



## ROUTE 64 CORRIDOR CONCEPTUAL PLANS UNVEILED

On April 3, 2018, Whitehouse Council moved to approve the SR 64 conceptual plan as presented by Tim Bockbrader from Edge Group. The conceptual plans are available for viewing at [www.whitehouseoh.gov](http://www.whitehouseoh.gov).

SR 64 / Waterville Street, is an important gateway into our community. Mayor Atkinson and Council members feel that it should showcase Whitehouse in a positive way. The conceptual plan includes additional roundabouts and walking trails that meander through landscaped mounds with outdoor seating and gathering areas. Interesting artistic features using natural elements will be required on all new developments to tie into the existing features at the Finzel Road roundabout. This will encourage a cohesive, well-planned look.

To encourage buildings closer to the road with parking behind them, rezoning portions of this corridor to a "Form Based Zoning" would be a possibility. Retail and commercial businesses would be located on the first floor with residential units on the upper floors. Curb cuts would be minimal with feeder streets running off Whitehouse Square and other newly developed areas.

Instead of reacting as development comes, Whitehouse would be in a posi-

tion with requirements in place to assist in future building locations and styles. This is a great tool and spells out what "can be done" instead of what "can't be done," as developers appear before the Planning Commission and Council.

Understandably, this concept will take years to complete, but it is one step in the right direction towards a well planned community as we likely transition from a village to a city status following the 2020 census.

*Submitted by Village Staff*

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Take a photo of yourself, your family, or friends enjoying the outdoors around Whitehouse. Selfie with the soldier, anyone?

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We'd love to use some of your photos on the website and in future publications. No worries... we'll ask permission first!

## REFUSE AND RECYCLING FAQ'S

- \$9 fee will be replaced with a \$11.49 fee for refuse and recycling
- Recycling Center on Waterville Street will remain open 24/7
- Refuse must be bagged in the carts with lid closed
- Routes can change weekly, carts should be placed curbside after 6 pm on Sunday and prior to 7 am on Monday
- Do not bag your recycling items as plastic bags clog the recycling machinery
- You can arrange to have large items picked up for an extra fee by calling 419-445-5391
- 2018 unlimited pickups are scheduled for August 4 and November 3
- If you have previously purchased a cart from the Village, call for reimbursement details



## AW SCHOOL NEWS

The Anthony Wayne Local School District is happy to announce that construction has begun! Residents approved a bond issue in November of 2016 to improve safety and security, traffic-flow at all buildings, replace Whitehouse Primary, and provide additional classrooms in the District. Much time and attention have gone into every detail of the planning and development of the work to be done.

The first work that needed to be completed to allow the other projects to begin was the construction of a new Operations Building on Industrial Parkway. That project began in April and has an intended completion date in August. The parking projects that are being completed at the Finzel Road campus are intended to provide additional parking and improve the drop-off and pick-up of students.

The Board will seek bids for the new Whitehouse Primary as well as the work planned for the high school, which includes renovating the office, repurposing the current auxiliary gym to a multi-use facility, renovating and expanding the cafeteria, updating several classrooms, and constructing a new auxiliary gym in the future.

The remaining projects include renovating the entrances, offices, and several classrooms at the junior high and Fallen Timbers Middle School. The District is so appreciative of the support of the community and allowing these items to be completed in order to provide facilities that are more secure and provide improved learning environments for the students of Anthony Wayne. The District is confident that the community will be proud of the improvements that are being completed!

*Submitted by Kevin Herman, Assistant Superintendent*

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Several construction projects will take place this summer. Preconstruction meetings will be held soon, and construction dates will be announced.

The Rupp Road Reconstruction Project was awarded to Ropper Construction, Inc., and the Oak Brook Drive Paving Project was awarded to Henry W. Bergman, Inc.

Rupp Road, in its entirety, will be reconstructed and paved with curbs. Oak Brook Drive will be repaved in its entirety. Residents will have access to driveways during the construction project; however, temporary intermittent road closures could take place. It is suggested that you avoid these areas during the construction period if at all possible.

Downtown Streetscaping—Phase 2 will take place this summer. New sidewalks and public right-of-way areas will be completed on Providence Street, between Waterville Street and the Wabash Cannonball Trail. All building and business owners within that block were invited to a meeting to learn about the project and ask questions.

Watch for new sidewalks, benches, trees and trash receptacles within that area. Sidewalks will be torn up temporarily, but we're sure the slight inconvenience will be worth it once this project is finished. Please continue to patronize these businesses during the construction period!

## MASON BEE: THE GENTLE SUPER-POLLINATOR



Most of us are familiar with honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) as essential pollinators and that there have been high losses of honey bee hives possibly due to a condition termed Colony Collapse Disorder. As USDA researchers scramble for cures, growers are searching for alternative, native pollinators. One native bee that has attracted the attention of fruit growers and the OSU Extension is the Mason Bee (*Osmia lignaria*). This bee is slightly smaller than a honey bee and has a metallic, bluish-black sheen. It is prized for its pollination efficiency. It is claimed that less than 1,000 mason bees can pollinate as many fruit trees as 40,000 honey bees. This astonishing difference may be due to the foraging behavior of mason bees: they collect nectar and pollen simultaneously. The female bee lands in the blossoms and slurps nectar with her tongue while shaking the flower anthers with her bottom end and legs. She has no pollen baskets. Instead, pollen sticks loosely to the hairs of her abdomen so she must make more trips to flowers to gather enough pollen for the brood cells at her nest site.

Besides foraging behavior differences, mason bees differ from honey bees in other ways. First, they do not make honey. Second, they do not live in communal hives. Third, they rarely sting. Mason bees are solitary and nest in naturally occurring tunnels; every female bee is essentially a queen that lays eggs and raises offspring on her own. Because there is no hive to defend, mason bees are rarely aggressive and get along with other bee species. Only females are capable of stinging. Interestingly, the stinger has no venom gland, so their sting is similar to a mosquito bite.

To lure them to your yard, you need three things: Nesting tunnels which you can buy or make by drilling 5/8" diameter holes in a block of untreated wood (see photo of my grandson's bee house), a mud source made by placing a milk jug filled with water with a pinhole leak on soil, and nectaring flowers such as serviceberry, forsythia, or fruiting trees. There's plenty more information online about these amazing bees.

*Submitted by Christine Manzey, Whitehouse Tree Commission Member*



## BREAKFAST... THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY!

In the Winter Hometown Newsletter we bragged about the delicious pizzerias located in Whitehouse. This article will be devoted to our establishments that serve breakfast. Each owner/manager was contacted and asked the same question: "What makes your breakfast selection better than any other?"

**Route 64 Pub & Grub, 10335 Waterville Street (Saturday & Sunday only)**  
Rosemary Morris, owner, said, "Head to Route 64 Pub & Grub for a great breakfast, featuring fresh, made-to-order omelets, burritos or hash and eggs! Want a sweet meal instead? Ask your server to top your flapjacks or pearl waffles with blueberries or chocolate chips. If we have it, we will make it!"



**Share our Grounds, 6726 Providence Street (closed Sundays)** Manager Brandy Berry replied, "The breakfast sandwich with sausage, veggie sausage, or ham, your choice of cheese and the option to rake the garden (lettuce, tomato, spinach, and red onion) Yum, available anytime, not just breakfast! We also have made-from-scratch muffins, scones, and cinnamon rolls if you have a sweet tooth."

**Subway, 5903 Weckerly Road** Owner Josh Torres answered: "Build your better breakfast at Subway! Featuring signature breakfast flatbreads and wraps, served all day!"

**Whitehouse Inn, 10835 Waterville Street (Sundays 10-1)** Chef Matthew, replied, "Join us for a crafty bloody mary bar, wonderful mimosas, and lots of unique breakfast dishes. We promise you won't leave hungry!"

**The Buzz, 6670 Providence Street**

*Submitted by Village Staff*

## FERTILIZE YOUR LAWN, BUT DON'T FERTILIZE THE WATER

*Information provided by the Stormwater Coalition, a committee of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments*

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and the Stormwater Coalition remind people that fertilizer should be applied to lawns sparingly and carefully. It should stay on your lawn and not get into the storm sewer system where it affects our streams and lakes.

A little care will save you money and will also protect streams and lakes.

First, use only as much fertilizer as you need. A simple soil test will tell you if you need to add nutrients. If you do want to fertilize, use a no or low-phosphorus fertilizer, and select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble. Then, don't let your fertilizer wash away into the storm sewers where it will end up in streams and lakes. If we get a rain right after you fertilize, you'll watch your investment flow right to the storm sewers, and fertilizer does not belong in the water supply. Do use a broom to sweep excess or spilled fertilizer off the sidewalks and back onto your lawn, don't use a hose that will wash fertilizer into the street and then into sewers.

Excess amount of nitrogen and phosphorus can cause blooms of algae in our lakes and streams. Some algae is natural and is part of the food chain, but overgrowth of algae forms mats of goo that clog water inlets and block sunlight to the water. As algae decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish, frogs, and other wildlife need.

There are ways to keep a lawn green and healthy that are 100 % free and ecologically sound. When you mow, leave the grass at least 3 inches tall and leave the clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings will quickly break down and enrich the soil. You can also make your own organic fertilizer in a home compost bin. Kitchen waste like vegetable peels and eggshells combined with leaves and grass clippings will create a rich compost that will keep a lawn or garden healthy and growing.

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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
- Tree Commission - 4th Thurs, 7:00 pm
- Refuse collection - Mondays
- Flower Market, Saturday mornings in May
- Memorial Day, offices closed - May 28
- Community Garage Sales - June 1 & 2
- Veterans Memorial Park Fundraiser - June 1
- Cherry Fest - June 7—9
- Dancing in the Park - June 23
- Founders Day - July 5. Music, fireworks, bounce house, food
- Farmers Market, Saturday mornings beginning July 14
- Whitehouse American Legion Riders Bike Run and Dinner Fundraiser for VMP- July 21
- Third Street Cigar Dinner Fundraiser for VMP - August 9

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**DOGS AND LEASHES**



Walking your dog is good for you and your pet! Dog owners are invited to enjoy the parks and trails in Whitehouse, under the following conditions:

- ◆ Follow the “visible bag” rule by carrying a bag or other means of picking up after your pets. Bags and trash receptacles for disposal are provided throughout the parks and along the Wabash Cannonball Trail.
- ◆ Dogs must be ON LEASHES, eight feet or less in length, at all times.
- ◆ Owners are responsible for the actions of their animals and should keep them under control.

Dog waste is unhealthy for people, pets, and the environment. It’s also the number one complaint from park visitors. Let’s all share the parks and trails, they belong to everyone!

**VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

Fundraising for the Veterans Memorial Park continues with the help of individuals, businesses, and organizations. We want to thank all participants for their generosity in helping to complete this project, which will honor and recognize all the men and women who served in the US Military. It will also give special recognition to those from the Anthony Wayne community who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and will recognize safety service personnel who give their support in our time of need.

Donations can be sent to *Destination Whitehouse, Inc. (Veterans Memorial Park)*, PO Box 2570, Whitehouse, OH 43571. Destination Whitehouse, Inc., is a 501 (c3) nonprofit.

Upcoming fundraisers are planned for June 1, July 21, August 9, September (date to be announced), November 10, and January 12, 2019. Complete details are available on the Village website Calendar of Events.

*Submitted by Leroy Ryerson, VMP Committee Member*