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Winter Edition 2022

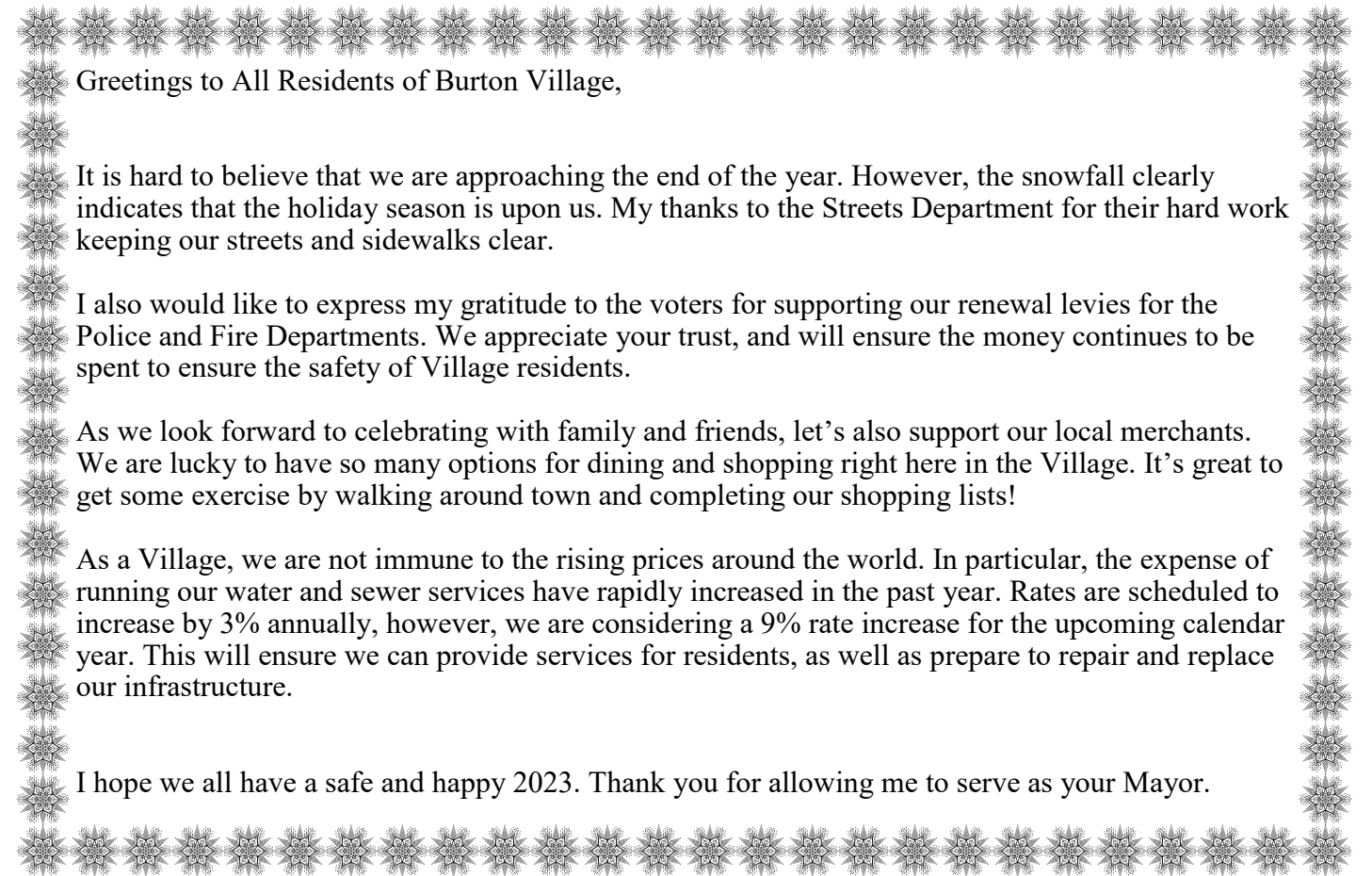
# Village of Burton



## Winter Newsletter



*Mayor Ruth Spanos*



Greetings to All Residents of Burton Village,

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of the year. However, the snowfall clearly indicates that the holiday season is upon us. My thanks to the Streets Department for their hard work keeping our streets and sidewalks clear.

I also would like to express my gratitude to the voters for supporting our renewal levies for the Police and Fire Departments. We appreciate your trust, and will ensure the money continues to be spent to ensure the safety of Village residents.

As we look forward to celebrating with family and friends, let's also support our local merchants. We are lucky to have so many options for dining and shopping right here in the Village. It's great to get some exercise by walking around town and completing our shopping lists!

As a Village, we are not immune to the rising prices around the world. In particular, the expense of running our water and sewer services have rapidly increased in the past year. Rates are scheduled to increase by 3% annually, however, we are considering a 9% rate increase for the upcoming calendar year. This will ensure we can provide services for residents, as well as prepare to repair and replace our infrastructure.

I hope we all have a safe and happy 2023. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

Village of Burton residents:

Board of Public Affairs and Council will be reviewing 9% increase for water and sewer rates for 2023 on November 28, 2022 at 7PM in the large conference room at the Burton Public Library.

The final reading for Board of Public Affairs on the 9% increase for 2023 water rates will be on December 13, 2022 at 7PM and Council final reading for sewer rates will be on December 19, 2022 at 7PM large conference room at the Burton Public Library. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to attend the meeting.

### Attention Burton Village Residents

#### Important Tax Information

#### Tax assistance will be provided in 2023-Keep a look out on the Village of Burton Facebook and website



With the new year comes the often unpleasant task of thinking about taxes. As a reminder, the Village of Burton has a municipal income tax of 1%. **Ninety (90%) percent of the current year's tax is due on, or before, December 15, 2022** and the remainder of the tax due must be paid by April 15, of the following year (2022). In most cases, if you have this deduction in your paycheck, this is already being taken care of.

Anyone who **lives** or **works** in the Village is required to file a tax return with the Central Collection Agency (CCA). For further information or to download CCA tax forms, please visit CCA's website at <http://ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us/> . You can also call them at 800-223-6317 or 216-664-2070.

As a resident of the Berkshire School District, you are required to pay a 1% Berkshire School District Tax. Visit [www.state.oh.us](http://www.state.oh.us) or call 1-800-282-1780 for more information.

## Tree Talk

### Burton Village Tree Commission



Forget about New England – we have it all right here in northeast Ohio in the fall – and this year was a spectacular display of color! So what is it exactly that causes leaves to change color in the fall? Leaves actually have the fall colors in them all year, but most of the season, these compounds are masked by the abundance of green chlorophyll molecules – the ones that combine with sunlight, carbon dioxide and water to produce food for the plant.

Decreasing daylight hours and dipping temperatures signal diminished chlorophyll production, and as the chlorophyll already present in the plant degrades, other colors reveal themselves: orange pigments called carotenes, yellow pigments called xanthophylls, and reddish-purple pigments called anthocyanins. Color production in some plants is quite uniform; in others (Sugar maples) it varies widely even within the individual plant.

Weather plays a role too in fall color intensity. Cool days above freezing and partly cloudy skies enhance color. Early frost events weaken color intensity. Ample moisture makes for a more vibrant display. Every year is different of course, but the end result is the same: leaves to rake, pumpkins to carve, turkeys to roast...cycles and traditions we depend on.

Information taken from an article by Erik Draper in the Buckeye Yard and Garden Line, a publication of the Ohio State University Extension.

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



SNOW PLOW DRIVERS

**\*PERMIT REQUIRED FOR THE VILLAGE OF BURTON.\***

5.00 FEE

Valid through April 30th, 2023

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



## Letter from Board of Public Affairs Chairman

To My Fellow Neighbors of The Village of Burton,

With great excitement, I write to you to formally introduce myself as your current Chairman of the BPA (Burton Public Affairs) or in other words, the Water and Sewer Department. I have served on the board for a few years now and served as your Chairman for the length of this current year. I have had the privilege to serve and learn alongside your previous Chairman and current board member, Curt Johnson. Curt has been an incredible example of leadership where it has been an honor and a blessing to have the opportunity to learn and grow from his extensive knowledge and steady leadership. Curt continues to serve on the board and continues to offer himself selflessly to assist, coach and lead for the best interests of the Village and the people who serve the Village. Curt, Thank you!

I would like to extend another BIG thank you to our board member Adam Miller, who recently resigned due to moving outside of the Village. Adam has been a valuable board member to me as I endured the new responsibilities of being Chairman and has met me with continued support, encouragement, steady decision making and a unique balance of wisdom that I will dearly miss from him. Adam, thank you for your service to this wonderful community, it was both an honor and pleasure serving alongside you!

With this departure, it opens up a seat on the Board of Public Affairs and we encourage anyone interested or if you know anyone that would be interested to serve to email [villageofburton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:villageofburton@sbcglobal.net) by Friday, November 25th. I would personally be open to and happy to discuss directly with anyone wanting to learn more about serving on the board BPA.


This year has brought many accomplishments and challenges. Our biggest challenge that we have faced this year is one that is likely familiar to all of us, inflation. It's a painful word at this time of the year and it affects all of us differently. Unfortunately, the Village Water and Sewer Department is not immune and has been affected with battling the rise of costs at every need. As your neighbor and as your Chairman, it was a difficult discussion and decision to move forward with a 9% rate increase, but it's one that was made with accurate calculation and best interest to ensure the performance of the Water & Sewer Department that we are all accustomed to expect. These fluctuating costs are something we are watching closely and frequently as we go into the next fiscal year.

Along with our challenges, we have had many projects both big and small with great accomplishments working towards maintaining and improving our Water & Sewer infrastructure everyday. The success of these accomplishments can only truly be measured by the people behind it. The Water and Sewer Department currently has an incredible group of people working together everyday that continues to have a positive impact for our department and the Village it serves. With all the staffing shortages currently plaguing the nation, I am pleased to announce that the Village of Burton Water & Sewer Department is fully staffed with people who are well qualified for their positions and show an awesome synergy of working together. A BIG thank you to the staff of the Water & Sewer Department and all of those who assist us everyday!

It has been and continues to be a pleasure and an honor serving you. Let the water flow clear and the room be full of Holiday cheer! This time of the year it may sound like I'm just talking about a bunch of turkey, but if you put a little gravy on it, then it's not so dry! Gobble Gobble Gobble and a Happy Thanksgiving!

Your Neighbor & Chairman,

Nick Rundo

  
**Christmas Tree Pick Up**  
 Place your Christmas trees on the curb by your driveway for pickup through Friday, February 10th. The Street Department will make several passes through the Village collecting trees. Residents in the apartments on Main Street (North Cheshire Street) are asked to please place trees on the island just south of Main Street.  
