



The Village of Wayne Lakes Newsletter



December, 2018

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

MAYOR

Ellen Brown ~ 232-7576
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COUNCIL PRESIDENT

John Swindler ~ 547-1466

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rita Robinett ~ 765-277-1412
Joan Falknor ~ 564-1402
Karen Sink ~ 336-2293
Bob Tuco ~ 548-8427
Ray Lepore ~ 216-9452

FISCAL OFFICER

Carolyn Robinson

ZONING

Curtis Yount ~ 547-7381

PARKS & RECREATION

Joan Falknor ~ 564-1402

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Ray Lepore ~ 216-9452
Bob Tuco ~ 548-8427

FISHING PERMITS & BAIT SHOP

Mark's ~ 937-548-0394
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COMMUNITY BLDG RENTAL

Sherrie Siegler & Troy Stewart
937-548-1579

GOLF CART INSPECTOR

Jim Weaver ~ 417-9215
(Fishing Passes when Mark is closed.)

SNOW REMOVAL

TBA

GAME WARDEN

Jeff Wenning ~ 937-372-5639

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 BROWN

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING.

On November 5th, in the Village of Wayne Lakes 68% of the registered voters voted. This was a great turnout. The renewal levy passed with a 63% majority and by a smaller percentage the 1 ml levy passed. I want to thank **all** who voted.

On the 12th of November, your council unanimously passed a 1% income tax. It is a very serious situation when a governing body must ask their residents for more money. One I do not take lightly, nor does your council. I am very aware that 37% of those that voted did not want the renewal to pass. From what I can gather in talking to people, the major reasons were these. We cannot afford to be a village and our elected leaders don't know how to spend the money that has already been generated. These are genuine concerns. I can only speak for my part in this. I will do my best this next year to see that we pay off our debts, our loans, and all the obligations that seem sensible to pay off. The rest will be paid on schedule. Our fiscal officer is very focused on this agenda also. Because only small amounts of extra money will be generated in 2019, we will be taking things very slowly. Fiscal lockdown will be in effect for at least the first half of the year as we work to get the audits paid and our fund accounts balanced. Next, we will try and pay some of our bank debt down. Carolyn and I will let you know as each item is accomplished.

As things progress, we can start getting together an agenda of needs and wants for the Village. Everyone does money differently. I think our money, when we finally get some extra, should be spent on what will benefit the most people with the best potential for improving the Village overall. Furthermore, we can have surveys and polls so anyone who is interested in weighing in can be heard. While all final decisions are in the hands of your council, they listen if you respectfully make the effort to share your thoughts.

This next November 2019 you will be voting again. There will be three positions available, two for council members and one for mayor. Rita Robinette and Ray Lepore's seats will be up for reelection, as will mine. The other four seats will be available by 2020. Keep in mind that you must have signed petitions into the Board of Elections by August. I am letting all of you know this in advance, so that anyone unhappy with your governing body has a chance to do things differently. This is, of course, if the majority of the people want you in office.

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Just to give everyone a heads up for the December 10th meeting, we will be having two Insurance Representatives at this meeting. One from Burnham and Flowers (a new company for us) and one from Ohio Plan (our current company). We currently spend \$7,000 annually on Village Insurance. This is in order for us to make sure we have a competitive price and also to explore all avenues of how to open the beach this spring, if possible.

Now we must discuss our current leaf situation. I was able to get a leaf roll off from Best Way for a half of the cost if we unbag our own leaves. We can also get almost twice as many leaves in the roll-off if they are unbagged. Unbagged leaves can be put in a composting pile rather than a landfill like bagged leaves. While I was unable to get this message out to people in a timely manner, we did place large signs up with clear instructions as to what we were collecting. The November council meeting also explained what was going on. Many people continued to throw bagged leaves in the roll-off. Several times groups of people including me, my husband and out of town visiting family members and some of our wonderful Villagers, including our young people (yay Alex and Tianna) came up and helped unbag all the leaves left by people unable to read or unwilling to cooperate. This is not acceptable. I will work my heart out for this Village, but I will not, nor will I keep asking help from the willing few, when there are so many who take advantage. This runs true from the leaf situation to chipping to trying to run a 5K race when a handful of people won't work around a few hours of their time for an event to benefit the Village. You know who you are. Those of you who work tirelessly for the Village, once again thank you from the bottom of my heart. Those of you who placed bagged leaves in the roll-off when you knew better, those of you who were rude to people helping with the race because you would not drive around, those of you who want limbs chipped but will not drag them to the street or help when the crew comes by, those of you who place household trash in our Village trash cans. You are the people to whom I am directing this comment. **Grow up. No one owes you anything.** If you cannot help due to illness, age or infirmity please let me or your council know. We will help anyone who needs it. But if you do these things just because you are unwilling to help your Village, please **stop**. We are currently unable to afford a second roll-off. I am trying to figure out another solution to this problem. Starting our own compost pile is the best solution, but will people cooperate and unbag their own leaves? What happens if the area does not have a driveway and we get ruts in the lawn or people get stuck? Suggestions are welcome. Meanwhile bags continue to collect!

We will continue to chip the limbs that have been downed by this last ice storm. If you have limbs to chip, please follow the rules and place them by the street with large ends out. No bigger than 4 inches around and be patient. Our chippers are all volunteers and can only do so much at a time. Al Hayes, thank you so much for your tireless work for the Village. If anyone in the village hires someone to chip, *please let them know they must dispose of the chippings somewhere else*. The first weekend in December, weather permitting will be the next chipping dates. Anyone willing to help please call Al at 564-3227 or Terry at 459-5644 or text 232-7576. I will send you time and day when we know.

January 8, 2019, the first Tuesday of the month that is not a holiday, the Fish and Lake meeting will have Jeff Wenning, our game warden speaking. He will talk law enforcement for this next year and possibly about how we might handle passes for next year. He may have suggestions on other aspects of our lakes. Please come if you are interested.

In Dec and Jan, I will be attempting to get together committee assignments for the next year. The way I would like to see this go is that villagers can be a part of any committee in which they are interested. Committees will have two heads from council. Reports will be given at council meetings, thus allowing resident input with discussion taking place for as long as is needed. On controversial issues I know some have complained of not enough time to be heard. In an attempt to make council meetings to the point and productive we must keep discussion at a minimum. If we have committees everyone can (Go to pg. 4) **2**

MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER:

- *Village Council Meetings* are the 2nd Monday of each month. 7:00 p.m.
- *Neave Twp. Transfer Station* (trash) SECOND & LAST Saturday of each month, 8-noon
- *Fish & Lakes Meeting*-1st Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m., except January will be on the 8th.
- *Friends of Wayne Lakes/FoWL*- 1st Wednesday of each month 7:00 p.m. 12/5, 1/2 & 2/6 .

THINGS TO KNOW:



Wayne Lakes Village. Christmas Party Dec. 14th 7:00 p.m.
Mark's Bait & Tackle- Tues. – Sat. 10 am-5 pm.

 **Hospital Bed – Call 548-6937**
Located in Wayne Lakes



2018 F.o.W.L. Village Christmas Party
is Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.
in the Wayne Lakes community building.
This is a free event! We will be showing **Home Alone**
and passing out hot chocolate and cookies. With a very
special appearance by Santa!

If anyone would like to donate cookies, please contact us on
Facebook @friendsofwaynelakes;
or call Adam Wicker, 937-670-6697.



Friends of Wayne Lakes 2018 Year in Review

April/May – *Established board members -Adam and Angie Wicker, George Mitterman, Sherrie Siegler and Tom Wetzel. *Submitted paperwork to the State of Ohio to become a recognized non-profit organization. *Hosted the 2018 Shop the Lakes Event at the community building and had our *first community cleanup effort at the clubhouse which included trimming trees, cleaning out and re supporting gutters, mulching and planting flowers in the flower beds. *Cleanup interior of community building. (All was paid for by the Shop the Lakes Event)

June- *Hosted the community garage sale and conducted our *first residential cleanup project on the same week end. *A special thanks to everyone who donated items and participated in the community garage sale.

July- **“Weed Eat Wayne Lakes” community cleanup.

August- **“Brush chipping at Chippewa” and *clean up the exterior of the community garage. *Thanks to Al Hayes for cleaning up the interior. *Weed eat and mow beach area.

September- *Cleanup the park at North Drive, *stain benches for the 5K. *Hosted the first annual “End of Summer Hog Roast”

October-*Hosted the Wayne Lakes Halloween Party and Hayrides.

December-* Village Christmas Party Friday Dec. 14th @ 7:00 pm

We would like to thank everyone who has taken any time to volunteer or has made contributions to the *Friends of Wayne Lakes*, without everyone involved we would certainly not have been able to make such an impact thus far. We have many more exciting projects and events ahead of us to benefit the Village of Wayne Lakes. We hope to see more members join next year and hope to gain the support of more donors in efforts to make a positive impact on our village.

Monthly Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month @ 7:00pm in the community building ,
or Follow us on Facebook@friendsofwaynelakes.com

be heard for as long as they like. A consensus can then be brought to council.

COMMITTEES

*Finance	*Trees	*Neighborhood Watch
*Clubhouse	*Sewer	*Welcome Packets
*Beach	*Lakes	*Outside sources
*Fish	*Hooked On Fishing	(including grants and services
*Restaurant/ Concession	*New services as money allows	with other entities)
*Website and content	*Youth Programs	*Elder Services

If you are interested in anything, please let me know. Call 459-5644 home/ office 459-4111 (checked every few days) or text 232-7576. Meetings are a necessary evil. Short to the point with action taken are the best ones. As I have found the problem with a governmental body is it all takes time. Something started last winter may only now have an action plan put into place. As the Village generates more money, we will have more opportunity to implement plans.

George Mitterman is currently working on our Village of Wayne Lakes website. This will be official content only, no place for input from residents. We will, however, be able to let everyone know in a timelier manner what is happening in the Village with an official website. We may even be able to sell fishing passes. Anyone with a suggestion on how best to interact with the residents in a more progressive manner let me know. I am open to new technology.

Joan Falknor wants to remind everyone to get to know their older neighbors. Check if their mail is piling up, if you have not seen them for a while. Help them feel comfortable by checking in on them occasionally. Winter is hard on all of us, but sometimes the older folks can get into trouble quickly. As a community we need to care.

Once again to all the wonderful people who live in Wayne Lakes. Thank you all for the support and effort that was made to keep this Village going. We live in a unique and endearing place. I thank God for our home and all the creatures great and small who share it with us. Have a blessed and incredible holiday season.

Your Mayor,
Ellen Brown



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Think about walking into a clean house or facility.
Then think about giving us a call to
schedule an estimate interview.

BB Janitorial LLC

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Owner: Brie McCown

*** Company and crew dependable, professional,
completely trustworthy & friendly. ***



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