

Celebrating 25 years



Friendly Community Newsletter

# Newsletter



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- State of the Village.
- Vision Statement.
- Stimulus Fund for Ashville?

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## Good Luck!

### Next Month.....

- The Ashville Viking Festival

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, turn your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks an hour forward in the spring.



### Ashville Vision Statement

*"Remembering our rural heritage, the Village of Ashville will be a strong & friendly community, offering an enhanced quality of life achieved through progress & teamwork. It is a place where people will want to live, and businesses will want to locate."*

## Special Edition of the Mayor's Column THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE ADDRESS

We are fortunate that currently the village is in good financial shape. If we continue to operate in a conservative manner we will be secure for years into the future. As promised we also have established a capital improvement (rainy day fund) to use for chasing grants and for protection during hard times.

We all know with what information has been going on involving the economy and this can all very change quickly.

The community has been great, with support of the Ashville Food Pantry, which is sponsored by the Ashville Ministerial group. There were several food drives, some of note: The Harrison Twp Fire Department, Ashville Police Department, and the Pickaway County Fraternal Order of Police (FOP). The South Bloomfield United Methodist Church had a free store at Main and Long Street. This was very successful and helped meet the needs of many families. We are very fortunate to have the many resources with the churches, businesses, schools, clubs, and many individuals that make our community what it is.

For other needs, there is PICCA in Circleville. This organization operates off of grants and can help with housing, utility, home maintenance, and transportation. These are some of their services; they provide meals once a week at the Circleville pool during the summer, Toys for Tots, Men's Transitional Housing, Haven House, and Head Start. Also available is Pickaway One Stop located on St. Rt. 22 West at St. Rt. 56. They help you with your job search, provide job listings for Pickaway County and surrounding Counties. They also provide phones, fax machines, and computers to apply on line and will even help you with your resume. If you need assistance call my office at 740 983 6367 and we will help you get in touch with the proper agency.

This year has been slower insofar as growth, although we have issued new building permits on a regular basis. We have completed the annexation of the Solid Rock property on the north edge of the village. Also a property on Lock-

bourne-Eastern Road was annexed and construction is underway for the new Teays Valley East Middle School complete with athletic facilities. This school is scheduled to open with the 2009-2010 school year. They have also added an addition at the high school facility.

We have received a grant to study transportation between our schools from the Ohio Department of Transportation. This is to study ways to safely move our students around with reduced use of motor vehicles. Also included in the study are the possibility of bike paths and/or sidewalks, traffic patterns, and the need for additional or different traffic control devices. Also after community input there is a funding component to implement these recommendations. Throughout this spring there will be further meetings on the Safe Schools transportation study and your input is important.

The village departments have been busy throughout the year. Some of the highlights are as follows: The Service Department completed the paving and widening of Circleville Avenue the length of the village at a cost of over \$200,000. The Water Department has completed connecting the new water well field to the water plant. The Sewer Department has changed some of their treatment processes to reduce odors from the plant and increase capacity at minimal cost. The Utility Departments have also began installing radio read meters in phases which will reduce the amount of time and labor and increase accuracy. The village Police Department has been through many changes

this year. In July after a statewide search we hired a new police chief, Dennis Palmentera. The new chief has twenty-five plus years with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and had a game plan for what he wanted to accomplish. After he was hired we also swore in a Columbus Police veteran with more than twenty five years experience. We also hired a 15 year veteran from within Pickaway County and made our part-time officer fulltime. It was our intent to hire the most capable officers we could to provide for the "health, safety and welfare" of our residents. We have had an increase in drug use and trafficking in our area which causes increases in crime in our Village. We, the village government and the police department, have taken a position that if you peddle drugs and commit crimes in our village you will go to jail. It is our commitment to keep our town safe, not put our heads in the sand, and keep our community a place we are proud of.

In closing, we still have plenty of projects to work on. I have appointed a committee to look into our needs to make sure we have the proper facilities and are using them to their potential. We also have a committee to look at the prospects of additional park and recreational opportunities. We are going to review our planning and zoning ordinances to tighten the rules developers have to abide by. Last we need you to be involved, whether it is behind the scenes or as a leader, because you are the Village.

Again, thank you for your support. You truly make my job easier and make this a place I want to live!

*Chuck Wise, Mayor*

### STIMULUS MONEY & ASHVILLE

The Village of Ashville has been reviewing the needs of the village in relationship to potential funding from "Stimulus" being made available for local use. The following project list is being compiled, reviewed, and may be submitted for funding:

- Utilities Infrastructure:
- ◆ Wastewater Plant Expansion
  - ◆ Mud-Run Truck Sewer

- ◆ Sanitary & Stormwater Man-hole new or replacement.
- ◆ Water Tower
- ◆ Waterline Connections Upgrades
  - ◆ SR 752 to Ashton Drive
  - ◆ West Main 2" Line
- ◆ Waterline Loops in two to three locations

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Channel 5 broad-  
casts the Village  
Council Meetings on  
Tuesday following  
the Monday  
Council  
meetings



# “KEEPING THE PEACE”

## Police Beat January 2009

### Rate Adjustment

The Council had the final “reading” to have an automatic adjustment to Utility Rates by using the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The current bill reflects this change. The CPI from Dec. 2007 to Dec. of 2008 is 0.1%. Water and sewer will increase 1¢ / 1000 gal. or up to \$2.51 for water & \$6.51 for sewer / 1000.

The Ashville Police Department would like to remind our residents of the Police Beat article from November 2008 that beginning in January of 2009, the department will be handling code enforcement within the village.

In past, the department has handled such code violations as “junk” and/or abandoned motor vehicles. In January, the department expanded this to include old tires, trash, and other refuse. Throughout the month of January, enforcement consisted of courtesy letters to advise property owners of the violations and possible penalties. Beginning in February, enforcement can include summons to the Ashville Mayor’s Court or Circleville Municipal Court, resulting in fines. It is the hope and intent of the Ashville Police Department to assist property owner(s), who may be in violation of code ordinance(s), to correct such violation(s) and avoid any further enforcement action.

### New Group Forming in Ashville

A new group for seniors is starting and will meet on the last Thursday of every month at Village Chapel United Methodist Church. The first meeting is called ‘Celebrating Seniors’ and will be Thursday, February 26, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Following lunch two programs will be presented. Linda Mithoff, who worked at Connell’s Flowers in Columbus, will give a hands-on demonstration on flower arranging. The second program in which master gardeners, Dick and Lynn Fisher will discuss pruning and planting your flower garden and is called “Getting Ready for Spring”. Guests may stay and play Euchre after the program. All seniors are welcome to attend. In order to be sure that we have enough food and flowers, please call Sandi Oliver at 740/983-4543 to make your reservation.

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#### Street Infrastructure:

- ◆ West Station St. & Railroad Crossing
- ◆ Alley Plan & Upgrades
- ◆ Intersections at:
  - ◇ Circleville Ave. & 752
  - ◇ Long Street & 752

- ◇ Long & Main Street
  - ◇ Station & Long Street
- Parks and Recreation:**
- ◆ Recreation Facility

## MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT JANUARY 2009



ACTIVITY	MONTH	YEAR
INCIDENT REPORTS	100	100
LOGGED CALLS	2912	2912
CRIMINAL ARRESTS/CHARGES FILED	26	26
WARRANT SERVED/ARRESTS	5	5
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	11	11
PARKING TICKETS	0	0
WARNING CITATIONS	5	5
CRASH REPORTS	1	1
CODE VIOLATIONS	0	0
PATROLLED MILES	6720	6720

### \*Incident reports listed below:

- 1-09: A fight was reported on W. Main St.
- 1-09: A fight was reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 3-09: An auto theft was reported on Miller Ave.
- 3-09: A burglary was reported on E. Main St.
- 4-09: A fight was reported on St. Rt. 752.
- 4-09: Domestic violence reported on Miller Ave.
- 5-09: An adult female was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.
- 5-09: Domestic violence reported on Miller Ave.
- 5-09: A theft was reported on Long St.
- 6-09: An adult female arrested on a warrant.
- 7-09: A forgery was reported on Long St.
- 8-09: An assault was reported on Miller Ave.
- 9-09: A drug offense reported on Scioto St.
- 9-09: A drug offense reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 10-09: An adult female arrested for drug possession.
- 10-09: An assault was reported on Long St.
- 10-09: Domestic violence reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 11-09: An adult female arrested on a warrant.
- 11-09: Vandalism reported on Davidson Dr.
- 11-09: A sex offense was reported on Long St.
- 11-09: Domestic violence was reported on Long St.
- 12-09: A theft was reported on Long St.
- 13-09: Passing bad checks reported on W. Main St.
- 13-09: A juvenile male was charged with disorderly conduct.
- 14-09: Two adult males and an adult female were arrested on warrants.
- 14-09: Passing bad checks was reported on Long St.
- 15-09: Menacing was reported on Long St.

### \*Incident reports listed continued below :

- 16-09: An adult male was charged with telecommunications harassment.
- 17-09: Menacing was reported on South St.
- 18-09: An adult male arrested for domestic violence.
- 19-09: A fight was reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 20-09: Vandalism was reported on Cherry St.
- 20-09: Passing bad checks reported on Long St.
- 21-09: A theft was reported on Long St.
- 21-09: Domestic violence reported on Miller Ave.
- 22-09: A burglary was reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 22-09: An auto theft was reported on Long St.
- 22-09: Breaking and entering was reported on Long St.
- 24-09: Vandalism was reported on Powell St.
- 24-09: A fight was reported on Griggs St.
- 25-09: An adult male arrested for domestic violence.
- 27-09: An adult male was charged with violating a protection order.
- 25-09: Domestic violence reported on Jefferson Ave.
- 26-09: Harassment was reported on Monroe Dr.
- 26-09: An assault was reported on Long St.
- 27-09: Domestic violence was reported on Miller Ave.
- 27-09: A theft was reported on Miller Ave.
- 28-09: An adult male arrested for domestic violence.
- 28-09: Domestic violence reported on St. Rt. 752.
- 30-09: An adult male was arrested for disorderly conduct while intoxicated.
- 30-09: An adult female was arrested for under aged consumption.
- 30-09: Vandalism was reported on Poplar St.
- 30-09: An adult female arrested for drug possession.

**DEFINITIONS: \*Incidents Reports (IR):** Reports that contain criminal offenses as stated in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) chapter 29, and the Codified Ordinances chapter 500.

**Calls for Service (CFS):** Reports that contain offenses other than those stated in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) chapter 29, or the Codified Ordinances chapter 500. CFS reports are also for non-offense incidents that require a report (warrant services, assisting another agency, suspicious activity complaints, etc.).

**Logged Calls (LC):** Activities or contacts that do not require a report (court, services of court documents other than warrants, business checks, etc.)