



Village of Burton Newsletter



BURTON VILLAGE
MAYOR JIM KOSTER

Village of Burton

On behalf of the Village of Burton Council, Staff and Mayor, we all wish you **Happy Holidays** with hopes of an even **Happier New Year**.

This past 2016 brought new council members, staff, committees, residents, and a Mayor to our village to be community resources for improvement, growth, and new beginnings. We welcome everyone to participate in village affairs, on both the community and leadership levels on both public and on local support committees.

Currently, the “Ohio Chautauqua 2017” committee — led by Linda Stone, Linda Swaney, and Jacqueline Samuel — is looking for people to serve as members of various committees and to fill the needs of this event. It is a great opportunity for us to host this event. Many communities applied, but we were fortunate to receive the invitation to host this event through the hard work of the above mentioned persons.

The Village Board of Public Affairs and Council are working hard to update our community in the areas of water, sewer, planning, infrastructure, and historical growth/protection. Our planning and zoning commissions are working to protect your property and control future growth to proper areas and meet the needs of each residential district.

As Mayor of the Village of Burton, I urge everyone to stay involved and voice your opinions; but in the end support the final recommendation of our community as it moves forward to protect the Village of Burton —a place “Where History Lives.”

James F. Koster
James F. Koster, Mayor
Village of Burton, Ohio





TREE TALK BURTON VILLAGE TREE COMMISSION

Tree preservation has been a big blip on my radar lately, thanks to the concerns of Council member Tom Blair. I have met with several people in the village park to get their views on how best to manage the grand old Sugar maples. One of those people is Alan Siewert, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forester for this region, whose job it is to provide assistance to municipalities in the management of their trees.

I have known and listened to Alan for years at various events and conferences talk on a variety of tree-related topics. In the past, I have heard him say that in a municipal setting, cabling a tree is an admission of a liability - remove the tree. Therefore I was hesitant to have him come out. At the urging of both a contractor and a resident at a council meeting, I did invite Alan out.

We looked at several of the larger, older trees, both with and without cables, and I was very surprised and relieved by his response. He did not advocate a clear cut. As the result of his taking the *Tree Risk Assessment Qualification* course, he has changed the way he assesses tree risk and gave me a clear direction in how to proceed in the management of these old beauties. By following current best management practices, we can enjoy a safe, mature urban forest for years to come.

Submitted by Debbie Palmisano, Municipal Arborist, 440-834-0820



Committee & Board Members Needed!

The Village of Burton is looking for volunteers to serve on the following Committees and Boards:

Historic District Architectural Review Board: Term is for 3 years. This group usually meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (as needed).

Tree Commission: Term is for 4 years. Meets the 1st Monday of each month.

Ohio Chautauqua 2017 — various committee positions. Led by Linda Stone, Linda Swaney and Jacqueline Samuel.

Please contact the Village Office if you are interested in serving on any of these committees/boards. You can reach the Office at 440-834-4474, or email at 1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net.

Village Comings & Goings

Burton Village welcomes Joe Hernandez as the newest member of Burton Village Council. Joe previously served on Council and as Zoning Inspector. Joe replaces Lisa Hernandez, who accepted the position of Deputy Administrative Assistant in the Village Offices. Lisa's background includes various administrative roles. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Kent State University, and looks forward to putting both her experience and education to good use in her new position.

FISCALLY SPEAKING
CHRISTOPHER PAQUETTE, FISCAL OFFICER

2017 LOOKING AHEAD

The Village expects to receive \$1,839,045.61 in revenue in 2017. This includes property taxes, income tax, payments from the State and County, special assessments, fine, licenses, water/sewer rents and interest.

The Village has obligated \$1,680,227.30 to be spent in 2017. Since these costs are estimates and some of them are contingency expenses, the total amount will not necessarily be spent.

Expenses are broken down as follows:

Personnel Costs (salary, healthcare, required pension matches, and workers comp) amounts to \$620,819. Healthcare premiums are up 7.5% for 2017 and salaries remain frozen. Some extra money was included in the budget to cover overtime costs.

Contractual Services (just about every aspect of routine operations including electricity, sludge hauling, legal, engineering, insurance, etc.) amount to \$583,188.30.

Supplies and Materials (fuel, small operating supplies, and chemicals for the Utilities plant) amount to \$80,700.

In **Capital Outlay** (infrastructure improvements) the Village has budgeted \$220,020 for projects this year. This includes \$30,000 for street paving project, \$49,900 to further the plans for the wastewater treatment plant expansion, \$67,100 for car and water meter payments, \$23,000 for siding the Street Garage and a number of smaller projects that make up the remainder of the overall amount.

The Village has paid off all of its mortgage loans aside from the car and meter payment. Payment of the wastewater treatment loan will not start until 2019.

Miscellaneous Uses account for the remainder of the money. These are various contingency expenses held to cover emergency repairs or for those line items in the budget that need to be tracked separately such as cost of income tax overhead and refunds.

Any questions please contact the Village Office.

Attention Burton Village Residents
Important Tax Information

With the new year comes the often unpleasant task of thinking about taxes. As a reminder, the Village of Burton has a municipal income tax of 1%. Ninety (90 %) percent of the previous year's tax is due on, or before, January 31st of each year, and the remainder of the tax due must be paid by April 15.

Anyone who lives or works in the Village is required to file a tax return with the Central Collection Agency (CCA). For further information or to download CCA tax forms, please visit CCA's website at <http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/>. You can also call them at 1-800-223-6317.

As a resident of the Berkshire School District, you are required to pay a 1% Berkshire School District Tax. Visit www.state.oh.us or call 1-800-282-1780 for more information.

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Find Us On Social Media!

The Village of Burton now has a Facebook page and Twitter Account! Be sure to “like” us, “follow” us, and check out the village website at www.villageofburton.org for important updates and information!



Offices Closed



Burton Village Offices will be closed on December 26 in observance of Christmas. The Office will reopen on Tuesday, December 27. The offices will also be closed on January 2, 2017, in observance of New Year’s Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. May you enjoy the Holidays with your friends and family!

SNOW EMERGENCY

Burton Village Ordinance: Sec: 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.