Village of Burton March—April 2016 Edition



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### **GREETINGS FROM MAYOR KOSTER**

It is my sincere hope and desire your "2016 Year" has been going well. The Village of Burton Council has been busy addressing past and present contracts, issues, and future directions. Capital Improvement Planning is taking place. Items currently being discussed include the possibility of the new educational consolidation with KSU (Geauga Campus); sewer plant upgrades are also on the forefront and required; infrastructure needs are being planned,; safety force issues are being reviewed; and meetings continue to take place on other Village of Burton Council/Commission topics. I would like to welcome newly elected persons Lisa Hernandez and Charles Blair Sr. to Council, as well as Tim Barber to the Board of Public Affairs. In addition, new commission members: Tom Erickson-Tree Commission, Sue Fisher-Planning Commission and A.J. Bissell-Board of Zoning Appeals. We congratulate and welcome the above individuals to the Village of Burton family of elected and appointed members. Please contact me and the administrative team at 440-834-4474 with any questions or concerns that you may have regarding Village issues.

James F. Koster, Mayor

#### VILLAGE OF BURTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Burton Village Council and the Burton Police Department would like to

remind all Village Seniors there is an Assistance program for Spring Clean-Up.

#### **Spring Clean-up Assistance**

Village Officials are joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging to assist Seniors 60 years of age and older in removing unwanted items in preparation for the May 7th Spring Clean-up Day.

Volunteers will remove items from Seniors' homes, basements and/or garages and place them at the curb on May 5th and 6th. Rules outlined on the enclosed insert.

To take advantage of this wonderful program, the following must be in place:

- ⇒ Please have the following information available:
  - Senior's Name
  - Address
  - Phone Number
  - · Date of Birth
  - Items to be Removed
- ⇒ The Senior or someone 18 years old or older who is appointed by the Senior must be present to sign a release for collection.

Do Not Delay Registering! Space is limited. Please call the Geauga County Department on Aging weekdays 8:00am-4:30pm at 440-279-2129 or 440-279-2135 or 440-279-2130.

#### **AAA Mature Driving Program**

WANT TO DRIVE BETTER, LONGER & SAFER? Lori Cook, Safety Advisor from AAA East Central, will present a program to Burton-area senior drivers if there is enough interest. This FREE program covers driving information specifically geared toward the senior driver. The goal of the presentation is to give any senior driver the tools necessary to drive longer, better & safer. Topics to be discussed will include: preparing to drive, making your car fit you better, understanding new vehicle technologies and assistive driving devices. All attendees will receive a packet of information.

Please call the office at 834-4474 if interested and we will arrange a date and time. There must be 8 attendees to schedule the class.







Spring Clean – Up	Saturday May 7th	<ul> <li>No tires (see below), garden debris, branches, brush, leaves, bricks rocks, toxic chemicals, hazardous waste, paint, batteries, items containing Freon, engine blocks or heavy automobile parts</li> <li>Items must weigh less than 150 lbs.</li> <li>Small debris must be tied, bagged, or in containers</li> <li>Maximum load time is 15 minutes per address</li> <li>Once crews have left THEY WILL NOT BE BACK</li> <li>Items may be put on the curb beginning May 1st; all items should be at the curb by 6am the day of pick-up</li> </ul>
Tire Disposal	Saturday May 7th	<ul> <li>Drop off will be at the Street Department Service Center at 13850 Memorial Drive (off Tavern Rd)</li> <li>Tires will be accepted from 8am to Noon ONLY</li> <li>No more than four (4) tires per address will be accepted</li> <li>Proof of Village residency will be required and validated at the time of drooff</li> </ul>
Spring Brush Pick-Up	Week of May 15th	<ul> <li>Stack brush at curb, cut end toward street but not protruding into street</li> <li>Brush must be no larger than 5 inches in diameter &amp; 5 feet long</li> <li>Normal yard debris, branches &amp; trimmings only. No garden or flower bedebris</li> <li>Maximum load time is 5 minutes per address; debris remaining after timallocation is owners responsibility</li> <li>This service is for small branches and limbs that might have fallen during storms</li> <li>Service is not for removal of entire trees</li> <li>Once crews have left THEY WILL NOT BE BACK</li> <li>Brush should not be put out any sooner than Monday, May 9, 2016</li> </ul>
Hydrant Flushing	Week of June 1st	<ul> <li>Flushing will occur during the day from 9:00am to 2:00pm</li> <li>Water should be checked for discoloration prior to using</li> <li>Run cold water until clear if discoloration is detected</li> </ul>
Burton Shred Day	June 11th	<ul> <li>Boxes may be dropped off at the Geauga County Fairgrounds from 11ar to 2pm</li> <li>Limit of 2 banker size boxes of paper per address will be accepted</li> <li>Contact Village Hall at 834-4474 if more information is needed</li> </ul>
Founders Day	ТВА	<ul> <li>Meet in the north end of the park at 3:00pm for a celebration of Burton Vi lage</li> <li>Recipients of commemorative bricks &amp; preservation awards will be hor ored</li> <li>Special programs will be presented</li> <li>Refreshments will be served</li> </ul>
Arbor Day Event	Saturday October 8th	<ul> <li>Reading of Proclamation to celebrate Arbor Day 2016</li> <li>Come celebrate at Village Park from 10 to Noon</li> </ul>

#### TREE TALK

With spring approaching, I'd like to remind residents about **the importance of mulching correctly**. Applied properly, mulch has many benefits. It adds organic matter to the root zone which boosts microbial activity for the benefit of the tree. It suppresses weeds, moderates soil moisture and temperature, reduces soil compaction and keeps weed whackers and mowers from wounding the trunk.

It can visually enhance the landscape and make a yard look neater. Grass competes with trees for resources, so the larger the mulch ring (or square!) the better, as far as the trees are concerned. **Applied incorrectly, mulch can kill a tree.** Mulch should never touch the trunk and should never exceed three inches in depth. Deep mulch piled up against the trunk provides a wonderful moist environment for roots to grow around in a circle which, over time, can girdle the tree.

By choking off nutrients, these stem girdling roots, or "SGRs" can kill a tree. A tree planted too low will sprout SGRs as well, and the combination of low planting and "volcano mulch" is the kiss of death. If a tree looks as straight as a utility pole where it meets the ground, one or both of these conditions is present and should be corrected. The root flare of the tree should always be visible.

This spring, don't kill your trees with kindness. Mulch correctly!

Debbie Palmisano, Arborist 843-0820

#### Historic District Architectural Review Board Roof Guidelines

In 1983 Burton Village applied for and was given the distinction as a Historical District by the State of Ohio. With that distinction, the state required the creation of a review board to help homeowners within the district maintain the historic qualities that formed the basis of our Historic District.

Recently there have been a number of inquiries about replacing old roofing with new metal roofs. If approved by the Board, metal shake shingles, asphalt shingles and standing seam metal roofs are permissible. Standing seam metal roofs have been used in America from the early 1700's and are permissible. These roofs utilize 16" to 24" wide flat sheets with 1" bends that are held down with clips and screws which are hidden by the next attached sheet. Corrugated metal roofs that are screwed down to wood framing with rubber washers were used for factories, barns and outbuildings and are **not** historic to homes and are **not** permissible in the district.

A permit may be required for changes made to a home/building in the Historic District. Please call the Village Office at 440-834-4474 for any exterior modifications to your home/building for further information.



#### BURTON VILLAGE COMMUNITY GARDEN

Fresh vegetables are wholesome and delicious! 12x12 plots are available at <u>no cost</u> to Village residents on the Geauga County Historical Society grounds. Plant, tend and reap the rewards as you make 2016 a year of healthy eating! Plots are available on a first come, first served basis. Reserve your space before May 2nd by calling Century Village at 834-1492 or Joyce Blair at 834-0843. Bon Appetite!

#### **WELCOME**

The Board of Public Affairs and Burton Village Council would like to welcome Andrew Carroscia as the new hire for the Assistant Treatment Plant Operator.

With Andrew's past experience with the State Parks and his Class 1 Wastewater and Class 1 Water Supply Licenses, he will be an asset to the Village. We look forward to working with Andrew!

We would also like to thank Jerry Rose for his service over the past 8 years and wish him luck at his new position in Huntsburg Township.



# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Corned Beef Recipe

#### **INGREDIENTS:**

- 1 1/2 pounds small red potatoes
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 (4lb.) corned beef brisket with seasoning packet, rinsed
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 small onion
- 24 baby carrots
- 1 small white cabbage, cut into 8 wedges

Arrange potatoes and garlic on bottom of slow cooker, place corned beef on top of vegetables and sprinkle with seasoning from packet. Push cloves into onion and add to cooker. Add enough water to just cover meat; cover and cook on low until tender, 6 hours and 30 minutes to 8 hours.

Transfer meat and potatoes and cover with foil to keep warm. Add carrots and cabbage to cooker, turn to high, cover and cook until just tender, about 30 minutes and serve.



## HAPPY EASTER & HOLIDAY SEASON

MAY HOLIDAY HAPPINESS DWELL IN YOU THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH PEACE AND JOY, AND YOUR FAMILY OF ALL GOODNESS!