



Village of Burton ~Newsletter~

BURTON VILLAGE
MAYOR JIM KOSTER

Time is moving fast. We are in the month of March and the weather has seemed like spring for the first two months of 2017. Some of our organizations are already into pancakes and sausages, with March beginning our “Destination Burton: Pancake USA” theme. The Burton Chamber began tapping the maple trees in the Village of Burton Park the first weekend of February. Hopefully, we will still experience some freezing and thawing to get the most from the taps.

The Village Board of Zoning Appeals and the Planning Commission began meeting and discussing future strategic planning to update and build upon the original 1964 plan. We will soon decide on a strategic facilitator to move our update forward.

The Burton Village Safety Committee met with the private fire department board of trustees’ dba: “Burton Fire Department, Non-Profit Corp.” to finalize a fire contract between this company and the public body of the Village of Burton. The safety committee feels confident that a contract will be forthcoming to both the public and private company.

The Village of Burton’s Historical Review Board has met with the above company over their request for a demolition permit of the old doctor’s office on property bought by the BFD-NPC. The demolition of the building will occur unless someone is interested in obtaining the old building and moving it. Ongoing discussion is taking place.

Remember this is tax season. Anyone earning income within the village is required to file a CCA tax form. This includes but is not limited to, those outside of the village limits who rent apartments, residences, or businesses. Your earnings from within the village is earned taxable income.

In 1959, the Burton Jaycees began the traditional Easter Egg Hunt in the Village of Burton Park. I believe it is one of only a few continuous traditional hunts in the Country. Lee and Jane Koroshes of Burton have organized and been involved in this event the past 44 yrs. They are retiring after this year, and have asked if someone would kindly step up and continue this tradition. They are available for consultation and would like you to participate this year, ask questions, and see firsthand what is required. **Easter Egg Hunt – South End of Park – April 15, 2017 – at 11:00 A.M.** Donations are accepted by Check to: P.O. Box 318, Burton, Ohio 44021.

Currently, the Village of Burton is interviewing candidates for the Water Department and the Street Department. BPA and the Street Commissioner will be recommending candidates for both positions. I am happy to say we had a great response to our ads for employment, and feel we will be in a good position in picking the right candidates.

Lastly, I would like to welcome a new council person, Nick Tromba, to public office. Nick has lived in Burton, went to Berkshire and Ohio State, and will be filling the seat held by Charles Blair. Nick has knowledge of the past, and is part of the present and the future of the Village of Burton.

**** **Remember:** Chautauqua 2017: Burton – June 6 to June 10

What is Ohio Chautauqua?

Building on the 19th-century tradition established on the shores of New York’s Chautauqua Lake, Ohio Chautauqua is a five-day community event that combines living history performances, music, education, and audience participation into a one-of-a-kind cultural event the entire community will enjoy.

Sincerely,
James F. Koster, Mayor



TREE TALK BURTON VILLAGE TREE COMMISSION

Back in December there were a few days when you may have noticed a truck and a trailer and a person generating a lot of dust and debris and noise in the park. Afterward you may have noticed that the areas around the base of some of the trees looked very bare and full of roots and you may have wondered if that was a good thing with winter approaching.

The short answer is yes, the trees will be okay without their blankets of soil and mulch. In fact, they should be much better. The longer explanation is that I was performing "root collar excavations" with the aide of a tool called an "AirSpade." Excess debris had built up around the bases (root collars or root flares) of many trees which was inhibiting the trees' ability to exchange oxygen and other gases, as well as encouraging stem girdling roots to constrict and possibly kill the trees.

Instead of labor-intensive manual excavation, the Tree Commission opted to rent a compressor and borrow the AirSpade from Chardon to perform the task. The AirSpade is a nozzle attached to a wand which, when run off an 185 cfm compressor, generates an air flow twice the speed of sound - Mach 2- or 1200 mph. It was developed to uncover gas lines without damage and is now being put to good use in the tree care industry because it can move a lot of soil quickly without damaging roots.

But excavating the root collars is only part one of the remediation effort. The next part is to cut, where possible, roots that are encircling the trees closing off vascular tissues that transport water and food up and down the trunk. Feedback from others who have performed this procedure is very positive. Trees have made a dramatic resurgence when allowed to eat, drink and breathe again without restriction. I am hoping for the best! Many thanks to the City of Chardon for the use of the AirSpade.

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



Bald Eagle Nest In Burton

Burton Village resident, Ms. Dee Holt of S. Cheshire St., recently noticed a pair of bald eagles building a nest in a tree near her property. This is exciting news for the Village, since until recently, they had been classified as an endangered species. Ms. Holt expects the arrival of 2-3 hatchlings in the coming weeks. The nest is located alongside Huff Road, at the bottom of the hill, as you are driving out of the Village. Thank you, Ms. Holt, for sharing this exciting news with us!

BURTON VILLAGE NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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 13th Spring Clean-up Day.

Volunteers will remove items from Seniors' homes, basements and/or garages and place them at the curb on May 11th and 12th. **Rules are outlined on the enclosed insert.**

To take advantage of this wonderful program, please have the following information available: the Senior's name, address, phone number and date of birth, as well as a list of items to be removed. Additionally, the Senior, or someone 18 years or older appointed by the Senior, must be present to sign a release for collection.

AAA Mature Driving Program

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. Minimum attendees: 8.

FISCALLY SPEAKING
CHRISTOPHER PAQUETTE, FISCAL OFFICER

2016 In Review

The Village ended the year with a budget of \$2,694,723 and spent \$2,057,152, or around 76%, of the expected amount. Some of this savings represents good stewardship and some of the savings was realized because some projects did not take place as planned.

Our revenue was a little higher than expected thanks to a much better than expected Income Tax return rate. The Village will continue to carefully evaluate projected revenue versus needed repairs, maintenance, and personnel costs. The Street garage did not get resided and Spring Street didn't receive a chip and seal coat. The Wastewater treatment plant is planned for expansion and repair in the near future.

The Village is attempting to hold down costs and save for these and other major repairs while continuing to deliver the best service possible for its residents.

The table below is a breakout of the budget and actual amounts for 2016.

	Budget	Actual
Property Tax	\$ 206,807	\$ 208,975
Income Tax	\$ 471,614	\$ 610,098
Intergovernmental	\$ 154,990	\$ 172,164
Special Assessments	\$ 26,000	\$ 28,679
Fines, Licenses, Charges and Permits	\$ 965,569	\$ 892,937
Misc	\$ 18,981	\$ 53,712
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$ 1,843,961	\$ 1,967,565
Personnel	\$ 704,498	\$ 624,773
Travel	\$ 2,319	\$ 1,873
Contractual Services	\$ 622,956	\$ 507,904
Supplies and Materials	\$ 109,208	\$ 81,445
Capital Outlay	\$ 480,861	\$ 203,085
Debt Service	\$ 17,850	\$ 17,850
Other Uses	\$ 172,377	\$ 68,567
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENDITURE	\$ 2,114,067	\$ 1,505,497

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th, 11 am, South End of the Park

For the past 44 years, Burton Village's Easter Egg Hunt has been faithfully orchestrated by Lee and Jane Koroshes. Now the Koroshes' are looking for an interested couple, group or organization who would like to take over future Easter Egg Hunts. Mr. and Mrs. Koroshes will work with you through this year's event. If interested, please call 440-834-0764. Mayor Koster and the members of Council extend their deepest appreciation to Lee and Jane for their years of dedicated service!



CCA Tax Assistance

CCA Tax Advisors will be available on March 14, between the hours of 2 and 8 pm, and April 12, between the hours of 2 and 8 pm, to help any Burton Village resident who would like assistance with their CCA Municipal Income Tax return. Please call or email the office to reserve your spot. **Spaces are limited.** You can reach the office at 440-834-9172 or 1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net.

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CLIP AND SAVE

**Spring
Clean – Up**

**Saturday
May 13th**

- 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 weigh 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 May 6th; all items should be at the curb by 6am the day of pick-up

**Spring
Brush
Pick-Up**

**Week of
May 14th**

- 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 15 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 6, 2017