

# Village of Burton



## Summer Newsletter

### *Mayor Ruth Spanos*

Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

Summer is here! It is wonderful to walk around the Village and see the smiling faces of residents and visitors. The Geauga Historical Society picked a sunny day for the Chardon Polka Band performance in May. Although the weather was less cooperative for the Civil War Encampment, it cleared up just in time for our annual Memorial Day commemoration. Thanks to Skip Boehnlein and the American Legion Post 459 for giving us the opportunity to gather and remember those who have died in service to our country.

We had a great turn out for the Antique Market and Shop Hop and Dine earlier in June. I am sure they enjoyed seeing the Maple Leaf Madness community art project sponsored by Burton Village Now. It is a fundraiser for the Burton Food Cupboard and Burton Public Library.

July 3rd will be the Burton Middlefield Rotary Club Maple Splash drawing at the Geauga Historical Society Century Village as well as the Independence Day fireworks display sponsored by the American Legion. We can return to the Historical Society for their Antique Power Show on July 24-25th.

Although he was with us for just a short time, I would like to thank Ben Stiegemeier for his hard work with the Street Department. We hope to fill his position and hire a seasonal laborer at our next Council Meeting. Until that happens, I appreciate the patience of residents as the Streets Department operates with a reduced staff.

Since it is an "odd" year (2021), local elections will take place in November. On the ballot for Burton Village, there will be 4 members of Council and 1 member of the Board of Public Affairs. We will also elect members of the Berkshire Local Board of Education and Geauga County Educational Service Center. Anyone interested in running for a position must turn in their petition to the Board of Elections by August 4th. If you haven't registered to vote, or haven't voted in a while, be sure that you're registered by October 4th for the November 2nd election. Please consult the Geauga County Board of Elections if you have any questions about voting or running for office: <https://boelections.geauga.oh.gov>.

I am so appreciative of those who volunteer to serve in elected office, as well as Village Boards and Committees. I encourage residents to consider participation in the Welton Cemetery Board, Tree Commission and Architectural Review Board, Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals. Consult the Village website for details.

As always, feel free to contact me through the Village Office at (440) 834-4474 or at [villageofburtonmayor@gmail.com](mailto:villageofburtonmayor@gmail.com). Have a wonderful summer!

## Tree Talk

### Burton Village Tree Commission

One of the most difficult questions I am asked is, "How much should I water?" It seems like it should be easy enough - even a child can water - yet lack of water accounts for most tree fatalities in the first year. There is no pat answer. Ten gallons per week applied slowly or sprinkle for one half hour three times a week are neither adequate nor accurate guides in my opinion.

Trees and shrubs generally come one of two ways: ball and burlap (B&B) or in containers. Either way, whatever the plant was used to growing in was probably not the same as the soil in the yard it's planted in. The growing medium was well drained; gardens are often not. The more clay there is, the more water the soil holds. This sets up a situation known as hydrologic discontinuity. That is, water is held differently by different soil types. Often water drains out of the rootball and is held in the outer soil, so one can be misled into thinking that the plant is well watered when in fact it is parched. This is particularly true of pot-bound container plants. Watering them is like watering a stone.

Amending the backfill with compost or a planting mix does help, but new plants need careful moisture monitoring. We need to touch and be in touch with our plants. Does the plant look droopy even after it's been watered? Dig 2 - 3 inches into the rootball and feel it. Chances are it's dry. Does water sheet off the top of the rootball instead of soaking in? Water more often. And the best way to water is by hand using a wand or nozzle with a shower setting that provides gentle coverage. Watering can be meditative, but for those of us with short attention spans, just leave the water on the rootball while weeding or checking the mail, then return and move it to the other side of the plant and keep watering until the rootball is moist. Feel it. Or look for the robins that appear when the soil becomes moist enough to pull worms!



### Kindergarten Safety Town 2021

**Dates:** August 4, 5, 6 & 7

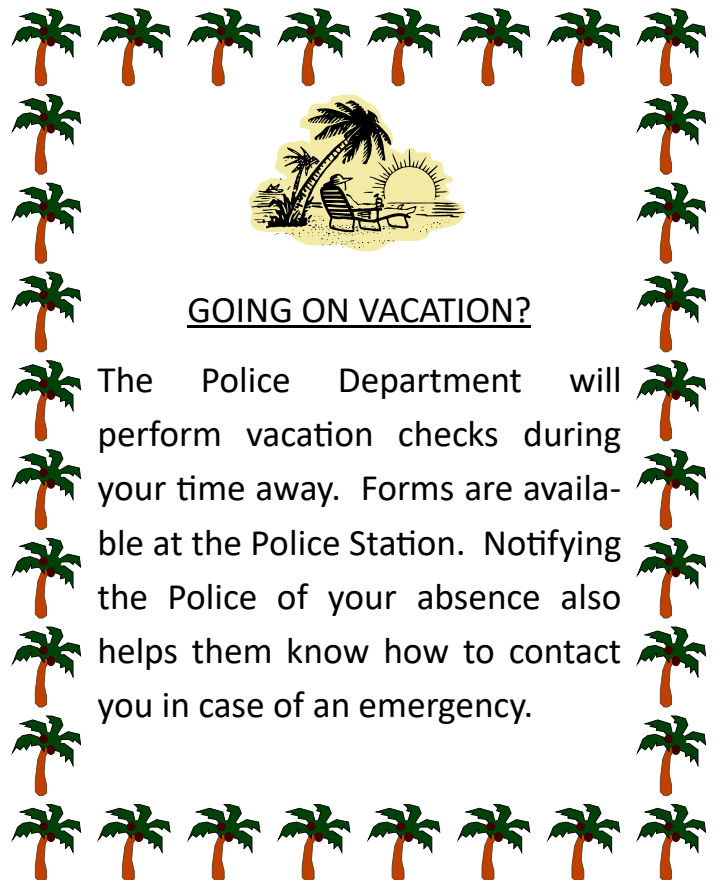
**Time:** 9AM-12PM (Check in starts at 8:30AM daily)

**Location:** Burton Elementary New Gymnasium

**Fee:** \$20

**Questions:** Call 440-834-1234

The **Registration form** and **Child Pick-Up form** will be on the front page of the Village of Burton website at [www.villageofburton.org](http://www.villageofburton.org)



### GOING ON VACATION?

The Police Department will perform vacation checks during your time away. Forms are available at the Police Station. Notifying the Police of your absence also helps them know how to contact you in case of an emergency.

# Utility News

## 2021

2020 CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) available now online

Direct URL: [www.villageofburton.org/Portals/2/2020CCR.pdf](http://www.villageofburton.org/Portals/2/2020CCR.pdf)

### ACH and eBill

The Village of Burton is offering Automatic withdrawal for the Water/Sewer/Trash Bill. If you would like to sign up, please go to the Village of Burton Website under Water and Sewer and hit the tab ACH Form. You can drop off the form in the water/sewer payment box, mail the form, or email the Deputy Administrative Assistant at

[1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net).

The Village of Burton is also offering eBill at NO CHARGE. Instead of receiving a paper copy, you can have your bill emailed to you each month. If you would like to sign up for eBill please contact the Deputy Administrative Assistant.

### How to Check Your Home for a Water Leak:

- ⇒ To check if your toilet is running, simply place several drops of food coloring in the back tank. After 15 minutes, if coloring has entered the toilet bowl, you have a leak.
  
- ⇒ You can furthermore check your entire home for a leak, by turning off all faucets and making sure that the toilet is not running. If everything is off and your meter is moving, you have a leak.

### Reminder for the Village Residents:

Household chemicals such as paints, cleaners, automotive fluids, batteries, and pesticides containing hazardous and toxic chemicals could easily be poured down drains, into a storm sewer, on the ground, or even in trash. Please keep in mind, these chemicals can pollute the environment and endanger our health.

Also, a reminder to NOT flush wipes and other things down the toilet that people might use in lieu of toilet paper.

With the onset of warm weather, property owners may be considering improvements or changes to their real estate. Please keep in mind the following if changes are in your plans.

#### Mayor's Permit

Work necessitating the involvement of a portion of the sidewalk, roadway, water system and/or sewer system within the Village will require a Mayor's Permit through the Village Office. The application includes detailing the nature and method of work, remedial work planned, start and anticipated completion dates.

#### Utilities Locations

Before doing excavation or work such as digging, ditching, drilling or leveling, please call the Ohio Utilities Protection Services at 1-800-362-2764 and the Village Utilities Department at 834-1408 to locate utility lines by the property. This will help prevent potentially costly repairs to village infrastructure.



Know what's below.  
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\*Reminder\*

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



The Village of Burton is seeking volunteers to serve on the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Tree Commission and Historic District Review Board. If you are looking to be involved in the community, please email [villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villageofburton@sbcglobal.net) or send a letter of interest to the Village Office.