

# Village of Burton

~ Newsletter ~

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VILLAGE OF BURTON  
MAYOR NICHOLAS FISCHBACH

Hello Everyone,

It has been a harsh and very tough winter, and I hope everyone has been able to safely get through it. Our street crews under the direction of Marty Motil have done an excellent job on keeping the streets, parking lots and sidewalks clear of snow and safe to travel on. It has been difficult for them at times because of sudden heavy snowfalls, below zero temperatures and unexpected breakdowns of equipment. But with the help of Chief of Police Rick Smigel-ski whom is also the village street commissioner they were able to stay ahead of the bad weather and get the job done.

The Police Department also continued to do an excellent job not only protecting our village, but also checking on our older residents to make sure they were safe during the really bad weather and checking on homes when the owners were out of town . The biggest problem the Police Department has during bad winter weather is when residents or visitors park on the streets when it is snowing. Residents have to remember not to park on the streets because the snowplows and emergency vehicles can not get by safely because their vehicles are in the way. The Police had to write numerous citations to people this winter because of this infraction. Some vehicles had to be towed away. Please remember not to park on the streets during the winter months.

The water and sewer department was also very busy this winter. They had several water line breaks during the worst of the cold weather and snowfalls. I really appreciate Paul Eaton and Jerry Rose for their hard work repairing those broken waterlines for all of us in the sub zero weather. Our other two maintenance employees, Greg and Allen saw their fair share of frigid working conditions this year also. You can't imagine what they all go through to keep our water flowing.

On another topic, I have been working on creating a new strategic plan for the village. Council approved the idea of a new plan that would lead us into the future for the village. To do this we needed funds to complete a good study so we could go forward. We will be involved in a possible future consolidation of school districts with water and sewer expansion to Kent State University and a new high School campus which could be constructed on Kent State property . We have a good start with some generous funding by local businessman Pat Preston which is very appreciated. But we also needed a grant to complete this project correctly. Burton Village applied for a grant from the State of Ohio with assistance from Kirby Date/Cleveland State University Urban Studies Department. Unfortunately we didn't get the grant which would have given us \$25,000 to complete the study for our village. This doesn't end the project. We are now going to plan B. I will be meeting with an advisor from Cleveland State shortly to come up with another plan on how to complete this project with less funding. It might take us longer to complete it but we will do it.

The village water sewer plant renovation is on going. The expense of this project was beginning to be more than we all expected. So what we decided to do was make changes in the project construction plans, to keep the cost down, and to resubmit the project for approval to the State and EPA.

I will keep you informed.

Respectfully, Mayor, Nick Fischbach

# CLIP AND SAVE



**Spring  
Clean-Up**

**Saturday  
May 2nd**

- ⇒ No tires, garden debris, branches, brush, leaves, bricks, rocks, toxic chemicals, hazardous waste, paint, batteries, items containing Freon, engine blocks or heavy automobile parts
- ⇒ Items must weight less than 150 lbs
- ⇒ Small debris must be tied, bagged or in containers
- ⇒ Maximum load time is 15 minutes per address
- ⇒ Once crews have left THEY WILL NOT BE BACK
- ⇒ Items may be put on the curb beginning April 26; all items should be at the curb by 6am the day of pick-up

**Arbor Day  
Event**

**Sunday  
TBA**

- Reading of Proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day 2015!
- Come celebrate at TBA



**Spring  
Brush  
Pick-Up**

**Monday  
May 18**

- Stack brush at curb, cut end toward street but not protruding into street
- Brush must be no larger than 5 inches in diameter & 5 feet long
- Normal yard debris, branches & trimmings only. No garden or flower bed debris
- Maximum load time is 5 minutes per address; debris remaining after time allocation is owners responsibility
- This service is for small branches and limbs that might have fallen during storms
- Service is not for removal of entire trees
- Once crews have left THEY WILL NOT BE BACK
- Brush should not be put out any sooner than Monday, May 11th

**Street  
Sweep**

**Thursday  
May 21**

- Sweeping of all Village Streets

**Founders'  
Day  
Celebration**

**Sunday  
June - 14**

- Meet in the north end of the park at 3:00pm for a celebration of Burton Village!
- Recipients of commemorative bricks & preservation awards will be honored
- Special programs will be presented
- Refreshments!

**Hydrant  
Flushing**

**Week of  
June 1st**

- ◇ Flushing will occur during the day from 9:00am to 2:00pm
- ◇ Water should be checked for discoloration prior to using
- ◇ Run cold water until clear if discoloration is detected

## For your information:

### GTV

GTV is offering internet on demand service for their archived video program.

Call Dave Jevnikar at  
440-285-9897

### Survey

All Village Residents:

Give us a call at the office at 440-834-4474 and let us know how often you frequent GTV.

Thank you!

## BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE - AMI

The AMI Program means Automated Meter Infrastructure. The village wide project will replace all old meters with new, state of the art meters that will allow the village to obtain meter readings using radio frequency technology. The readings will be sent directly to our hand held remote reader. This means you will always be billed from actual meter readings. When implemented, this system will provide better customer service by helping to recognize unusual fluctuations in customers' usage.

Generally the technician will locate your inside water meter, remove the old meter, and install the new meter equipped with the transmitter. The radio transmitter is connected to the water meter by a wire about the size of a phone line. The transmitting device will either be installed in the same location as the existing remote reading device or on the wall or floor joist inside the building near the water meter. Wire will be secured to the water pipe and floor joist. If wire is ran outside of the building, it will also be secured. The technician will program the meter and transmitter with the unique numbers for your account. The technician will also run a small amount of water through the meter to test the installation. He will then clean up the work area and inform you that the work is complete. The installer will note on the work order the last reading on the old water meter and the remote register, should you have one. This record will be used to address any billing issues with the old meter.

Since the water meter is located inside, an adult must be present while the meter is being installed. When you receive a notice from Neptune Equipment and or the Village, will ask you to contact the village to set up an appointment to change your inside meter. We ask that prior to the arrival of the meter technician for your appointment that you remove all personal belongings from around the water meter so there is clear access to and around the meter. The meter technician is not allowed to move your personal items and this may delay the installation process.

This project has begun and new meters have been installed. We appreciate your patience and understanding of replacing all water meters. This technology will save the village and customers the expense and inconvenience of periodic trips to each physical location to read a meter.

### TREE TALK

Police Chief Rick Smigelski/Lumberjack with his many talents not only worked his way through the ranks to become Chief of Police, but also has a passion for tree work. He and I removed smaller dead trees last March throughout the Village.

In October Marty Motil/Street Department Head and I spent a day doing root collar excavations on the honey locusts lining the business district on North Cheshire. Over the years, the trees had accumulated an excess of mulch around the trunks which encourages the formation of stem girdling roots and inhibits gas exchange at the trunk flare.

As research has shown that, in addition to providing shade and reducing energy and money spent on air conditioning; shade trees in commercial districts encourage consumers to linger longer in stores. Social and psychological benefits of trees is fascinating, so we want to do our best to preserve Burton's urban forest!

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### DO YOU REMEMBER BURTON VILLAGE 60 YEARS AGO?

Let's start on the east side from Burton Station Rd.

First we see the large brick house on the corner, next a small two story white home by the Watts family, the local drugist. Next we have Burton Ford & Tractor, next to that we Burton Packaging, which burned down Halloween night 1953. Next to that a two story white house & then the cottage Grocery store run by Ralph & Ethel Hotchkiss. There we have the 5 x 10 store, with something for everyone and all the comic books. Then there's William Rafie Men's clothing store. Next we have the Post Office, then the IGA store. Then the only store still there is Hill Hardware. Last, but not least the Drug Store, with a soda fountain and grit boxes on the counter. We're at the Park now, join me next time for the west side...

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**VILLAGE OF BURTON  
POLICE CHIEF RICK SMIGELSKI**

***Burton Village Ordinance: Section 351.03: In order to facilitate the cleaning of certain streets and to expedite free flow of vehicular traffic, motor vehicles shall not be parked on the streets within the Village at such times that the U.S. Weather Bureau records indicate that three inches (3") of snow has fallen.***

This is for the safety and convenience of all residents and visitors of our community. Therefore, the members of the Burton Police Department and the Burton Village Road Department greatly appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

With March you all know that Burton Village is hosting pancake breakfasts at several locations throughout the community, such as Berkshire High School, Century Village, the Burton Fire Department and the Legion Hall. With the mounds of snow all around us it could be difficult to find parking close to your destination. Please do not allow this to hinder your decision to come and enjoy some delicious pancakes with all of the fixings. Just keep in mind that when you arrive it remains important, in addition to the parking ban on the streets due to snow fall, that all parking laws in general continue to be adhered to.

March is upon us and we are still in the midst of a treacherous winter. As we move closer to daylight savings time the local news continues to echo out warnings of snow storms, high winds, and threats of freezing rain. Therefore, the Burton Police Department would like to remind you of some important winter safety tips.

Driving in winter weather can be an awful experience with the roads covered in snow, ice and inexperienced drivers. Accelerate and decelerate slowly.

Drive slowly

Follow vehicles at a distance of eight to ten seconds instead of the normal three to four seconds.

Brake with caution

Avoid complete stops when possible as it is easier in snow to keep moving then to get the vehicle moving from a complete stop.

Do not power up hills. You will only spin your wheels and risk sliding all over the roadway. Use inertia to get you up the hill and slow down as you reach the top of the hill. Descend down the hill as slowly as possible.

If and when possible stay home. If you must drive only do so if you are well rested and alert.

Always wear your seat belt!