

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP NEWS

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST EDITION!

The Pierpont Township News is written and produced for the sole purpose of keeping the citizens of Pierpont informed about activities in the Township. We invite you, the citizens we serve, to read our newsletter and ask questions about topics you want more information about. The newsletter will be published quarterly to keep our citizens informed.

Changes in Our Little Township.....

from Swift's Jamboree



to Dollar General



From NO DITCHES



to "Oh my!
Look at
Lewis Road!"



Township Clean-up Days

May 1 & 2

Friday: Noon until 4:00

Saturday: 8 AM until noon

Dumpsters will be behind the Fire Hall.

(Those willing to help clean up a section of a road may contact Brenda at 440-577-1113 to receive gloves and garbage bags.)

No tires, items containing Freon, hazardous wastes, or yard wastes

Hello from Trustee Jackson



I am proud and honored to serve the residents of Pierpont Township.

As trustees we deal with issues that affect all of us, so it is important we keep you all informed. It's our hope this newsletter will do just that.

We want to hear your questions, concerns, and thoughts on issues. Please feel free to contact your trustees at anytime.

By working together, we can improve upon our community, and by doing so, better the lives of all who live in Pierpont Township.

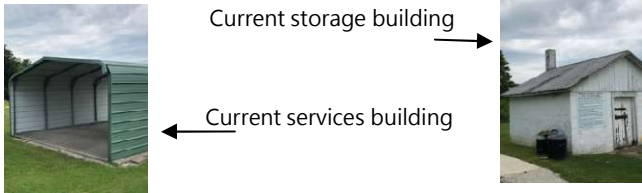
God Bless

Bob Jackson

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

BUILDING PLANS

Evergreen Cemetery currently has two buildings. One is used for equipment storage, the other for services at the cemetery.



The Pierpont Community Action League has graciously been helping raise funds for a new structure which will replace the older buildings. The plans are to complete the building project in 3 phases as the funds are raised. The first phase will be the building, the second will be the Memorial Courtyard and the third phase will be the parking lot and driveways.

FUNDRAISER COMING UP

The Pierpont Community Action League will be holding a **CASH BASH** on Saturday, March 28 at the Lenox Community Center. This will be a raffle in which you can vie for \$1850 in cash prizes, along with a variety of other games and activities. Tickets for the event are \$20 per person which includes your food for the evening. Please call Cheri Hoover (440) 361-0209, or Mona Georgia (440)228-5471 for tickets.



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Please try to remove all the decorations and flowers off of the graves by the end of March. Barb Culp and Pam Hudson will be working beginning in April (Weather permitting) to make sure everything is ready for the mowers to get started.

FLAGS

WEATHER PERMITTING, we will be putting the American flags on the Veterans graves on May 5 at 5:00. Volunteers are always welcome!

PRICE CHANGES?

The cost of a grave in Evergreen Cemetery is currently \$100. Compared to other cemeteries outside of Pierpont Township, that is very inexpensive. Unfortunately, as time passes, two things are happening. The cost of equipment, fuel, and labor has increased and full burials are being replaced with cremain burials. Currently, grave owners can have one full burial and three cremain burials on the same gravesite. The trustees would like to hear your views on this subject.

Road Work Pictures from 2019



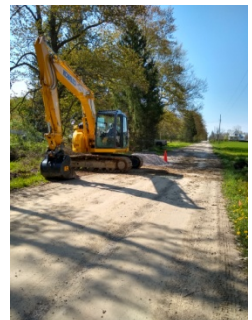
Graham Road



New ditches on Lewis Road



Trapezoid Bucket ditching on Caine Road



Culvert repair on State Line Road

ZONING AND PERMITS

The Zoning Commission has been working diligently for a few months in their attempt to rewrite the Zoning Resolution for Pierpont Township. The last Zoning Resolution update was approved in 1976 so many updates are being proposed particularly in language and definitions. Once the Commission is satisfied with their work, the updated version will go to the county Planning Commission, who will need to approve the changes. The Zoning Commission must hold a public hearing of the proposed changes. Please check the Township Website, the Gazette Newspapers, and the Township sign for that date. If the Zoning Commission decides to go ahead with the Zoning Resolution updates, then they must present it to the Board of Trustees who also must hold a public hearing.

DO I NEED A PERMIT FROM THE TOWNSHIP?

If you are building a new home, altering the one you live in, adding a porch or deck, or finally building that storage building, you may need a township permit before you go to the County Building Department. The best way to know? Give the Township Zoning Inspector, Rich Rea, a call at 440-577-1578.

From the desk of your Fiscal Officer

Did you know...Your Township Fiscal Officer is responsible for the maintenance of all township records.



A Public Record is defined as "any document, device, or item that is created or received by, or comes under the jurisdiction of a public office that documents the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the office". ORC 149.011(G)

Any person may make a public records request – requests do not need to be in writing but it is encouraged to properly respond to your request. The request must be detailed enough to describe the records being sought. The township is not obligated to create new records to meet your request – including electronic records.

Want a copy of something? Just ask!

SIGN UP TO GET THE NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY!

Sign up on our website:

www.pierponttownship.com

PIERPONT TOWNSHIP MEMORIAL DAY PARADE May 25, 2020



All businesses, groups, committees, teams, residents, etc. are encouraged to create a float or simply march in the parade.
Animals welcome!

**Meet at: The Wright Building
(AKA Pierpont School)
(1071 St. Rte. 7 N)**

Time: 8:15 A.M.

Parade will begin at 9:00 A.M. and will end at Evergreen Cemetery on Cemetery Road. Ceremony to follow.

For more information please contact
Mona Georgia at (440) 228-5471



DOWNTOWN PIERPONT SEWER PROJECT UPDATE –

JUST THE FACTS

- ∇ The Pierpont sewer project only affects the households & businesses as proposed by CT Engineering plan:
 - Rt. 7 between the Veterinarian Clinic south to 110 St. Rt. 7 S. (Mallory's)
 - Rt. 167 West to the Dollar General hookup location
 - Winship Ave (Whey Alley); and Marcy Road to the Fire Dept
- ∇ Alternatives to the footprint above, including fewer households & businesses, are being explored with the goal that properties the sewer system services will have NO or MINIMUM property assessments or hook-up and septic system collapse costs.
- ∇ There will be no cost to township landowners who are not serviced by the sewer system.
- ∇ State of Ohio HB 166, item 715507 allocated \$1.5 Million to Pierpont Township FY 2020-2021 as a "sewer system grant" "for the purpose of undertaking a sewer system." It may be used for site acquisition, construction and hookup costs. The Township continues to work with Ashtabula County Commissioners to seek additional funding.
- ∇ Full engineering design to determine realistic project costs is currently underway. Ashtabula County Engineer Tim Martin has agreed to do project full engineering at no cost to Pierpont.
- ∇ The Township has purchased the 8.8 ac waste water treatment plant (WWTP) site as recommended by CT Engineering report. The site will be owned by the Township; the WWTP site and access road will be leased to the County Commissioners. The actual WWTP will be owned by the County Commissioners.
- ∇ The Pierpont Sanitary Sewer System, once completed, will be operated and maintained by Ashtabula County (per Ohio Revised Code).
- ∇ The Township has a grant from Ashtabula County Civic Development Corporation (CDC) (~\$50K) for greenspace landscaping and plantings to screen the WWTP and parking from downtown resident homes.
- ∇ The Township continues to work closely with the County Commissioners to make this project affordable, address health and safety standards associated with waste disposal on small lots and poorly drained soils, and to proactively plan for the economic future of Pierpont.

Thoughts from a trustee

There are multitudes of opinions on the proposed sewer system.



I know many are concerned about the cost of the new system and being responsible adults, they should be. The trustees and the Revitalization committee have been working diligently to find ways to minimize the financial issues.

Once the finances are dealt with, my concern is Pierpont in the future. I think our young people deserve to be able to live in small towns out in rural areas where their children can have a safe and healthy environment. Many families choose to live in areas like Pierpont even though they know it will give them longer commutes to their jobs.

Unfortunately, none of us have a crystal ball, and we don't know how Pierpont will change. I would like to think that each of us would be willing to do what we can to make sure future generations have a Pierpont to come home to.

Respectfully
Barb Culp
Trustee

Calendar for Pierpont Township

March 12 – Lunch and Learn Advanced Funeral Planning Workshop presented by Ducro Services. Lunch and door prizes FREE of cost. 11:00AM-1:00PM at Childs Williams Ducro. Please RVSP to (440) 992-2191 by 3/9/2020.

March 14 – Pancake breakfast hosted by the Pierpont Beautification Committee. 8:00AM-Noon at the Pierpont Masonic Hall. Adults-\$6.00, Seniors-\$5.00, children 6 to 12-\$3.00 and children 5 and under are free.

March 16 -Pierpont Township Revitalization Committee meeting 6:00pm Cleveland Museum of Natural History at Williams-Ducro community room in The Wright Building

March 17 -Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

March 24 -Census Hours 3-8 pm at the Township Hall—Stop by to use the Township internet to complete your census questionnaire

March 28– Pierpont Cash Bash hosted by PCAL. Tickets are \$20 each (only 200 sold). Chances to win nearly \$2,000.00. \$500 grand prize drawing at 10:00PM. Side raffles. Food and coffee and water provided. Doors open at 6:00PM, drawings begin at 7:00PM. Held at the Lenox Community Center, 2509 Lenox-New Lyme Rd, Jefferson, OH 44047. Benefits the Pierpont Cemetery Fund. Call Cheri Hoover (440) 361-0209, or Mona Georgia (440)228-5471 for tickets.

April 4-5- Ashtabula RAM clinic coming to the Ashtabula Towne Square

April 7 -Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

April 14 -Pierpont Township Zoning Commission meeting 6:00pm at the Township Hall

April 21- Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

April 28-Parks Commission meeting at the Township Hall at 7:00 pm

April 30 – Blood Drive – 3-8PM at Ducro Community Room

May 1– Township clean-up day – 12:00-4:00PM

May 2 – Township clean-up day – 8:00AM-12:00PM

May 5 -Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

May 9– PCAL Designer Purse Bingo – PVFD red building – tickets \$25.00 each – Contact Jennifer Hoover at (440) 228-0976 for tickets or more information.

May 16 – Family Banquet at Penn Line Church of Christ – all are welcome! Dinner at 6:00PM and program featuring the Pic-A-Longs (a dulcimer group) at 7:30PM. Please call Ruth Hunter at (440) 293-5332 to make a dinner reservation.

May 19 -Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

May 19 – Flower planting throughout the community with the Beautification Committee. Meet in front of Reiter Insurance at 6:00PM if you wish to help. (Rain date is May 20th).

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade – line up at school at 8:00AM – begins at 9:00AM – contact Bob Jackson at (440) 812-8622.

May 30 – Ashtabula County OHC horse show – at Fire Department arena – class start at 3:00PM – Contact Christy Burdick at (440) 813-8610 for more information

June 2 -Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

June 16- Pierpont Township Trustees Meeting 6:00 pm at the Township Hall

June 19-20 – Pioneer Bluegrass Festival – Pioneer Picnic grounds (1809 Middle Road)

June 20 – Farmer’s Market begins – 9:00AM-1:00PM every Saturday in the old Pierpont School parking lot.

June 25– Blood Drive – 3-8PM at Ducro Community Room

CENSUS 2020

FOR THE FIRST TIME in 200 years, you will be able to complete your census questionnaire online!

The Andover Public Library, the Pierpont Township Trustees, and the 2020 Census Bureau have teamed up to provide internet access to those who would like to use it to fill out your form.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020

3 pm – 8 pm

Pierpont Township Hall

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Hello Everyone!

I am Pam Hudson-your newest Township Trustee. I am looking forward to serving you and Pierpont Township. Being new to this position, I am trying to get acquainted with all that being a trustee entails. If you have a problem or suggestion, please feel free to contact me or any of



your trustees. It is our job to serve you in the best interest of the township.

It is wonderful to again have a shopping opportunity in town. I have seen many of you at the Dollar General already. Some of you may have been excited and couldn't wait to see it open. It is a nice addition to our community. Enjoy it!

There are many new projects coming to help improve our community. We are also making progress on our township roads. There is still a lot of work to be done but it can't be done all at once. Each step takes us down the road to bettering our community.

Spring will soon be here along with all the new starts, new challenges, problems and beauty. I want to encourage each of you to do what you can. Let us know what we can do to improve this great Township we live in and to make it even better.

Best regards
Pam Hudson

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