

# *Marshallville Newsletter*

June 2008

## ***Village Wide Yard Sales***

The Marshallville Village Wide Yard Sales will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2008, from 8 AM until 6 PM. Again, the yard sales will be held in conjunction with the American Legion's Black Angus Barbecue held at the Marshallville Community Park. There will also be a softball tournament and a tractor pull at the park.

If you participate in the yard sales please remember to remove your signs after your sale closes.

## ***Summer Time Reminders***

It's the time of picnics and warm breezes.....and barking dogs, property maintenance issues, and junk vehicles. Please be a responsible citizen and neighbor and remove rubbish, high grass, inoperable vehicles, and vehicle parts from your property. It is also a time when barking dogs become more noticeable with all the outside activities. Take the time to properly train your pets to reduce their barking. The village has ordinances pertaining to all of these issues. If you have questions please contact one of our officers.

## ***ATV's***

A lot of people enjoy operating their ATV's in a responsible manner. However, we are receiving more and more complaints about ATV's being operated on roadways, trespassing on private property, and vandalism being done by the operators of the vehicles, especially in the area of Quality Fiberglas. Please note the village has ordinances prohibiting the operation of ATV's on roadways and other public property. Also, remember you need written permission to operate your vehicles on private property owned by others: this includes the farmland around the village.

## ***Mosquito Control***

The village contracts with G & O Spraying for mosquito control. You may see them putting BT Bacillus into our storm sewer catch basins to kill the larva or see them spraying at night to kill the adult mosquitoes. They do a very good job at reducing the number of mosquitoes, but there are things we can do to help, too.

First, remove any standing water on your property. Clogged spouting on homes are the biggest culprits for mosquito breeding grounds. Make sure the water doesn't stand in the spouting by keeping them free of debris. Also, bird baths should have their water changed every other day. Another breeding ground is old tires. Not only are they against village ordinance, but provide a wonderful place for mosquitoes to lay their eggs. Please remove them.

The second way to reduce the number of mosquitoes is to keep your grass and flower beds properly maintained. High grass provides good nesting areas for adults.

## ***Mowing***

The village has a mowing ordinance which prohibits lawns from being over 10" tall. Please, again, be a responsible homeowner and keep the yard maintained. We have several foreclosed properties in the village which are often in violation of the ordinance. Our maintenance crews mow these and any properties in violation of the ordinance after notice has been served, but it must be understood we are not a landscaping company (nor do we want to be). The properties are mowed to bring them into compliance with our ordinance, but we do not mow them to make them look like a golf course.

Our current rates for mowing properties in violation are \$100.00 for the first hour and \$75.00 for each additional hour with a \$100.00 minimum charge. The billing time begins at the time we begin

servicing our equipment to take it to the job site and ends when the equipment has been cleaned and serviced after mowing. Violators have 30 days to pay the bill. After 30 days it is placed on the tax duplicate for the property.

### ***Trees***

Now is a good time to address the trees within the village. Last fall we planted 27 new trees in the village right of ways to replace many mature trees that have been lost over the last few years. All the trees we planted are utility friendly trees. That is, the ones planted near electric lines will have a mature height less than the height of the lines. This prevents them from having to be trimmed and saves us the cost of repairing downed lines. It also will save our electric customers money because the tree branches won't touch the lines and draw current.

If you have large trees along the utility right of way please understand they will be trimmed to keep them out of the lines. If you are planning on planting trees (which we support) please select a species that is utility friendly. If you have questions please ask your nurseryman or give our utility department a call.

### ***Website***

If you haven't visited our website please consider doing it. The website contains important village information and is updated monthly. All council minutes are posted as well as contact information. The web address is [www.villageofmarshallville.org](http://www.villageofmarshallville.org).

### ***Klusch Trust***

The Klusch Trust has again helped our village with several projects for this summer. Nine new tables were purchased for Klusch Hall, a new bulletin board will be installed outside the town hall, and the basketball court at the park will be resealed and relined this month. The total costs for these projects were approximately \$8700.00 and were fully funded by the Klusch Trust. Thank you!

### ***Zoning Permits***

Want to build a shed this summer? A fence? Add on to your house? You will need to contact zoning inspector Rex Shaffer at 855-5985 to get a zoning permit. This permit is necessary to get a building permit or to properly install a shed or fence. Failure to do this will result in the Wayne County Building Department declining your request for a building permit, or you may be required to move or remove a structure. Be safe and call to see if your project requires a zoning permit. If you have recently put up a shed or fence without a permit it would be advisable to call to get a zoning permit. We will be contacting several property owners who have moved in sheds recently without permits.

A zoning permit makes sure the structure matches the area's zoning designation, and that all boundary clearances are met. Most permits cost between \$10.00 and \$50.00 depending on the cost of the project, but they can save you a lot of future headaches from having to correct an illegally or incorrectly installed structure.

### ***Marshallville Police Department Submitted by Chief Rocker***

With spring here and summer fast approaching your police department would like to ask for your help on several things to avoid complaints, and hard feelings between you and your neighbors, as well as the police.

As you know a lot of us have dogs and on occasion they become vocal and bark to the point of causing a nuisance for your neighbors when all they want is peace and quite. But like most people, they are apprehensive to call you directly in fear of hurting your feelings or damaging your relationship with them, so they call the police with the hopes of getting the situation abated. The only problem is, we the police do not respond to barking dogs without a written complaint. The reason is 99% of the barking dog complaints we receive are anonymous and without a complainant we

can not take independent action on something we have not received a complaint. What I would ask is talk to your neighbor and ask them to quiet their pet and make life better for all.

Another thing is unlicensed or uninsured vehicles or vehicles that are inoperative {junk}. The village has ordinances that prohibit having those types of vehicles on your property in plain view. The village has no problem if you conceal them in a building out of plain view. When we say inoperative we are talking about cars, trucks, race cars, and even boats that can not be used for their original intended use due to missing parts such as wheels, brakes, transmissions, and body parts. This also applies to vehicles that have been wrecked and brought back to your property for disassembly. All one has to ask themselves, would I like to have this next to my home. I'm sure the answer is "NO" so be courteous to the village and your neighbors and follow the simple rules of being a good neighbor and a good citizen. Remember living in a small community takes a lot of effort to make it look good and make it a great place to live.

Remember if you are not part of the solution then you could be part of the problem. Let's make Marshallville better than a great place to live, lets make it a super place to live.

If at any time you would like to view a certain ordinance or even ask if we have an ordinance governing a specific issue feel free to contact the police department we would be happy to show and share with you what we have. If you so choose we use American Legal and they have a web site that you can go to and view all of our Codified Ordinances. Unfortunately, that does not cover ordinances adopted for special reasons.

#### ***Fire Department News***

##### ***Submitted by Ardetta Romanchik***

Recently Steve Waltman, who is with the public education department of the State Fire's Office, presented a fire safety program to the fourth graders at the elementary school. He also presented a

911 program to the third graders. Larry Janchar and Ardetta Romanchik did a program for the second graders, giving them a close up look at the emergency squad and a fire truck.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** - The village has an ordinance regarding open burning. Back yard campfires - the total area can be no bigger than 3 ft. in diameter and 2 ft. high. Only clean, seasoned firewood or a fuel cleaner than seasoned firewood - such as commercial processed logs can be used. It is the time of year you want to clean up your yards, but remember if you violate this ordinance you may get a visit from the fire department or police department. The village is capable of fining for this offense, as well as the EPA can impose a fine.

The fire department is still looking for volunteer firefighters or EMT's. If you would like to join, stop at the fire station any Tuesday night, contact any member, or leave a message at 330-855-1000. You must be 18 yrs old, have a high school diploma or GED and live in our response area. All training and etc is paid by the fire department.

So far this year the fire department has responded to 22 medical emergencies, 8 accidents, 4 mutual aids, 1 open burn, 7 public service calls, 2 false alarms, 2 grass fires and 1 structure fire.

#### ***Important Numbers***

Town hall: 855-2491

Fire Dept business line: 855-1000

Utility Dept. M-F, 7 AM- 3:30 PM: 855-5985

Park pavilion rental (John at Howmar Carpet during business hours): 855-3551

J & J Refuse: 800-201-0005

Armstrong Cable & Telephone: 877-277-5711

Doylestown Cable & Telephone: 330-658-2121

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