

# Village of Burton



## Spring Newsletter

*Mayor Ruth Spanos*

Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

Spring is in the air! It's been great to see residents out and about. There has been a lot of clean up to do after all the high winds we have had recently! Luckily the warmer weather and longer days have made power outages a little less painful.

I would like to welcome Lynn Biegacki as our new Deputy Administrative Assistant. Some of you may already have met her in the office or over the phone. In addition to her duties, we have been collaborating on a website that will be easier to use and more responsive to the needs of residents.

We look forward to fixing damaged roads and making other improvements this summer. Our major project for 2023 is replacing the asbestos water lines along Dean Court. Due to regulations, any damage to that line would require shutting down the line until it could be replaced. This prevents an expensive disruption to service in the future.

Please consider volunteering for Village Boards and Commissions. We are currently looking for a new member for the Planning Commission. Members are appointed for a 6 year term. The Planning Commission is a 5 member volunteer board that reviews Village subdivision regulations and zoning ordinances, as well as requests for changes in zoning. It meets on an as needed basis, which is usually not more than once a month.

Have a wonderful Spring!

Ruth V. Spanos

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## Tree Talk - Burton Village Tree Commission

Annual reminder: Mulch should be no more than 2 – 3 inches deep and must not touch the trunks of trees. Do not trust your landscaper to do this correctly! Over mulching can stress trees and eventually kill them by encouraging the development of stem girdling roots and/or by initiating a stress complex that makes trees susceptible to pests and pathogens. Done correctly, mulch is a good replacement for the leaf litter and detritus that nurtures roots in a natural setting. Done incorrectly, it's a killer.

Recycling the nutrients we remove from our yards and woodlots is a great way to nurture our landscapes and our pocketbooks. Leaves and wood chips are a nutritious mulch, and for most applications, they can be used green or uncomposted. There is a concern that the composting process removes nitrogen from the soil, which it does, but only from the top few inches for a short period of time. So while green wood chips are not a good mulch for annuals or vegetables, they are fine for perennials, shrubs and trees which have deeper well established root systems. And again – just 2-3 inches, kept away from stems and trunks!

Submitted by Debbie Palmisano, Village Arborist 440-636-3374

## Utility News

If you are having any issue with a sewer backup, please contact the Village Utilities Dept. at 440-834-1408 between 7AM-3PM weekdays before you contact a plumbing company.

*\*After regular business hours\** please call the Village Dept. at 440-834-1234.

## Fire Hydrant Flushing



Fire hydrant flushing will be conducted April 17th through the 26th. Look for signs posted in the park and at streets where the Water Department is in the process of flushing on weekdays between 7AM to 3PM.

A reminder, if you see anyone other than village workers taking water from a fire hydrant, contact Village Hall or the Police Department. It is your water - help protect it!

“Call before you dig”

**\*Reminder\***

If you are digging in your yard, make sure you call OUPS at (800)-362-2764



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

A reminder not to flush any items other than toilet paper down the toilet! Paper towels, cigarette butts, disposable diapers, wipes, feminine hygiene products, plastics, medication, cotton, dental floss and any other toxic substances should be disposed of in the trash. The items that don't break down get stuck in the filters at the sewer plant.



## Attention Village of Burton Seniors

The Village of Burton is joining forces with the Geauga County Department on Aging for the **Village of Burton Senior Trash Pick-Up Day on Friday, May 12th**

Please have items outside home or garage the evening before the pick-up.

### HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP:

First, register and complete the trash pick-up intake with the Geauga County Department on Aging at 440-279-2130 **by May 5th or earlier**. Please note, to receive trash pick-up assistance, you must be 60 years of age or older, live in the Village of Burton and be registered with the Department on Aging .

The Department on Aging **cannot enter homes**. All refuse items must be outside by garages, out buildings or in the driveway.

Please limit to 10 household items per home.

For more information and to register for the pick-up, call the Geauga County Department on Aging weekdays from 8:00AM until 4:30PM at **(440) 279-2130**.

### *Seeking Volunteers*

The Village of Burton is seeking interested residents to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic District Review Board and the Planning Commission.

A letter of interest can be emailed to [villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villageofburton@sbcglobal.net) or dropped off at Village Hall.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to Marcianne Kimpton for her 20 years of service on the Cemetery Board.

Ms. Kimpton served on the Cemetery Board from 2002 to 2022, with many of those years serving as Board President.



REMINDER— Save a stamp and drop your utility payment off in the white drop box marked Water & Sewer Payments located in the back parking lot of the Burton Public Library. The drop box is accessible to you 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is checked every weekday.

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## HELLO SPRING

**Monday,  
April 17th**

**Spring  
Brush  
Pick-Up**

- Stack brush at the curb, **cut end toward street** but not protruding into the 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 **10 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, not for removal of entire trees.
- Once crews have left **THEY WILL NOT BE BACK.**
- Brush should not be put out sooner than **Monday, April 10th**

**Saturday,  
May 13th**

**Spring  
Clean – Up**

- **No tires**, garden debris, branches, brush, leaves, bricks, rocks, toxic chemicals, hazardous waste, paint, batteries, items containing freon, engine blocks or heavy automobile parts.
- Furniture/mattresses must be wrapped in plastic.
- 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 placed at the curb beginning May 6th. All items should be at the curb by 6am on Saturday, May 13th for collection.