

HOMETOWN NEWSLETTER

FALL 2011

NOTES FROM THE MAYOR...

Fall is arriving with cooler weather and plenty of activity in the Village. The downtown water and storm sewer project is moving along as planned and will be completed soon. This is the first step of several projects to revitalize the downtown with a much needed facelift.

You may have noticed the new look of this newsletter. The process began several months ago when the Economic Development Coordinator began discussions with Council about branding and marketing the Village. From these discussion, a focus group was formed and given the task of helping to decide on a new Village logo. The focus group split into small discussion groups and after their thoughts and ideas were tallied, it was interesting to see the similarities

even though different age groups were involved.

Several logos were presented to the group at a follow-up meeting and what you see above is the finished product.

The group wanted a logo that would signify where we are going as a Village as well as where we have come from. We are not abandoning our history, we are building on that history to make a better community for residents and businesses. It was agreed that the Village should be represented as a natural, green community with solid roots; a gateway to the Oak Openings region.



As we progress with positive changes we felt it was time to officially unveil this new logo. You will begin to see it on correspondence, signage, Village vehicles, and eventually an updated website.

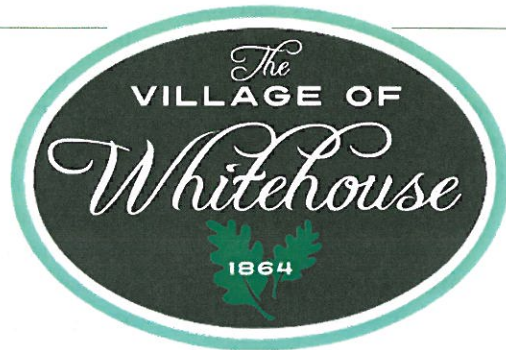
As Council and Staff continue to move the Village forward, please continue to share your views and comments.

Visit our website for a brief history lesson at www.whitehouseoh.gov/live/history.asp.

Have a safe and happy fall season.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Kuhn
Mayor of Whitehouse



2012 Calendars

We're already getting requests for a 2012 calendar and we're happy to say that they are just about ready to go to print. The calendars are filled with useful information and important dates.

Each month has beautiful pictures of past events and shots from around town. Several residents took us up on our offer to submit photos for the calendar. If you have photos that you would like to be considered for use in the 2013 calendar, please submit them for review.

The 2012 calendars should be available at the beginning of November and can be obtained at Village Hall or the Post Office. Don't spend your money on a calendar... get your FREE Whitehouse calendar soon!

SUMMER EVENTS

The summer of 2011 proved to be successful with high attendance and participation at the various events. The number of vendors at the Farmers' Market doubled and the crowds were just as big! All indications show that it will continue to grow next year. If you are

interested in selling produce or a handcrafted item, please consider the Whitehouse Farmers' Market for 2012.

The Village sponsored 6 free concerts in the Park! These were great opportunities for families to enjoy

the outdoors and experience quality entertainment. Some events included food and beverages, while others were music only. These events will continue in 2012—plan your summer fun right here in Whitehouse!

Fall Leaf
Collection begins
the week of
October 17, 2011.
Complete details
on
Page 3!



FRIENDLY REMINDERS (TO SAVE YOU TIME, MONEY, AND HEADACHES)

Water Meters. To ensure that your water meter(s) are in good working order, please compare your inside and outside readings at least once a year to make sure they are within 100 gallons of each other. This will prevent any surprises on your water bills, if a leak occurs.

Fence Permits. Yes, a permit is required before you install a fence. If you have your neighbors permission,

you can place a fence on the property line. Without permission, you must place it at least 12 inches from the line. No fences are allowed in a front yard.

Roof Permits. For your safety, a roof permit is required. An inspection will be necessary to ensure that the roof was installed properly and that no more than two layers of roofing materials exist.

Contractor Registration. All contractors must register with the Village

PRIOR to beginning any construction project. This ensures that they are properly licensed (electricians, plumbers, HVAC) and that they have the required Workmen's Compensation insurance. We also check with the BBB to see if complaints have been filed for poor workmanship, etc. **When in doubt, CALL Village Employees at 419-877-5383, we're here to help you!**

DONUT EATING CONTEST

The first annual Donut Eating Contest was held on Saturday, September 10, in conjunction with the Farmers' Market. The winners, pictured below, are: Ethan Crosby (6 and under), Johnathan Yunker (7-12), and Steve Pilcher (13 and over). Winners won bragging rights for one year, a framed Certificate of Accomplishment, a gift certificate to *Invite and Flowers by Susie*, and their picture in this Newsletter. Watch for this even next year—a good time was had by all!



WHITEHOUSE WINTERFEST

While the exact date in February has not yet been determined, there will be another Whitehouse Winterfest, the Coolest Event this Winter! New activities will likely be added, but the Cardboard Box Sled Race, Snowman Building Contest, Snowball Throwing Contest and 5k race will definitely be repeated! The Snowy Night Light Parade was fun and promises to be bigger and BRIGHTER this year. If you are interested in participating, please start planning your LIT FLOAT/ VEHICLE NOW so that you have all the kinks worked out prior to the event. We need bands and singing groups to enhance the parade. Last year all AW groups were at competition and unable to participate. We're trying to work out the dates so that we don't run into that problem again, but will welcome any kind of music—call Village Hall with questions or suggestions!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

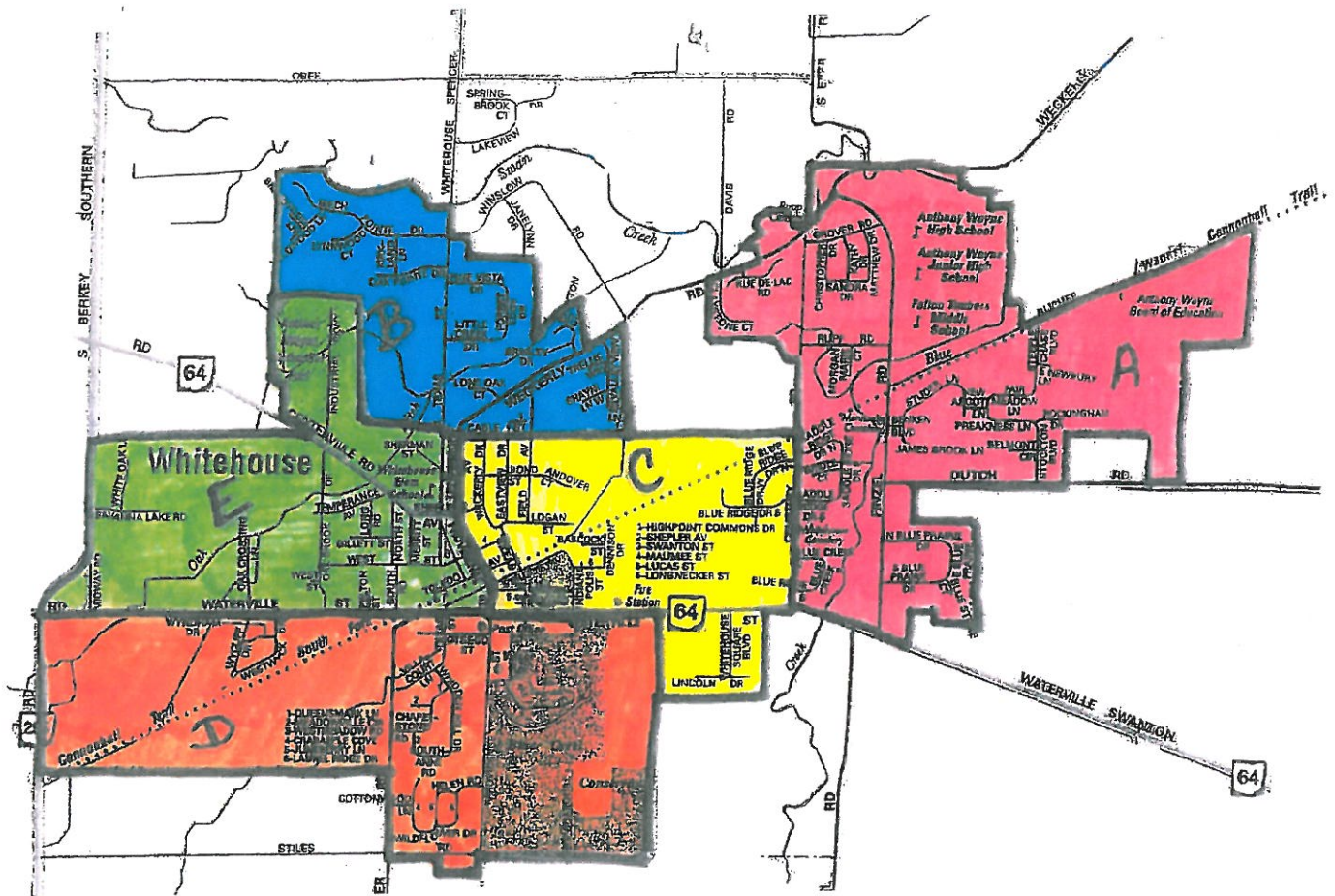
The Village and Lucas County Health Department will offer a Flu Shot Clinic, open to the public, on **Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Village Hall.**

This will be a combination shot with both the flu and H1N1 vaccines and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The Health Department accepts all Ohio Medicaid and Medicare cards, Paramount insurance, or payment of \$25. Pneumonia shots will also be available with the same insurance or \$40 cost.

WHITEHOUSE TREE COMMISSION NEWS

As we try to maintain our gardens and landscape through the waning days of summer we should consider the landscape canopy above - our established trees. A wet spring, followed by excessive heat and drought create stressful conditions not only for people but trees as well. While enjoying the beautiful colors of fall, take time to walk around your yard to give your trees a thorough overview. Consider the simple check list below in your exam. Though not all of these signs may indicate a problem, a regular check up as a preventive measure is the best approach to maintaining a tree's health. Much like humans!

- If you mulch – make sure it is not mounded (volcano-like) at the base of the trunk. (see why at www.whitehouseoh.gov)
- Check the trunk for small consistent holes or loose bark that may be an indication of harmful boring insects.
- Watch for dark spots on leaves or deformed new leaves which may be a sign of disease.
- Look Up! Carefully look for branches above that may be brittle or broken as these can cause injury if left unattended.
- Contact Village employees to report hazardous issues with trees in the right of way (tree lawn).



WHITEHOUSE 2011 LEAF PICK-UP

ZONE A

October 18, 26
 November 3, 15, 23
 December 6, 14

ZONE B

October 19, 27
 November 4, 16, 29
 December 7, 15

ZONE C

October 20, 28
 November 8, 17, 30
 December 8, 16

ZONE D

October 21
 November 1, 9, 18
 December 1, 9, 20

ZONE E

October 25
 November 2, 10, 22
 December 2, 13, 21

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Council Meetings—1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- Planning Commission—1st Monday, 7:00 pm
- Board of Zoning Appeals—1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm
- Design Review Board—1st Thursday, 6:30 pm
- Tree Commission—4th Thursday, 7:00 pm
- Refuse collection—Mondays
- Flu Shot Clinic—October 26, 5-7:30 pm
- Trick or Treat—October 31, 6-8 pm
- Veteran's Day—November 11, Village Offices closed
- Thanksgiving—November 24 and 25, Village Offices closed
- Christmas—December 23 and 26, Village Offices closed
- New Years—December 30 (1/2 day) and January 2, Village Offices closed
- Winterfest & Snowy Night Light Parade—February (date will be announced soon)

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GOT IDEAS ?!

We rely heavily on your ideas, suggestions and comments!

Your thoughts are what help to make us a community. Over the past three years we've increasingly reached out for input and some of the best ideas come from you... our residents. Here are a few items that we would like assistance with. After you've given them thought, feel free to call, e-mail, write or visit us!

- Ideas for Nona France Quarry
- Beautifying our green space
- Park master plan

- Event ideas
- Do you know of any businesses looking for a new "home" - we'd welcome them here!
- Value added services to our residents and businesses

All meetings are open to the public—come to Council and Committee meetings to find out first-hand what's going on. If you can't make the meetings, be sure to sign up for e-mails so that you receive the meeting Agendas. All Minutes are posted on the web site—take a look at them to keep informed.

Thanks for your thoughts!

New Businesses in Town!

The Buzz Diner recently opened at 6670 Providence Street (419-877-0111). The Buzz specializes in family dining and offers daily specials at affordable prices. Mon-Fri 6a-7p, Sat 7a-7p, and Sun 7a-2p. Bring the family for breakfast, lunch or dinner!

Key Realty, Realtor Bob Wagner recently opened an office at 6788 Providence Street. Bob has lived in the AW area for the past 17 years and specializes in all your area real estate needs. He can be reached at 419-392-0651 or at www.homesbybobwagner.com.

Curves is under new ownership. Stop by Curves at 6763 Providence Street to meet Jennifer Boyles, the new owner and see what Curves has to offer you! 419-877-5566.