



VILLAGE OF MILAN

Birthplace of Thomas A. Edison

Fall Newsletter

2009

UTILITY INFORMATION

PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST

Names and addresses of Milan Utility customers are public record. If a public records request is made, social security numbers will be redacted. If you have a civil protection order, please provide the utility office with a copy of the protection order to be excluded.

CHECK PAYMENT POLICY

The utility office will not accept post dated checks. All checks are deposited on the day they are received.

STREET DEPARTMENT

BRUSH PICKUP

The Village of Milan's last brush pickup will be Monday, October 6th Please remember no yard waste or garden refuse, shrubs, roots, or complete tree removal will be picked up. Please do not place items for pickup on the tree lawn in front of your home until the day before the scheduled pickup.

YARD WASTE

The Village of Milan's last yard waste will be Monday, October 20th

Residents who have material for collection should place their material curbside according to the following.

1. All material for collection must be yard waste only (grass, weeds & shrubs) free from trash and plastic. Absolutely no plastic or stones.
2. Maximum container weight 50 lbs.
3. Material will be collected in:

Compost-able Kraft paper bags, cardboard boxes or 30 gallon trash container clearly marked "yard waste".

Bulk bushes should be tied with jute twine, no wire or nylon.

The Kraft paper bags can be purchased at Lowe's, Barnes Nursery and Ace Hardware in Huron.

LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin Tuesday October 21. Watch your utility bill for ending dates.

Please remember that this is only leaves.

SNOW REMOVAL

Please remember to clear your sidewalks of ice and snow for the safety of you and yours as well as your fellow Village residents. This will help protect all from serious injury as well as potential liability should anyone fall and hurt themselves on your walks. In addition, by Village Ordinance it is all property owners' responsibility to clear their walks of snow when the accumulation is 2" or more. Failure to do so is a minor misdemeanor. Vehicles must be removed from the street so the snow plow drivers can adequately do their job. When the streets have been cleared, vehicles may park on the street.

IMPORTANT DATES

Final Brush Pickup
Monday, October 5

Final Yard Waste Pickup
Monday, October 20

Leaf Pickup Begins
Tuesday, October 21

Trick or Treat
Friday, Oct. 31
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Milan Village Admin. Bldg.
Flu Vaccine Schedule
Friday, October 31
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 28
12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Contact Numbers

- **Mayor** 499-2631
- **Administrator** 499-2944
- **Fiscal Officer** 499-4481
- **Water & Sewer** 499-7800
- **Electric** 499-2133
- **Street** 499-2076
- **Chief of Police** 499-2001
- **Utilities** 499-4161

MILAN POLICE DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGES

PREVENTING IDENTITY THEFT

The National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) is advising consumers to take extra precaution to protect their personal information. From data breaches to phishing scams, thieves are targeting your money and you need to be prepared.

You can fight back with eight simple steps.

Just a few tips to keep in mind to protect your money and your good name:

- Lock up your personal information - tax information, previous tax returns, bank statements, and unpaid bills - even at home.
- Don't fall for scams - A legitimate business will not ask you to verify personal information via email. If you receive an email from a business or institution with whom you do business, call their customer service line— don't use the phone number included in the suspect email.
- Don't respond to requests - to verify personal information unless you initiated the contact with a legitimate business or financial institution.
- Destroy or shred documents that you don't need to keep for long periods. Documents such as phone bills, credit card receipts, and mail-order catalogs all hold valuable information tied to your identity.
- Carefully review your mail - Check monthly credit card and bank statements for unfamiliar transactions.
- Check your credit report - The law entitles you to a least one free report a year from each of the three major credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and Trans Union)
- Report suspicious activity right away - Alert any one of the three major credit bureaus to the possible fraud, close the account you think has been compromised, file a police report in case you need to provide proof of the crime, and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.
- Retrieve your mail from your mailbox promptly - Consider using direct deposit as an alternative to receiving a mailed check. Ask the post office to hold your mail if you are going away on travel.

(National Crime Prevention Council, 2008, accessed September 16, 2008 at <http://www.ncpc.org/newsroom/current-campaign/seniorfraud/>)

WALKERS - Just a reminder that walkers need to walk facing traffic while walking in the roadway.

NEW S.R. 601/MAIN STREET SPEED LIMIT - The Ohio Department of Transportation performed a traffic study along S. Main St. in 2007. The results of the study caused ODOT to raise the speed limit from 35 MPH to 40 MPH south of Indian Acres and to 50 MPH beginning just south of Old State Road the corporate limits. The Village voiced strong concerns to these increases given the children that live in the area and the number of driveways. We ask all residents to please drive with caution in this area and to those living along S Main St. to exit their driveways with caution.

POLITICAL SIGN

Political signs shall be permitted in all zoning districts subject to the following limitations.

- The political sign, poster or like device shall legibly bear the name of the party responsible for placement of the sign and shall not exceed thirty-two square feet per side, with no single dimension greater than eight feet; except the above restrictions shall not apply to political advertisements using billboards located in conformity with applicable provisions of the zoning code.
- Only one double-sided political sign per individual candidate or individual issue shall be placed per site (ground level street address) except as to corner lots where two such signs per individual candidate or individual issue may be placed at a site so as to front on each intersecting street.
- The owner or person in control of the property upon which the political sign, poster or like device is displayed, shall consent to the placement of same.
- No political sign, poster or like device shall be erected on, in or infringe in any way into the right-of-way of any street, road or other public way, nor be attached to any utility facility located within such right-of-way.
- No political sign, poster or like device shall be erected near the intersection of any street, road, alley, other public way or private drive in such a manner as to be hazardous to the vision of pedestrians or drivers of vehicles.

HERE ARE SOME SIMPLE, INEXPENSIVE WAYS YOU CAN SAVE ENERGY AND CUT COST ON NATURAL GAS

- Install an Energy Star programmable thermostat
- If you live in an older house, consider adding attic and wall insulation
- Turn your water heater temperature down from 140 to 120 degrees
- Install an energy and water saver shower head
- Seal air leaks in your home if you feel a draft
- Have your furnace properly serviced
- If you plan to replace your furnace, consider one with an annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) rating of greater than 92%
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Run only full loads in your dryer

Check Columbia Gas web site for more tips. www.columbiagasohio.com

WATER DEPT. NEWS

The Milan Water and Waste Water Department receives numerous calls from customers about excessive water use. Kevin and Dan have found the single most frequent cause of excessive water usage is leaking toilets. The leak is often silent and difficult for a homeowner to notice. If you believe your water usage is higher than normal, please stop in to the utility office for toilet dye test strips to check your toilet. It is a simple test and quick way often to reduce your water bill. They are available at no cost to our customers.

ELECTRIC DEPT. NEWS

With cold temperatures coming, sometimes there is a need for additional heating. During this time of year when portable heaters are being used at work and home, we may forget the dangers that they pose the danger of igniting combustible materials.

Some key tips for space heater safety include:

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from furniture or other combustible material, such as curtains and bedding.
- Don't place heaters on carpets or rugs.
- Locate space heaters on a hard, level surface where a child or family pet cannot brush up against them.
- Never leave a space heater on when an adult is not present in the room.
- Make sure the heater is designed for the size of the room you wish to heat. Indoor pollutants can be produced with a wrong sized heater.
- Ensure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide and other hazardous fumes.
- Make sure there is a guard around the heating element or flame area of the device.
- Do not go to sleep with a space heater turned on. Carbon monoxide levels could rise with fuel-fired heaters.
- Portable heaters should have an automatic shut-off.
- Never keep flammable liquids near a space heater.

FLU SHOT CLINIC IN MILAN

The Erie County Health Department is always striving to better service the needs of Erie County residents. The Health Department will be offering a clinic on Friday, October 31 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday, November 28 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Milan Administration Building located at 11 South Main Street, Milan.

Cost of vaccine:

Self Pay: \$20.00

High Risk/Health Problems: \$10.00

High Risk Pneumonia Vaccine: \$10.00

Medicare/Medicaid will be billed. No private insurances will be billed.

Acceptable payment is cash or check. If billing to Medicare or Medicaid, you will need your card along with a driver's license or State ID. High risk includes persons 50 and older and anyone with a chronic medical condition such as heart disease, cancer, asthma, lung disease, and diabetes.

