

# Village of Burton



## Spring Newsletter



*Mayor Ruth Spanos*

Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

I write this on March 12, I see signs of Spring. The crocuses are blooming and the sun is finally shining! Many of our Seniors are now protected by the vaccine, and we can look forward to safely congregating without burdening our health care workers.

The trees are tapped and the sap is flowing. It is unfortunate, though, that we can't welcome as many people to pancake breakfasts this year.

I would like to publicly thank our Streets Department (Marty Motil, Ben Stiege-meier & Chris Campana) for keeping our roads clear this winter. With the warmer weather, they will soon be hard at work dealing with the toll taken on streets from a typical Ohio Winter.

As we clean out our homes and garages this Spring, consider that Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District is offering Shredding, Electronic/Appliance Collection and Hazardous Waste Collection days: <https://www.startrecycling.com/events>. Let's keep dangerous chemicals out of our drains and our wastewater treatment plant.

As it becomes safer to gather, I hope residents will consider volunteering for our Village Boards and Committees. We currently have openings on the Tree Commission, Historic District Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Residents can attend Council meetings virtually through Zoom. Consult the Village website for details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me through the Village Office at (440)834-4474 or at [villageofburtonmayor@gmail.com](mailto:villageofburtonmayor@gmail.com). I hope we have many more sunny days ahead!

## Tree Talk

### Burton Village Tree Commission

If you or your family has a favorite tree, it may be fun to do an analysis of that tree to learn some of the important benefits it is providing for you, your home and your pocketbook! *i-Tree* is an online collection of urban and rural forestry analysis and benefits assessments tools. It was designed and developed by the US Forest Service to quantify and value ecosystem services provided by trees including pollution removal, carbon sequestration, avoided stormwater runoff and more. There is a whole suite of tools available, starting with the most simple: *i-Tree MyTree*.

After choosing *MyTree* from the "Core Tools" list and typing in my address, a satellite image of my property appeared. I clicked where the tree was that I wanted to assess, answered a few questions, and had my analysis! To make it more engaging for children, the tree could be named, measured, mapped, etc. If you're a tech geek, there are many more tools to play with. We protect what we love and *i-Tree* provides wonderful tools to learn more about the amazing organisms we know and love as trees.

Speaking of protection, please protect your trees this spring from the annual invasion of the KILLER MULCH VOLCANO! Mulch need not replicate a volcano to damage trees. If there is no visible flare where tree meets soil, the tree is at risk for many stress related problems including DEATH. Don't let this happen to your tree!

Submitted by Debbie Palmisano, Village Arborist 834-0820/440-636-3374



## Utility News

**Fire hydrant flushing will begin in April - look for signs in Park.** In addition, signs will be posted at streets where the Water Dept. is in the process of hydrant flushing.

**Paint marking and color flags are used when utility lines are marked.** Please do not remove them! The Utilities Dept. is still in the process of GIS mapping Village utilities. Flags will be removed by the Utilities Dept.

**Spring weather brings snow melt and rain.** Please be reminded that downspouts, yard drains and sump pumps for ground water are to be discharged to a ditch or storm water sewer, **NOT the SANITARY SEWER**

**The Village has a Point of Sale inspection requirement of the sewer lateral and water line.**

Prior to any home or business being sold or title transferred, a Point of Sale inspection is to be conducted. Contact the Water and Sewer Clerk at [1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

**Tip: Don't plug your home sewer line!**

How do you dispose of fat grease and oil?

**The Best Way to Dispose of Cooking Oil and Grease**

Let the **oil** or **grease** cool and solidify.

Once cool and solid, scrape the **grease** into a container that can be thrown away.

When your container is full, place it in a plastic bag to prevent leaks and then throw it in the garbage.

## *Utility News Cont.*

### **ALL VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS:**

**Before you sell your property, please contact the Village of Burton at 440.834.4474.**

**The Village of Burton requires that all Village property owners obtain a Point of Sale Inspection prior to any sale, transfer or conveyance of property.**

The Point of Sale Inspection is an inspection of the water and sewer systems of the property to ensure compliance with Village's Rules and Regulations and Codified Ordinances. The sewer lines and any downspout, sump pump and/or any other method of surface water infiltration, are inspected via a televised camera check by an independent contractor, selected and paid for by the property owner. The water lines are inspected by the Village's Utilities Operator.

The Village Utilities Operator will issue a final report to the property owner, for a fee of \$150, with the results of the Point of Sale Inspection. The final report will note if any water and/or sewer system of the property is improperly functioning and/or if any downspout, sump pump and/or other method of water surface infiltration of the property is improperly connected.

An improperly functioning water and/or sewer system is where any of the following are noted:

- there is clear infiltration,
- there are roots in a sewer and/or line, and/or
- there are cracks in a sewer and/or water line.

Please give the Village of  
Burton Utility Operator a

**48 Hour notice.**

**Any water and/or sewer system improperly functioning and/or any downspout, sump pump and/or other method of surface water infiltration improperly connected must be corrected and/or brought up to the current standards of the Village in order for any property to sell, be transferred or conveyed.**

**Please contact the Village of Burton at 440.834.4474 for more information.**

**The Village of Burton has two references for the Point of Sale  
Inspection:**

**Tim Frank Septic Tank Cleaning Co. P#: 440-636-5111**

**Simply Service LLC Sewer and Drain Cleaning P#: 440-552-2462**

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 PO BOX 408  
 BURTON, OH 44021

<b>Monday, April 26th</b>	<b>Spring Brush Pick-Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stack brush at curb, <b>cut end toward street</b> 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 bed debris.</li> <li>Maximum load time is <b>10 minutes</b> per address; debris remaining after time allocation is owners responsibility.</li> <li>This service is for small branches and limbs that might have fallen during storms, not for removal of entire trees.</li> <li>Once crews have left <b>THEY WILL NOT BE BACK.</b></li> <li>Brush should not be put out any sooner than <b>Monday, April 19, 2021.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, May 8th</b>	<b>Spring Clean – Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No tires</b>, garden debris, branches, brush, leaves, bricks, rocks, toxic chemicals, hazardous waste, paint, batteries, items containing freon, engine blocks or heavy automobile parts.</li> <li>Furniture/mattresses must be wrapped in plastic.</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 <b>15 minutes</b> per address.</li> <li>Once crews have left <b>THEY WILL NOT BE BACK.</b></li> <li>Items may be put on the curb beginning May 1st; all items should be at the curb by 6am on Saturday, May 8th.</li> </ul>
<p>*****</p>		<p><b>Tire Drop Off</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Please drop off tires at the Village of Burton Street Department from 8am-12pm.</b></li> <li>A maximum of 8 tires per address.</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, Sept 26th 9am to 1pm</b>	<b>Shred Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum of 4 bankers boxes per address.</li> <li>License/ID will be checked to verify residency.</li> <li>Materials shredded at the site.</li> </ul>