

Village of Morristown

Spring 2021



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The Mayor's Minute

"Hello Spring!"

Spring is a time of renewal and a welcomed gift after the last 12 months of the pandemic. I hope this newsletter finds you well.

We are currently seeking individuals interested in subcommittees for the village. If you would like to serve, please email me with your intent of interest or drop a letter at the Village Hall. Letters may also be mailed to the Village Post Office Box.

Spring Clean-Up Day

Spring Clean-Up Day will be May 1, 2021 this year. The village will have dumpsters located in the 300 block of Main Street for the convenience of Morristown residents only. You may dispose of old furniture, carpeting, appliances, large toys and other junk items. **No mattresses, box springs, tires, TVs, paints, household garbage, hazardous waste, grass clippings, tree trimmings, or construction debris.**

JB Green Team will have a tire collection at the Belmont County Fairgrounds on Sat., June 12, 2021. See www.jbgreenteam.org for details.

Non-Emergency Sheriff's Office Number

The Belmont County Sheriff's Office provides police protection for the village. If you have an emergency, always dial 911. For non-emergency complaints or if you want to speak to a deputy, call 740-695-7933.

Fire Department Seeks Volunteers

The Morristown Volunteer Fire Department is seeking members. If you would be interested in donating your time to a truly worthy cause that benefits your community, call 740-782-1551 and leave a message for Mayor Stitt or Fire Chief Doug Harris. Volunteer training may be offered to those interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter.

Lynn-Hunkler Park Open Dusk to Dawn

The Lynn-Hunkler Memorial Park is open dusk to dawn during the spring, summer and fall. Take time to enjoy its beauty while taking in a youth baseball or softball game this year.

We are grateful for the team of volunteers that continues to maintain the park. Their dedication and service is unequalled. If you would like to join them, or if you need information on shelter rental or anything else about the park, contact Park Commission President Vicky Burghy at vburghy@gmail.com

**Village Council
meets on the second
Wednesday of each
month at 6 p.m.
in the Village Hall on
Church Street.**

We're on the web

www.morristownohio.org

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Neighbor to Neighbor

We all want good neighbors. Taking time to establish good terms with your neighbors makes Morristown friendlier and safer. Be a good neighbor by being respectful and considerate and knowing village ordinances and laws. Here are some things to remember.

- 1. KEEP YOUR YARD AND GARDEN TIDY** - Mow your lawn regularly, weed, and keep your trees and bushes trimmed. Weeds and tall grass are unsightly and can spread to your neighbor's yard. Village Ordinance 10-2 ORC 731.51. Ask if your neighbor has chemical sensitivities, small children or pets before applying pesticides.
- 2. CONTROL YOUR DOG** - Keep your dog on a leash or confined to your property. Clean up any waste your dog leaves behind while walking him. If you have a problem controlling your barking dog, seek advice from your vet. Ordinance 10-3 and ORC 505.01.
- 3. KEEP YOUR PROPERTY FREE OF LITTER/ GARBAGE** - Garbage attracts vermin and other pests. You must dispose of your garbage in a timely manner. Put garbage out on the day it's due for collection. If you miss collection, bring it back onto your property and keep it contained until the next collection day.
- 4. CONTROL YOUR BBQ, FIREPIT AND WOODBURNING DEVICES** - Position it where the smoke/smell will least likely blow onto your neighbor's property and make certain it is well contained. **OPEN BURNING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN MORRISTOWN**, along with burning household garbage in fire pits and wood burning devices. ORC 3434.01-3434.03.
- 5. PRACTICE PARKING ETIQUETTE** - Be sure not to block anyone's access when parking your vehicle. ORC 4511.68.

6. KEEP SIDEWALKS AND STREETS CLEAR - Keep sidewalks clear for pedestrian use. **Don't park on sidewalks or block the pedestrian right of way with toys, lawn equipment or other objects.** Do not blow grass into the street and drains when mowing as this blocks drains. ORC 723.011.

7. NEW ADDITIONS TO YOUR PROPERTY - Are you considering a new addition to your property like a fence, shed, garage, or room addition? You must apply for a zoning permit and follow Village Ordinance 12-4 when doing so. You may find the zoning ordinance at www.morristownohio.org

8. KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE - Make certain children are not playing in the streets or on another's property without permission. **Morristown's curfew is 10 p.m.** This requires everyone under 18 to be off the streets unless accompanied by a parent/guardian. Ordinance 93-21.

9. BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS - Keep an eye on anyone acting suspiciously in your neighborhood or around your neighbor's property. The village requires a permit for all door-to-door soliciting. The only exceptions are religious organizations or students from the UL School District. Ask solicitors to see their permit. If in doubt, call the sheriff's office at 740-695-7933 so they may curtail any criminal activity. Ordinance 14-3.

10. COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR - Most importantly, communicate with your neighbor. Smile, say hello, help an elderly neighbor.

***Remember the Golden Rule,
and if anything you are planning
may affect your neighbor, please
let them know in advance.***