



# Village of Burton

## ~Newsletter~

*Mayor Jim Koster*

Dear Village Residents:

As we embark toward the fall, our staff has begun to prepare our streets, utilities, and other assets to meet the colder challenges that are coming before us. Yet, storms have recently taken out a couple of large maple trees in the Village and lightning strikes have damaged some of our water infrastructure causing extra work in both taking down the trees for safety reasons, and repairing valves and underground pipes that have been damaged. Street repairs are also underway. To keep you informed of emergency situations like these, the Village will be launching a new emergency notification system, BurtonAlert, in the coming months. You can find a sign up sheet in this newsletter. Burton Alert will allow you to be notified by text or a regular phone call, and email.

We have employed new seasonal staff and an employee, Mr. Mark Rhoades, within the water and sewer department. In addition we also have accepted the retirement resignation of a long time employee, Mr. Paul Eaton. Everyone wishes Paul a long and healthy retirement.

Council and its committees are involved in updating some of the village ordinances; the architectural review board has been in discussion with regards to demolition of facilities. Four council positions will be up for election this fall. Review the candidates and determine those who best represent your present and future directions for the Village of Burton. We are fortunate to have a good slate of candidates.

The fair will soon be starting on August 31<sup>st</sup>, followed by the American Legion's Patriot Day on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The privately run Antiques Market is September 23 at the fairgrounds. Local residents having a garage sale must get a garage sale permit and not allow outside vendors to sell their goods within the Village limits. As we move into October, remember the Apple Butter Festival and Oxtoberfest on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Other activities and events are scheduled and going to happen, so please refer to the Village of Burton website, [www.villageofburton.org](http://www.villageofburton.org).

Sincerely,

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

James F. Koster, Mayor  
Village of Burton, Ohio



## *Tree Talk*

### *Burton Village Tree Commission*

What better time to celebrate trees in Burton than autumn when the Sugar maples are in their glory? The past few years, the Tree Commission has chosen to hold its Arbor Day observance in conjunction with the Village's Otoberfest. Yes, Arbor Day is traditionally the fourth Friday in April, but the weather then can be iffy for planting and celebrating, so like Chardon's Maple Festival, Burton's Arbor Day has been moved to a (much) later time slot.

Festivities will kick off at 10 AM on Saturday, October 14 in the park with Mayor Koster reading the Arbor Day proclamation. Tree seedlings will be given away on a first come first served basis. Please stop by and share questions and concerns with Tree Commission members and myself.

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

## *Police Department News*

### *Chief Rick Smigelski*

Safety Town was held from August 16-19, 2017, at Burton Elementary School. Over 40 children spent time each day learning how to be safe in a variety of circumstances including: Fire Safety, Stranger Danger, Calling 911, Police Assistance, Animal Safety, Crosswalk Safety, School Bus Safety, Bicycle Safety, Gun Safety, and Recognizing Poisonous Substances. Local Fire/EMS crews were on hand to give the kids a birds' eye view of Fire and EMS vehicles. We also had a speaker from the Geauga Park District, teaching the kids about how to recognize nuisance plants like poison ivy, as well as animal identification and safety. Safety town wrapped up with Graduation and a pizza lunch for students and families on Saturday, August 19. The Village is happy to be able to offer this program to area youngsters year after year. Safety Town is always a huge success because of many people coming together to make it happen, and I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success again this year! This program is held each summer, for children entering Kindergarten in the fall.



School is back in session! Please be aware of pedestrians and school busses in the Village!

# *Utilities News*

## *Mark Rhoades, Utilities Department*

Hello! My name is Mark Rhoades. I am part of the Utilities Department, and I operate both your water and sewer systems. I wanted to take some time to explain what happens in the Village's water system when there is a break, and the procedures that are followed to make the repairs.

Due to the age of the Village's water and sewer system, the Village is susceptible to a few different types of main breaks: circular cracks and horizontal cracks. **Circular cracks** are holes in the line where the metal has rotted away. These are easily repaired with bands. With these types of breaks, we are able to repair them under reduced pressure to ensure that the lines continue to have the required amount of chlorine in them for disinfection purposes. **Horizontal cracks** are much more serious. When a horizontal crack occurs, the affected portion of the system has to be shut off. The section of pipe must be cut out and replaced, and samples are sent to the lab for testing. During this time, and for your safety, the Village then must issue a boil alert, until the lab confirms that the samples are negative for bacteria.

With any break, the water will become discolored, due to pressure and flow changes. After the repairs are made, hydrants must be flushed in a portion of the system to clear any sediment that may settle out from the disturbance of the break, and to ensure there is fresh chlorine in the line for disinfection purposes. Samples are then taken to the lab. This always causes some discoloration at your homes. When your water is discolored, you should flush your COLD spigot for about 8 to 10 minutes and it will clear.

Because every break is different, the Utilities Department is unable to give any estimate of time for the repairs to take place, because each repair is different, and you never know what you will find until you are able to get down to the break. Additionally, safety is ALWAYS paramount. The Village will keep residents and business owners updated through the Village's website, Facebook page, Twitter, G-TV and local media, when appropriate. You can ensure that you are receiving all up to date emergency messages by sending in the Burton Alert Emergency Notification System sign up request, below. If you have any concerns, don't hesitate to contact me! My email is [burton.untilities@aol.com](mailto:burton.untilities@aol.com), and the phone number at the plant is 440-834-1408. I'm always happy to talk about water and wastewater. Fortunately for me, it is not just my job, but also my hobby!

Mark Rhoades

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### **Burton Alert** **Burton Village Emergency Notification** Sign Up

Burton Village's new emergency notification system, Burton Alert, enables you to receive informational messages from the Village in the event of an emergency. The information sent through Burton Alert is intended to help keep you informed should the Village experience a significant event such as a water main break, boil alert, public health emergency, weather emergency, etc. Messages may cover such subjects as safety alerts and directions on what to do; the location of a shelter; evacuation orders; debris removal information; and the Village's response to an emergency. You can receive either a phone call or text message to a designated number, and an email. To sign up for this free service, simply fill out the form below, and return it to the Village Office:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Name #1** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name #2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be notified via Phone or Text (choose one for each person listed) :

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\*Standard text messaging rates may apply from your mobile carrier.

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*Hello Autumn!*

## Bits & Pieces

### Welcome Aboard!

Village residents may have noticed a few new faces around town recently.

Nick Soltis joined the Street Department over the summer. Nick lives in Claridon with his family.

The Historic District Architectural Review Board gained a new member in Alison Weeks. Alison joined the Board over the summer. She and her family love living in Burton Village!

We extend a warm welcome to Alison and Nick!



### Water/Sewer Payments

Water/Sewer Payments are due by September 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.

### Fall Brush Pick Up

The Village will be holding a Fall Brush Pick Up Day in the coming months. Date and times will be posted on the Village's website ([www.villageofburton.org](http://www.villageofburton.org)), Facebook page and Twitter.



Introducing **Burton Alert**, Burton Village's new emergency notification system. See Page 3 to sign up for this free service!