

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP NEWS

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“We’ve done it together.”

Change comes to all of our lives on a regular basis. Most of the time, we deal with it and move on. There are times, however, like dealing with the death of a loved one, an accident, or a totally traumatic event, that stop us in our tracks and may take weeks, months, or years to recover from. Dealing with COVID-19 was one of those events for many. Family, friends, neighbors and sometimes even strangers have helped us through this far and encouraged us as we’ve faced changes and found new paths to positively move forward.

Our Township has also experienced changes in the last few years and made difficult decisions as the world around us has changed. This township newsletter, livestreaming our town meetings on Facebook, having a township website, and our new digital sign are all examples of how we have moved into the Technological Age in an attempt to keep our residents informed of happenings. We are currently working on digitalizing all of our cemetery records so they can be accessed by the public who are either tracing family lineage or just wanting a little more knowledge about the cemetery.

Another change is the presence of Pierpont Township officials in the County meetings and offices. We have been very vocal about what Pierpont Township needs in terms of tax dollars coming back to our community. Chasing grant dollars, asking for funding, and requesting help for broadband service, road dollars, a downtown sewer system, economic development, and Veteran recognition are just a few of the topics that we have been knocking on doors about. The county recycling bins, the Dollar General Store, meetings with broadband suppliers, and requesting funds to deal with storm damaged roads are all part of your trustees’ responsibilities-listening to you and speaking up on your behalf.

Our Township zoning has finally been updated thanks to the time spent and dedication of our zoning board. The new, approved document is now constitutionally sound and follows both state and federal current laws. Zoning review and revisions are ongoing processes. There are more aspects of our land uses that will need reviewed in light of the continual changes that Pierpont is experiencing. One major change is the increase in zoning fees -we cannot afford to continue using 1976 prices (just as folks building new homes are not paying 1976 lumber prices either these days).

One of the most important concepts that we have tried to encourage is the sense of community. The trustees sponsored “Celebrate Pierpont,” a local showcase evening offering an opportunity for the community to meet local businesses. The Pierpont Community Action League has proactively embraced the need to support and grow local business and the Township is partnering with them to create a brochure of local businesses. Local craftsmen were hired to remodel the new Town Hall. This year a group of community volunteers have prepared and delivered “Welcome to Pierpont” baskets to new residents. In an effort to make Pierpont more attractive, the trustees have worked with homeowners to clean up a couple of burned-out properties. Each bi-monthly trustee meeting concludes by listing community events that are coming up and a calendar of events is published in our newsletter. Posters of local events can also be found in the Andover Library at Pierpont that is open each Saturday at the Pierpont Farmers Market.

See TOGETHER page 2

Does Pierpont Township need

- Reliable
- Affordable
- Fast high-speed Internet?

What would you be willing to pay for it?

See page 5

July Storm Damage



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Some Township changes have affected residents indirectly. The purchase of a newer small dump truck has made the cemetery work and small road jobs much less nerve racking-I had a sense of dread every time we pulled the old dump truck out of the garage. We also have purchased small power tools, road signs, and safety barriers to be used throughout the township.

There are many community members who are actively serving on committees, and many more who are quietly and faithfully seeing what needs done and doing it without fanfare or accolades (e.g., the Blood drives and those who give blood; pizza night at the fire hall; the beautification committee flowers and signs; flag placement in the downtown area; the farmers market, etc.). Thank you for what you have been doing to make Pierpont more attractive and vibrant; it is your partnership with your Trustees that is growing and strengthening our local community. Continue to reach out neighbor-to-neighbor: welcoming new ones to Pierpont Township and reaffirming and caring for our neighbors of many years.

Change can be hard to accept sometimes; it is much easier to keep doing what we've always done, rather than proactively manage change that is already here or plan for the future. Talk to your trustees about the changes you are experiencing and how together, we can address current challenges, and think forward best ways to meet future uncertainties.

Be safe, be happy, be positive

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9am-1pm

Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus (A-Tech)
1565 St. Rt. 167, Jefferson, OH 44047

Available to Ashtabula County residents only. No cost — must show proof of residency. No commercial businesses.

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MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

PAINT: Oil based paint & paint products – 5 gallon container or smaller. Aerosols acceptable. Includes adhesives/roof tar/driveway sealers. No latex paints will be accepted.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS: Acid and caustic products.

BATTERIES: All household batteries. Lead acid automotive batteries.

AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS: Motor oil, up to 5 gallon containers – prefer 1 gallon containers, antifreeze, brake fluid, grease, fuels.

PESTICIDES: Liquids, solids and aerosols in homeowner sizes.

MERCURY: Thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent bulbs & tubes, and elemental mercury.

UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

Explosives, ammunition, gas cylinders, radioactive wastes, pharmaceuticals or large quantities of unknown materials. No tires accepted.

For more information or clarification on an item, please call before the event: 440-576-1530



"Celebrate Pierpont"

WHEN: Saturday, August 21, 2021
TIME: 12:00 PM– 3:00 PM
WHERE: Childs-Williams-Ducro Funeral Home
1071 State Route 7, Pierpont, Ohio
(Old Pierpont School)

Come for the Farmer's Market and stay for Music and entertainment

FOOD. BOUNCE HOUSE. VENDORS.

MICRO AG LOANS for YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

The USDA, through the Farm Service Agency (FSA), offers youth loans to establish and operate income producing projects of modest size. The loans are up to \$5,000. Project loans are available to youth participating in agriculturally focused organizations such as 4-H, FFA, and other similar organizations. Applicants must be a citizen of the US or a permanent resident between 10 and 20 years old. The loan application must include a completed farm business plan and budget signed by your project or club advisor and the approval of a parent or legal guardian. Depending on the project, size of the loan, and loan purpose, the repayment period varies from 1 to 7 years.

The FSA program notice shows a youth raising chickens to sell eggs, one who is raising a market steer, another raising a market hog, and another purchasing equipment to increase production of maple syrup. The loan purposes include buying livestock, seed, equipment and supplies, needed tools, and paying operating expenses for the project.

Requirements include a description of the agricultural project, a plan to make sufficient income to repay the loan and accrued interest, and active participation in an agricultural organization and supervised program.

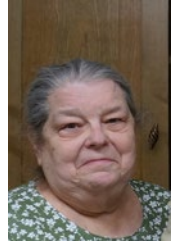
For more information visit www.fsa.usda.gov/youth-loans or your local USDA Service Center. The local service center is at 33 Grand Valley Avenue, Orwell, OH 44076. The phone number is 440-437-5880. Check it out!

Downtown Pierpont Sewer System

The Pierpont Township trustees and the Ashtabula County Commissioners will hold an information exchange meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 9th in the county commissioners conference room.

APPLAUDING OUR VOLUNTEERS

A giant thank you to the Fire Department for the quick work on clearing the roads of downed trees. We want to acknowledge all they do to serve and protect us and we are grateful they are here when we need them. It is also noted that when they checked on the trees across the road at the cemetery, they noticed that many veteran flags had blown to the ground. They quickly put them back, honoring our great flag and the veterans that had served for us.



Thank you also those who helped direct traffic around problems areas. Also, a thank you to Carl Williams who called me (and everyone else who called the other trustees) and reported downed trees, and then who helped with traffic. I know there were many of you out there helping. Everyone's help and willingness to pitch in is greatly appreciated and helps make our township great.

Thanks again
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Hello Pierpontians!

As trustees continue work on the new Town Hall, I am often asked questions about the project. One is, "what will the hall look like?" My response, "we would like to keep the New England influence of Colonial Architecture" is often met with a puzzled look. Pierpont Township, owned by the Connecticut Land Co. in 1795 was part of a region called "Western Reserve." A short article by Phillip R. Shriver on Ohio History offers insight to "New England" look called Western Reserve.



By Phillip R. Shriver

THE WESTERN RESERVE

Visitors to northeastern Ohio are often impressed by the resemblance of this area to that of New England. Not only does the rolling land possess striking similarity, but the predominance of homes of colonial architecture and placenames such as Windsor, Deerfield, Norwalk, Ellsworth, Saybrook, New Lyme, Farmington, New London, New Milford, Hartford, New Haven, and Yale speak of the influence of New England, and particularly Connecticut, in the settlement of this region.

During the colonial period, no less than four states claimed the Ohio country — Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. After independence had been won from Great Britain, New York and Massachusetts surrendered their Ohio claims to the newly established government of the United States. Virginia, however, reserved the land between the Scioto and Little Miami rivers in southern Ohio for distribution among her Revolutionary War veterans, while Connecticut stubbornly clung to a 120 - mile wide area west of Pennsylvania between Lake Erie on the north and the 41st parallel on the south. This tract of more than 3,000,000 acres Connecticut called her "Western Reserve." In 1792, the westernmost 500,000 acres of the Reserve was set aside as a special tract to be called the "Firelands," since it was to be distributed to those Connecticut families whose homes had been burned by British and Tory raids during the Revolution. Eventually some 1,870 persons received grants in the Firelands, settling principally in what are now Erie and Huron counties.

In the spring of 1795, Connecticut sold most of the remaining lands of the Western Reserve to a private speculative group called the Connecticut Land Company for \$1,200,000. Thereafter these funds were used for the support of Connecticut's public schools. It was the Connecticut Land Company which dispatched its general agent, Moses Cleaveland, and a party of surveyors to the Reserve in the spring and summer of 1796. With their coming, the first permanent settlements, Conneaut and Cleveland, were established. The Connecticut influence has persisted across northeastern Ohio to this day.

I hope you enjoyed this article on the Western Reserve as much as I did.

As always, please call me at any time with your concerns.

Bob Jackson, Trustee
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Fire Department Stats

We do not think of the Pierpont Volunteer Fire Department until the siren goes off, a truck or ambulance goes by, or we need their help. But that doesn't mean they aren't busy.

The following are 2021 statistics as recorded by CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) for the Pierpont Fire Department.

Interestingly, 74% of both fire and EMS call have happened while the department is staffed from 7 am to 7 pm.

YTD (July 31, 2021) EMS calls
TOTAL=198

- 88 in Pierpont
- 11 in Monroe
- 40 in Denmark
- 41 in Andover
- 1 in Conneaut
- 2 in Dorset
- 7 in Jefferson
- 8 in PA

YTD (July 31, 2021) FIRE calls
TOTAL=88

- 35 in Pierpont
- 6 in Monroe
- 26 in Denmark
- 8 in Andover
- 4 in Sheffield
- 1 in Williamsfield
- 1 in Kingsville
- 1 in Kinsman
- 1 in Linesville
- 5 in Richmond

Have an emergency?

Call 911

Do NOT call the fire dept. direct line.

Pierpont Internet Survey 2021

The purpose of this survey is to discover the interest of Pierpont residents on possible future Internet service. This information will assist in identifying potential funds to provide reliable, affordable, high-speed Internet service throughout the township. Please answer a few questions related to your desired speed, price and service address. Only one response per household.

Three easy ways to respond to this survey:

- Mail in this sheet to 1109 State Route 7 Pierpont, OH 44082
- Call (440) 299-7747 and leave a message
- fill it out online at: <https://bit.ly/pierpontinternet> (If you have access, online is the preferred option for this survey.)

Considering your current Internet speed, reliability and price; please answer the questions below:

1. Circle which Home Internet plan you would purchase if the options were available to you.

- 100 mbps for \$59 per month
- 500 mbps for \$89 per month
- 1Gbps (1000 mbps) for \$109 per month
- 10 Gbps (10,000 mbps) for \$249 per month
- All above options are too expensive
- I would pay more than prices above for fast reliable internet

2. Circle which Business Internet plan you would purchase if the options were available to you. (If you do not own a business that requires additional internet, skip this.)

- 100 mbps for \$99 per month
- 1Gbps (1000 mbps) for \$299 per month
- 10 Gbps (10,000 mbps) for \$499 per month
- All options above are too expensive for my business
- I would pay more than prices above for fast reliable internet for my business

3. Who is your current Internet provider? _____

4. Are you satisfied with their services and prices?

Please circle: Satisfied Unsatisfied

Service location Information (To determine cost of supplying Internet, please provide the address of the location you would receive Internet service.)

Full name/household name _____

Address of where you would receive Internet service _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

7. Additional Comments. (Write any additional information you would like to share regarding reliable, affordable high-speed Internet in Pierpont on the back of this form.)

(Return survey to: 1109 State Route 7 Pierpont, OH 44082)

Stamp
is
needed

Internet Survey
Pierpont Township
1109 State Route 7
Pierpont, OH 44082



You can save a stamp-just place this form in
the mailbox of the side of the township building.



Community Choices Engagement Activities

Don't miss this final opportunity to provide your feedback for Ashtabula County's Comprehensive Plan process! Join us at one of the following activities:

Community Choices Workshop
Aug. 9 (Monday) from 4-6 p.m.
 Jefferson Community Recreation Center

County Fair Aug. 10-15
 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 In the Exhibit Hall

Virtual Workshop Aug. 18
 Via Zoom, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
 To register, visit AllinAshtabula.com

Virtual Activities Aug. 9-30
 Activities mimicking the in-person events on AllinAshtabula.com



FISH SALE

The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation district has announced their fall fish sale. The fall sale is very limited only offering Triploid White Amur and Fathead Minnows. The Amur are used to control excessive amounts of pond vegetation while the Minnows are used for baitfish. Pond conditioners and fish food are also available at this sale. It is a great time to prepare your pond for winter. The **order deadline is Thursday, September 9, 2021** with delivery on Thursday September 16th between 10:30 to 11:30 at the county fairgrounds.

The spring sale orders will be due in early April. They have a wider variety of fish available then. This past spring, they had Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Hybrid Bluegill, Shellcracker, Channel Catfish, Fathead minnows, Yellow Perch, Triploid Whit Amur, and Koi. They also had pond conditioner and fish food.

Order forms are available online or at their office at 39 Wall Street, Jefferson, OH 44047. Instructions are on the order form. Watch for notice for the Spring sale in the first newsletter next year. If you have questions, please call the Soil and Water Conservation district at 440-576-4946.

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Rachel Rielinger, DVM

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info@pinehollowvet.com

Township Crew in Action



Pierpont Township Calendar

Events with * contain information about the event elsewhere in this newsletter.

August 19: 3-8 pm Blood drive sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League. Held in the Ducro Community Room

August 20: BINGO sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League held at the Williamsfield Community Center-raising funds for the Pierpont Scholarship Fund

August 21: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building

***August 21:** noon until 3:00 pm CELEBRATE PIERPONT-a community event sponsored by Ducro Services

August 23: Pymatuning Valley Local School District-first day for students

August 27: 4pm -8 pm (or until sold out if before 8) Grilled Chicken Benefit Dinner 7237 Hammond Corners Road

August 27: noon to 11:00 pm Pierpont Pioneer Picnic 1809 Middle Road

August 28: 10 am to 11:00 pm Pierpont Pioneer Picnic 1809 Middle Road

August 28: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building

***August 28:** 9 am -1 pm Household Hazardous Waste Collection A-Tech Campus

August 29: 10 am to 5:00 pm Pierpont Pioneer Picnic 1809 Middle Road

August 29: PV Laker Band Car Show at PV High School

August 31: 6:00 pm Presentation on the Community Corrections and Rehabilitation Facility being held at the Pierpont Presbyterian Church 71 State Route 7 South

September 2: 7:00 pm meeting Pierpont Community Action League. Ducro Community Center

September 4: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market at the parking lot of the Wright Building

September 4: 60-mile Route 7 (from Kinsman to Conneaut) yard sales

September 7: 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (also livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

September 11: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building

September 18: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building

September 20: 6 pm Pierpont Township Revitalization Committee

September 21: 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (also livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

September 24: BINGO sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League held at the Williamsfield Community Center-raising funds for the Pierpont Scholarship Fund

September 25: 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building

***October 2:** 6:00 pm Cash Bash-evergreen Cemetery Fundraiser. Held at Lenox Community Center. Ticket required. Sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League.

October 5: 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (also livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

October 19: 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (also livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

October 22: BINGO sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League held at the Williamsfield Community Center-raising funds for the Pierpont Scholarship Fund

October 26: 7 pm Pierpont Township Parks Commission

October 28: 3-8 pm Blood drive sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League. Held in the Ducro Community Room

Sweeping the Road?



Contact Information for Pierpont Township

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Fiscal Officer:
Jennifer Hoover
440-228-0976

Meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:00pm at the Township Office. Meetings are also livestreamed on Facebook via the Pierpont OH page.

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