



The Village of Wayne Lakes Newsletter



July & August 2018

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FISCAL OFFICER

Richard Ford

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Curtis Yount ~ 547-7381

PRESIDENT OF TREE COMMISSION

Mike Bland ~ 547-9248

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Joan Falknor ~ 564-1402

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DOG WARDEN

547-1645

OHIO EPA HOTLINE

1-800-282-9378 or 1-614-224-0946

DRUG TASK FORCE

548-4150 (Kept confidential)

SHERIFF

548-2020

**NOTICE - NO SWIMMING IN ANY
LAKES. ICE FISH AT OWN RISK.**

NO FEEDING OF WATERFOWL

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR ELLEN

My hope for this newsletter is to bring as much information and clarity to the Village as possible about all that is going on. We have made some serious headway on many of our most pressing issues. We have also had some setbacks.

My focus and priority has been on getting our finances in order. Conversion to the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) has been achieved. Since April, 2016, we have been past due in compliance with a court order to rectify our accounting practices by joining the UAN. This software is specifically designed for government and provided by a Division of the State Auditor. It is very difficult to transfer money from one fund into another fund under this system. This makes it much harder for anyone with access to Village money to move it from one place to another without clear accountability. In government accounting you have specific funds that are to be used for specific purposes. Moving those funds, without accountability can cause great problems which frequently are not detected until much later. Under our old QuickBooks accounting system, which is designed for businesses, not governments, we had no such way to keep track of things. Now we do. At the July meeting you will be able to meet the man responsible for achieving this daunting task. His name is Richard Ford. He is a UAN Visiting Clerk. He also is Fiscal Officer for a township in Springfield and interim F.O. for St Paris. He has been working on this change over since Jessie Surber left. We ask too much of our officials, people. We should never have placed the burden of this conversion on our FO. Conversion is the changing over from one system to another, in our case, made more difficult by years of misaligning accounts. Having learned what I now know, we should have paid to have this done by outside help from the very beginning.

Richard will be explaining things about our finances and our future. He will be teaching your Village officials the rules and the checks and balances of our offices. He will not be able to answer questions about the past. I have agreed to not place him in the position of answering unanswerable questions that have no bearing on our future. While we may at present still be dealing with past decisions, we are on course to "righting our ship". (This metaphor is one the auditor, Tyler Butler, used to describe our audit and the corrections we will be taking to "right the ship").

Our audit will soon be online and available for the public.

As far as I know there are only two ways to right financial difficulties. Spend less. Bring in more. We have done an excellent job of spending less this year, so far. Thanks to everyone for being understanding and frugal. Some things have not been done that I know are difficult for people to do without.

(Cont'd from Mayor Ellen)

Thanks so much for all the people responsible for everything that has been achieved since this fiscal lockdown. The volunteers for mowing the grass, the lake treatments, the trimming of trees, the trash pickup, the flower planting, road upkeep, keeping the pipes cleaned out between the lakes, all the improvements to the clubhouse and everyone's attempts to get the beach open. So many people are stepping up and helping to make this Village a good place to live. You people are awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

In an attempt to generate more money, I have also prioritized getting a levy on the ballot for next November. I know this is not a move people will be happy about but in order to even have it be considered, we need to make moves now to have it happen later. If we get it on the ballot and hopefully talk about it for the next few months, we will have a choice to pass it or not. Serious discussion needs to follow.

July's meeting will begin 30 minutes early (6:30 p.m.) to have a required Budget Hearing Meeting. It has been advertised in the paper and residents are welcome, but generally it is a formality.

Mark your calendars for the August 13th regular council meeting at the clubhouse. We will be having funding sources for the proposed sewer project from Columbus coming to speak. Brice Schmitmeyer, from Access Engineering, and I spent the day in Columbus, June 8th. We met with a number of these sources for funding our sewer project. They were very willing to come and explain and share information on what they have to offer. These people have money to help us. Because I realize this is still a difficult subject for the residents, we will be going back to a more formal forum on questions and comments from the audience. The podium and timekeeper will be back in place, so we don't have to bring our sleeping bags. Things are moving on this, but rest assured we, as residents, still have a voice.

Our Booster Club, Friends of Wayne Lakes (FOWL) is up and running to a wonderful start. I won't take any of Adam and Angie Wicker's thunder as they will be reporting in this newsletter, but I do want to let them know what an asset they are to the Village. They are smart, hardworking and organized. (Did I mention young enough to have all the energy it takes to pull things off?) They have not been in the Village a year yet but have made such a difference. When you see them give them a big thank you and join this group. It has already made a big difference.

An update on the beach. The Village and John Kennedy entered into a contract on June 10th, 2018 for Kennedy to rent the beach from the Village for \$1. The contract was drawn up by the Village solicitor with some very clear stipulations. One of which, Mr. Kennedy and I had been discussing from the very first time the possibility of him renting the beach was brought up. That is insurance. He assured me this would be no problem. After the contract was read and signed by Mr. Kennedy, with the clear stipulation of how much insurance he would have to carry as REQUIRED by Village insurance, he again assured me he could provide insurance. After another sixteen days, Mr. Kennedy was unable to find any insurance he could afford to cover the policy the Village has in place. At this time Mr. Kennedy informed me that no one can afford to rent the beach with the amount of insurance the Village is expecting the renter to provide. His solution to this problem was to have the Village change the insurance company that has provided insurance for the Village for many years and lower our coverage so he could afford to do his end of the contract. I sent an email to our insurance company Friday evening at 8 o'clock to see what they think about his solution. Of course it will take some time for them to get back to me. I was in a meeting all day Friday with the Village Fiscal Officer going over the budget. I was unable to get messages or send messages until I arrived home. At this time I returned Mr. Kennedy's phone call. It was not pleasant. I know your council and mayor entered into this agreement with every intention of having Mr. Kennedy take over the beach, hopefully for the next five years. The hope was to open the beach with little or no cost to the village and have a place for everyone to swim. We in good faith paid our solicitor to write a contract that protected the Village and let Mr. Kennedy see in writing our expectations and requirements. We have not violated these requirements or expectations. I am still hopeful something can be worked out, but I am not sure how this can be done. I am trying to do what I think is best for the Village and to protect the Village in the best way possible. *Council is doing the same.*

(Cont'd on page 4 -Mayor Ellen)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *Village Council Meetings* are the 2nd Monday of each month. 7:00 p.m.
- *Neave Twp. Transfer Station* (trash) 2nd & last Saturday of each month, 8-noon
- *Fish & Lakes Meeting*-1st Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m.
- *Friends of Wayne Lakes/FoWL*- 1st Monday of each month 7:00 p.m.
- *Hooked On Fishing*-Wednesdays June 27, July 4, 11, 18, & 25.
Registration 8-8:30am~Program 8:30-11:30am
- Mark's Bait & Tackle- Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.

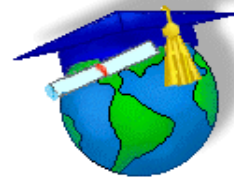


THINGS TO KNOW:

- Email request for digital newsletters to: waynelakesnews2016@gmail.com
- **Please do not** leave brush on the roadside, there is no chipping until next spring.
- The first Mosquito Treatment by Bug-A-Boo was done June 13th. The remainder are: July 2nd, August 7th, and September 10th.
- **Resolutions, Ordinances and Contracts** to date for 2018 will be posted in the display case outside the door at the Wayne Lakes Community Building.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2018 GRADUATES

- Hunter Anderson
- Kaleb Anderson
- Dalton Arnett
- Caden Gonzalez
- Austin Lacey
- Hayley Maher
- Autaum Moore
- Allie Null
- Connor Null
- Lynsie Siegler
- Ava Smith
- Aaron Stewart
- Casper Younker



The World Is Yours To Conquer

Classified For sale:

SARA -Stand up lift. Make offer. 937-548-6932



- **The recycling bins** have been removed due to improper use, which includes items not on the list of acceptable recycling and trash. Keep practicing recycling from the list provided from the **Darke County Solid Waste**. Find a convenient recycling bin at: <http://www.co.darke.oh.us/solidwaste/RecyclingDropBoxes.html>
If interested, **Rumpke** offers weekly recycling and curbside service (for \$24.00 a month to be paid quarterly, as does **Best Way** (call for billing). We still have free trash drop-off (see *Dates to Remember* in the box above for the dates and location) Please don't let your trash pile up.
- **A FEW RACCOONS:** Jeff Wenning, the Game Warden, reported raccoons with distemper (very lethargic) have been seen in the village. This is dangerous to you and your pets. We can kill the *infected* animal but using poison is not allowed as it is not approved by Federal government. Any method approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association to euthanize animals can be used to dispose of them. Caution should be used in handling carcasses as it is contagious. Wash hands after handling. It is allowable to place carcasses in double bags and placed in solid waste dumpster, or it can be buried.
- **FISH & LAKES:**
Lake Treatments: Iroquois-treated for algae twice Shawnee-treated for algae twice Sauk-treated for algae once and duckweed once Chippewa-treated for algae once. Ess-treated for algae once Kickapoo-treated for algae once
Further Treatment Plans: Minnetonka & Mohawk-weed control Winnebago-weed and algae control Kickapoo & Shawnee-for duckweed *Thanks to Anonymous of the donation for lake treatment chemicals.
- Geese: To date, here have been 15, reported, goose nests minimized in the Village of Wayne Lakes.

WEIDNER'S CONSTRUCTION
General Contractor

Timothy Weidner
937-459-0131

FREE ESTIMATES

New Construction, Improvements & Repairs,
Roofing, Gutters, Pole Barns & Garages, Siding
Windows & Doors, Room Additions, Sheds & Fences

Fully Insured

The Village of Wayne Lakes
100 Community Drive
Greenville, Ohio 45331

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waynelakesnews2016@gmail.com

Karen Sink Editor

(Cont'd from pg.2 Mayor Ellen)

Until another agreement has been made we cannot move forward with this situation. Our solicitor, our fiscal officer and our insurance company are all being consulted. Why bother to have these things in place if we don't listen to their advice?

Monday afternoon I received a detailed message from our Insurance Company explaining that we are not at all over insured and we have been with them since 1991. Our rates are reasonable for a municipality. In checking with other small government entities we are not over insured. The solutions Mr. Kennedy has proposed for the Village are not in the Village's best interest.

One last thing. Never, as long as I am mayor, will Facebook be a place for you to get official Village information. You can get official information from three sources. The council meetings, the newsletter, and your Village officials. Keep in mind we can only tell you what we know. Situations change and evolve. Things change. People, your mayor and council are one of you. Words matter. They set a tone of repair or continued dissension.

We as your officials are learning to work together. Don't make it harder. Your prayers and/or good thoughts are needed. Constructive criticism is welcome, but be gentle. This is hard. If you have done it before you know. If you have not, don't judge. Picture a ship, chugging along, listing badly to one side. Trying to right itself. Everything that happens on this ship at this point can either sink it or help it right itself. Don't be the reason we go down. Your help, starting with positive thoughts and kind words can make a difference.

Thanks for reading this.

Your Mayor, Ellen

CURFEW

Below are pertinent sections of Ordinance 2015-04-01 for the discussion of curfew.

(b) HOURS Unaccompanied Minors

- 1)-No minor under the age of **14 years** shall be upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places within the Village, between the hours of **10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** of the following day.
- 2)-No minor who is **14 & 15 years** of age shall be upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places within the Village, between the hours of **11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.** of the following day.
- 3)-No minor who is **16 & 17 years** of age shall be upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds or other public places and public buildings, places of amusement and entertainment, vacant lots or other unsupervised places within the Village, between the hours of **12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m.** of the following day.

(d) DISPOSITION OF CHILD

Any child found in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be taken to the Darke County Sheriff's Department and the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis shall be notified to come to the Department and take personal charge of the child. The child shall be released only to the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis or to the juvenile authorities.

(e) RESPONSIBILITY OF PARENT OR BUSINESS OWNER

- 1)-No minor shall remain in any public place or other area herein described in violation of this section.
- 2)-No parent, guardian or other person having the lawful care custody or control of any minor under the age of 18 shall knowingly permit, or by insufficient exercise of control allow, the minor to violate division (e)(1) of this section.
- 3)-No owner, operator or employee of an establishment shall knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises of the establishment during curfew hours.

(f) PENALTY. Whoever violates this sections is guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

SHERIFF 548-2020

Any time you call, have the Deputy come out; please have them write a report.(per their office.)

**Thank you to the young people who helped Friends of Wayne Lakes
to reset the vandalized Porta-Potties.**