



WALBRIDGE

Newsletter

Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents and Businesses,

I hope this letter finds you and your entire family well. We have much to be thankful for each and every day and soon we will get a chance to officially celebrate our thankfulness on that wonderful of wonderful holidays, Thanksgiving. Let me share with you some of the things I am thankful for as they relate to our wonderful town. (Of course I am thankful for my family and friends and all that I have been blessed with, but you don't want to read about that.)

- I am thankful for being able to live in Walbridge, Ohio, USA as it is a place where we can celebrate the freedoms that have been earned for us by those that have and are putting their lives on hold, or have given their lives, to protect our way of life. Thank you to all veterans and to those currently serving.
- I am thankful for the team of people that work for the Village. They serve each of us everyday in all that they do. Sure there are times when you may not agree with what they do or think they should do it differently, but in the end, what they do keeps our town a great place to live and raise a family. Even when many towns around us suffer from the economic downturn, our people have worked hard to have that not affect us through their diligence in doing their jobs and watching every penny we spend. Once again we are on track to be on budget for the year. Thanks to the work of our people, our finances are in great shape, our roads are smooth and clean and cleared of snow quickly, our streets are safe to walk at all hours of the day, and our parks and recreation areas are clean and functioning. Thank you to all of the Village staff.
- I am thankful to the Council members that have served dutifully over the past years. We have continued to work as a team even though there are times when we all don't agree. Our teamwork has resulted in the ability to keep our town in a positive light. This as you know has been a goal of mine from day one and I thank this Council and all past Council members that have served with me. Thank you Maureen Jacobsen and Kathy Heldt, see you again in your same Council chairs in January. I especially want to thank those Council members whose terms are expiring, some of them may be back again, and I am thankful for that. Thank you to Ron Liwo, Warren Byington, John Scaife, Ed Kolanko, and Pat Fox. A special thanks to Pat Fox who voluntarily and willingly stepped back on to Council earlier this year to fill an open seat for us. Who knows maybe we will see Pat again. Thank you Council members of 2009.
- I am thankful to the churches, schools, library, and civic and volunteer groups of Walbridge and Lake Township that provide an opportunity for us to praise our God, to teach our children, to grow through learning to dedicate our time to others, and to keep us safe from fire and casualty. Thank you to all involved with these institutions.
- I am thankful to the residents and businesses of Walbridge. It is through your support that we are able to continue to grow Walbridge and to keep it a great place to live and raise a family. While we have sadly lost some long term residents this year and some long established portions of some businesses (due to no lack of trying to maintain them), overall we are doing well. I look forward to some great opportunities as the economy recovers. Thank you residents and businesses of Walbridge.

I could go on, but the page is getting short.

Please enjoy the holiday time with your family and friends. Don't forget to thank those that you should. Also please remember to give of yourselves a bit during the Thanksgiving and especially the Christmas time of the year. Other people will thank you, but that's not the reason to do it. The reason to do it is because that is what we are here to do. Some people very important to me taught me that. Thanks Dad and Mom!

Thank you, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!!

VR,
Dan Wilczynski
Mayor – Walbridge, Ohio



Message from the Street Department by Steve Smith

The Street Department staff has begun the Fall Leaf pickup dates and areas are below:



2009 FALL LEAF PICKUP
October 26th to November 30th
Perry Street North on Monday's & Tuesday's
Union Street South on Wednesday's & Thursday's

Leaves are to be placed curbside in a row **NOT** in the street. **No brush or garbage** is to be mixed in with the leaves. Leaf piles containing brush or garbage will be refused and the resident will be responsible for proper disposal. Please have your leaves ready on the days we will be in your area.

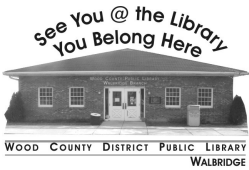


by **Patricia Crawford, Fiscal Officer**

All residents I just want to remind you that the third 2009 estimated tax payment is due November 1st and the fourth 2009 estimated tax payment is due on January 2nd. Please remember if you are going to owe more than \$100.00 for Walbridge local income tax you **must** make estimated payments. We have estimated tax coupons on our website www.walbridgeohio.org or at the Walbridge Municipal Building.

You will be receiving your 2010 Tax packets by regular mail in January, please be aware that we are now using a post office box in Toledo (P.O. Box 530 Toledo, Ohio 43697) so please use that address or the Administration Building address (111 N. Main Walbridge, Ohio 43465) to make you tax payments. Please do NOT use the Cincinnati P.O. box effective November 1st.

The "Free Walbridge Tax Preparation" dates will be listed in the February edition of the newsletter.



Walbridge Branch Library

Walbridge Preschool Story Time

The Wood County District Public Library is offering preschool story times twice a month in the Walbridge area. Each story time offers several stories and a song or creative movement and is geared for children ages 3-6. Story times are a wonderful way to prepare young children for school. They are free and open to the public.

Special arrangements have been made with Ever Gard Daycare at 209 North Main Street in Walbridge to host the story times. The first story time for November will be Tuesday, November 10th at 10 am. The second story time for November has not yet been confirmed, but keep checking with the Walbridge Branch Library for a confirmed date.

The Walbridge Branch Library, 108 North Main Street in Walbridge, is open Monday through Thursday 1-7 and Saturday 10-2. The library's phone number is 419-666-9900.

Recreation Committee

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

Upcoming Community Events:

RALLY BY THE RAILS May 14th & 15th, 2010 at Loop Park.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING.....Date unknown Veterans Park (Main & Perry)



*****I AM SO HAPPY TO REPORT THAT OUR FALL FESTIVAL, SPOOKTACULAR EVENT WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!**

Those in charge of the food reported that they almost ran out of everything! This year we had a young Magician perform on stage, along with Mother Goose and story time. We also had a puppet show, pumpkin painting and decorating, coloring contest and much, much more! Also enjoyed by many, many children, was our traditional costume contest and a line up of many animals in costumes as well. Along with our Haunted Shelter House, many enjoyed our free Hay Ride operated by our own Village Administrator, Steve Smith, his family, and one of our Street Dept. workers, Brent and his daughter.

We were also honored to have others from our Village Administration help this year such as Councilwoman, Kathy Heldt, who helped in many ways as well as helping me Judge the Coloring and Costume Contest, Our Chief of Police, Walt Tylicki helped judge the Coloring and Costume Contest, along with his daughter who helped take photos, and our Councilman, Pat Fox who helped judge the Car show.

It takes a lot of people to put on a Community Event like this. In fact, there are members who have served on the Walbridge Festival Committee for many years. This year, my husband Larry and several of my family members also joined in volunteering. This can become a family tradition each year, helping and having much fun together doing it! We would also like to encourage Business members of our Community to join us, just as we have appreciated so very much the help and participation of the Witzler Shank Funeral Home here in Walbridge!

Thank you to everyone, past and present for all your hard work and dedication. Without you, events like this would not be possible!

Come join the Walbridge Festival Committee as we work together, sharing ideas and helping to make our Community a better place to live! The Committee meets every second Wednesday, 7pm, at the Village of Walbridge Council Chambers. If Council Chambers are not available, an alternate meeting place will be chosen. So, if you would like to be a part of something very special in our Community, please call our Village office at (419) 666-1830 and someone there will help you connect with someone that can answer your questions and get you started! You may also visit the Festival Committee Website at www.walbridgefest.com.





Police Beat by Walt Tylicki, Chief of Police

With winter right around the corner I would like to remind everyone that the Village has a snow parking ordinance:

351.16 SNOW BAN PARKING a) All streets in the Village are designated snow emergency streets whenever more than two inches of snow fall upon such streets.

b) No person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle, except for when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with the directions of a police officer, upon any street or thoroughfare of the Village. The absence of signs on any particular street notifying the citizens of such snow emergency shall not constitute a defense for a person who is charged with a violation of this section. (ORD 19-82 Passed 7/12/82)

c) Whoever violates any provision of this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offense within one year after the first offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

Please become part of the Walbridge Block Watch Program, meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm in Council Chambers. This is a great source of valuable information to help keep you and your family safe.



Helpful Information

2009 Holidays- Village offices & Street Department will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2009, Thursday, November 26, 2009 & Friday November 27, 2009, Friday, December 25, 2009.

Walbridge Newsletter is published quarterly (*February, May, August and November*) so watch for new issues with loads of helpful information at the following locations 7-Eleven, Post Office, Library, Walbridge Administration Bldg, Skillet, Can Do Credit Union and The Bank.

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*We wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season,  
enjoy the rest of the year and look for the next newsletter the first  
week of February 2010*



