

From the Mayor's Desk

Corn Roast 2019

Even though it rained that morning, the clouds parted, and the sun shined all day. It got a bit chilly in the evening when temperatures dipped into the 40's, but everyone had a wonderful time at our eighth corn roast. For the first time, I was able to stand back and take everything in around me...from children having fun on the soccer field — playing ball and just being kids, to adults chatting with friends and keeping warm by the fire drinking hot cider. And the fireworks...WOW! I had heard that individuals as far away as Maple Heights heard them. Pictured are me and MC Dave Volek watching the fireworks that night. As I have stated in the past, it takes a team to organize, set up, and run this event. I want to thank all our staff at the village hall and service department for working tirelessly on this project, and to all the countless volunteers who had a hand in making this happen. Thank you to our safety forces for keeping the event safe. Special thanks to residents, Councilman Todd Bloam and Bobby Santiago and their crew for cooking the entire day! And extra special thanks to Tony Anselmo and Anthony Rossi from Premier ProduceOne, located right here in the village, for the donation of corn, all the pumpkins for the kids tent, and supplying a driver and trailer for us to keep the hay safe and dry before and after the event — we rent all the hay from Wilson Feed Mill. This event continues to be successful and thought through, and everyone who attends always enjoys it. We've included an insert with pictures from the event, as well as posting additional pictures to our web site.

Events

Last month we held our annual senior citizens flu shot and breakfast at the village hall. This has become a social event with our seniors and it's great to see everyone get together and catch up with their neighbors. Once again, Fire Chief Suhy, Police Chief Sturgill, Service Director Sammons and I had a great time serving breakfast to our seniors, as well as eating most of the bacon. Independence Discount Drug Mart again administered the shots and Nurse Joanne Socausky and her staff were on hand doing blood work. I know I say it year after year, but we are so blessed to be able to offer this program to our seniors.

Hope you and the family can join us this Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Klima Gardens for our annual Halloween party for our village residents and grandchildren. The incredible Flower Clown will entertain our children that afternoon with his magic show. Light refreshments will be served. Don't forget to wear your costume!

Trick-or-Treat will take place on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you wish to pass out candy, please leave your front porch light on so that children know they are welcome. As in past practice, our police and fire personnel will be riding around town during trick-or-treat.



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Earlier this month we held our annual fall fish fry with the businesses in town at Klima Gardens. It's always great to get together with our business friends, as well as meeting new faces within their companies. Judge Deborah Nicastrò was our key speaker and talked about the *Fresh Start* program at Garfield Heights Municipal Court. In addition, State Representative Jeff Crossman stopped by and briefly spoke. This event has become an annual tradition and I always look forward to it.

Congratulations

Happy Anniversary to the following residents: Marty & Kathy Malek celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary and Renato & Michelle Contipelli celebrated their 27th anniversary on October 9th. In addition, Matt & Vicky Sokolich celebrated their 33rd anniversary on October 11th. Best wishes to each couple...and many more years of health, prosperity and happiness.

Village resident, Charlie Pelfrey was recently crowned Homecoming King at The University of Toledo. Congratulations Charlie, we are all so very proud of you!

Birthday Wishes

Special milestone birthday wishes to Mrs. Pat Miller who turned 80 on October 24th! Pictured is Mrs. Miller during our Kelleys Island trip in August, 2012 (boy...did it rain that day!)

October birthday wishes to employees: (2) Law Director Ben Chojnacki; (11) Steve Harris; (15) Nick Frye and (24) Mindy Armbrust.

Thoughts and prayers

Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Mrs. Lori Borowy, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Marti Malek, John Traffis and Joe Vitanza.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11. Veterans should hold a special place in our hearts and minds. Veterans put their lives on the line to protect our way of life, their families, and your family. From WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf, Afghanistan, Iraq to the Global War on Terrorism - these brave souls experienced much of what you or I may not ever become aware of. Please honor and thank the brave men and women who served our country. At this time I would like to acknowledge and thank the following residents who are Veterans: John Baranowski, Dave Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Rich Grabowski, Tim Krenisky, Sean Lemiec, John Lipnick, Tom Nova, Sr., Ed Ranch, John Reiger, Bobby Santiago, Ray Smosarski, Frank Trusso, Jr., Vince Trusso, Brad Unger, Scott Wadsworth and Richard Wallace. God Bless and thank you for your service! If we have forgotten anyone, please let us know for the future.

Don't forget that election day is Tuesday, November 5 and the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the village hall. Up for re-election are councilmembers: Rick Centa, Renato Contipelli and Lois Henley. Exercise your right to vote.

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude."

~ Thomas Jefferson



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