperwork process / guidelines necessary to secure the grant monies. The Fire Department will be burning two (2) of the buildings for practice training purposes. Due to Council Zoning changes, only single family homes can be built on these 4 apartment building lots.

#### **Police Department:**

- **Community Police Officer, Jarod Dean will be on duty at the station on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month beginning September 20, 2007 from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM to speak with the residents and to answer any questions.**
- **A new Police Department sign has been installed in front of the station.** Chief Perdian's wife volunteered to design the sign. The sign looks great, especially with the outside remodeling and **we sincerely appreciate Mrs. Perdian's donation.**
- Chief Perdian will soon be updating the Public Safety link on the Village website ([www.windhamvillage.com](http://www.windhamvillage.com)) with new and improved reports.
- **Chief Perdian and Mayor Moore have received Council's approval to work with NDS to apply for a grant designed to place a Police Officer in the high school for 16 hours a week.** The purpose is to administer a mentoring program targeted at reducing juvenile delinquency and youth violence, increasing attendance and improving the inter-personal relationships between peers, teachers and other adults and family members.
- **The Safety Town program for Kindergarten and First Grade was completed.** The children learned about safety practices, emergency calling, stranger danger, traffic and pedestrians, bullies, if lost how to find their way back and that Policemen and Firemen are their friends.
- **A Police Department Policy is to be the first responder to assist with Fire and EMS calls in the Village.**
- In 2008, there will be police officers intensive in-house training and services information to better serve the public. This will include first responder training.
- January 1 thru June 30 this year (2007) there were 20 illegal drug arrests. Six were felony trafficking of crack cocaine, nine for possession and four for drug paraphernalia.
- **Part time Officer Tim Wilmington was promoted to full time. We now have 2 certified canines. Officers Price and Lamtman are the canine handlers.**

**C. James Moore, Mayor      Scott Garrett, Council President**  
**Maurice Hankins, Village Administrator      Ed Perdian, Police Chief**