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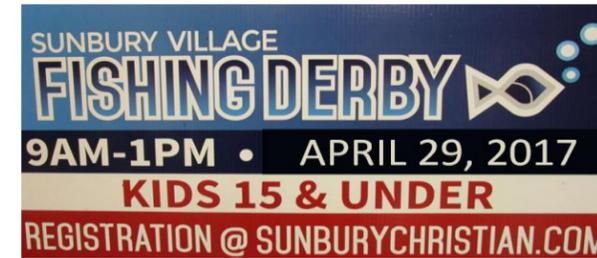
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Upcoming Events:



Community
Expo
&
Job Fair

Big Walnut High School

April 27, 2017

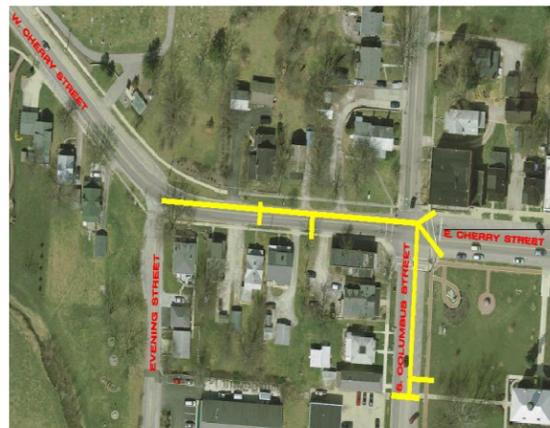
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

4th of July Festivities



- Freedom 5K Walk/Run
- Volleyball Tournament
- Antiques, Arts & Crafts Fair
- Parade
- Kids Zone
- Hot Dog Eating Contest
- Outhouse Race
- Fireworks

In the Know - South Columbus Street Property Project Update



This project involves the construction of a new parking lot at the southwest corner of Cherry Street and Columbus Street, along with a new storm sewer along Cherry Street. The project includes 14 parking spaces and a landscaped open space on the corner. Plans now are to split this project into two separate projects, one for the parking lot and one for the storm sewer. The parking lot layout is still being determined, and final plans are being prepared for the storm sewer. The goal of this project is to rectify drainage issues on Vernon Street and replace deteriorating pipes due to age. The storm sewer project was made priority to coordinate with ODOT's plan to resurface 36/37 (Cherry St) this summer. The goal is to have the storm sewer project complete prior to the resurfacing. Utilities have been marked and a pre-construction meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss the impact on homeowners in the area.

Question of the Day: Where DOES Your Dollar go?

Often times, we are asked where do our tax dollars go? Hope this explanation helps! 33% of your dollar goes to our environmentally-friendly waste water treatment plant. 28% covers the cost of our police dept. We have 9 full-time and 5 part-time police on duty and maintain 6 police cruisers for your safety. 17% covers the cost to maintain our streets, parks and street lighting. 2% goes towards covering the cost for zoning, planning and building and 20% of your dollar covers administrative costs.



Chief's Champions Fun Run/5K

Fundraiser to support Chief Jeff Wilson
Saturday May 6th, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Big Walnut Grill

For information: drstelzer23@gmail.com

614-746-2702

Quarterly Calendar of Events:

April 5	Parks, Service & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30am-2:00pm	JR Smith Park	Eagles
April 15	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00pm-2:00pm	HS Football Field	VFW
April 15	Easter Egg Hunt	1:00-4:00 pm	Rosecrans Park	Plat Realty Group
April 19	Finance & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
April 21	BWMS 2 nd Annual Service Day	8am-Noon	Big Walnut MS	Big Walnut Middle School
April 24	Planning & Zoning Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
April 26	Tree & Landscape Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm	Municipal Building	Sunbury Village
April 27	2017 Expo & Job Fair	5-8:00pm	Big Walnut H.S.	Chamber of Commerce
April 29	Fishing Derby	9:00am-1:00pm	Reservoir	Village & Sunbury Christian
May 3	Parks, Service & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
May 6	Chief's Champion Fun Run	10:00 a.m.	Big Walnut Grill	BSTG Fire District
May 7	Mud Run Eagle Dash	1:00pm-4:00pm	Freedom Park	Big Walnut Civic Assn
May 17	Finance & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
May 22	Planning & Zoning Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
May 24	Tree & Landscape Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm	Municipal Building	Sunbury Village
May 29	Flea Market	7:00am-4:00 pm	Town Square	Big Walnut Band Boosters
June 3	Movie on the Square	At Dusk	Town Square	Big Walnut Civic Assn
June 7	Parks, Service & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
June 21	Finance & Council Meeting	6:30pm &-7:30pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
June 24	Craft Show	9am-3:00 pm	Town Square	American Cancer Society
June 26	Planning & Zoning Meeting	7:00pm-8:00pm	Town Hall	Sunbury Village
June 28	Tree & Landscape Meeting	6:00pm-7:00pm	Municipal Building	Sunbury Village
Every Sat	Farmer's Market (May 20-Oct. 14)	9:00am-Noon	Town Square	Chamber of Commerce

Just a Reminder:

It's that time again! Birds chirping, flowers blooming, trees budding and taxes are due. This year we are getting a couple extra days because April 15th, the usual due date for taxes, has been moved to April 18th. Don't forget about RITA— The Regional Income Tax Agency that provides services to collect income tax for municipalities in the State of Ohio. RITA's Board of Trustees is authorized to administer and enforce the income tax laws of each of the participating municipalities of which Sunbury is one. If you are a resident of Sunbury, you need to register and determine what taxes, if any, are due. For more information, please visit RITA's website at <https://www.ritaohio.com/>.

FEATURE ARTICLE - Sunbury Looking At Charter Form of Government

written by Lenny Lepola

There are 938 municipalities in Ohio. Municipalities with fewer than 5,000 residents are considered villages. Those with 5,000 or more residents are considered cities. There are 251 cities - 188 operate under a charter. There are 687 villages - 75 operate under a charter.

With Census 2020 on the horizon, and the Village of Sunbury on the cusp of becoming the City of Sunbury, it's time to start thinking about establishing a Sunbury Charter Commission. Sunbury would have the option to apply for charter status following the first census after the village reaches a population of 5,000. With current estimates of Sunbury's population already exceeding 5,000 that status is going to happen during Census 2020. Of course, there's the option of Sunbury electing to continue to operate under the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) umbrella as a statutory city, but that would not be an ideal situation, considering the growth facing eastern Delaware County.

According to the website Ballotpedia: "A chartered city, county, or municipality is one that possesses a unique set of laws that forms the legal foundation of its local system of government. The actual legal document that articulates these laws is called a charter. Charters stand in relationship to a county, city, village, or town the same way that a state constitution does to a state or a federal constitution does to a nation. They define the powers and functions of elected officials as well as the organization and procedures of local government."

Sunbury has been led down the charter path before. According to ORC, Sunbury Village Council members always have had two charter options. Place the issue of establishing a village charter on a ballot; or let the natural tide of residential growth bring the charter issue to the village at its own pace. In July of 2006, Sunbury Village Council members approved an ordinance that offered village voters the option of establishing a 15-member charter commission that could have framed a document incorporating the village. That document would have defined every aspect of village government falling under that corporate umbrella.

In 2006, advocates of a charter form of government for Sunbury pointed out that a statutory form of government mandated by Ohio Revised Code is an inflexible, one size fits all,

generic solution to the problems of how to structure and operate the village; opponents of a charter simply wanted their quiet little village to remain just that for a few more years ... a quiet little village.

Voters rejected that move towards forming a charter form of government during the November 2006 General Election, and Sunbury continues to fall under guidelines set for villages by ORC. To establish a charter form of government several items need to be on the ballot. First, Sunbury voters will be asked if they want to establish a Village of Sunbury Charter Commission to frame a charter; and second, at least 15 Sunbury residents must be on the ballot for voters to approve as members of that charter commission.

To have a Charter Commission placed on the ballot the village would need to file a petition with the Delaware County Board of Elections signed by at least 10 percent of registered voters who voted in the previous General Election. Once on the ballot, if voters approve the need for a charter commission, members of that commission would then meet one or two times a month for 12 to 18 months to frame a charter.

"The charter process is a very important step on the process of the Village of Sunbury becoming a city. Sunbury will become a city at the next census and it is important that we work together to shape how Sunbury will operate as we move forward. We will soon be holding informational meetings on the process and I hope that you will participate. We will need volunteers to be on the charter committee. This will be a historic time for us to work together and lay the foundation that will carry the City of Sunbury forward during the next 200 years." Sunbury Mayor Tommy Hatfield

Mayor Hatfield has said it would be ideal to the Sunbury Charter issue be on the November 7, 2017, General Election Ballot. Public information meetings would need to be scheduled for May and June to meet an August board of elections filing deadline.

One final note about how fast the Village of Sunbury is growing. During Census 2000 Sunbury's population was 2,630; Census 2010 numbers placed Sunbury's population at 4,389; Census 2020 numbers are only a few years away, the village already exceeds that magic 5,000 number, and the residential population growth in eastern Delaware County is just beginning to accelerate.

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Inform, enlighten, and connect

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As Sunbury transitions from village to city status, it is the administration's goal to keep residents informed along the way. Please like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/The-Village-of-Sunbury> for current events. We are also in the process of building our e-mail database. You can register for e-mail on our Facebook page or website. If you have any questions regarding any information in this publication, please e-mail us at info@sunburyvillage.com or visit us at sunburyvillage.com. We plan to distribute newsletters on a quarterly basis to help keep everyone informed of current events and upcoming activities. The next 2 newsletters will be mailed. Subsequent newsletters will be emailed and available online only.



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