

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Moving into 2021

Trustees make plans



As we leave 2020, I can't help but feel exhausted. Between national events and a pandemic, there wasn't any normalcy in 2020. We all need some good news and a brighter year. Although I am optimistic, I continue to pray.

Trustees spent the year reacting to news alerts and announcements as they came in. Having never dealt with a pandemic there wasn't a play book- we had to write our own based on information from the CDC, and state and federal law makers.

I am proud of my colleagues. As everyone dealt with all the extra work from COVID-19, I never heard anyone complain. The pandemic isn't over but we are much more prepared to deal with it.

As we move into 2021, Trustees are anxious to make it a banner year! We structured and passed a budget that prioritizes township roads and places an emphasis on your concerns. We earmarked funds that double 2020 stone totals, and included funding for dust control. Residents asked trustees for alternative methods of dust control and we listened.

After researching and discussing this issue with the Ashtabula County Road Department's road supervisor, the trustees feel we have an excellent alternative for 2021. MC 70 will be applied to the road surface then covered with #8 limestone that adheres to the emulsion, thus sealing off the dust, and at the same time, building up the road base. I am excited to see this happen in Pierpont and look forward to your feedback on this new process targeting dust control.

As always feel free to contact me with your comments and concerns. *

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Welcome to Pierpont

Program to greet our new residents

We have started (actually restarted) a tradition in Pierpont Township. Several ladies have joined together and are greeting our new residents with "Welcome to Pierpont" baskets. In December, thirteen baskets were taken to the homes of the new residents from 2020. Our goal is to keep more up to date and hand baskets out on a monthly basis.



This time the baskets included a list of local businesses and organizations, samples of products from the businesses, a map of the township, and some fresh baked cookies and were delivered with a smile and a hearty Welcome to Pierpont!



We are open to ideas and welcome anyone who would like to help with this project. Please just call Pam Hudson or Barb Culp and let us know.*

Thank you Mother Nature

Road Work: Weather Permitting! The rain stopped and the snow held off----January 12-14 and Road Work was being done!



Berm removal on Turner Road



ADAPTING TO THE TIMES

COVID-19 has changed the way Township Trustees do business. The added cost of dealing with the pandemic has placed a strain on Government budgets.

New expenses include personal protective equipment, wages for those who are in quarantine, social distancing and electronic equipment. The legislature has extended electronic meetings until July 1, 2021 in accordance with social distancing rules.

In recent times, we have had township meetings with as many as 35 residents in the hall, elbow to elbow with standing room only. Now with the 6-foot distancing requirement, we could only allow 4 residents!

We are now streaming our meetings live on Facebook and there is no limit as to who can attend. Trustees urge folks to go to Facebook and search for the Pierpont OH page. Click on videos to watch. And if you happen to miss the meeting, it is there for you to watch after the meeting has ended. You can also type in questions and comments as you watch the meeting.

We are in the process of renovating the house located at 1080 Rt. 7 into a new Township Hall. It is being renovated with Federal CARES funding (COVID-19). The house and property were purchased with state funds for the purpose of building a Waste Water treatment plant. In addition to using CARES funding, a CDBG grant is being pursued for completion of handicap accessible bathrooms and a handicap ramp. When finished, we expect occupancy to be 50, presently with social distancing that will be reduced to only 25.



Contracts for the work have been awarded, using local contractors. The work started with Harmon Electric updating the service box on the building; and Weaver Landscaping has begun necessary demolition and will perform the rough-in construction.

In the meantime, please tune in to the Township meetings and stay informed. We, the Trustees, all have an open-door policy. CALL US ANYTIME.✕

THE PIERPONT COMMUNITY BROCHURE

Because not everyone knows

If you have a

- Business
- Online business
- Musical talent
- Artistic talent
- Computer talent
- Home business
- Cottage industry
- Money making hobby
- Do crafts

we would like to help you advertise. There are at least 80 different individuals in Pierpont Township who have enterprises where they are trying to support themselves or make some extra money.

There are always people looking for someone who can weld, bake decorated cakes, fix a computer issue, needs Tupperware, etc.—and it would be so nice if we knew all the small businesses in our own township.

There are also many businesses that are well advertised and have signs in their front yards, but please remember, not everyone drives throughout the township and will see your sign.

- ❖ We would also like to have a section for the clubs and organizations in the area.

PLEASE fill out the form on page 3 of this newsletter and return it to the township office as quickly as possible (**Deadline is February 9**)



Pierpont Township Zoning

Updating the Zoning text

The Zoning Commission is meeting with the Ashtabula County Assistant Prosecutor on January 28 in hopes of finalizing the revision of the Pierpont Township Zoning Resolution. There will be a public hearing on the proposed changes in the upcoming months.

You should always check with Rich Rea, our Township Zoning Inspector, before beginning new construction or additions. Rich's phone number is 440-577-1578 or email him at richrea@windstream.net

Getting to know Pierpont: Helping our businesses & community prosper

The Pierpont Community Action League is in the process of creating a community brochure to list the local businesses, organizations, and community groups. If you have not filled out one of the following forms to get your information into our brochure, please do so as soon as possible. Home based businesses and cottage industries are welcome, as are musical groups, performers, and otherwise talented individuals. **Please return by February 9, 2021**

ORGANIZATIONS & CLUBS

Business name _____

Business owner _____

Business address _____

Phone number _____

Wholesale and/or retail?

Website _____ email address _____

Hours of operation? _____

How can we best describe your business? (What services do you offer?)

Additional information that you would like mentioned _____

BUSINESSES

Name of Organization _____

Place(S) you meet _____

When do you meet _____

Who is allowed to join (ages, etc.) _____

Contact person's name _____

Contact person's phone number _____

Contact person's email address _____

How can we best describe your organization?

Additional information that you would like mentioned _____

Let's Be Positive!



Many times, on Facebook, I will see someone ask for recommendations for something and they write "AND GO!" to get the list started.

Let's try it!

Things that make you smile in Pierpont Township**AND GO!**

- ❖ new stone around the recycling bins (Rita C. & Cheri H.)
- ❖ renovation of the old brick in downtown Pierpont (Barb C.)
- ❖ gorgeous decorations
 - Tenan's tree on Penn Line road, (Pam H.)
 - the beautiful yard at the Kandre house on Anderson Road, (Barb C.)
 - Lynn, Lynda, and Terry Williams always do nice decorations (Helen M.)
 - Sharon Milliard's house is always beautiful (Helen M.)
- ❖ The Dollar General! (Helen M.)
- ❖ Hometown Maple Syrup (Mona G.)
- ❖ Creative people who are doing virtual Chinese Auctions (Robin H.)
- ❖ Farmers Market (Brittany F.)
- ❖ EMS staff on 12 hour shifts at the Fire Department 7 am to 7 pm daily (Jeff W.)
- ❖ Yummy Pierpont Fire Department calzone. Onions, peppers, sausage and cheese!



The best Friday night supper south of Lake Erie. Made with busy hands, smiles and lots of heart. (Lois M.)

I would love to hear from more people-call me, text me, email me-what makes you smile?

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Penn Line Road Realignment Project



The South end of Penn Line Road Realignment project was started in 2020 and will be finished in 2021. Clay dirt

from the building of the Dollar General Store (and which the Township was paid to take) was used as the fill needed to meet the County Engineer's profile for the realignment. Penn Line Road will no longer intersect Creek Road at a "y". The new intersection will enter at a 90-degree angle, with property given to the township by the County Commissioners. Work on the project will move forward as funds allow.



Pierpont Community Calendar

- Friday, Jan 22: Pizza Sales
- Thursday, Jan 28: Zoning Commission Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Friday, Jan 29, Pizza Sales
- Tuesday, Feb 2: Township Trustee Meeting 6:00 pm
- Friday, Feb 5: Pizza Sales
- Friday, Feb 12: Pizza Sales
- Tuesday, Feb 16: Township Trustee Mtg. 6:00 pm
- Friday, Feb 19: Pizza Sales
- Thursday, Feb 25: Blood Drive at Ducro Community Room from 3-8 pm
- Friday, Feb 26: Pizza Sales
- Tuesday, March 2: Township Trustee Mtg. 6:00 pm



ALL Pierpont Township meetings are broadcast live on the Pierpont OH Facebook page

The Pizza Sales are at the Pierpont Volunteer Fire Dept on Marcy Road. You can order your custom-made Pizza or Calzone by calling ahead Monday through Friday. (440) 577-1190. Pickups start at 4:00 on Friday.

Pierpont Presbyterian Church has "drive in" service starting at 10:00 am on Sundays; use FM 88.3 to listen from your vehicle's radio.

Penn Line Church of Christ has "in church" service starting at 10:30 am on Sundays.

YOU ARE INVITED.....

All In! Ashtabula County

You're invited to participate in a series of virtual meetings about All In! Ashtabula County-a comprehensive planning process for Ashtabula County.

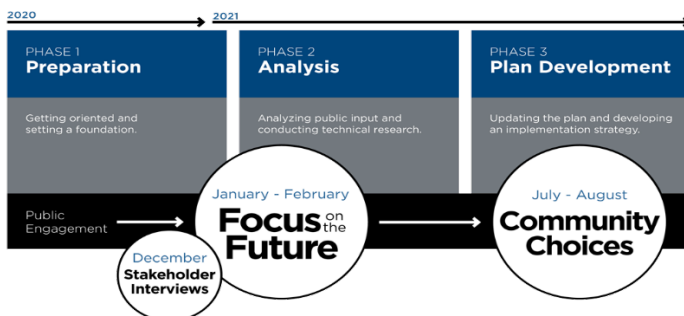
Workshop Schedule:

Tuesday, Jan 19 from 6-7 pm
Wednesday, Jan 20 from 12 to 1 pm
Friday, January 22 from 9 to 10 am

IN ADDITION to the above workshops, online activities can be accessed through the All in! Ashtabula County website.

www.AllinAshtabula.com

These activities will be self-paced and can be completed at any time between January 19 through February 8



If you have additional questions, please email Jake Brand, Director of Community Services and Planning for Ashtabula County, at jabrand@ashtabulacounty.us

Another County Bridge Project In Pierpont Township: 2020 Marcy Road



FREE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN



There is an exciting program available that promotes childhood literacy. It is free and sends any enrolled child, from birth to age 5, a monthly high quality, age-appropriate book. This program is available to any child, regardless of family income.

Dolly Parton started this program in honor of her father who was unable to read or write. Governor DeWine has joined as a partner to Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. They want to get as many books as possible to young children. It will help contribute to their ability to succeed as they grow.

It is easy to enroll either online or through the mail. Go to either www.OhioImaginationLibrary.org or www.imaginationlibrary.com. Both sites will get you started. I also have paper copies of the form that I will gladly bring or send to you.

In just 6 to 8 weeks your child will start receiving a book in the mail every month until they turn 5. There is no cost for this service.

There is even an option for blind or visually impaired children for books in braille and audio books.

The request form can be filled out by anyone but must have the signature of a parent or legal guardian. In Ashtabula County, you may choose to sign up through the Ashtabula County Community Action Agency. Contact information is P.O. Box 2610, Ashtabula, OH 44005 or contact Kacie Herron. (Phone: 440-997-5957; Fax 440-992-3319; email kherron@accaa.org)

This is an exciting program to help your child. It will also be exciting for them to receive a book in the mail every month. I hope you will take advantage of this generous gift and I would love to hear about your experiences once the books start arriving.

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