



### COUNCIL CORNER

The Whitehouse Village Council has had a productive beginning to 2016. Three newly elected members were sworn in – Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer, Mindy Curry, and Bob Keogh – and they join Louann Artiaga, Frank Billings, and Bill May as the representative voice of Whitehouse residents in our local government.

We have compiled a “wish list” of requests and priorities on which we hope to focus our attention. Goals include: economic development, particularly with regard to a new contract with the Anthony Wayne Regional Chamber of Commerce for business support and marketing strategies; recreation, especially the need for new play equipment and a desire for swimming options; and infrastructure, most importantly an examination of water source options as well as improvements to our village’s parks, streets and walkways.



This is an exciting time of growth and visioning in our

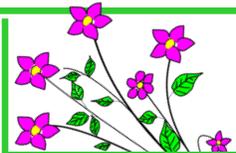
community. Council recently gave the go-ahead to the village administration’s proposals for improved streetscaping in our downtown area, which is aimed at making the area attractive for businesses and facilitating pedestrian accessibility. We also endorsed the master plan for the Blue Creek Conservation Area, which will become a major recreational attraction.

We diligently have been attending to the business of the village, including the final chapters of a line-by-line zoning code review, but we have been having a bit of fun too. We heard an enthusiastic presentation on a request for pickle ball courts, honored the heroic actions of local police officers and area military members, and met a young woman representing Whitehouse in an international beauty pageant.

Our boards and commissions are busy as well, doing excellent work on making our life together here one that is economically viable, environmentally sustainable, and recreationally enjoyable. We hear reports on their activities at every council meeting.

You can too! The public is encouraged to attend our meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of every month at Village Hall. Citizens are invited to offer comments and questions on agenda items, as well as bring to council’s attention any matters in the village that need addressing.

*Respectfully submitted by Rebecca Conklin Kleiboemer*



### QUICK NOTES

#### Sign up!

Don’t forget to sign up to receive emails from the Village. You’ll be notified of meeting dates and other important events! Go to [www.whitehouseoh.gov](http://www.whitehouseoh.gov)

#### Address Signs

Reflective address signs help 9-1-1 personnel save lives. On rural roads and dark streets, house sign visibility is imperative. If a reflective address sign is needed, please call the fire station at 419-877-0363 to order one. Signs can be created either vertically or horizontally for \$10.

#### Water Bills

Would you prefer to receive your water bill by email? Call Village offices at 419-877-5383 to find out how.

### ANTHONY WAYNE LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

We all take great pride in our school and community. The District greatly values the support it receives from the community and welcomes this opportunity to not only say thank you, but also to feature some of the wonderful programs and services available to the students of Anthony Wayne. Many are able to read or hear about the students’ success in academics, the arts, athletics, and student leadership activities, but did you know that the school has a very strong Wellness Program that the students and staff participate in as well? Through the Wellness Program, the District hopes to improve the students’ and staff’s physical and mental health. Research shows that a person’s physical and mental health has an impact on the individual’s overall success.

Anthony Wayne Local School District’s Wellness Program offers opportunities for students to gain knowledge on how to be healthy and provides programming to do so. Each quarter of the school year a different topic is focused on throughout the District. The year began with a focus on the negative impacts (Continued on Page 3)

## SPRING CLEANING; THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

Spring is the season of fresh starts. What's better than clean spring air wafting through the windows or seeing new buds begin to poke through the fragrant soil? There's something about the first time you open your windows that suddenly jump starts the desire to clean EVERYTHING. Being cooped up for the winter months certainly can take its toll.

While you're making your spring cleaning to-do list (or downloading one from Pinterest), why not think outside the four walls of your house and clean other areas of your life, too. Polish your finances, improve your fitness, or dust off family fun night.

How about spring cleaning your shopping habits? Supporting local economy is important to sustaining the wonderful community in which we reside. Whitehouse businesses can help you achieve your spring cleaning successes, no matter what your goals are. That sounds like a two-for-one deal—you get your to-do list finished and you support your local economy. These local businesses are owned and operated by your neighbors, people you know and trust. Your closest neighbor is Mother Nature, and she offers free exercise and stress relief through fresh air, biking on the Wabash-Cannonball, and walks around the quarries.



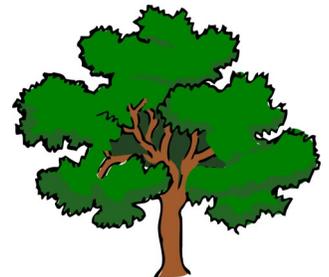
## WHITEHOUSE RECEIVES TREE CITY USA AND GROWTH AWARDS

To qualify for Tree City USA status, a community must have an active Tree Commission. The Whitehouse Tree Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at Village Hall. Current Tree Commission members include Kim Bunge, Janet Traub, Dr. Elliott Tramer, Sheri Luedtke, Judy Kethel, Amy Schultz, Council Representative Mindy Curry, and Village Staff representative Mark Thomas.

Whitehouse will celebrate Arbor Day on Monday, May 9, 2016, by planting trees with the Whitehouse Primary School third grade classes. The Tree Commission has partnered with the Whitehouse Boy Scout Troop to dig the holes for the annual tree planting ceremony. Mayor Atkinson will read an Arbor Day Proclamation and each third grader will be given a sapling to take home with instructions to plant and care for it.

On April 20, 2016, the Tree Commission members will travel to West Unity, Ohio to receive the 2015 Tree City USA and Growth Awards. Members will offer a short presentation to the audience detailing the 2015 Growth Award projects.

Members are in the planning stages for projects to be used in the application process for the Tree City Award and the Growth Awards for this year.



## THE WHITE PINE WEEVIL DAMAGE IS BECOMING EVIDENT

Residents need to be aware of the White Pine Weevil which has been identified in the Whitehouse area. This weevil can infest Douglas fir, all spruces, and Scotch, jack, red, pitch and eastern white pines. The tops of weevil infested trees become wilted, turn brown, and die. For more details and information visit: <http://bygl.osu.edu/content/june-20-2013>.

## SAFETY SERVICES



The Whitehouse Safety Services (Police and Fire Departments) are in the processes of establishing a Check Safety and Wellness Program for our aging population. Both departments are working with other social service agencies to implement protocols and a process to assist our residents and visitors. There will be more information coming soon!

## ANNUAL RECYCLING EVENT

The annual Recycling Event will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10-2 at Whitehouse Park. We will accept household items, clothing, eye glasses, plastic grocery bags, rechargeable batteries, etc. We will also collect non-perishable food to be donated to the Whitehouse Food Pantry. BASF has graciously sponsored Allshred who will shred documents on site. Tires and items containing Freon will be accepted for a small fee. We CANNOT accept televisions and other electronic items. Visit our website for complete information.



## WHITEHOUSE AMERICAN LEGION NEWS



It is the universal custom to display the flag of the United States of America only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness. The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all-weather flag is displayed. The Whitehouse American Legion Post 384 suggests that everyone check to make sure that their flag is in excellent condition. Please bring any flag to the Post that is torn, soiled or damaged to be disposed of properly. New flags may also be purchased through the Post.

*Respectfully submitted by Craig Kemmer, Whitehouse American Legion Post 384*

### FALLFEST WAS A SUCCESS!

The first annual Fallfest was held on October 24, 2015, and drew a large crowd. Festivities included live music, a cornhole tournament, horse and carriage rides, burgers and hot dogs on the grill, bounce house, face painting, flash mobs, kids art activities and a chili cook-off. Ten individuals/groups entered the chili cook-off. 260 bowls of chili were served and the winner won 1/2 of the proceeds - \$311.00. The remaining 1/2 was donated to the Whitehouse Library and the Whitehouse Historical Society, with each receiving \$155.50. Voters chose Friendship Farms as the winner with their ABC Chili (all bean chili) recipe. Pictured are Laura Nilsson and Susan Noblet of Friendship Farms.



### NEW PARKING LOT & BIOSWALE

The Toledo Street Parking Lot was completed late last year. This 50-space parking lot was built to serve businesses located on Providence Street and is a welcomed asset to restaurants and service oriented businesses. An interesting feature of the parking lot is the use of a bioswale which was made possible through a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant.

The bioswale utilizes a bioretention cell of amended soil with an under drain. The area is planted with desirable vegetation which is functional and visually pleasing.

Storm water flows from the impervious paved area to a gravel strip along the northern edge. The gravel strip slows the flow of water as it enters a grass filter strip before entering the bioretention cell. Plants and landscaping are added to help with the water transpiration. Check it out... if you have questions about how it works, let us know.



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of bullying and cyberbullying.” Assemblies took place and information was shared with the students on how to be responsible citizens and users of technology and social media. During the second quarter, the topic focused on was “Drug and Alcohol Awareness.” During the second quarter students participated in Red Ribbon Week activities as well as other lessons and programs. Physical Fitness was the theme for the third quarter. The students and staff participated in Fitness Days and received information on the importance of physical fitness and the correlation between being fit and success. During this last quarter of the year, students are focusing on exams and/or making the transition to the next grade level. During this quarter, the focus is on assisting all with that by sharing information on “Mental Health and Stress Management.” All these topics along with providing a positive and healthy environment are a constant focus of the District and needed for all students and staff to reach their potential.

In order to fully assist students in these areas, the District works collaboratively with local agencies. Two agencies that the District has been working with are AWAKE and Renewed Minds. AWAKE is a coalition of AW community members working together to prevent drug and alcohol use by the youth in the community. Renewed Minds is an organization that serves children, adolescents, adults, and families with a wide range of issues including chemical dependency, family counseling, and mental health issues. The services these agencies provide have been very beneficial with assisting students in developing healthy lifestyles and physical and mental wellness. The District feels very fortunate to be able to partner with these agencies to be able to support the students of Anthony Wayne.

*Respectfully submitted by Kevin Herman, Assistant Superintendent*

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IMPORTANT DATES



- Council Meetings - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission - 1st Mon, 7:00 pm
- Board 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
- Spring Tree ID class at Library - April 27
- Recycling Event at Village Park - April 30
- May - Flower Markets, Saturday mornings
- Arbor Day Celebration - May 9 at 2:15
- Fashion Show & Fundraiser for Bethany House - May 15
- Community Garage Sales - May 27 & 28
- Cherry Fest - June 9-11
- Founders Day - July 5. Music, fireworks, bounce house, food

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**WHAT'S NEW**

The Park Pavilion is finally a reality! In late 2014, the old park pavilion was torn down to make way for the beautiful new structure. The new pavilion will feature a concrete floor, roof to protect performers from the hot sun or inclement weather, speakers, and electrical outlets. This modern new structure will better serve the public for many years to come. Watch for the new sign in the middle of the roundabout and the return of our beloved statue in the Park.

**ROUNABOUT 101**

A roundabout is like eating ice cream for breakfast. Well, maybe not exactly like it, but it does represent a certain freedom – the freedom to yield but not stop if traffic is clear, the independence to only watch for traffic from one direction, and the sovereignty to not be ruled by a traffic signal. Studies show that roundabouts make intersections safer, but they can be confusing or intimidating to drive if they are unfamiliar. So, just remember the basics: SYKE. Slow down, Yield at entry, Keep moving, and Exit the roundabout.

**Slow down:** Slow down to approach the traffic circle. The natural shape of the roundabout forces people to slow down to an appropriate speed before continuing. **Yield at entry:** look to the left, and yield to cars already in the roundabout. **Keep moving:** once in the roundabout, you have the right-of-way. **Exit** the roundabout: simply exit at your desired street.

So, to master the rules of the roundabout, don't psych yourself out, just remember: SYKE, and you will safely and efficiently conquer the ways of the roundabout. Feel free to enjoy a scoop of Rocky Road to celebrate— just not while you're driving!

**New Format!** We've revised the Quarterly Hometown Newsletter with the intent of providing tailored information to our residents. We'd love your comments and suggestions for future articles. Let us know what's on your mind or projects that you have questions about. The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep you, our valued residents, informed!