

VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR **FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER**

FROM THE MAYOR

Your Village Council, with my strong recommendation, has placed a renewal levy on the ballot for our Village's continuing operating needs. This levy will mean **NO NEW TAXES!** In fact, with the anticipated re-assessment of property values, after the re-assessment, taxes should actually decrease. This levy was passed by voters in November, 2005 at 3.6 mills. Funds collected will allow us to continue to provide high quality services to our residents. We have scheduled an October 6, 2009 Town Hall meeting at the Fairport Harbor Senior/Community Center, 1380 East Street at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the levy and any other Village issues which allow us to maintain our heritage and tradition.

NEW VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

David M. McGuirk recently accepted the position of Village Administrator after the retirement of Tom Hilston. Mr. McGuirk served as a Cleveland City Councilman representing Ward 21 (Kamm's Corners) 1986-1996 leaving to accept the position of Director of Public Works with Lakewood Mayor Madeline Cain. In 2000, Mr. McGuirk became Chief of Operations in charge of four departments for the City of Cleveland – Streets, Parks & Properties, Utilities and Port Control and was also the Mayor's liaison to NOACA. He retired in 2007 as Director of Operations from Eagle River Water and Sanitation District which provides water and waste water and sewer services to all the communities of the Vail Valley, Colorado. Mr. McGuirk has a Master of Public Administration from Cleveland State University.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Fiscal/Water Billing Office Business Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 8am – 4:30pm, Fri. 8am – 1pm

Garbage Pick Up - Tony Scheiber's Hauling is the trash hauler for the Village. Rates are \$14.00/month for a 90 gallon toter, \$12.00/month for a 65 gallon toter and \$2.00/bag for bag service from 7/1/09 – 7/1/10. If you need to set up service please call Mr. Scheiber @ 440-477-9211. Garbage/refuse containers should be placed on the tree lawn no sooner than 7 pm the evening prior to collection. Residents are also reminded that they **MAY NOT** haul their trash to another location in the Village for pick up.

Brush and Yard Waste Pick-Up – Brush and yard waste are picked up by Tony Scheiber's Hauling on the **first and third Monday of every month** until snowfall provided that you are a customer of Scheiber's. Brush should be placed on the tree lawn no sooner than 7pm the evening before pick up. **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED! Branches must be bundled in 4ft. lengths.**

LEAF PICK UP – **October 12, 2009 – November 13, 2009** –

MONDAYS: Streets north of Sixth St. and west of Plum St.

TUESDAYS: Streets north of Sixth St. and east of Plum St.

WEDNESDAYS: Streets south of Sixth St. and west of Plum St.

THURSDAYS: Streets south of Sixth St. and east of Plum St.

Leaves will not be picked up if not bagged. Paper leaf bags are available at Village Hall for 50 cents each. Residents are reminded **NOT** to sweep or blow grass clippings, leaves or other debris into the streets as these items will clog storm sewers and create flooding during heavy rains. This is a law and you may be cited.

Police Department – Fairport Harbor Police Dept. is located in Village Hall at 220 Third St. Although Officers patrol around the clock, the office is not staffed 24 hours a day. Officers are dispatched by Central Communications which is supervised by the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. If you need an officer to respond to a complaint, or you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1 or 354-3434 to connect with a dispatcher who will send an officer. **DO NOT CALL THE VILLAGE HALL/POLICE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE NUMBER (352-3620)** as this may delay response time. If you have a question or need to speak with the Police Administration you may call the Administrative offices at 352-3620 x 3.

Fire Department – The Fairport Harbor Fire Department would like to remind everyone to check with your local Department about open burning laws if you plan on having an outdoor fire pit. As fall approaches, we tend to see more calls for open burning. Fire pits are allowed by law as long as they meet the State requirements. Please stop by our station or call 352-3620 x 5 for information.

Fairport Harbor School News

New Harding Principal Mr. Fazekas' roots in the town run deep. A 1993 graduate of Harding himself, he lives two blocks from the school with his wife, a 1994 graduate, his son who is a third grader at McKinley and two other children who are anxiously awaiting their opportunity to become "Skippers". Mr. Fazekas is not the first member of his family to be employed by the Fairport school system. "My grandmother taught first grade at McKinley for many years and inspired most of my family to choose education as a profession". Mr. Fazekas' extended family is full of former alumni. A small town like Fairport is a great place to raise a family. "I want to see Fairport schools grow and its students achieve, we have so many alumni to be proud of and I want to do my part to add to that tradition." Mr. Fazekas spent his first 11 years in education as a middle school teacher in Painesville City Local Schools. He spent most of his years as a science teacher, winning the Lubrizol Science Teacher of the Year award in 2005. In addition to science, middle school travel opportunities will be a priority with a trip to Washington planned in the spring. Mr. Fazekas received his administrative training at Kent State University.

A strong sense of community first enticed Dr. Kevin Guynn, McKinley Elementary's new principal to consider coming to Fairport Harbor. He enjoys working with the staff and students in order to allow the children to achieve academic success. The most recent report card from the Ohio Department of Education listed McKinley as being an "effective" school. While test scores on standardized tests are used as the criteria to determine a rating on the state report card, Dr. Guynn looks forward to engaging the community and staff regarding their thoughts on what makes a school "excellent". Dr. Guynn indicated, "Everyone involved in our school should be proud of where we are, but should also expect to work together as we strive for excellence". He appreciates the warm welcome so many members of the community have extended to him and looks forward to working with everyone in the community.

Fairport Harbor Tourism Council

The Fairport Harbor Tourism Council is hosting their first annual fundraising event. "Harbor Fest" will be held Saturday, November 7th, 7pm – 11pm at the Fairport Harbor Senior Center. The theme for this year will be Oktoberfest. Dinner will include roasted chicken, bratwurst and sauerkraut, cabbage rolls, potatoes, vegetable. Beer and wine will be available. Music and dancing will also be featured. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Proceeds from the event will be used for the purchase of destination marketing materials and the following 2010 events: a Flag Day Celebration, a music or concert event the last weekend in June, Pirate's Day with story telling on August 7th. Tickets are available from Sid Rose, 440-417-4852 or Pat Spivak, 440-358-9294. Don't miss the fun; a limited number of tickets will be available.

“Clean Up After Your Pets”

For most dog owners, taking a walk is part of your daily routine. But did you know that leaving pet waste on the ground could harm water quality? Pet wastes contain bacteria, which can make humans sick, and a high amount of nutrients. When pet waste is left on the tree lawn, stormwater washes it into storm drains and directly into our lakes and rivers. Follow these steps to help keep bacteria and nutrients out of stormwater:

- Pick up after your pets! Flush the waste down the toilet or throw it in the trash.
- Never throw waste down the storm drain.
- Pet waste cannot be composted.

Stormwater pollution can be found in everyone’s backyard. Do your part to keep Lake County’s waterways clean. For more information, contact the Lake County Stormwater Management Department at www.lakecountyohio.gov/smd or 350-5900.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Fairport Harding Alumni Weekend – September 18 – 20, 2009. Friday 7pm – Football Game, Saturday 1pm – 4pm – Alumni Reception at Fairport Senior/Community Center, 1380 East St. \$10.00 per person

Community Day – September 20, 2009, 12pm – 6pm, Veterans Memorial Park. Sponsored by Fairport Harbor Men’s Civic Club. The Great Fairport Harbor QUACK RACE at 5pm

Harbor Holidays – December 5, 2009. 11am – 4pm. Village churches, organizations, schools and businesses have crafts, ethnic foods, Chinese Auctions and holiday specials.

“The Grinch Steal Christmas in Fairport Harbor” – At 6pm the Grinch will climb to the top of the lighthouse to read the Dr. Seuss story. After the story there will be hot chocolate and cookies at the village park and pictures can be taken with the Grinch and Santa.