

# *Marshallville Newsletter*

*Fall 2007*

## **Fire Department News**

The Marshallville Vol. Fire Department news and events will be a new feature to this newsletter. First we would like to introduce you to our members:

Bob Peter - Chief/EMT/Inspector  
Mike Bell - Asst. Chief/Inspector  
Steve Penrod - Capt/Investigator  
Larry Janchar - Lt/EMT  
Ardeta Romanchik - Squad  
Capt/FF/Investigator  
Randy Oser - Engineer  
Gary Romanchik -  
FF/EMT/Instructor/Investigator  
Missy Peter - FF  
Bill Clinton - FF/EMT  
Steve Salay - FF  
Mike Tipton - FF/Medic  
Brad Welty - FF/Medic  
Mike Phillips - FF/EMT  
Ken Allred - FF/EMT

Paul Horst - Probationary member

If you would like to join the fire department as either a fireperson or EMT stop at the fire department any Tue. night or contact any member for an application. You must be 18 yrs. old and have a high school diploma or GED & live or work in our contracted area.

Firefighter/EMT Ken Allred who is in the Navy reserves was called to active duty in July, and will be serving approximately 12-15 mos. in Kuwait. We wish him a safe return.

We encourage all residents to have their house numbers visible, so we don't waste precious time finding your address if you need our services. We have green

house number signs for sale for \$12. If you would like one contact any member or call 330-855-1000. Also, we have free smoke detectors for anyone who needs one.

In June we received a \$8000 grant from the Ohio State Fire Marshall's office. This money will be used for new pagers, and radios. In a few years our current pagers and radios will be out of date due to new regulations and will no longer work, so this money is a start to updating our communication equipment. We also received a \$5500 grant from the State EMS for squad equipment & supplies.

We would like to thank all of you who donate to our yearly fund drive. This money is used to update our equipment and for training.

During the first 6 months of 2007 we have answered - 34 EMS calls, 1 structure fire, 6 mutual aids, 5 misc. calls, 4 false alarms, 1 open burn, and 13 motor vehicle crashes.

The fire department has developed a Knox Box program to aid commercial and residential properties. Knox boxes are key boxes that provide non-destructive rapid access in case of an emergency. A key to the business or home is placed in the Knox Box and secured. Contact Asst. Chief Bell for more information on this program.

Capt. Penrod can also provide information on the "Seconds Count 911 System" and the pendant panic button.

This system consists of a strobe light placed in a window facing traffic and designed to attract the attention of emergency personnel. The pendant panic button when pressed, immediately calls 911, and within seconds you will be speaking directly with the 911 operator through the pendant. Capt. Penrod can be reached at 330-465-1592.

This fall the fire department and elementary school will team up again to collect non-perishable food items, to be distributed to area needy families during Thanksgiving. Last year was a great success and several area needy families were presented a food basket. If you would like to donate or help with this project contact Lt. Larry Janchar - 330-855-5651 or Ardeta Romanchik - 330-855-4861.

The Lions Club held a chicken BBQ Sept. 22 with the proceeds going to the fire department.

**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.

**This Nov. the village will seek the voters' approval for a replacement fire levy. The 2.5 mill levy would generate \$22,600 a year and would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home \$87.50 per year, an increase of \$39.30. This will be Issue 29 on the ballot.**

**The replacement fire levy would replace the current 1.8 mil fire levy within the village that currently generates \$12,700 per year. With the**

**cost of providing fire and emergency services rising, the additional funds are necessary to help offset those rising costs. Your vote for the levy is greatly appreciated.**

#### *Snow Parking Bans*

Yes, it's time to start thinking snow! The village has a snow parking ordinance that pertains to all streets within the village that allow parking and the public parking lots. When snow exceeds 2" the parking ban may go into effect. Listen to 104.5 FM WQKT for the effective times of the ban. Please remember, we can't effectively clean our streets of snow if vehicles are parked along them. Violators may be ticketed, towed, or plowed in, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

#### *South Main Street Project*

The Wayne County Commissioners opened bids for the South Main Street Project on September 17, 2007. D. C. Berger Excavating was awarded the contract. The project replaces approximately 400 feet of sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and sidewalk along South Main Street's west side to Carpenter Blvd. **Construction on the project is scheduled to begin April 2, 2008, and be completed by June 30, 2008.** The project is fully funded by Community Development Block Grant monies.

#### *Sewer Update*

Yes, we are still trying to find funding for the EPA mandated sanitary sewer plant. The USDA, the major funding source, for the project has held up the project to review cost estimates and possible alternatives. However, in several meetings with the USDA and Wayne County Commissioners it

appears we will be building a new sewer plant instead of a line to Orrville. The problem they still can't seem to find a solution to is how they are going to provide funding for us. We'll keep you updated.

The EPA became involved in this issue in 1997, and ten years later we are still at least two years away from a solution.

#### *Upcoming Events*

**Village wide Trick – or – Treat** is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 6 – 7:30 PM. If you choose to participate please turn on your porch light.

**Buckets and Beans** car show and bean and bologna lunch will be October 20, 2007, at the Blacksmith's Shop. Noon.

#### *Dogs*

What's our number one complaint: barking and loose dogs. If you are a pet owner please be mindful of your duties and responsibilities. Dogs (and cats) are to be contained to the owner's property. Also, the village has a nuisance ordinance that addresses barking dogs. Please take the time to train your pets properly so they don't become a nuisance or safety problem for neighbors, or reconsider getting a pet.

Nuisance complaints may be made in writing to the Marshallville Police Department.

#### *Community Improvement Corporation*

The village organized a 501c3 charitable corporation three years ago to allow for charitable donations to be accepted and the donors to receive the appropriate tax advantages. If you would like to leave a legacy in the village please consider the Marshallville Community Improvement Corporation. Assets of all types are eligible for

donation. For more information call the town hall at 855-2491 or Fiscal Officer Steve Knox at 682-2727.

#### *Village Phone Numbers and Contacts*

Village Website:

[www.villageofmarshallville.org](http://www.villageofmarshallville.org)

**Emergency** (police or fire): 911

**Nonemergency police dispatch** (24 hrs): 330-264-3333

**Police Business Line:** 855-2491

**Fire Business Line:** 855-1000

**Town hall:** 855-2491

**Utility Department:** 855-5985 (business hours are 7 AM to 3:30 PM)

**Utility Superintendent Rex Shaffer:** number above or 464-5827

**Electric Manager Tom Guthrie:** 855-5985 or 464-5819

**Park Rentals:** John Stevic, 855-3551 during Howmar Carpet's business hours

**J & J Refuse (trash service)** 800-201-0005

**Fiscal Officer Steve Knox, CPA:** 682-2727 during normal business hours

**Building (Zoning) Permits:** Rex Shaffer 464-5827 or 855-5985

**Utility payments are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. Shut off for nonpayment is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of each month. Utility bills may be paid at the Farmers State Bank Marshallville Branch, at the Marshallville Mill, or by mail. They are not accepted at the water treatment plant.**

If you have time to whine and complain about something then you have the time to do something about it. ~Anthony J. D'Angelo, *The College Blue Book*

