



VILLAGE OF NORTH LEWISBURG
“WHERE FAMILY, FRIENDS AND TRADITION STAY FOR A LIFETIME.”

Spring/Summer 2010



COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR JASON KEERAN

I want to take this opportunity to cover a few topics; which I believe that is of interest to all the residents of North Lewisburg.

The first topic I want to address is the new sheriff's cruiser; we took possession, of the cruiser in late December 2009. The old cruiser is currently being decommissioned by Carter's Body Shop. Once completed, the Village will be putting one of the two old cruisers up for sealed bid. We will "public notice" the information when that time comes and the info regarding the decommissioned cruiser.

The two CDBG projects from last year are finished. The first project, the handicap approaches on Sycamore Street are complete. This will allow for the extension of the Multi-Use path from the Village Park to the Downtown, as well as an extension from Downtown to Railroad Street and possibly beyond. These approaches were done at zero cost to the Village all the cost was covered by CDBG funds. The second project is the pedestrian bridge that you see next to East Street, in the park. This bridge connects the existing park to the current Multi-Use path, but it also connects that path with the walking path at the park. This bridge also keeps the pedestrian traffic off of the narrow bridge on East Street, which was a concern to many citizens during the summer months. This bridge allows for a safer transition from the park to the path for all who use the path and Village Park. The final cost of the bridge to the Village was \$13,400.00, but if you amortize that cost over the life of the bridge which is at least 40 years the cost to the Village is less than \$30.00 a month.



This is going to be a busy summer for the workers of the Village with upcoming projects throughout every facet of our operation from the park to the water dept..

This summer will bring a lot of different projects for the Village; there will be some improvements at the park. The first thing our residents will see is a new roof on the shelter house. This will be installed by our employees along with Triad Jr. Baseball. The next item parents will find in the park is a new swing set along with the return of the teeter-totter's, we will be building a swing set specific for infants, and it will have the infant seat swings. We will also be building a free standing porch swing for the adults to enjoy as they watch their kids or grandkids play on the play set. Along with these projects the Cub Scout Troop 87 of North Lewisburg will be planting and maintaining the flower bed at the park. When you see them out, give them a Thank-You for their efforts in beautifying the Village Park.

The next project you will see this summer is the extension of the Multi-Use path from the park to the Downtown. The stakes have been placed along Erie Street. This will be the first extension of the path. This extension will be completed this summer.

The next thing that will be going on this summer is we are going to start a crack sealing program within the Village to extend the life of the asphalt of our Village Streets. Along with the crack sealing this summer you may also see the paving of a couple of streets within the Village.

The next major project for this summer is the renovation of the well house at the Water Treatment Plant. This project is long overdue; this will not only make a better cover for the wells but also a better protection to protect the public drinking water supply of the Village. It will also allow for additional storage options.



The last topic I have is finances. This year we decided to change phone service of the Village over from Century Link to Time Warner Digital phone service, once all the phones have been changed over it will save approximately \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00 a year on internet and phone service to the Village.

Mayor's comments continued on page four

NOTES FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR
 SUBMITTED BY: ANDY YODER
 ORDINANCE/RESOLUTIONS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Ordinance #247(A) An Ordinance Establishing a Curfew for Minors within the Village of North Lewisburg

Ordinance #248(A) An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 248 increasing the amount charged to the Village of Woodstock for Sewer Treatment. The Amount will increase from \$ 13.67 per EDU per month to the agreed amount of \$ 14.00 per EDU per month.

Ordinance #249 Minors Suspended or Expelled from School or Otherwise Truant from School to Remain Under Supervision; Parental Duty Imposed.

Motion to repeal Ordinance 151(A) SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE.

Ordinance #250 SPECIAL PURPOSE FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION ORDINANCE.

Ordinance # 251 Adopting the 2010 Ohio Basic Code.

Ordinance # 252 Agreement with County regarding legal council for persons found to be indigent.

Resolution 09-01-09 Local Government Fund Disbursement.

Resolution 04-06-10 Declaring Spring Clean-up.

WATER AND SEWER BILLING DEPT. -
 SUBMITTED BY: JAYNE LEITER, UTILITY CLERK

It seems an appropriate time to give residents a bit of history as relates to the village water and sewer system. In 1947, village officials and a group of concerned citizens saw the need for a village water system. A proposal was approved and installation was completed in 1948 by the George Leach Company at a cost of \$80,000. After the system was up and running, village residents received their first monthly water bill in the amount of \$2.50. The sewer system was installed in 1973 at a cost of \$640,000. Council minutes from March 1973 indicate the approval of council that owners would be billed for W/S and it would be their obligation to collect from their renters.

Many updates, including water towers, wells, waste water upgrades, etc. have been made to both systems over the years. Many were mandated by the EPA and required substantial financial outlay by the village.

In 2007 , the village switched from flat rate billing (rate at that time was \$54.25) to metered usage. To the best of our knowledge, we were one of the last communities in our vicinity to make the switch from flat billing to metered usage.

The base rate was established at \$45.00 for 3000 gallon. It soon became evident the base rate needed to be \$60.00 (for 3000 gallon) to offset the debt structure for the systems. *Law prohibits making a profit from water and sewer systems.*

Meters are read monthly on or near as possible on the 26th of each month. This monthly reading input is received by me on a disk and is transferred into our computer system. It computes the usage from the previous meter read to the current meter read and then applies the current rate and generates the bill for water and sewer service. The meter reading equipment also indicates any leaks. Leaks are indicated on owner's bill by a sticker. The purpose being to alert the owner of the problem. *Bills are still sent on or around the first of each month as they were back in 1948. They are still due on the 18th as they were in 1948.*

When I began preparing the bills in 1989, the billings were all done by the "old fashioned way" with pen and pencil . The village purchased the first computer in 1998 along with our first printer. These two "marvels" were quite a timesaver as the village grew with the manufactured home park, Castle Ridge, Marmor Homes, Cordell Homes, Jackson's Landing Condominiums', etc.

Thanks to the computer system, residents may request a printout of their account at no cost which details the gallons used, monthly charge, payments, penalties, and any adjustments. *This request may be made in person, by calling 747-3645, or by email utilityclerk@nlewisburg.com*

Northeast Champaign County Fire District
www.neccfd.weebly.com



Chief, Richard Bishop

937-747-2345 Office

937-747-3350 Fax



Asst, Chief, Chuck Keeran

**NEWS FROM
THE FIRE HOUSE**

We have currently added the following new staff to our department:

John Beech, EMT-T / Michael Colwell, EMT-T / Bob Davis Jr, EMT-T
Jordan Dillahunt, FF-EMT / Brody Dille, FF-EMT / Sarah Helfrich, FF / Nick Scheiderer, FF
Lindsey Loudermilk, Cadet

**Congratulations to the following for their efforts in continuing
their education to better serve their community:**

PSI-EMT

John Flora, Brad Flora, Cheri Wiley, Melissa Keeran

EMT-Basic

John Beech, Michael Colwell, Nathan Penhorwood, Bob Davis Jr.

A Special thanks to,

Triad School Board for the use of their facilities for our training.

The following staff for their time served with us:

Justin Snyder, Jeff Organ, Jordan Mocerri, Krista Flora

Good Luck with your future endeavors!

SAFETY ISSUES

Remember to check your smoke detectors!

If you don't have one, get one Please.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULED FOR

May 6th

1pm to 7pm

at the Municipal Building

PLEASE HELP US MEET OUR GOAL

OF 30 UNITS

Activities scheduled:

May 8th

Waffle and Bacon Breakfast

Municipal Building

8-12

By the North Lewisburg Firemen's Association.

Special Note:

Please be aware of open burning rules before you light.

Continued comments from the Mayor from the front page.

The following table will give you a glimpse of the financial picture of the Village of North Lewisburg, by comparing the first three months (January thru March) of 2009 to the first three months (January thru March) of 2010 in both area's revenues and expenses.

Table1: Revenue Comparison

Fund	2009	2010	Difference	% change
General	88,900	74,050	(14,850)	(.17)
Street Construction	13,390	12,960	(430)	(.03)
State Highway	1,100	1,060	(40)	(.04)
Permissive Motor Vehicle	1,060	7	(1,053)	(.99)
Impact Fees	0	0	0	0
Mayors Court Computer Fund	170	93	(77)	(.45)
Water Operating	63,300	74,800	11,500	.18
Sewer Operating	121,606	96,700	(24,906)	(.20)
Other Enterprise	870	500	(370)	(.43)
Total	290,396	260,170	(30,226)	(.10)

Table 2: Expense Comparison

Fund	2009	2010	Difference	% change
General	108,610	86,340	(22,270)	(.21)
Street Construction	10,496	22,648	12,152	1.16
State Highway	436	455	19	.04
Permissive Motor Vehicle	0	0	0	0
Impact Fees	0	0	0	0
Mayors Court Computer Fund	0	0	0	0
Water Operating	31,937	22,423	(9,514)	(.30)
Sewer Operating	47,650	50,425	2,775	.06
Other Enterprise	482	752	270	.56
Total	199,611	183,043	(16,568)	(.08)

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how the Village operates don't hesitate to contact me by Email, Phone or just stop by my office. I would be glad to explain things and clear up any confusion you may have.

Notes from the Council President, Ted Murphy Jr.

First off, I wanted to say thank you to the voters of North Lewisburg for allowing me to serve you for the next four years on the Village Council. I consider it a great honor and a privilege to serve you.

As a council we meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except in such cases of election day or other special circumstances) at 7 pm., I would encourage all residents to come to the meetings and get involved. North Lewisburg is a great community and is a great place to raise a family and we must all be involved to even make it better.

Council has been addressing some issues that have created a lot of talk and required hard thinking and difficult votes, but as always I believe a majority of council is looking at the community as a whole when they vote and make the decisions that they do. Council is a legislative branch and only works as a whole entity, they have no power if they act individually. Council also does not and cannot act as an administrative form of government either. The Village Administrator Andy Yoder and Mayor Jason Keeran are in charge of the daily running and operations of the village, they along with those that serve the village in their capacities do a great job. If you ever have any issues or questions regarding anything, please be sure to drop by the village offices or give them a call, they will be more than happy to help in any way that they can.

That leads to my next topic, openness of government and the village government specifically. One thing I want to make clear is that you can request almost any information from the village as long as it is specific in the request and it does have some boundaries. No one is ever trying to hide anything or do anything in secret. You can request budget figures, meeting minutes along with other items, and I know the Mayor and others would be more than willing to sit down and discuss these with anybody at anytime. Sometimes I think people try to portray us (as a council and others) as having something to hide or not willing or open to discuss items. That is not true and I have never found that to be. The State of Ohio has a set of revised codes and also the sunshine laws that make sure we operate in a open forum. Sometimes maybe when a question is asked and someone does not like the answer, then that is another issue all in itself. Please never feel that you cannot approach and ask a question, but at the same time, be willing to listen and discuss the answer.

Again, one of the greatest honors I feel anyone can have, is the vote of those that trust them to do a job. So again, thank you for your trust and please get involved in your community, we can always do and be better. We look forward to seeing you at the next council meeting.

North Lewisburg Library

Article submitted by: Kay Schenkel

LIBRARY NEWS

Get ready for a water filled summer when you "Make a Splash at Your Library". That is the 2010 Summer Reading Club theme. Youth Services Specialist, Pam Gibson will be bringing sign-up information to area schools in May. Sign-up starts June 4th.

The Champaign County Library continues to struggle financially as their state funding support continues to decline. The library's main source of income is the Ohio General Revenue Fund. Ohio libraries receive 1.97% of all Ohio general tax revenues. This percentage was decreased from 2.22% in July of 2009. Not only was the percentage of funding for Ohio libraries reduced, but the amount of money collected within the fund is lower due to the struggling economy. Since 2008, the Champaign County Library's income from the Ohio General Fund has decreased a total of 38%.

To make up for the shortfall, the library has eliminated 3 part-time staff, reduced hours of remaining staff, shortened hours of operation at the main library from 60 to 52 and at the North Lewisburg branch from 20 to 16, discontinued the bookmobile service and slashed the book and materials budget.

The Champaign County Library currently has a small levy. Residents of our service area pay \$8.50 for every \$100,000 valuation of their home.

The Champaign County Library is currently taking part in the Kroger Community Rewards program. If you haven't already, go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and sign up. The library has received over \$2800 from this program in the last nine months.

The Champaign County Library also receives support for Summer Reading Club and other programming activities from the North Lewisburg Friends of the Library group. The Friends also paid the water and electric bill for the branch for a few months. This is greatly appreciated.

New fiction titles received recently at the North Lewisburg Branch of the Champaign County Library include [Deliver Us From evil](#) by David Baldacci, [Caught](#) by Harlan Coben, [Not My Daughter](#) by Barbara Delinsky, [The Walk](#) by Richard Paul Evans, and [Evidence](#)

by Jonathan Kellerman. Other new fiction titles include [Treasure Hunt](#) by John Lescroart, [The Shadow of Your Smile](#) by Mary Higgins Clark, [Burning Lamp](#) by Amanda Quick, [Worst Case](#) by James Patterson, [House Rules](#) by Jodi Picoult, [Every Last One](#) by Anna Quindlen and [Big Girl](#) by Danielle Steel. Additional new fiction include [Kisser](#) by Stuart Woods, [The Telling](#) by Beverly Lewis, [A River in the Sky](#) by Elizabeth Peters, and [Fantasy in Death](#) by J.D. Robb. A selection of the new non-fiction titles include [The Happiness Project](#) by Gretchen Rubin, [Quick Cooking Annual Recipes 2010](#), [Stones Into Schools](#) by Greg Mortenson and [Cook This, Not That](#) by David Zinczenko.

The North Lewisburg Branch of the Champaign County Library has two public computers with internet access available for library cardholders. If you'd like to bring your own laptop, wireless internet access is also available. You'll also find videos, DVDs, music CDs, CD-ROM and audio books at your library. Any item available at the Main Library in Urbana can be brought to the North Lewisburg Branch for your use. Check out the collection at both libraries at www.champaign.lib.oh.us.

North Lewisburg Branch hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The library is located at 161 Winder St. North Lewisburg, Ohio. For more information, call 747-3043 or the main library at 653-3811.

THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
EXTEND AN INVITATION TO ANY-
ONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A
"FRIEND" NEXT MEETING IS
SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6 AT 7:00
P.M. AND IS HELD AT THE LIBRARY.



WORDS FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE



It is spring again and already people are getting out and about doing the winter clean ups and just enjoying the sun and warmer weather. Time to get the vehicles washed and put the summer air in the bicycle tires and yes, hoping to get some time to ride. The sun, they say can bring health and happiness to a person who has been cooped up for several months. As someone not wanting to get out in the harsh cold, I look forward to spring.

As you have read, the village of North Lewisburg is awake and things are starting to happen. Several persons are using both the brush pile area and mulch to beautify their homes and get their patios and back yards set for the gas grill. I do want to stress the importance of knowing and calling the local fire department reference any hot dog grilling and in some cases burning over an open pit.

The young people are out and as they should be. The park is in full swing and the ball fields are already in use. The picnic grounds are cut and the play area set for you and your families to enjoy. Please keep in mind the traffic. At times, the parking area can get rather full.

While taking a stroll down the bike path please make use of the new bridge which in turn will keep more people off the roadway. Being a parent, I feel good about the investment made by both the village and state to make it safer for our kids.

So in close, please enjoy your summer and enjoy the activities the village of North Lewisburg has to offer. Be safe during this time and call on the sheriff's office anytime you have a question or concern, we are always ready to serve. Thanks for letting me be a part of your community.

Deputy, John McNeely

NOTES FROM THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT

SUBMITTED BY: TYLER BURDEN

The Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports will be mailed in late June. Please take the opportunity to read this publication. If you do not receive a report, copies are available at the Municipal Building and on the web site at www.nlewisburg.com. We recently repaired water service leaks on Weldon lane. This process went smoothly and we were able to repair the leak in a timely fashion. I would like to thank the residents who let us collect water samples from their homes. It was a big help in our efforts to provide efficient/safe water service. Water is absolutely essential to the human body's survival. A person can live for about a month without food, but only about a week without water. People need about 2.5 quarts of water a day (from drinking or eating) to maintain good health. While usage varies from community to community and person to person, on average, American families use 183 gallons of water each day for cooking, washing, flushing, and watering purposes. The average family turns on the tap between 70 and 100 times daily.

FACT: More water is used in the bathroom than any other place in the home.

ACTION: Turn off the water when you brush your teeth and shave. Install low-flow toilets, shower heads and faucet aerators and you'll save thousands of gallons/liters of water a year. It's a savings that should reduce your water bill.

FACT: A dripping faucet can waste up to 2,000 gallons/7,600 liters of water a year. A leaky toilet can waste as much as 200 gallons/260 liters of water a day.

ACTION: Check your plumbing and repair any leaks as soon as possible.

NEW EMPLOYEE

We welcome Tyler Burden as a public service employee . Tyler works mainly with the water and waste water systems and assists in the street department . He recently moved into the village and has purchased a home in our community.

NOTES FROM STREET SUPERINTENDENT

SUBMITTED BY BART STOKES

All residents are reminded that May 1–May 7 is designated as "SPRING CLEAN-UP". Dumpsters will be placed at the Village Garage located on East St. from Friday April 30 through Friday, May 7. Residents will be allowed to place items in the dumpsters from 9 AM to 2 PM. Proof of residency will be required. **Unacceptable items** : concrete, brick, stone, or asphalt, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, propane cylinders, auto/petroleum products including tires, batteries, antifreeze, oil, lubricants/fluids, gas or kerosene , yard waste,, fertilizers, pesticides, garden chemicals,, paint, thinners, solvents, stains, varnish, lacquer, wood stains, preservatives, stripper, glues, adhesives, florescent lights, ammunition and photographic chemicals. No one will be permitted to remove scrap metal from the dumpsters. **Please take this opportunity to dispose of items that are no longer usable and ten to clutter properties within the village.**

The brush pile at the ball park is for the disposal of grass and brush only. No lumber or landscaping lumber of any kind, no plastic bags and no trash is permitted. In the pile. **Please no metal , rocks, or cement as these items cause major problems when the refuse is turned into mulch.**

The mulch pile is for the use of residents of the village and is free for the hauling.

Please be aware anyone in violation of the above rules will be prosecuted.



MAYOR'S COURT
 Diane Davis, Magistrate Clerk
 G. S. Weithman, Magistrate



Magistrate Court began in April 2002, prior to the Village establishing a Magistrate/Mayor's Court all Traffic Violations and Misdemeanor Violations were sent to the Champaign County Municipal Court and all revenue generated was kept at the Champaign County Municipal Court, since we established the Court system the revenue stays within the Village with the exception of a small portion of the Traffic Violations going to the State.

As of September our day time shift Deputy is John McNeely, the evening shift Deputy is Darren Vernon

Magistrate Court has generated the following revenue since its beginning in April 2002 to the present date of April 16th, 2010:

Apr. – Dec. 2002	\$ 14,646.58
Jan. – Dec. 2003	\$ 24,186.52
Jan. – Dec. 2004	\$ 20,652.56
Jan. – Dec. 2005	\$ 33,868.22
Jan. – Dec. 2006	\$ 21,722.72
Jan – Dec. 2007	\$ 19,958.25
Jan – Dec. 2008	\$ 28,353.95
Jan – Dec. 2009	\$ 23,465.25
Jan - Apr 16 2010	\$ 11,302.82
Total	\$198,156.87

A small portion of that revenue must be sent to the State for all Traffic Violations:

Apr.– Dec. 2002	\$ 2,040.00
Jan. – Dec. 2003	\$ 1,800.00
Jan. – Dec. 2004	\$ 1,680.00
Jan. – Apr. 2005	\$ 3,020.00
Jan. – Dec. 2006	\$ 1,980.00
Jan. – Dec. 2007	\$ 2,040.00
Jan. – Dec. 2008	\$ 2,587.50
Jan. – Dec. 2009	\$ 1,857.00
Jan. - Mar. 2010	\$ 763.00
Total	\$ 17,767.50

Court is held at the Community Building on the first and third Mondays of each month, unless it falls on a holiday. Gil S. Weithman resides as the Magistrate and hears all cases brought into court.

REMINDERS

- ELECTION DAY - MAY 4. POLLS OPEN AT 6:30 AM, CLOSING AT 7:30. There are State Issues to vote on, etc. Voting for our village is conducted in the meeting room of the Municipal Bldg. (Council meeting changed from May 4 to May 11 to accommodate the Election)
- CENSUS - PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE CENSUS FORM AND MAIL IT. IF YOU DID NOT GET A FORM, THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR LOBBY AND AT THE LIBRARY. Census figures are used for a multitude of reasons including how federal dollars are appropriated and how many representatives we have in Congress and how Congressional Districts are formed.

Village Phone Numbers

Adm. Office	747-3645	Water Dept.	747-2200
Mayor	747-3645	Park Activities	747-3645
W/S Billing	747-3645	Fire Dept.	747-2345
Magistrate Ct.	747-3645	Sheriff's Office	652-1313
Street Dept.	747-2200	Library	747-3043

**Administrator Office Fax
(937) 747-2122**

E-Mail :

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administrator@nlewisburg.com

The Office of the Mayor and Administrator is located at 60 East Maple St. , PO Box 243

Office hours are weekdays:

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Payment Drop Box for Water/Wastewater Bills is located east of the double door for your use during non-business hours.

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