

Village of Burton

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VILLAGE OF BURTON
MAYOR NICHOLAS FISCHBACH

Hello Everyone,

Mayor Nick Fischbach

The new Strategic Plan for the village is moving forward. The old strategic plan is over 50 years old and was never fully implemented and is very outdated. The Strategic Planning Committee that we created is working hard on developing new ideas for the future of Burton Village. We are also very pleased to have the assistance of Ms. Kirby Date of the Cleveland State University Urban Development Department in this endeavor.

Why do we need a strategic plan? Changes are happening all around us. The planned consolidation of eastern county schools here in Burton, the absolute necessity of upgrading our sewer and water systems, the sustainability of our own safety forces, both police and fire, and the maintaining of the integrity of our infrastructure are all of paramount importance to the future of our community. We want our merchants and businesses to thrive and to protect the historical significance of Burton. And, most importantly, we want Burton Village to remain what I consider, the best place to live in Geauga County.

In the next two to three months you will receive a survey where you can provide valuable input as to the direction this village is going to go. We are not Chardon, Chagrin Falls, or Middlefield, but we are a totally unique community. I want to give everyone time to look around them and think about the future of this village, any changes you would make, and decide what must be preserved. The Strategic Planning Committee will be asking for your opinion shortly. You are the most important part of the plan.

Thank You,

Mayor Nick Fischbach

BURTON HISTORIC DISTRICT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

In order to maintain the Certified Local Government status of the Village of Burton and be in compliance with the Historic District Ordinance, the Review Board must survey the properties in the Historic District. The Board has received a grant from the Preservation Office of the Ohio History Connection to conduct a survey of the properties on Hickox Street. This survey is the second step to surveying all properties within the Historic District. The Burton Historic District includes the National Register Area plus an expanded area designated in 2006 called the Protective Historic Area. The Review Board decided that the next location to survey is the Hickox Street section because it is fairly compact and has a manageable number of homes to survey.

This project directly relates to the Village's historic preservation goals because it will provide a detailed inventory of the properties thus giving the Review Board the information needed to maintain and enhance the distinctive character of the properties and safeguard the architectural integrity of said properties. The survey will also assist in continued preservation planning within the expanded Historic area.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE BURTON VILLAGE HISTORIC DISTRICT

- To maintain and enhance the distinctive character of the historic structures and historic sites.
- To safeguard the architectural integrity through the establishment of an Architectural Review Board.
- To seek alternatives to demolition and incompatible alterations of historic buildings.
- To afford the widest possible scope of continuing vitality through private renewal and creativity with appropriate controls and standards.
- To encourage development of vacant properties in accordance with the character of the District.
- To contribute to economic, recreational, cultural and educational development.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Burton Village would like to thank Historical Society for organizing Founder's Day. Thank you to Judge Forrest Burt for being the Master of Ceremony and Pat Hauser for being the Guest Speaker.

BRICK DEDICATIONS

Gordon Safran, RED M.I., Dave Ronyak, Ronyak Paving, Pat Preston, Preston Motors, Kathy Wright, Burton Historical District Assoc., In Memory of Karl Goff.

Essay Winners: Evania McCandless, Noah Queen, Natalie Reznor

Jane Kay Award Winner - Presented by Jim Gonczy to Craig & Emily Martin Family

Historic Preservation Award - The Christopher Rulison Family

Garage Sale / Yard Sale SIGNS

Thinking of a sale this summer? Ordinance 2172-08, passed on 2-23-09, outlines the use of such signs in the Village. A permit (no fee) is required to be filed at the Village Office.

The owner of residential property may use temporary banners, signs or posters constructed of paper, fabric, plastic, nylon or similar flexible material advertising a garage sale, yard sale, barn sale, or the like for a maximum of four days at a time up to four times per calendar year.

Such signs shall only be placed on the property where the sale is taking place or on other property where permission has been granted by the owner of such property.

Signs are not to be placed on telephone poles, street sign posts or between the sidewalk and the street.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE AND REMINDER DURING THE
GEAUGA COUNTY FAIR
SECTION 351.10
THERE WILL BE NO PARKING ON TREE LAWNS AT
ANYTIME.**

BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS AUTOMATED METER INFRASTRUCTURE - AMI

You may have received a letter over the past few weeks regarding the Neptune Meter Installation. The Burton Village Board of Public Affairs has entered into an agreement with Neptune Equipment to install these meters. The installation normally takes less than an hour and water service is typically interrupted for only part of that time. All Neptune meter installers will have Neptune logos on their vehicles and will be carrying photo ID badges.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation by making your meter accessible so that we can complete this project in a timely manner.

Thank you,
The Burton Village Board of Public Affairs

TREE TALK

ARBOR DAY

What better time to celebrate trees than when **Burton's ablaze** in fall color? On **September 26th**, the last *Saturday in the Country*, join Tree Commission in the gazebo as we celebrate **Arbor Day**. Plans include representatives from Holden Arboretum, seedling giveaways and new trees on East Park Street! Come **get ignited** about the beautiful trees in your village!

Contact:

Debbie Palmisano,
Certified Municipal Arborist
greenwoman@live.com
440-834-0820



AUGUST 19 THRU AUGUST 22

The dates and application will be available on the village website soon at www.villageofburton.org or you may contact the Burton Police Department at 440-834-1234 for more information. We are looking forward to another successful year!

DO YOU REMEMBER BURTON VILLAGE 60 YEARS AGO?

Part 2 THE WEST SIDE OF MAIN STREET

On the corner of Ford land and North Cheshire is a two story house with stacks of Cleveland Press newspapers on the porch waiting to be delivered. Next is the Burton School with the "U" shaped sidewalk leading to the two sets of double doors. Then we have the 1st National Bank, and next to it is the Golden Dawn grocery store. Then there's the Vandwheel's Clothing store. The corner store houses a hardware store.

Dianne Lillibridge

We Love the Village's Pets ~ Be a Good Neighbor!



Pick up Fido's waste and dispose of it properly. It is not only considerate but will help eliminate health risks. Bags are located on poles in the Village Park for your convenience.

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**VILLAGE OF BURTON
POLICE CHIEF RICK SMIGELSKI**

The Burton Police Department is currently in the process of purchasing two new cruisers. After a lot of research being conducted it was decided that the best option for the department was the 2015 Ford Explorer. Police cruisers are essentially mobile offices and the extra room that a sport utility vehicle (SUV) offers will be greatly appreciated by the officers. There will not only be more work room for the officers, but they also provide sufficient room for the officer's gear and updated technology. Having the necessary gear and updated technology will increase the officer's efficiency when conducting their daily tasks. The updated technology includes the radio, mobile data terminal, radar units and dash cameras. Another positive attribute of the Ford Explorers are that they are all-wheel drive vehicles, which will keep officers and passengers safer especially during the treacherous winter months in Burton.

In doing research it was also discovered that purchasing an SUV over a sedan is a better investment financially for the police department. The Ford Explorers only cost \$2000.00 more than the sedan style cars that are typically being used as cruisers at this time.

A police officer's cruiser is the most important tool that is utilized while conducting their daily work. Therefore, to have the opportunity and ability to upgrade to a safer and more user friendly vehicle is not only beneficial to the officer, but also the community.

Safety Town is an annual program that is hosted by the Burton Police Department, Burton Fire Department and Village Council that teaches youngsters headed to kindergarten about safety. Children entering kindergarten will often for the first times in their lives experience some independence and they need to have the tools and skills needed to make proper decisions to keep themselves safe. The topics generally covered include bike safety, animal safety and personal safety. Representatives from several community agencies volunteer their time to ensure that the children learn this important information in a fun and interactive environment. This year's Safety Town will be held on August 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd at the Burton Elementary School. Residents with children entering kindergarten this year will receive registration information in the mail soon. If you would like your child to participate and you have not received a registration packet, please contact the Burton Police Department at 440-834-1234.

Independence Day (July 4th) is quickly approaching and there will be many celebrations taking place throughout the community. The Burton Police Department wants you to enjoy this important day. However, it is imperative that all laws regarding the use of fireworks be followed to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Officers will be actively enforcing these laws before, during and after the 4th of July holiday. If you have any questions regarding what you may or may not use in regards to fireworks, please contact an officer before you invest your hard earned money on any of them.