

Village of Burton

Winter Newsletter



Mayor Ruth Spanos

Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

I again write this on the shortest day of the year. The short days and cold weather are hard on all of us. Far too many in our community continue to be stricken by COVID-19, and our local hospital's ICU is full. Even in these dark days, we can find hope if we all think about others more than ourselves, connect with others, and cooperate.

The sun is shining at the moment, and we seem to be fortunate with the weather at the end of 2021. I am grateful for how well our Streets Department responded to the snowfall we have had. When Caden Moore begins work in January 2022, our Streets Department will once again be fully staffed. The Village is also investing in a new plow truck, and we are waiting for it to be built to our specifications and delivered sometime in 2022.

The Village has other projects planned for 2022, including repairs to North Cheshire Street and a water line replacement on Dean Court. We are able to afford these thanks to the streets levy, County and State grants, as well as careful budgeting by our Fiscal Officer, Council and the BPA (Board of Public Affairs). Thanks to Village leadership who were on the ballot in November. Tom Blair, Bonnie Richards, Caleb Ferroni and Cory Brown are returning as Council members, and Nicholas Rundo will continue on the BPA. We will all benefit from their experienced leadership.

I was honored to be involved in the Berkshire Family School Engagement Design Sprint, in which teams of parents, teachers and administrators worked together to make our schools even more welcoming to parents and families. Unfortunately, the School District has also been affected by supply shortages and the new Berkshire PreK-12 school building won't be ready until August of 2022. It will be exciting to visit the new facility and experience the benefits to children and the whole community.

I hope we all have a safe and happy 2022. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

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Ruth V. Spanos
Mayor, Village of Burton



Christmas Tree Pick Up

Place your Christmas trees on the curb by your driveway for pickup through Monday, February 7th. Crews will make several passes through the Village collecting trees. Residents in the apartments on Main Street (North Cheshire) are asked to please put trees on the island just south of Main Street.



The Village of Burton is seeking residents to serve on several of our volunteer boards. If you have interest in serving on the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic District Review Board or Tree Commission, please email a letter of interest to villageofburton@sbcglobal.net



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SNOW PLOW DRIVERS

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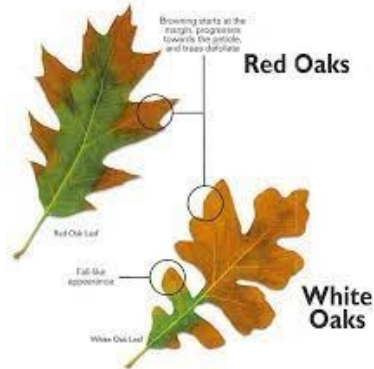
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Valid through April 30th, 2022

Tree Talk

Burton Village Tree Commission

Oak Wilt Disease has claimed its place in the lineage of fatal tree diseases we need to watch for. It is a vascular disease caused by a fungus that spreads through root grafts and, via sap-feeding beetles, through branch wounds. Oak wilt primarily affects oaks in the red oak group (they have the pointy-tipped leaves) more so than oaks in the white oak group (leaves with rounded lobes).



For red oaks, symptoms start in spring and may continue through summer. Starting at the ends of branches, leaves turn dull green or bronze before they curl around the midrib and are shed. Wilting can progress quickly down through the the crown with the tree completely defoliating and dying within three to six weeks. Red oaks seldom survive more than one year after infection, though white oaks may die slowly with only a few branches showing symptoms and dying each year. And sometimes the white oaks do seem to recover.

Ohioans are strongly advised not to prune their oaks between April and October to avoid attracting beetles that could spread the fungus. If oak wilt is suspected, a conclusive diagnosis may be obtained by sending twenty dollars with a live sample to the plant clinic at OSU.

Submitted by Debbie Palmisano, Burton Village Arborist,
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Just a friendly reminder...

SAVE POSTAGE AND USE THE UTILITY BILL DROP BOX

The Village of Burton has a drop box in the back parking lot of the Burton Public Library next to the book drops for payments. This box is checked daily and is accessible 24 hours a day. You may only use the drop box if you are paying by check or money order. If you are paying with cash, stop by the Village Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You may also pay your bill by Credit Card. Visit www.villageofburton.org and go to the Departments drop down tab, then Services, and Water and Sewer. You will see a red button at the bottom of the page that says *Make an e-Payment*. You will be asked for your account number and a 3% convenience charge is assessed to your payment.

Utility bills are mailed by the 1st of every month and are due on the 21st. If you have questions about your bill, contact Christina Piotrowski at 440-834-4474 or email 1villageofburton@sbcglobal.net

Utility News 2021

Friendly Reminder

In order to keep up with annual inflation the Board of Public Affairs needs to raise our water and sewer rates by a 3% minimum every year. It is entirely possible that due to high inflation rates at this time the Board of Public Affairs may need to raise the water and sewer rates by more than 3% next year.

The Board of Public Affairs is charged with operating the Burton Village water and sewer plants within budget. Money from the Village general fund is not used to maintain the water and sewer operations. They are to be self-sustaining. Subsequently, because costs increase every year, rates must rise accordingly.

Hess & Associates Engineering Inc

The Village Board of Public Affairs is in the process of updating the village utility maps and easements. As many of you probably know, the village infrastructure in many locations is nearing its 100th birthday and moving forward, it is very important that the village maintain good, complete records of the sewer and water lines and the easements that they are in.

As part of this process, we will need to complete some location surveys of manholes, hydrants, etc. Once that data is collected, we will then prepare drawings and easements for the infrastructure. At some point we will need to have the affected property owner's review and sign easement documents for the lines that have been there for decades. Other than some brush clearing and maintenance related activities, no other work is anticipated for the easements areas.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

If you have any questions, please contact the village hall at 440-834-4474 or Chip Hess at 440-564-8008.

"Call before you dig"

Reminder

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

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.