

# Village of Burton



## Spring Newsletter

*Mayor Ruth Spanos*

Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

Spring is in the air! In spite of all the troubles in the world, it is always hopeful to see Mother Nature coming to life again. I hope we will have many days of fair weather ahead of us. It's wonderful that we're getting back to traditions such as Pancake Breakfasts, which are such an important source of income for our local organizations.

We continue to look for volunteers for our Village's Boards and Commissions including Tree Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals. Most require a commitment of one meeting a month or meet only as needed. Residents are encouraged to check our website or email [villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villageofburton@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

The Village is planning repairs to North Cheshire Street this summer. We plan to use Federal COVID (ARPA) money for a water line replacement on Dean Court, but may not get it done this summer due to supply chain issues.

Get out and enjoy the sunshine! Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

Mayor Ruth Spanos

## Tree Talk - Burton Village Tree Commission

Plants for Pollinators: Beyond Milkweed Yes, pretty flowers are good for bees, butterflies and curb appeal, but if you want to get serious about attracting pollinators to your garden, plant trees. Milkweed supports 12 types of butterflies and moths; oaks support 477. WHAT?!? Yep, oaks are the host plant for 477 different butterflies and moths – not to mention the other wildlife that feeds on acorns.

Following oaks at the top of the list are plants in the genus Prunus which includes cherries and plums, then willows, birches, poplars and maples. Balanced insect populations keep life on earth balanced and functioning, pollinating plants for humans and other animals to consume. Different life stages of moths and butterflies feed countless birds, who in turn regulate insect populations and provide food for other consumers in the chain. So far this arrangement has been working pretty well, and the current push to plant natives provides a course correction for our landscapes which have become stylized and sterile.

The National Wildlife Federation hosts a Native Plant Finder website where you just put in a zip code and up pop trees, shrubs, perennials and butterflies native to the area. There is a wealth of information to be found at <http://nwf.org/NativePlantFinder>.

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

## Utility News



### Fire Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrant flushing will begin in April - look for signs in park. In addition, signs will be posted 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



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 **2022 Village of Burton Senior Trash Pick-Up Day on Friday, May 13th**

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

Sign Up Is EASY-HERE'S HOW:

First, register and complete the trash pick-up intake with the Geauga County Department on Aging at 440-279-2130 **by May 6th 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 for 2022.

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**.



*From the Chief's Desk*



We have finally gotten to that point in the year where yesterday was snow, today is 70 and sunny, with snow again tomorrow. As we transition out of our very long winter and into warmer weather, we would like to remind everyone to be extra cautious while driving. You are going to start seeing things that you have not had to watch out for recently, such as kids playing outside, people going for walks, and motorcycles. Please be cautious of your speed and any distractions that may divert your attention away from the road.

More and more kids will also be walking to school as the weather breaks. Our school zones are clearly visible in the Village and are regularly patrolled. However, as the kids make their way down side streets on their way to those school zones, we appreciate you slowing down in those areas for their safety.

Vacation season is also almost upon us! We would like to remind Burton Village residents if you are going to be out of town, the Burton Police Department can provide house checks while you are away. If you are interested in this service, please call us at (440) 834-1234 for further information. We would also like to invite you to join us on Facebook at Burton Village Police Department for village updates and information.

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## HELLO SPRING



**Monday,  
April 25th**

**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 18, 2022**

**Saturday,  
May 14th**

**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 7th. All items should be at the curb by 6am on Saturday, May 14th for collection.