

VILLAGE OF DOYLESTOWN COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Fall edition of the Community Newsletter!

The days are getting shorter and soon the weather will turn cold. While it's still warm outside, take full advantage of our wonderful fall days ahead!

I would like to report that our Village wide yard sales are still scheduled on Saturday September 19th, as well as the Goodwill truck on Sunday September 20th from 11 am - 2 pm to collect any unsold items that our residents want to donate. Thank you so much for your generosity to Goodwill's cause. They really do appreciate it.

The Village will hold it's annual shredding day for our residents on Saturday September 26th from 9 am - noon. Please limit your boxes to 5 per person. We are also asking that you donate canned food items for the Doylestown Community Food Cupboard, as they are in need of donations.

Halloween festivities will be held on Thursday October 29th. Trick or treating will be from 5:30 -7:00 pm. Unfortunately due to COVID-19, there will be no Snollygoster Parade or Lions costume contest this year.

At the time of this printing, it is unknown if Santa will be at the square this year, so please keep checking our community calendar on our webpage.

Our iconic Doughboy Statue celebrates it's 100th Anniversary this November 11. Plans are underway for a celebration, so stay tuned for more info.

Mayor Terry L. Lindeman

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DOYLESTOWN VILLAGE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A \$10 A MONTH WATER AND SEWER SURCHARGE

Doylestown Village Council, in conjunction with Doylestown Board of Public Affairs, is considering a \$10.00 a month water and sewer surcharge to make much needed capital improvements to our water and sewer infrastructure. Village Council will soon be voting on the issue. Below is a report submitted by the Board of Public Affairs to Council outlining the need for the proposed increase.

OVERVIEW

For many years, Village Water and Sewer rates have been increased in response to cover operating expenses and needed repairs in emergency situations. Much needed infrastructure upgrades and preventative maintenance items have not been addressed to keep water and sewer rates low for our customers. Board of Public Affairs, in conjunction with Village Council, has decided now is the time to address these items in-order to preserve our valued water and sewer services.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT (WTP)

The Village of Doylestown invested over \$3 million in 2013 for a new water treatment facility. Annual debt service is \$190,000 per year with 24 years left to pay.

SEWER TREATMENT PLANT (STP)

Our sewer treatment plant was built in 1939, and last updated in 1989 (31 years ago). Recent events... EPA mandated a mechanical screen be installed at a cost of \$450,000 (2 years ago). Clarigester, which is core component of our treatment process, failed and was repaired a year ago at a cost of \$577,000. Low interest loans and grants were secured to fund both of these projects. Given the age and condition of our sewer facility, a number of upgrades are still needed. In addition, EPA has been much more vigilant from a compliance standpoint which continues to drive costs.

RATES

Our water and sewer rates have been (and remain) very competitive. Most recent information available from the Ohio EPA, confirms this. Ohio EPA rate study published in 2019 (rates from 2018) shows....

2018 average annual water and sewer rate in Ohio was \$1,354

2018 average annual water and sewer rate in Doylestown was \$1,352

Village water and sewer rate increases have been periodic, with most recent rate increases occurring in 2014, 2016, and 2018. Increases have occurred primarily in response to keep pace with rising operating costs and emergency repairs, not for capital improvements.

\$10.00 a Month Surcharge Justification

A number of critical infrastructure items have been postponed over the years and Council / BPA both decided now is the time to address many of these items in order to preserve the integrity of our water / sewer systems into the future.

A five-year capital improvement needs assessment was prepared in 2019 and a priority ranking was assigned to five categories of our utilities operations: Water Plant, Water Distribution System, Sewer

Plant, Pump Stations and Equipment. Total cost of all items on the capital improvement items from needs assessment totaled over \$3,000,000. Council and BPA recognize not all items on the list can be (or will be) completed, however, the \$10.00 a month surcharge will go a long way in completing many high and mid-level priority items. Below is a summary of costs by priority. A full copy of this report is available for review upon request by emailing stephanie@doylestown.com.

Priority 1 – 5, with Priority 1 being highest priority.

Priority 1 items	\$187,000
Priority 2 items	\$491,000
Priority 3 items	\$659,000
Priority 4 items	\$650,000
Priority 5 items	\$1,000,000

WATER DEPARTMENT STAFF	
Ben Morris	Utilities Manager
Mark Lightner	Water Operator
Joe Petit	Operator in Training
Stephanie Petit	Water/Sewer Clerk

For more information or questions, please contact the Village of Doylestown Utilities Department at 330-658-2181 ext. 1140.

A MESSAGE FROM POLICE CHIEF TESTER



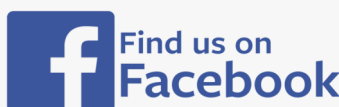
The information below is for the MEDWAY Drug Enforcement Agency Operating Levy. This information is being provided for informational purposes only.

Due to the rising cost of operations and the steady decline of grant funding, the MEDWAY Drug Enforcement Agency is seeking your approval in November for a replacement to its current operating levy of .25 mils and in addition, we are asking for an increase of .35 mils.

- In the 45 year history of MEDWAY, an increase in the levy rate has never been requested.
- Drug addiction, overdoses, and property crimes are increasing due to the increase of drugs coming into Wayne County.
- MEDWAY is attacking the drug problem from the front through Education as well as the back end through enforcement.
- In 2011, MEDWAY had 13 employees and currently we are down to 7 employees.

WHAT WILL IT COST? A property in Wayne County with a Market Value of \$100,000, has a Taxable Value of \$35,000. Based on this, the property owner would pay \$21.00 a year to the levy. An increase of only \$13.34 a year. Property owners would pay \$.06 for every \$100 of Taxable Value. For more information regarding your taxable value, please refer to the Wayne County Auditor’s website www.waynecountyauditor.org.

For more information, go to our Facebook page “medwaydrugenfocementagency”



Contact Us:

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Doylestown, OH 44230*

*Chief Casey Tester
330-658-6582*

chieftester@doylestown.com

*Police Dispatch/Non Emergency
330-658-2711*

**For Emergencies
Call 911**



COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

DOYLESTOWN GARDEN CLUB NEWS



The Doylestown Garden Club was recently awarded grants from the Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust and the Wayne County Community Foundation. This covered the cost of bringing a waterline to the gazebo area next to the library. Mayor Lindeman and the Village Water Department worked with us to make this happen for which we are most grateful. We sincerely thank the Trust and the Foundation for their generosity in funding this project. The Garden Club's hope is that the community enjoys this green space as we continue to enhance this area with colorful blooms throughout the seasons. The Laura B. Frick Charitable Trust and the Wayne County Community Foundation has made this possible with the addition of the waterline.

~Submitted by Kathryn Myers



Village Wide Trick or Treat

Will take place on Thursday, *October 29th from 5:30 - 7:00*. Turn on your porch light to participate.

The Snollygoster Parade and Lions Costume Contest will not be held this year due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 virus. Thank you for your understanding.

LIONS CLUB ROSE SALE

Roses need to be ordered by **October 23**. Pick up or delivery is **October 30**. Price per dozen has not been set as of this printing, but should remain comparable to past prices. There are several colors to choose from as well.

Call Kay Kerr at 330-658-6342 to place an order. Orders can also be placed with any Lions Club member.

All proceeds benefit various community projects. As always, thank you for your continued support!



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour @ 2 am
Sunday, November 1st

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Will be provided as a curbside service on **Monday, January 11th, 2021**



VILLAGE WIDE LEAF PICK UP

The Village will begin leaf pick up sometime in mid to late October, depending on how soon the leaves fall and will continue weekly through the end of November. The following schedule will be utilized:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday will be the east side of Portage Street
Thursday & Friday will be the west side of Portage Street

Please remember you cannot obstruct the sidewalks and streets with leaf piles. It is unsafe as stated in our **Codified Ordinances section 901.10**. We appreciate your compliance.





2020 CHRISTMAS AT THE SQUARE

The **9th Annual Christmas At The Square** will once again enhance our downtown with beautifully decorated Christmas trees during the holidays!

We invite all businesses, non-profit groups and families to display a tree in the spirit of Christmas. Once registered you are encouraged to decorate a tree for placement, to begin at the southwest corner of the square by Village Hall. Registered trees that have been decorated and properly secured must be placed between November 14th and December 4th.

Tree lighting will occur Saturday, December 5th at 5 pm Registration forms and decorating criteria is available at Village Hall and also online at www.doylestown.com. Registration must be turned into Village Hall prior to November 14th. Trees must be removed by January 9, 2021.

Vote!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

Voter Registration deadline for the November 3rd election is October 5. If you want to register for future elections, forms are available at Village Hall.

Absentee Ballot Applications are available at Village Hall. These need to be received at the Board of Elections by noon on October 31st. All Information must be sent to the **Wayne County Board of Elections**, *not* Village Hall.

Call the Board of Elections for more information on voter registration, in person early voting or absentee ballots at 330-287-5480.

39TH ANNUAL SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS



There will be no in person sign ups this year, but an online application is available via the *Doylestown Share-A-Christmas Facebook page*.

Click on Sign Up to register.

If you need help:

- Must live in Chippewa Local School District
- To receive help you must complete an online application. No sign-ups by phone.
- You may now sign up through the Doylestown Share-A-Christmas Facebook page by pressing the sign up at the bottom of our photo to open the application.

Interested in sponsoring a child? Send us a message through Facebook messenger. Don't have Facebook? Email us: Dtownsac@hotmail.com The phone line will be open as of October 1 For messages only. The phone number is 330-658-9101.

<https://forms.gle/y8mtVi69a3hey8aM7>

NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION UPDATE



The Village of Doylestown's new natural gas rate has been set at **\$3.05 per MCF**. This newly established rate covers the term of 11/1/20 thru 10/31/22. If you are already on the aggregation and would like to continue, you will be automatically reenrolled. **PLEASE REMEMBER:** You can get into this aggregation program at any time within this 2 year period. Therefore, if you are currently with another supplier

with a higher rate, and would like to join the village's program, we suggest that you check with your current supplier before switching plans to avoid any unnecessary penalties. To join our aggregation, call I.G.S. at 1-800-280-4474. Tell them you are a resident of the Village of Doylestown and would like to join the aggregation program. Have your Dominion bill in front of you so that you can provide I.G.S. with your account information. If you have any questions about our aggregation programs, please call Kristen Robison @ 330-658-2181 ext. 1102.

Village Hall Holiday Hours

For Thanksgiving, we will be closed on November 26th & 27th (Thursday and Friday).

For Christmas, we will be closed on December 24th & 25th. (Thursday and Friday).

For New Year's we will be closed Friday January 1st.

RUMPKE WASTE HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING DELAYS

For the week of Thanksgiving, pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, November 28th.**

For the week of Christmas, pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, December 26th.**

For the week of **January 1st**, pick up will be delayed to **Saturday, January 2nd.**

RUMPKE WASTE

Multiple Large Item Pick Up

FRIDAY OCTOBER 9TH

Call Rumpke with questions

1-800-828-8171

All furniture and mattresses must be wrapped in plastic

EMPTY BOWL / EMPTY CUPBOARD

These are indeed extraordinary times. The covid-19 pandemic has tested our strength, prevailed upon our humanity, and challenged our resolve as individuals and as a society like nothing we have known in our lifetime. With many people losing work over this, schools closing or struggling to find new ways to educate our children, daycare scarce or unavailable, the social agencies in our communities are struggling to meet the demands for services.

In our community **The Doylestown Empty Bowl Project** wants to keep working for the benefit of *The Doylestown Community Food Cupboard*, a 501(c)(3) organization that provides food for hungry children and adults in our area. Unfortunately, because of necessary mandates restricting assemblage of crowds this year, we will not be able to hold our annual Empty Bowl Event that has raised between \$15,000-\$22,000 each year for the past four years to support the efforts of the food cupboard. This includes monthly distributions of food to an ever increasing number of families as well as the backpack program that provides a weekend take home pack of healthy food for eligible school children that is even available throughout the summer months.

The food cupboard is suffering a second blow this year as the schools will be unable to conduct their annual "Food Drive" that traditionally helps to stock the cupboard with thousands of cans and boxes of food items leading into the busy holiday seasons.

To address this problem **The Doylestown Empty Bowl Project** is not really going away this year, but simply switching gears and asking the community to come together instead for an "**Empty Cupboard Event.**" Help us restock the empty shelves of *The Doylestown Community Food Cupboard* on **Saturday, October 3rd between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon** when you can drop off a box or bag of non-perishable food items at the food cupboard location at **153 Church St.** where volunteers will be available to accept your donations. Monetary donations are also appreciated and can be given then or mailed directly to ***The Doylestown Community Food Cupboard, 153 Church St., Doylestown, OH 44230.*** There is also a food cupboard drop box near the building that is emptied daily if you cannot bring items at this time, but would like to donate another day.

We hope you can find the means to help now and when the world finds its way back to being a safer place for all of us to gather again, we hope to see you at our next Empty Bowl Event. And please keep in mind that if you, or anyone you know, is ever in need of food just call this number, 330-658-7744.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

WILLIAMS BUILDING GROUP LLC



Williams Building Group is a Commercial Construction Management Company that supplies Pre-Engineered Steel from industry-leading steel supplier Varco-Pruden. By utilizing this steel line in addition to having a large-scale commercial concrete company in house we, at Williams Building Group, continuously impact schedules and bottom lines in a positive way. **People do not buy what you do; they buy why you do it.** We at Williams Building Group take this statement very seriously which is why everyone

working here is ready to take on any new challenge as an opportunity.

The ability to take a project through the programming stages and design spaces based on need rather than a fixed amount of space, control concrete and steel costs more closely, and partner in Design-Build situations with reputable design firms separates us from a number of other builders. If you still have hesitations, do not be afraid to contact the many customers we have already and are currently serving such as: Walsh Jesuit High School, QT Equipment, and Industrial Reserve.

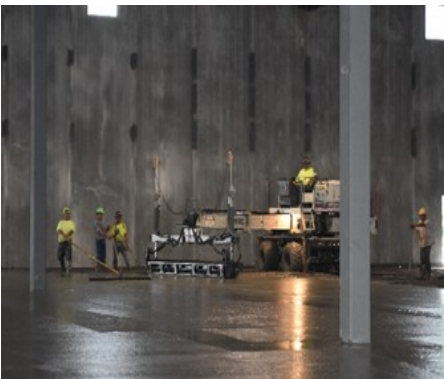


Additionally, Williams Building Group is excited to be in Doylestown because of the immense amount of opportunities that lay before us and the community jointly. From adding jobs, to bringing in tenant companies, and developing land in the Village's limits, all of these are continued goals of Williams Building Group in order to grow Doylestown and reinforce the commitment we made to this community when choosing to move here.

Please feel free to visit us at www.williamsbuildinggroup.com or call our office at 330-991-0099.



WILLIAMS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.



Williams Concrete is a 45-year-old Commercial Concrete Construction Company that, since its inception in 1975, has maintained repeat business from customers and always stood behind its work. This is due to the marathon-like work ethic of all those who work here, the attention to detail we have out in the field, and the single largest factor that has been the secret to our success: **Our handshake is our promise.** Even after all these years, Williams Concrete is still customer centered and completely focused on doing the best complete concrete job that is attainable. These values are what has kept us in business and so they are also the values that will continue to keep us in business.

Please feel free to visit us at www.williamsconcreteohio.com or call our office at 330-991-0099. Additionally, feel free to stop down anytime at 400 Collier Dr. Doylestown, Ohio 44230 to discuss projects of any size or complexity for both Williams Building & Williams Concrete Construction.



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A Town of Tradition

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GWC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING



GWC Federal Credit Union had our official ribbon cutting on June 29th. We are very excited to be here in Doylestown. GWC Federal Credit Union's main office is in Rittman. We were chartered in 1941 to serve the employees of the Rittman Box Board. Over the years we evolved into the GWC Federal Credit Union and in March of this year the Morton Salt Credit Union merged into our credit union to better serve all members.

Do you ever wonder what the difference is between a credit union and a big bank? At GWC Federal Credit Union, it's a question we get asked all the time, and as a credit union, it's a question we love to answer.

WHAT IS A CREDIT UNION? Credit Unions are not-for-profit financial cooperatives which means our earnings go right back into serving our members. That's our primary purpose; to serve the interests of our members and help them save and earn more money.

SO WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE DAY-TO-DAY? Well, for one, credit unions are typically able to offer better rates on things like car and personal loans. Plus, we don't need to hit our members with a bunch of fees, which makes doing business with us affordable. Everything we do at GWCFCU is in the interest of our members.

WHAT ABOUT TECHNOLOGY? Our members have access to the latest technology resources to help them manage their money. Things like digital banking, online loan applications, card controls, bill payment, and much more.

IS MY MONEY SAFE? Accounts are insured up to \$250,000.00 by the National Credit Union Insurance Fund (NCUIF). Pam Blubaugh is the branch manager (former CEO of Morton Salt Credit Union), Matt Stuart (CEO of GWCFCU) and Brian Clements (Assistant Manager) fill in when Pam's not in. We would love to meet our neighbors here in Doylestown! We are located at 85 N. Portage St. and our lobby is open to walk in traffic. **You can reach us at 330-658-8500 and find out more about us at our website GWCFCU.com.** We are located at 85 N. Portage Street, beside the Doylestown Telephone office. One thing's for sure, it isn't easy opening a business during a pandemic!