

## Memorial Day

Memorial Day, formally known as Decoration Day, is a federal holiday observed yearly on the last Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day that commemorates all men and women who have died while serving in the military for the United States of America.

### Pierpont Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 31

Starting point: parking lot of The Wright Building

Line up time beginning at 8 am

Parade will step off at 9 am-led by the Color Guard and the Laker Gold Pride Marching Band and end at Evergreen Cemetery with a Memorial Day Service

Veterans who are willing to participate should contact Bob Jackson (440-812-8622).

Marching units & floats do not need to register-just show up and be ready to celebrate!

**FLAGS ON VETERANS' GRAVES:** Flags are purchased by the township and placed on the graves by volunteers. If you are willing to help, please meet at Evergreen Cemetery on Wednesday, May 5 at 5:00 pm (Rain date is Thursday May 6).

#### **ZONING RESOLUTION: Public Hearing**

The Board of Trustees will hold their public hearing, as required by Section 519.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, at their regular meeting on April 20, 2021. The public hearing will be broadcast on the "Pierpont, OH" Facebook page. Any questions or comments can be emailed to [pierpont1@windstream.net](mailto:pierpont1@windstream.net) or asked during the public hearing on FB Live. A copy of the proposed amendments is located on the website at [pierponttownship.com](http://pierponttownship.com) or you can request a hard copy by emailing or calling (440) 577-1015 and leaving a message.

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# Support Local

## Supporting Local Business

The Pierpont Community Action League in collaboration with trustees Barb Culp and Pam Hudson, is in the process of creating a booklet listing the businesses, organizations, and community groups from the Pierpont area. **We want to help you grow and thrive.**

Thus far the only listings we have for our brochure include these:

- Action Jackson's Home Inspection
- Aftershock Fastpitch
- Artistic Woodworks
- Childs-Williams-Ducro Funeral Home
- DOC Transportation LLC
- Elite Accounting
- Holden's Lone Maple Farm
- Jackson Construction
- LB Trucking
- Millers Farrier Service
- Miller's Custom Leather
- Outwash Terrace Farm
- Pennline Farm U-Pick Blueberries
- Pierpont Beautification Committee
- Pierpont Boy Scouts
- Pierpont Community Action League
- Snowy Oak Tree Farm
- Sunset Metal Roofing
- TV Land MX
- USPS Post Office
- Via Vacavi LLC
- Western Reserve Animal Clinic
- Yoders' Greenhouse

## LAST CALL:

The brochure will be handed out beginning with the first Farmers Market on June 26. You must get your information turned in if you want to be included! Pam Hudson (440-344-7306) or Barb Culp (440-344-7989) will be happy to bring you a form.

## **What moved into the Insurance office?**

Many of you know that Jim Reiter, our local insurance agent retired at the end of 2020, leaving an empty office space in downtown Pierpont.

The office space was quickly snatched up! We now have Elite Accounting and the Ashtabula Sales office of American Colors occupying the office space. We would like to welcome Jed Miller & Marty Holden of American Colors and Jodie Hitchcock of Elite Accounting to their new offices. May you be blessed in your new endeavors!

Jodie Hitchcock of Elite Accounting offers accounting and tax services for individuals and small businesses along with IRS representation and tax resolution services. She offers appointments Monday through Friday, which you can set up by calling 1-866-813-6627. The website for Elite Accounting can be found at [www.eliteaccountingoh.com](http://www.eliteaccountingoh.com) or you can check them out on Facebook at EliteAccountingOH where tax tips are offered frequently.



## 2021

## **Virtual Purse Raffle**

Play when you have time, from the comfort of your own home then watch on Saturday, May 8 @6:00 pm on Facebook live to see who wins!  
Pierpont Community Action League page



<https://form.jotform.com/210437336222143>

41 Purses & Wallets  
50/50 raffle  
Grand raffle \$500

If you have a previously purchased ticket for our 2020 Bingo event, you will automatically receive 6 entries into the \$500 cash

Play before April 30 and you will receive 1 entry/\$20 spent in a special Pierpont area Gift Card basket!



### From our Zoning Inspector:

The Zoning Text is currently in the process of being updated for our Township. Your Zoning Commission, made up of fellow Pierpont residents, has been working long and hard to revamp the old outdated text. The last overhaul was back in the 1970's. Since that time a lot of the language is outdated and obsolete. We had the Prosecuting Attorney's help, along with help from the Ashtabula County Planning Commission.

Your Township Zoning Commission, with the invaluable help of Jenn Hoover, has rewritten the text with the following:

- 1-updating definitions
  - 2- adding a table of contents
  - 3- clarifying language
  - 4- removing politically incorrect language
  - 5- Removed fees from the text, and
  - 6- added sections dealing with explicit businesses.
- Our basic text and regulations remain the same.

The process is now almost complete. The text has been approved all along the checks and balances system. It is now headed to the Trustees for final approval. That meeting will be held April 20, 2021. This meeting will be on Facebook live.

The Text is available to look at on the website. If you have any questions, contact me, or any of the members of the Zoning Commission. Alice Dreslinski, Ray Brockett, Larry Kotnik, Steve Koivisto, or Logan Fogus.

Rich Rea



**April 18:** 2 pm Pioneer Picnic meeting; all are welcome to come and join this group-will meet at the picnic Grounds on Middle Road

**April 20:** 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Zoning Hearing followed by the Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**April 27:** 7:00 Pierpont Township Parks Commission (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**April 29:** 3-8 pm Blood drive sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League. Held in the Ducro Community Room

**May 4:** 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**May 7:** noon to 4:00 pm Pierpont Township Clean up days  
\*\*New location-5541 State Route 167

**May 8:** 8 am to noon Pierpont Township Clean up days  
\*\*New location-5541 State Route 167

**May 8:** PCAL Virtual Purse Bingo Raffle 6:00 PM  
Livestreamed on Facebook; Pierpont Community Action League page

**May 18:** 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**May 31:** 9:00 am Memorial Day Parade followed by a service at Evergreen Cemetery

**June 1:** 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**June 15:** 6:00 pm Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting at the Township Building (closed to the public but livestreamed on Facebook Pierpont OH)

**June 21:** 6:00 Pierpont Township Revitalization Committee meeting; livestreamed on Facebook-Pierpont OH

**June 24:** 3-8 pm Blood drive sponsored by the Pierpont Community Action League. Held in the Ducro Community Room

**June 26:** 8 am to noon Pierpont Farmers Market in the parking lot of the Wright Building



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# ZONING UPDATE

The Pierpont Township Zoning Code was adopted in 1956 and has not been updated or amended since 1976. In an effort to stay updated and continue to meet community needs in our town, the Pierpont Zoning Commission began meeting regularly in 2019, and after a brief pandemic-sized delay, resumed meeting in January, 2021. The Zoning Commission met with the Director of Community Services and Planning and the Ashtabula County Prosecutor's Office to review the amended zoning text and make corrections. The amendments were then sent to the Ashtabula County Planning Commission for their review and approval, and after making a few minor changes, the final amended text was approved by the Zoning Commission at a public hearing held on March 25, 2021 and forwarded to the Trustees for their blessing.



**Jennifer Hoover**

The following is a list of proposed changes:

1. Created a table of contents
2. Renumber the sections and combined several related sections into subsections (now under supplemental regulations)
3. Moved "definitions" section to the beginning and removed any unconstitutional/outdated definitions. Added several definitions
4. Removed Special Use District (never been used and not even listed on zoning map)
5. Updated home occupation language
6. Removed regulations of roadside stands (agricultural)
7. Removed regulations on agricultural uses
8. Added "Mobile food service operations, catering food service operations and seasonal food service operations" as allowable uses in all districts
9. Updated regulations on outdoor advertising and removed unconstitutional regulations of political signs.
10. Better defined the section regulating nonconforming uses.
11. Clearly explain the process for appeals and variances
12. Changed minimum lot area from 40,000 square feet to 2 acres.

13. Inserted language from the Ohio Attorney General regulating sexually oriented businesses
14. Clearly defined the duties of the zoning inspector, zoning commission, BZA and the trustees as it relates to zoning
15. Removed fee schedule from zoning code – trustees will set fees
16. Better defined when a zoning certificate is required and the contents and process of application
17. Added language that ORC 519.12 governs zoning amendments

The Trustees are also in the process of reviewing the zoning fees and making the much-needed adjustments.

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## Like a good neighbor....

I have great neighbors-I qualify that by acknowledging their friendliness, their willingness to occasionally give us a hand, and they keep their properties neat and clean.

Unfortunately, not everyone seems to have good neighbors or to be good neighbors. The trustees receive multiple calls about folks who pile bags of garbage up in their yards and when it gets ripped open, they don't care enough to go pick it up. And yes, we have had complaints of rats coming from those piles of garbage.

We have others who have junk vehicles parked all over their property-we jokingly refer to those as mobile storage units (except most of them aren't mobile anymore.) It's no joking matter when your neighbor's junk vehicles become detrimental to your home's value.

Our township also has dilapidated homes-far beyond being fixer-uppers. I fear if anyone wanders into one, they (and the EMTs who have to go in after them) will be injured. We used to have neighbor children who would run away from home-they would always end up in an old dangerous mobile home across the road. We were extremely thankful when that was taken out.

And yes, we have zoning in this township. Unfortunately, you can't zone in neat and tidy, or zone out every broken toy or half torn apart lawn tractor(s) left in a yard over winter.

It has been one of my goals since I was elected to have the zoning resolution updated-going into court to charge someone with zoning violations with a resolution that hasn't been updated in 44 years wasn't going to have a positive outcome. I am SO thankful that our Zoning Commission was able to update our text.

Will an updated text make a difference? Not on the everything. Some things will still require filing complaints with the health department, calling the sheriff's department, and possibly some new township ordinances with the support of the prosecutor's office.

At the end of the day, it would just be so much better, if everyone kept their properties in a manner that benefits not only your home's value but ultimately the value of the neighborhood and the township.

As I'm out and about, driving the township roads, I greatly appreciate the beauty in our township homes, yards, farms, fields, and in all the nature we have around us. Pierpont Township is country living at its best.

Thanks to all my good neighbors in the township!

Barb Culp  
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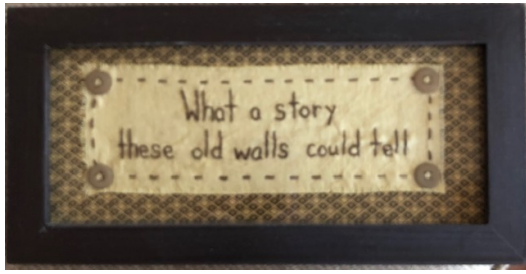
## CRAFT SHOW

The Pioneer Picnic Committee is looking for vendors who would be interested in participating in a craft show on Saturday, May 22. Cost per space is \$15. If you are interested, please contact Virginia Forbes at 814-853-1992.

## Farmers' Market

It's time to start thinking about summer and the Farmers' Market! The first market this season will be **Saturday, June 26 from 8 am to noon**. Sign up now to reserve your spot as a vendor! Check out the Facebook page-Pierpont Farmers' Market. Held at the parking lot of the Wright Building.





It is easy to see as you drive through the township new houses and buildings. What we may not notice is the old being reborn. It is exciting to see the rebirth of some of our old houses being restored. In town, the Pete Storozuk house is getting new siding. It really enhances that beautiful old home on Route 167 west. Along with that, the wonderful Robert and Helen Williams house whose basement has a new life as well as a studio addition on to the back.

On Route 7, north of town, we have the Keith and Arlene Lewis old barn that has been altered, resided, and roofed in a rustic motif complete with a much larger than life colorful rooster.

Also, north of town is the Donna Bradnan house. I watched as windows were removed and parts of the house were slowly torn down. The new owners were able to save the very front and braced the floor. They have added back the rear of the house and even though it is still in progress, it is easy to see what a wonderful addition this will be to our community.

For many of you, the owner names I have cited won't mean much to you. These were the owners that I remember as a child. It brings back many memories. I think the most exciting new additions and restorations for me is "The Brick", aka Dr. Lorenzo Brayman's house. I am so excited that this wonderful old house is being preserved. There is such great history with this building

When I was growing up that building was where Marcy Equipment was located. Having grown up on a farm it was a frequent destination. I have loved this building all my life.

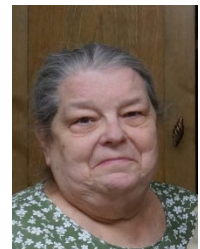
On the front of "the Brick" it cites 1888 above the door. Dr. Brayman's office was there as well as his residence. Its unique architecture makes it stand out and I have been told when it was built the view from the third floor was fantastic. Marty Holden is restoring the Building. If anyone has any information, history, or pictures of the family or

building, I'm sure Marty would be interested in seeing them.

I know I have missed some but we can save that for another time. To all of you who are helping to improve and/or preserve the homes and history of our community-**a HUGE THANK YOU goes out to you.** Keep up the great work.

Pam Hudson  
Township  
Trustee

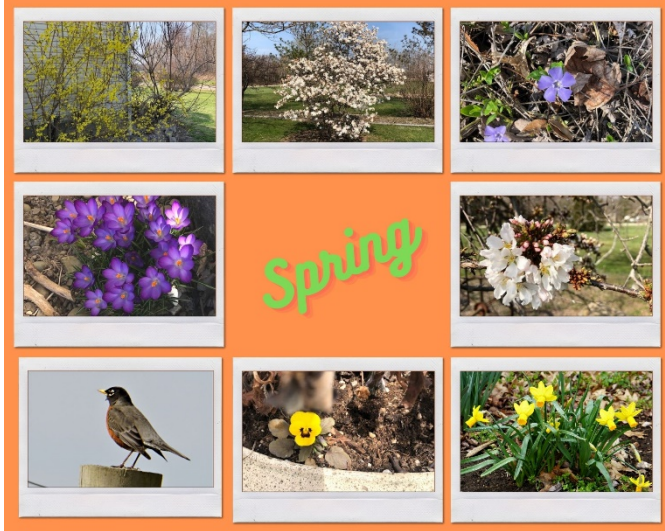
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Collage Maker



## Spring Pictures From the Road Department



Hello Pierpont Township,

The signs are always clear, this time of the year needs no introduction. Longer days, more sun and the new buds all around us that will bring flowers and leaves. It always feels like seeing an old friend again, giving us a burst of energy and a sense of a new beginning. Motivating us to embrace a new year, work in our yards and gardens and to finish old projects.



A dry March has allowed trustees to begin rebuilding our roadways earlier than normal. Adding stone, grading, ditching and finishing old projects will be a priority along with a new program, dust control. It is the Trustees' hope, that this new program will offer much needed relief from dusty roads.

Trustees are constantly looking for better alternatives in the way we do business. The shoes of status quo have never fit my feet, I am proud of Pierpont Township and our history. As your Township Trustee I will always strive to be more efficient and productive for you.



God Bless,

Bob Jackson  
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Getting  
ready to get  
out on the  
roads

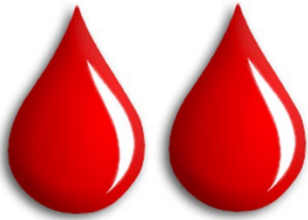


Being thankful  
for dry weather

Thank you  
Mother  
Nature!







## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, **April 29**  
3-8 pm

Ducro Community  
Room  
sponsored by the  
Pierpont Community  
Action League.

## DID YOU KNOW:

- Every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed every day.
- The blood type most often requested by hospitals is Type O.
- Only about 38% of the US population is eligible to give blood.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- The average red blood cell transfusion is approximately 3 pints.
- One donation can help save the lives of up to 3 people.
- More than 1 million new people are diagnosed with cancer each year. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.

Source: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)



**Ask how you can save about 30% on the wellness care for your pet!**

We offer Vaccine Value Packages so you can pick the level of protection for your pet at a reduced price. The "VVP's" are only offered certain days and times during the week. Call the clinic for more information.



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**Rachel Rielinger, DVM**

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**Ashtabula County Fairgrounds**  
 (west side of North Poplar St., Jefferson)

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## PIERPONT TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAYS

**NEW LOCATION**  
 5541 State Route 167  
 Pierpont Twp. Outpost  
 West of "downtown" Pierpont

Friday, May 7 noon to 4:00  
 Saturday, May 8 8 am - noon

**Accepted Items**

- general household trash
- tires
- hazardous waste
- roadside garbage

**NOT Accepted**

- items containing freon

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