



# WALBRIDGE

## Newsletter

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### Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents and Businesses;

In these tough economic times one of the things that are happening all over is there is an increase in crimes. This is unfortunate but obviously some people think that the solution to their problems is to steal from others. We are then forced to deal with the problem they create. This letter is to let you know what we are doing in Walbridge to deal with the problem(s) these people create.

### Proactive Solutions (What we are doing)

1. I have asked our police officers to take on more of a questioning attitude.
2. We have instituted a random police shift for additional patrol.
3. We are actively prosecuting those that have been arrested.

### Additional Possibilities (What you can do)

1. I am asking all residents to be vigilant of what is going on and to call the police for any suspicious activity. The best we have going for us is the eyes and ears of everyone.
2. Consider adding security lights to your property.
3. Consider adding a security system to your property. (I wish I had done this before we were robbed.)
4. I have asked Margaret Pena of Habitec Security to apply the discount that was offered to me, for any new customers my reference may bring to them, to the new customer rather than to me. She and Habitec have agreed that any new customer from Walbridge that calls Margaret Pena (419-261-2668) and provides my name as a reference will receive three months of free service. (You can verify with her that I receive nothing for this referral. I am transferring my free service to you as the new customer.) Of course there are other security companies out there but Habitec has offered this potential discount.

I trust that these options, if we all work together, will help us to send a strong message to those that commit crimes- "We don't want you in Walbridge."

Thank You,  
Dan Wilczynski  
Mayor-Walbridge, Ohio



## **Property Maintenance by Steve Smith**

**Just a reminder of some of the local ordinances which govern how your property is to be kept**

### **941.13 Hours of Placing refuse containers**

All refuse/garbage containers shall be placed at curb side at the property line, or in the alley way, if available, by 6:30am on the day of collection and no earlier than 6:00pm of the night preceding collection day. Empty containers shall be removed from the curb or alley way on the day of collection. (Ord. 11-98. Passed 7-22-98)

### **941.07(a) Location of Containers**

All containers and receptacles for refuse and rubbish as defined and set forth shall be located at ground level and easily accessible to collectors on collection days only. At all other times such containers and receptacles shall be kept and maintained in the rear of the main building located on the premises. (Ord 26-67. Passed 11-27-67)

### **1313.06 Maintenance of Exteriors of Dwelling structures and secondary or appurtenant structures**

(a) The exterior of the premises, the exterior of dwelling structures, and the condition of accessory structures shall be maintained so that the appearance of the premises and all buildings thereon shall reflect a level of maintenance in keeping with the standard set forth in this Code and so that the appearance of the premises and structures shall not constitute a blighting factor for adjoining property owners nor an element leading to progressive deterioration and downgrading of the immediate neighborhood with the accompany diminution of property values, such maintenance obligation shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Storage of commercial and industrial material. There shall not be stored or used at a location visible from the sidewalk, street, or other public area, equipment and materials relating to commercial or industrial uses, unless permitted under the zoning ordinance from the premises.
- (2) Storage of inoperable, unlicensed or junk vehicles. Outdoor storage of inoperable, unlicensed and unused motor vehicles or trailers or parts thereof on the premises, for a period in excess of (7) seven days is prohibited. Said vehicles stored on the premises must be stored within a building so as not to be visible from any adjoining property or public road. Such vehicles shall not be used for storage or other purposes unless enclosed within a building on the premises.
- (3) Landscaping. Lawns, hedges, and bushes shall be kept from becoming overgrown and unsightly where exposed to public view, and where the same constitute a blighting factor which depreciates and adjoining property.
- (4) Removal of all miscellaneous rubbish. All yards, courts or lots shall be kept free of unsightly refuse/rubbish which may cause a fire hazard or may act as a breeding place for vermin or insects.

(b) Any dwelling structure or secondary or appurtenant structure whose exterior surface is bare, deteriorated, ramshackle, tumbledown, decaying, disintegrating, or in poor repair must be repaired.

In addition:

- (1) All buckled, rotted, or decayed walls, doors, windows, porches, floors, steps, trim, railings and their missing members, must be replaced and in good condition.
- (2) The structure shall be maintained free of broken windows, crumbling stone or brick, or other conditions reflective of deterioration to the end that the property itself may be preserved, safety and fire standards eliminated, so that health, safety and welfare of the public is not threatened.

(ORD. 13-98. Passed 9-2-98)



## **Message from the Street Department by Steve Smith**

It's that time of year again; property maintenance issues begin to surface now that warm weather is here. In the Village you can not keep junk or unlicensed vehicles stored on your property. Also to help keep Walbridge beautiful for all our residents we require you to keep your grass mowed, weeds trimmed, and trash picked up out of your yard. Anyone who fails to mow, weed and/or remove trash is subject to legal action.

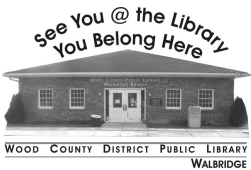


**by Patricia Crawford, Fiscal Officer**

I would like to let everyone know that we have two mailing addresses for tax payments:

Village of Walbridge P.O. Box 530 Toledo, Ohio 43697  
Village of Walbridge P.O. Box 555 Walbridge, Ohio 43465

In addition we always accept payments in person or items may be placed in the 24 hour drop slot in the Walbridge Municipal Building. Please keep in mind if you are moving please notify us so we can change the address in the tax computer or deactivate you if you are moving out of Walbridge.



## **Walbridge Branch Library**

### **“Make a Splash—READ” at the Walbridge Library!**

Ahoy readers! On Monday, June 7, the Walbridge Branch Library will be launching the 2010 Summer Reading Program for young people, toddler through young adult, with drop-in programs, prizes, and movies throughout the summer! “Make a Splash—READ!” is the theme this summer, and children will explore the world of water through fun stories, songs, games and other activities about oceans, rivers, lakes, pools and the creatures that live there. Families, splash into summer reading fun with ventriloquist, Mark Wade’s, “Oceans of Fun Library Show” on Thursday, June 17 at 2:00 pm at the Walbridge Branch Library! All programs are free of charge. For more information, call the Walbridge Branch Library at 419-666-9900.

# Recreation Committee

“News-U-Need” by Maureen Jacobsen, Council President

## Upcoming Community Events:

**Rally by the Rails- May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** (parade and car show on the 15<sup>th</sup>) rain or shine! It's that time of year again, so come join us for a time of fun with family, friends and community! This event is put on by the Walbridge Festival Committee. It takes a lot of people to put on an event like this so the committee is always looking for volunteers to help put on other wonderful events throughout the year, that help make our community a better place to live!

**Spring Community wide Garage Sale- May 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** 9am-6pm rain or shine. Hope you are ready to have a garage sale this spring during our Rally by the Rails Festival weekend. Remember, one man's junk is another man's treasure! So this is a great time to clean out that basement, attic or garage you've been meaning to and a great opportunity to earn some extra cash too!

**Aqua Terrace – The Mayor and Council are pleased to announce that our community pool will open this season! The tentative date set to open the pool, is Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. In order for the pool to stay open, we need your help! We are holding a massive membership drive to reach out to our citizens as well as people outside of our community to come join us for summer fun at the Aqua Terrace! The application to join the pool with the new 2010 fee schedule is on the back of this newsletter. So please help show your support by purchasing a family membership or sponsoring an individual or family as a gift! Also, please be sure to look out for a fundraising event to be held at the pool sometime in June... For information please call the Village office 419-666-1830.**



## Police Beat by Walt Tylicki, Chief of Police

I would like to remind everyone of a service we offer our residents. When you are going to be away from your home on vacation or other reasons come to the Walbridge Police Station and fill out a “Request for Security Check” form. Once this form is on file with the Police Department the officers will drive past your home daily and make sure everything looks secure while you are away. Also please consider joining us in Council Chambers the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm for a Community Block Watch Meeting. Every month we have different speakers and valuable information to help keep you and your personal property safe.

Reminder to all parents and guardians. The Village of Walbridge has curfews for minors; below you will find the Walbridge ordinance regarding curfews:

### 531.01 CURFEW HOURS AND AGES DESIGNATED.

- (1) A child under the age of eleven, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
  - (2) A child aged eleven or older, but under the age of sixteen between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
  - (3) A child aged sixteen or older, but under the age of eighteen, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.
- (b) Any child who violates Section [531.01](#)(a) shall be deemed unruly, neglected, dependent and/or a child without proper parental care pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 2151.022, 2151.03, 2151.01 and 2151.05.



## Walbridge Business Corner by Jan Sawaya

We would like to offer Walbridge Businesses a chance for some free advertising! If you are interested in having your business highlighted on the back page of the quarterly newsletter for "free" please send a letter of interest to Pam Klotz, Administrative Asst 111 N. Main Walbridge, Ohio 43465 or email [clerkofcourt@bizwoh.rr.com](mailto:clerkofcourt@bizwoh.rr.com) the newsletter is published quarterly February, May, August and November. Each issue will highlight local businesses (coupons or advertisement). We hope by offering this to our local businesses it will increase your customer base. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Village of Walbridge would like to say "Thank You" to a local business that is helping with the "Save the pool campaign" the wonderful owners Dave & Sherry Walker from Impressive Ink printed 5,000 flyers for us to hand out and we only had to supply the paper!

Thanks again Dave & Sherry for your support of family events in the Village of Walbridge.



## Our Community

As you have heard the Mayor and Council have decided to open the Aqua Terrace for the 2010 season, but in these tough economic times we need everyone's help! Please consider purchasing a season membership or if that is too costly for your budget then please plan to spend the hot lazy days of summer at the pool for only \$3 a day! There are plans to hold fun family fundraisers to improve some of the ascetics of the pool. Simple low cost changes would really give the Aqua Terrace a much needed face lift, so watch the website and electronic sign for fundraising dates/times. Some of the items we would like to see improved this year would be seating, tables, umbrellas, paint and fencing.

We have heard many residents plea to keep the Aqua Terrace open, so let's work together and make it a cool, fun place for families and singles to hang out this summer!



# Water Management by Steve Smith, Village Administrator

Well like it or not we are all mowing our lawns once again. I want to remind all residents of some of the negative effects of blowing grass clipping into the streets.

- 1) Grass clippings can clog the storm sewers and then when we experience heavy rainfalls the streets and our neighbor's yards and homes may have flooding issues.
- 2) The lawn chemicals we apply to the grass washes into the storm sewers when the clippings are blown into the streets. The storm sewers then empty into creeks, streams and then finally into Lake Erie then ultimately our water supply.
- 1) Criminal citation for grass in the street! 909.02 Littering Streets (a) No person shall permit any earth, mud, water, dirt, ashes, paper, garbage, rubbish, or any other substance which litters, or tends to litter the street, to fall from the wheels or body of any vehicle under his control, upon street, alley or other public right of way in the Municipality. (b) No person shall in any manner place any of such substances on any street, alley, or public right of way.



## Helpful Information

### New Contact Numbers for Village of Walbridge

With the current economic times we all need to cut back and save wherever we can, so the Village of Walbridge is eliminating and combining phone lines. This action results in a substantial savings for the 2010 budget.

- 419-666-0043 Maintenance Bldg
- 419-666-1830 Village Offices
- 419-666-7087 Mayor's Office Fax
- 419-666-8412 Non-Emergency Police Dept.
- 419-666-5643 Police Fax
- 419-661-8458 Administrative Fax

### 2010 Holidays- Village offices & Street Department will be closed

Memorial Day Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> , Independence Day Mon July 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day Mon Sept 6<sup>th</sup>, Columbus Day Monday Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Day Thurs Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving Day Thurs Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Day Fri Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

### Waste Management 2010 Schedule

The Following dates are holidays for Waste Management (trash pickup) employees this year. On these days ONLY, the offices are closed. For these service weeks, service is delayed one day throughout the remainder of the week.

- Memorial Day- May 31, 2010 trash picked up June 1st
- Labor Day- September 6, 2010 trash picked up September 7th
- Thanksgiving Day- November 25, 2010 trash picked up November 26<sup>th</sup>

___ Non-Resident Family \$175.00	___ Non Resident Single \$100.00
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___ **Resident Family \$150.00	___ **Resident Single \$75.00

*Look for the next newsletter in August  
Have a great summer!*





