

# PIERPONT TOWNSHIP NEWS

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## Just a few facts in honor of Memorial Day:

- ☆ This would have been Pierpont's 75<sup>th</sup> consecutive Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony for what used to be Declaration Day and is now Memorial Day.
- ☆ There are people buried in Pierpont Cemeteries from all U.S. wars starting with the Revolutionary War.
- ☆ Asa Benjamin was an early settler in Pierpont who served in the Revolutionary War distinguishing himself in service to the Commander-in-Chief, George Washington, as his personal bodyguard. He is buried in the Hall Road Cemetery.
- ☆ Les Mabane was born into slavery but managed to escape and joined the Union Army serving throughout the Civil War. After the war, he settled in Pierpont where people in the entire community loved and respected him. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.
- ☆ The Civil War Soldiers Monument was erected in 1889 in the center of Pierpont. In the 1930's, it was moved to Evergreen Cemetery.

(Thank you Jerry Redmond for compiling these interesting Pierpont facts.)

We welcome you to share your knowledge of Pierpont Township. If you have any historical facts, stories, or pictures to share, please call a trustee or email them to [pierpont1@windstream.net](mailto:pierpont1@windstream.net). (Doesn't have to be hundreds of years old-even from the recent past is interesting.)

## MEMORIAL DAY

Even though we have had to cancel Pierpont's Memorial Day parade, we will still honor our fallen heroes in our thoughts and prayers for the ultimate sacrifice they made for their country and our freedoms.



We must remember that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction! It is not something that we can pass on to our children in the blood stream! The only way we can inherit the freedom we have known, is if we fight for it, protect it, defend it and then hand it on to the next generation for them to do the same!

God Bless our heroes and our freedoms  
Bob Jackson



### Pierpont Community Calendar

May 29-Fire Dept Pizza & Calzone Sale 4-7 pm  
June 2-Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
June 9-Pierpont Township Zoning Commission  
June 15-Pierpont Township Revitalization Comm.  
June 16-Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
June 20-Farmers' Market Begins- Every Saturday  
July 7-Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
July 14- Pierpont Township Zoning Committee  
July 21- Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
July 28- Pierpont Township Parks Commission  
August-4 Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
August 11-16 Ashtabula County Fair  
August 11-Pierpont Township Zoning Commission  
August 18- Pierpont Township Trustee Meeting  
August 20 Blood Drive at Ducro Com. Center  
August 28-30 Pioneer Picnic

**FIRE DEPT PIZZA & CALZONES: Fridays from 4-7 pm**  
**Call 577-1190 to place your order. Will continue as long as we have enough orders to keep it going.**

Pierpont Township Meetings are closed to the public-they are broadcast live on the Pierpont OH Facebook page. Please check our website for changes in committee meetings.

## **NOW OPEN**

### **Pierpont Library**

Our lending library was donated by Lewis Road residents Tom and Robin Heston. It is located by the Township Hall.

**THANK YOU  
TOM & ROBIN!**



**WiFi is available at the Pierpont Township Hall parking lot!**

### **Farmers' Market**

#### **New Hours:**

**7 am-12 noon**

**Saturdays starting June 20**



Starting June 20, the Pierpont Farmers Market will be open on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to Noon through September 26 in the former Pierpont Elementary School parking lot.

Calling all farmers, makers, bakers, crafters, and more! If you are interested in selling your wares to a crowd each weekend, join us at the farmers market. And new this year-you may sell refurbished or "like new" resale items; no piles of junk, tires, tools, etc are permitted.

**Call or text Cheri Hoover at (440) 361-0209 for more information and to reserve your spot!**

We will be taking many safety precautions given the COVID-19 pandemic.



#### Already signed up to be there:

Hometown Harvest Coffee will return to the farmers market with delicious hot and cold coffee, espresso, teas, and more. You can learn more at [hometown-harvest.com](http://hometown-harvest.com) or visit us on Facebook and Instagram @hometownharvestpierpont

**CALL TODAY TO RESERVE  
YOUR SPACE!**

## Horner's Woods: A Pierpont Township Gem

History: Russell Horner deeded 71 acres of land to the Pierpont Township Trustees. In the Deed (dated October 17, 1983) Mr. Horner stipulated

1. The property shall be perpetuated as a native forest preserve for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the general public. In maintaining the property as a forest preserve, the trustees shall not, unless they so desire, be obligated to expend any general revenue funds for this purpose.

2. The native forest now growing upon the premises is to be preserved under a "sustained yield management program" supervised by the State Forester from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Columbus, Ohio.

3. All income received from the sale of forest products severed from the premises shall be kept in a separate account designated as the Horner Forest account in the Township books. The income therefrom shall be used exclusively for expenditures connected with the preservation and betterment of the forest such as herbicide treatments for timber stand improvement, purchase of slag or limestone for roads throughout the property and any other purposes the Grantees may deem beneficial to the premises.

4. The Grantor, Russell S. Horner, hereby reserve unto himself, during his lifetime, the exclusive right to explore for, extract, remove and otherwise enjoy the benefit of all oil, gas, and other minerals underlying the premises hereinabove described. (This goes on to state that the mineral rights passed onto the Trustees upon Mr. Horner's Death)

- In September 2018, the Trustees (Culp, Jackson, & Millard) entered into an agreement with Frontier Woodland Services to develop a Forest Management Plan for Horner's Woods which would include the select cutting of timber from the woods. (The Forest Management plan can be downloaded from our website [www.pierponttownship.com](http://www.pierponttownship.com) if you would like to see it.)
- In July & August, 2019, the woods were logged out and the funds from that timber sale were deposited in the Horner's Forest Fund to be used specifically for the upkeep of the Forest.
- In August 2018, the trustees (Culp, Hoover, & Jackson) formed a 5 member Parks Commission to give suggestions to the trustees on needs for Horner's Forest.



Horners' Forest Pictures are on the back of this page.



A warm fresh breeze, bright sunshine, and summer days!  
Make time to enjoy the out-of-doors!



**WE NEED THE VIEWS OF THE CITIZENS OF PIERPONT TOWNSHIP!**

How would you like to see Horner's Woods used?

Hiking trails, a stocked pond, horseback riding?

**PLEASE make your thoughts known to a trustee!**

**Roadside Clean-up?** Just some thoughts from Barb Culp

I am amazed at what trash I just picked up in 45 minutes on my road. Some I can understand---haven't we all had one of those plastic grocery bags get away from us at one time or another?

But really-where do the cans, bottles, truck mirrors, and books come from? And that one shoe? (If anyone sees Cinderella, let her know that I have it!) What about the tires and recliners---does anyone really believe that those blew out of a house and onto the side of the road? And if I had to award a prize for the most ill-mannered act for this month—Who thought it was okay to dump 30 carp into a road ditch?



I am not sure who needs to be more responsible here—are parents not teaching their children that littering is wrong? Are adults so careless that items just fly out of their vehicles? Are there adults out there who think there are cleaning people who will follow them around picking up their trash?

I'm not sure what the answer for this dilemma is. I know that we can all help clean up the accidental litter that somehow gets to the side of the road, but the people who are using our township roads as trash dumps need to stop.



## Ashtabula County Engineer Projects in Pierpont Township

2019:

The old Bailey bridge on Caine Road was put in when the original bridge broke during a repair when the crane cable snapped in 1976. Bailey bridges were used by U.S. and British engineers during World War II to rapidly span rivers and streams as the Allied troops moved across Europe. These bridges later became available to communities who needed a temporary bridge; this bridge had been on Caine Road from 1976 until 2019



**April 2020**

Penn Line Road  
Culvert Project



## Township Clean-up Days

The township trustees will discuss this again in August. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, our budget has lost about 20% of its funds.

The cost for the 2019 cleanup days included container rental, disposal charges, and scrap transportation which came to a total of \$2,105.02. However, the township did get paid \$295.98 for the scrap. Total cost of the clean-up day was \$1809.04 which does not include wages.



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE!**

**Have YOU filled out your  
Census Form yet?**

Response rates (as of 5/15/2020)

United States 59.4 %

Ohio 64.6%

Ashtabula County 57.7%

Pierpont Township 61.9%

(Percentages as reported at  
[www.census.gov/en/response-rates](http://www.census.gov/en/response-rates))

Wouldn't  
it be great  
to have a  
100%  
response  
rate in this  
township?