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ISSUE 13 SPIRIT OF 76 RENEWAL

thespiritof76museum.org

The Southern Lorain County Historical Society will be asking Wellington Village and Wellington Township residents to support Levy Issue #13 on the November 3rd ballot. This is a .30 Mill renewal levy that will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$7.46 per year.

The Levy supports the operation of the Spirit of '76 Museum, located at 201 N. Main St. Wellington. The Museum hosts three floors and a Mezzanine of artifacts from Southern Lorain County dating back as early as the 1800's. The museum hosts school children, bus tours and visitors from all over the county as well as international visitors.

The museum averages approximately 1,200 visitors a year and in excess of 1,000 volunteer hours from board members and Friends of the Museum, which contributes to the local tourism economy.

The museum hosts a private collection of Willard art including an original Spirit of 76 painting and a large Masonic lecture chart. We regret having to be closed during the pandemic but look forward to opening in 2021.

SAVE THE DATE!

DUMPSTER DAYS 2021: 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

Saturday, January 16

Saturday, March 20

Saturday, May 15

Saturday, September 18

Remember to bag loose items!

The Township will NOT be collecting tires.*

See back page for Tire drop off locations.

HERRICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

<https://www.herrickliboh.org>

Re-Opening the Library

The Herrick Memorial Library is in its next phase of returning to regular library service. Beginning on October 5, the Library will allow a limited number of people in the building at any given time from 10:00am to 6:30pm, Monday through Thursday, and 10:00am to 3:30, Friday and Saturday, to browse for books and use the computers. People entering the Library will be required during their visit to wear a face mask covering the nose, mouth & chin, have their temperatures checked and answer some health questions. This is to protect the public and library staff. The public will be allowed to quickly search for reading materials (30 minutes) and check them out. It is advised for those who need to use one of our computers to make an appointment by calling the library at 440-647-2120 because the Library has limited the number of computers for use. The staff still offers 'Curbside Service' and 'Telephone/Email Reference' for patrons who are uncomfortable entering the library.

Fall into November

During the month of November, Herrick Memorial Library will be hosting a virtual reading contest for adults, 18+. The prize will be a special gift basket created for our readers. To enter, adults will read books checked out either from the Library or the Ohio Digital Library and its Libby App using their Herrick Memorial Library card during November. Participants will send their entry (first & last name and book title, one title per entry) to an email provided for the contest. Library staff will place your entry into the drawing. Follow us on Facebook: Herrick Memorial Library and on Instagram: Herrick Memorial Library. Drawing will be held on December 1st.

South Lorain County Ambulance District

Over the past three years, your ambulance district has seen tremendous growth in run volume. In 2017 our District did 1219 calls. 2019 saw almost 2000 calls to the residents to our District. I can't explain the dramatic increase in activity. I do believe that our residents know we are there to help them not only on emergency runs but to help them with their everyday activities such as assisting them if they fall or helping them transfer from their car to their house. This helps them to remain independent in their life. Retaining dignity and independence. We have our own opioid problem in the District as any other community. This has also been a problem for EMS and Police. Covid 19 has created additional stressors to our residents and staff. We have trained and to care for all residents to keep our residents and staff safe. We have seen a spike in mental health issues due to the Pandemic. At the end of the day, we take care of our residents whenever and wherever they need help. This is our mission and it will not change.

SLCAD is a high level functioning EMS system. We have evolved into one of the premier services in the state. Our medical protocol enables us to provide many lifesaving therapies well before the patient reaches the hospital. SLCAD is not an urban EMS service. We do not have a hospital 5 minutes away. Having the capabilities we provide ensures excellent care and also helps reduce costs by decreasing time in the hospital once the patient arrives. Decreased hospital stays means decreased costs to our residents and we are very proud of that.

There are few if any EMS services that train the way we do. Every day we have training sessions for the on duty crew. These are realistic patient simulations scenarios. We debrief and learn from every session we have. Monthly, we have nationally recognized speakers come to Wellington to train our staff. I do not know of anyone that conducts their training in this manner.

We have a new Medical Director! We will miss Dr. Bowen and wish him all the best in his retirement. Dr. Brian Miller comes to us from Metro Health Medical Center. Dr. Miller completed his residency in Emergency Medicine and an EMS Fellowship. He is co-medical director for Cleveland EMS. Dr. Miller is very familiar with rural EMS coming from Millersburg, Ohio. We are extremely happy and blessed to be working with him.

SLCAD appreciates the support from our residents. We are saddled with the responsibility of the care of you and your loved ones. We take this very seriously and strive to and exceed expectations while providing excellent patient care. There is so much we do I can't put in this update. Stop by and see what we are doing anytime.

Be safe,

Skip Gentry, R.N., CFRN, EMT-B
Executive Director
South Lorain County Ambulance District

Covid-19

Wash your hands.

Don't get sick.



Wet hands.



Use soap.



Wash for 20 seconds.



Rinse hands.



Dry hands.



Use paper towel to turn off water.



Lorain County
Public Health
For the Health of Us All

If you have questions about COVID call:

Lorain County Public Health at 440-322-6367 weekdays 8:00am -4:30 pm or
The Ohio Department of Health daily at
1-833-427-5634 (9:00 am - 8:00 pm)

Manage anxiety & stress related to COVID

Get support from the mental health COVID CareLine for Ohioans from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services:

**Call 1-800-720-9616, or
Text "4HOPE" to 741 741**

NORD CENTER

Warm Line: 1-800-888-6161

Limited hours, typically afternoons and evenings of weekdays. This confidential, consumer-run telephone service providing peer support, resource referrals, non-judgmental listening, and shared experiences of hope and recovery to anyone who calls. The Warm Line is perfect for those just needing someone to talk to who understands what they are going through.
<https://www.nordcenter.org/warmline/>

Wellington Fire District

Help Us, Help You

One of the most dangerous activities your first responders are involved in, is simply RESPONDING to and from an emergency call. Operators of emergency vehicles are responsible for the safety of their crew, as well as the public who they share the road with. The difference in the types of vehicles is what makes that job more difficult.

Your typical passenger vehicle weighs on average, 3,500 pounds. Many of the safety features you have in your vehicle, also exist in fire trucks and ambulances, as well. However, the difference between emergency vehicles and standard passenger vehicles is simply the weight of each. The average ambulance, with its crew and equipment, weighs nearly three times the weight of your vehicle. A typical fire truck...over 50,000 pounds ! Stopping YOUR vehicle takes planning and quick reactions.....stopping a 50,000 pound vehicle; much more planning and certainly much more distance.

The State of Ohio, like most states, has laws that help alleviate the danger for all drivers by establishing rules for drivers when confronted with emergency vehicles. *“On the approach of a public safety vehicle with at least one flashing, light and an audible signal by siren, the driver of every other vehicle MUST yield the right of way, immediately drive to the edge or curb clear of any intersection, and stop until the vehicle has passed.”* This “opens” the road, making it safer to operate the emergency vehicle. Simply put, “For Sirens and Lights, Move to the Right”.

Again, help us, help you by making our trip safer and allowing us to respond safely.

Assistant Chief Bill Brown, B.A., OFE VI
Wellington Fire District



Southern Satellite Office (SSO)

Lorain County Office on Aging, SSO serves the Townships of Wellington, Brighton, Huntington, Penfield, Pittsfield, and Rochester and the Villages of Rochester and Wellington.

The agency provides: Social Work Support Services, Home Delivered Meals, Transportation to Healthcare Appointments, Housekeeping Services, Aging and Disability Resource Center, Emergency Food Pantry, and the Kinship Caregiver Program.

We are always seeking volunteers to assist our at home neighbors with the Home Delivered Meals Program and Transportation Programs.

Please contact us at 440-647-0777 for services or volunteering inquiries.

Contact Us

Trustees:

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Leroy Brasee 440-213-4035
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Fiscal Officer:

Virginia Haynes 440-647-7194

Zoning Inspector:

Steve Majesky 440-787-7180

Fire District:

440-647-2245

Ambulance District:

440-647-5803

Sheriff's Office: 440-329-3752

**For emergencies dial 9-1-1*

County Collection Center & Tire Sites reopen

Collection Center, 540 S. Abbe Rd, Elyria The Lorain County Collection Center located at 540 S. Abbe Rd., Elyria will continue limited operations on Wednesdays from 12pm-6pm and Saturdays from 9am-3pm.

The Lorain Tire Site, located at 114 E 35th Street, Lorain will be open on the following Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm.

The Grafton Tire Site located at 17109 Avon Belden Rd, Grafton will be open on the following Saturdays from 9am to 1pm.

All hours are subject to change for all sites; please check the website for the most up-to-date hours.

When packing your vehicle, all materials to be dropped off should be in the rear compartment or truck bed of the vehicle (no materials in the front or rear seat), do not place other personal items by items to be dropped off. Once at the Collection Center or tire sites, participants must remain in their vehicles at all times and facial coverings are required to be serviced. Staff at the Collection Center or tire sites will request to visually see your ID to prove Lorain County residency.

Wait times may be longer than usual, so please plan accordingly.
For more information, visit www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste or call (440) 329- 5111.



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