



# Village of Burton

## ~Newsletter~

*Mayor Jim Koster*

Dear Residents, Neighbors, and Friends:

With spring almost over and summer before us, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for all the hard work in maintaining our roads this winter, keeping our water and sewer services running smoothly, and keeping our community safe and sound, and our administrative office in working and solving individuals' concerns and problems. In addition, I would like to thank Lee and Jane Koroshes for their past 44 years of community service in organizing and overseeing the annual Easter Egg Hunt. At this time, I would like anyone who is interested in organizing future Easter Egg Hunts to contact me. I would like to also thank all our support and community groups for a fine job in providing pancakes and maple syrup products to the many visitors to our community. Due to the excellent weather, we had a tremendous turnout and a strong presence in Northeastern Ohio.

As we leave spring and move towards summer, I would like to remind everyone that on May 29, Memorial Day, the Village of Burton has their annual parade and remembrance of our fellow military brothers and sisters at 11:30 am at the Village Gazebo in the Park. An Open House will follow at the Legion Hall.

The Mayor and Council would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to the Berkshire Class of 2017, who will graduate on Wednesday, May 31, at 7 pm at the high school.

Beginning June 6 through June 10, on behalf of Ohio Chautauqua, Burton Historic District and Century Village, I would like to remind everybody that this is a 5-day community event where you can observe living history performances, live music, educational experiences, and take part in personal participation events, at no cost.

Once again, the annual for-profit Antiques Market will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 10; be aware of increased traffic that day.

As an additional reminder, the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Veteran's Appreciation Day at the Geauga County Fairgrounds, sponsored by Burton Atwood Mauck American Legion Post #459, will be held this year on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> (with rain date of July 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Please mark your calendars for the above dates and participate whenever and wherever you can.

As always . . . remember . . . the Village of Burton is **"Where History Lives."**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James F. Koster". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

James F. Koster, Mayor  
Village of Burton, Ohio

## *Tree Talk*

### *Burton Village Tree Commission*

Perhaps you've heard of it. The Green Menace. EAB. Emerald Ash Borer. That pretty metallic green beetle that's eating its way through ash trees everywhere. The January 2017 issue of Arboriculture and Urban Forestry said, "With over eight billion ash trees in North America, the potential for continued devastation will likely make EAB the most destructive pest to invade the forests of this continent (Herms and McCullough 2014)." We've lost the grand chestnuts; we've lost most of the stately American elms that used to grace our main streets. We're witnessing the decimation of ashes in our woods and our lawns. The good news is we can save trees and Burton Village Tree Commission has chosen to save the ash trees lining the right of way on Indian Ridge Trail off Carlton Street. To quote the same article, "The availability of highly effective insecticides has now made it possible to protect trees with applications of a variety of active ingredients even after damage has reduced canopy damage by 50% (Herms et al. 2014)." Certified Arborists who are state licensed pesticide applicators will inject insecticide into the trunks of the trees on Indian Ridge. No spraying is involved. This is scheduled to occur during the month of May. One downside is that this procedure will have to be repeated every two years or so to insure that the trees remain pest-free. Much information on EAB and treatment options can be found on the internet, or you can always call me with questions and concerns.

Submitted by Debbie Palmisano, Village Arborist

### **Water and Sewer Billing Option**

Quarterly water/sewer bills are **sent out** after the 21st of February, May, August and November. Quarterly bills are **due** by the 21st of March, June, September and December. Water/sewer bills not paid by the due date will be assessed a 10% late fee, which will appear on the next bill. If you have not received your water bill after a reasonable amount of time, please contact the office at 440-834-4474. Also, please make sure we have your correct mailing address. Monthly billing is also an option. Your account must be paid in full before switching from quarterly to monthly billing, and once you are a monthly customer, you must remain a monthly customer for the next year. To switch from quarterly to monthly billing, please send your request, in writing, to: Village of Burton, P.O. Box 408, Burton, OH 44021.

## *Police Department News*

### *Chief Rick Smigelski*

Summer is almost upon us and with the good weather ahead it is important to remember just a few key things for the safety of you and your family. First it is a good idea to always lock your doors at night and while away, even if it's for a short period of time. Most crime that takes place is due to opportunity and locking your doors is a deterrent for someone who would attempt to commit a crime. Secondly, make sure your address is visible. Even with today's technology and having our cruisers equipped with a mapping system, it is still very important to have your address posted either on your house or mail box. Computers are not always accurate and sometimes do not give the exact location where an emergency is occurring. Making sure your address is posted is a good way to ensure that emergency services get to the right address.

Also, the Burton Fire Department is assisting seniors with a secure key box for first responders. A small steel key box that is only accessible by the fire department is attached to the top of your exterior door. In case of an emergency, emergency personnel will be able to access the house without causing any damage to the residence. If interested please call the Burton Fire Department at (440) 834-4416.

Finally, don't forget to check out the Burton Police Department's Facebook page and "like" us! It's a great resource to see what is going on, and to keep up with current events in the Village!

*Board of Public Affairs*  
*Curt Johnson, Board Member*

From time to time, our Utilities Department receives calls from residents concerned about discolored or rusty water. There are several reasons your water might be discolored; they are discussed below:

**RUSTY WATER?**

There are several contributing factors to rusty water in any water system.

■**Non-hazardous factors:**

The most common factor is hydrant flushing, which occurs in the spring and fall. In these instances, notice is published in the local newspapers and signs are posted around the Village when hydrant flushing is imminent. Other factors include fire departments using our hydrants, pump surges due to power interruptions at the water plant, and lightning strikes.

■**Hazardous factors:**

The most common reasons are water main breaks (situations where ground water infiltrates our water system). In these instances, the Village Office is made aware of the break, and affected households are notified through either door-to-door visits or through reverse 911 calls, and a boil alert is issued for a specified time. Individuals having to replace their lateral pipes to the main water pipe will likely need to run their water for a specified time and/or observe a boil alert as ground water could infiltrate their home water system.

**Water treatment:**

Rest assured that the Village is consistently working to maintain and improve our water supply system using the most effective procedures and equipment available under the guidance of the Environmental Protection Agency. Our water is tested regularly using specific laboratory procedures and always deemed fit for consumption. Each year a complete copy of the results of our water analysis, called the Consumer Confidence Report, is mailed to every household before June 1. This year's report is included with this Newsletter.



Burton Historic District Association, a small non-profit, was formed in 2007. Its mission is to collaborate with like-minded entities to promote and maintain the history of Burton Village and Burton Township and encourage future development consistent with the Western Reserve character.

In its efforts to Burton and its culture, BHDA decided to apply for the Ohio Humanities' Program Ohio Chautauqua. And with the help of many wonderful people, businesses, and groups in this little town Ohio Humanities was so impressed they decided to bring their Big Red Tent to the Century Village Museum this summer from June 6-10. Each night at 6:30 there will be musical entertainment and an actor portraying an historical character. It is a **free event!** During the day there will be adult programs at the Burton Public Library, Kent State-Geauga, West Woods, Middlefield Library, and Great Lakes Growers. The week will begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Burton Elementary School with kick-off assembly by John Muir portrayed by John Kolar. June 10<sup>th</sup> will be a Family Day at the museum grounds with programs for the youth and an evening visit by Teddy Roosevelt. Burton's Founders' Day will be the final daytime event at 4:30. More information is available by visiting [www.ohiohumanities.org](http://www.ohiohumanities.org) or checking Geauga Chautauqua on Facebook. The libraries' websites and Century Village Museum will have more information as well and sign-ups for programs.

Come and enjoy all the events or pick and choose your favorites!

If you are interested in helping, please email [bhda2007@gmail.com](mailto:bhda2007@gmail.com). We appreciate volunteers!

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*Enjoy your summer....!*

### **Welcome Aboard!**

Village residents may have noticed a few new faces around town recently. Officer Matt Ankrom was hired as a part time Police Officer with the Village. Previously, Matt served as an Auxiliary Officer.

Another new member of the Village family is Mark Rhoades who is our new Waste Water Treatment Assistant, working with Paul Eaton. Mark and his family live in Burton Township.

Lastly, the Tree Commission gained a new member in Matt Markiewicz, Matt joined the Tree Commission in March 2017, and brings a wealth of knowledge to his new role. We extend a warm welcome to one and all!



Water/Sewer Payments are due by June 21, 2017. Any payment received after that date will have a 10% late charge added. For your convenience, payments can be made online ([www.villageofburton.org](http://www.villageofburton.org)); dropped off at the office; placed in the white payment mailbox in the back parking lot of the Library; or sent through the mail.



### **Garage Sale Permit Needed**

You've cleaned out your things, organized, and put price tags on every last item. You put an ad in the newspaper, and made colorful signs to direct eager shoppers to your Garage Sale. You've thought of everything....except your Garage Sale Permit. The Village of Burton requires a permit for anyone wishing to have a Garage Sale in the Village. The permit is free; just stop in the Office to get yours today!