



WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Council Corner

HAPPY NEW YEAR! While we are pleased with the accomplishments of the past year, your Village Council is looking forward to 2017. “Hats off to the past and coats off to the future” could be our mantra as we embark on a new year.

As our village grows, safety of our residents is of prime importance. Your police department has 3 initiatives in place along this line. For our growing senior population, they offer a daily check up for those living alone. The department has partnered with Boy Scout Troop 97 to provide snow removal for

these seniors. A safety zone will be created to provide our residents a place to exchange merchandise purchased or exchanged through social media.

2017 will see changes in the downtown as we continue the streetscaping initiative started in 2016 that will include repaving of Route 64 by ODOT later in the year. Improved traffic flow and safer walkways for pedestrians will be included.

The village is working with the Metroparks and the Anthony Wayne Youth Foundation to enhance the Blue Creek Quarry property. Cooperative programming will begin in January. Improved facilities are already in place.

We look forward to receiving another Tree City award thanks to the efforts of our Tree Commission. Take off your coats, roll up your sleeves and join us as we continue efforts to improve our community!

*Submitted by Robert Keogh,
Council Member*



QUICK NOTES

2017 Calendars

The 2017 Village calendars are available! Stop by Village Hall to get your free copies!

Help for the Elderly and Infirm

The Whitehouse Police Department, in partnership with Boy Scout Troop #97 (Hope United Methodist Church), will offer snow shoveling services for our elderly and/or infirm residents. Call 419-877-9191 or email mmcdonough@whitehouseoh.gov for more info.

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU!

The Village recently completed the extension of a multi-use path along Waterville Street, from Village Park to Whitehouse Square Boulevard. This path provides safe walking and biking access to the restaurants, shops, Cedar Creek Church, senior housing, and the soon-to-be completed townhomes.



We have applied for grant money to extend the path from Whitehouse Square Boulevard to the roundabout at Finzel Road completing the connection between downtown and the AW campus.

In December, a walking path and boardwalk were completed at the Blue Creek Recreation Area on the east side of the quarry, connecting two existing multi-use paths. This was made possible using a Transportation Grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Prior to the construction of the boardwalk, the path was somewhat treacherous and close to the water's edge. The boardwalk not only creates a safe walkway, but enhances the experience of walking around the beautiful quarry. To access the new path, start at the Whitehouse Library and head south.

Both paths provide a year-round, family-fun experience to get out and enjoy Mother Nature while getting exercise and fresh air! Mayor Atkinson, Village Council, and Staff are dedicated to providing healthy living and entertainment in Whitehouse – check it out!



ANTHONY WAYNE SCHOOLS

During the holiday season, it is wonderful to see the spirit of giving that takes place throughout our community. As a school district, we are fortunate and grateful to have so many individuals and families, as well as the community to support our students, initiatives, and our desire to become the best District possible. We strive to provide an education that will meet not only the academic needs of our students, but also their social, emotional, and daily needs.

To show gratitude for this support, students in grades K-12 are encouraged to give back to the AW community by participating in service projects. It is shared with the students that it is important to be active in our community and that even the smallest contributions have a positive impact.

At this time of year, many of the buildings are participating in food, clothing, and toy drives in order to provide for families in need. Even though "Giving and Gratitude" are focused on now, there are service projects taking place each month of the school year. The service projects range from the youngest students picking up trash and planting flowers to all students and staff contributing to "The Spirit of Giving," an organization that raises money to provide financial and service-based support to families who have suffered a medical catastrophe. To learn about the service projects that the students and staff participate in, please visit our website at anthonywayneschools.org and read the December Superintendent's Newsletter.

Again, the District takes great pride in our community and is appreciative of the support it receives. Promoting and participating in worthwhile service projects allows our students to recognize the importance of "Giving Back" and is a way for the students, staff, and administration to say "Thank You" to the community.

Submitted by Kevin Herman, Assistant Superintendent

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST CHURCH

We are committed to **COMMUNITY!** Our congregation was called into being by the Spirit of God 42 years ago. We had our beginnings in the cafeteria at Anthony Wayne High School! One of our members, Jerry Reed, was the band director who first called our young band, "Generals!" We are grateful for the support of our community and focus our ministries on the surrounding community. Community of Christ Lutheran Church has welcomed an active and compassionate AA group on Wednesday and Friday evening for the past 40 years! The Local AWAKE chapter holds board meetings in our facility. We are benevolent partners with Anthony Wayne Spirit of Giving and Salem Lutheran Church in Toledo, OH. We welcome numerous home associations and neighbors to meet in our fellowship hall. Our congregation invites you for weddings, baptisms and funeral services. We are available for AW school events and programs.

Community of Christ Lutheran Church honors the traditions of the Christian Church. We invite you to come and appreciate the rich musical history of the Church with its beautiful hymns and liturgies, Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and the regular Sacrament of Holy Communion. We worship on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday morning, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. We offer Biblical instruction for children, teens and adults of all ages at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Community of Christ is served by Pastor Matthew Lash and our new Director of Music, Eric Dickey. We offer Christian education classes, confirmation instruction for Junior High Students, Community of Christ teens, social action/community service outreach activities and a variety of fellowship activities. Please explore our website commofchrist.org or call 419-877-0607 for more information. God bless our COMMUNITY!

Submitted by Pastor Matthew Lash

Whitehouse American Legion Post 384



The members of the Whitehouse American Legion Post 384 thank all of the Whitehouse residents for their support of our "Public Welcome Events." Some of these events are Monday Afternoon Euchre, Tuesday Night Pickers, Wednesday Night Euchre, Monthly Steaks on the Grill, Quarterly American Red Cross Drive, Drive Thru Chicken BBQ, Memorial Day Cemetery Program, Veterans' Benefits Seminar, Children's Halloween Party, Jiggs Dinner, Boys State, Girls State, Pigs in Blanket Dinner, and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please let the Post know if you would like to receive notification of events via e-mail by contacting us at ckemmer@windstream.net. Let us know if you are a member (Legion, SAL, or Aux) or a non-member (friend). Events also are posted on Facebook. Like us at "Whitehouse American Legion Post 384."

We especially thank the Students at Fallen Timbers Middle School for their "Dear Veteran" Letters last Veterans Day. Our Post Veterans were really moved and appreciative of their kind thoughts. These letters have also been shared with Veterans in our outside Veterans Visits.

Membership (The American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, or the Auxiliary) in our Post helps to provide many additional opportunities for Veterans and their families. Please call the Post at 419-877-5171, if you are interested or know someone that is interested in a membership.

Submitted by Craig Kemmer, Whitehouse American Legion Post 384

NEW CHIEFS ON THE BLOCK

The Whitehouse Fire Department is dedicated to protecting and serving the community with a specific commitment to professionalism, integrity, and compassion. We've seen their devotion in action, and we've come to expect nothing less than excellence from them. Whitehouse has been enriched by the continuous quality of its Fire Department leadership, and the new Chief and Deputy Chief are no exceptions!

So, who are these newcomers? Chief Josh Hartbarger was the former Deputy Chief and brings 12 years of Fire and EMS experience to the Village of Whitehouse. He holds an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts from Owens and a Bachelor's Degree from BGSU in Fire Administration. He has a wide-reaching influence, since he served six months for the National Science Foundation as a fire lieutenant at the South Pole. Not many people can say they've stepped on the South Pole, but our Chief has!

Deputy Chief Jason Francis brings 21 years of Fire and EMS experience to the Village, specializing in EMS operations, ice rescue operations, and water rescue operations. He's the new right-hand man to Chief Hartbarger, and he's already thriving in that role. He may not have made it to the South Pole, but in his leisure time, he enjoys scuba diving and fishing. He has had some pretty cool underwater experiences, at least one of which included shipwrecks and sharks!

Our Fire Department has 120 years of volunteer commitment to the citizens of Whitehouse and would like to continue that tradition for many years to come. The new Chiefs continue to actively recruit new volunteers. Stop by the station sometime to learn more about the volunteer program, schedule a car seat check, sign up for a CPR class, or just say hello to the new Chiefs and other firefighters!

Submitted by Village Staff

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Aspiring Hands, Inc., has a relatively new presence in Whitehouse and we are fortunate and excited to have them as a part of our community. Early this year they purchased the bakery and café business, Share our Grounds, at 6726 Providence Street. Many of the clients work there, taking orders, working the cash register, baking, and making sandwiches.

They also took over the day-to-day operations of the Whitehouse Community Garden in Sandra Park this past summer. Not only did they farm their own plots, they assisted residents with tilling, weeding, and watering.

We recently had the pleasure to talk to Bryon Schaeffer, Founder of Aspiring Hands, Inc., and two of the clients, Shanna Richie and Caroline Roberts. To say that Bryon is one of the most talented and amazing people we've ever met is not an exaggeration! Aspiring Hands, Inc. was established in 2008 by Bryon who has a younger brother with developmental disabilities. After seeing the challenges firsthand, Bryon decided to take charge and help pave the way into society for these individuals.

Shanna and Caroline are two delightful women who were eager to talk to us about their experiences and adventures while being a part of Aspiring Hands. Shanna is a talented artist who will display part of her work at Village Hall starting in April. Caroline works at 5/3 Field in the summer as a ticket taker and enjoys sports. Both women were active in the Community Garden and boasted about the many fruits and vegetables that they grew. The fresh produce was used at the café and donated to Epiphany Lutheran Church and Nightingales Harvest Food Pantry.

Clients are referred to Aspiring Hands, Inc., through the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Currently thirty-eight individuals are served daily ranging in age from 18 to 55 years of age. Started as the first Lucas County community based day program, it has grown to include volunteer-job based programs, recreation programs, life skills education, self-defense karate programs, social development skills, and training education. It is the first company of its kind in the US to have its own radio show on Saturday mornings (YES FM, 6-10 am).

Bryon's philosophy is "don't label individuals for what they can't do, but instead label them for what they can do." To learn more about Aspiring Hands, Inc., visit their website at aspiringhands.com or call 419-290-5788. To meet some of these amazing individuals, visit Share our Grounds for a great cup of coffee, breakfast or lunch!

Submitted by Village Staff

Conserving Water and Dollars



1. Check faucets, pipes and toilets for leaks
2. Install water-saving shower heads, take shorter showers
3. Insulate your water pipes
4. Turn off the water while brushing teeth, shaving, cleaning vegetables, or washing cars
5. Use your dishwasher and clothes washer for only full loads
6. Minimize use of garbage disposal units, start a compost pile
7. Plant drought-resistant lawns, shrubs and plants
8. Position sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden
9. Water / deep soak your lawn only when it needs it

For additional information, go to:

http://eartheasy.com/live_water_saving.htm.

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IMPORTANT DATES



- Council Meetings—1st & 3rd Tues, 7 pm
- Planning Commission—1st Mon, 7 pm
- Bd of Zoning Appeals—1st Wed, 7:30 pm
- Design Review Board—1st Thurs, 6:30 pm
- Arts Advisory Board—2nd Wed, 6:00 pm
- Tree Commission—4th Thurs, 7:00 pm
- Refuse collection—Mondays
- January 16 - Martin Luther King Day - Villages offices closed
- January 30 - Winter Starlight Hike Enrichment Class (adults)
- February 20 - President's Day—Village offices closed
- February 27 - Night Snow Shoeing Enrichment Class (adults)
- March 12 - Daylight Savings begins
- March 27 - Frogs & Salamanders Enrichment Class (adults)
- April 15 - Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Village Hall
- April 17 - Tax Day

SUNNY WINTER DAY? PRUNE THAT TREE!

The Whitehouse Tree Commission wants to remind you that a day in February or very early March is the best time for tree pruning. While the trees are in deepest dormancy, the injury from cuts is minimized and insect attacks aren't an issue. There will be sunny days in February and you will be sick of being inside. Get out and do something. Remember to use good pruning practices. Get details on proven healthy pruning at: www.treesaregood.org/treeowner/pruningyourtrees.aspx and www.treesaregood.org/treecare/resources/Pruning_YoungTrees.pdf



Submitted by Janet Traub, Whitehouse Tree Commission Member

HYDRANTS & MAILBOXES

If a fire hydrant in front of your home or business is covered by snow, please take the time to dig it out. This small gesture could be a huge help in an emergency situation, saving lives and property!



You are responsible for clearing the snow around your mailbox. We realize that plows often push snow from the streets up to and around your mailbox. Please understand that this is not something that can be avoided and plow drivers are not responsible for clearing each mail box. Shoveling this area often and not letting it accumulate will make your life easier when snow falls are heavy. Remember... the post office will not deliver mail if they cannot reach your mailbox.