

Milan Newsletter

Spring 2008

SPRING AND FALL YARD WASTE PICKUP

The Village Spring and Fall Yard Waste Pickup for this year will be on the following Mondays; May 12, June 16 and October 20. 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.

BRUSH PICKUP

The Village will resume brush pick up, e.g. **tree trimmings only**, on Monday April 7TH. Brush pickup will continue on the first Monday of each month with the exception of Labor Day in September (which will be performed on Monday, Sept. 8th). The last brush pickup will be held on 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.**

SWIMMING POOL AND HOT TUB INSPECTIONS

Residents need to be aware all swimming pools and hot tubs 24" in depth or more must receive upon initial installation or subsequent re-installation an electrical inspection.

Any pool or hot tub with a filtering system regardless of depth must also have an electrical inspection upon initial installation.

TREE CITY USA

Milan has been named a Tree City USA community by The National Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry. It is the fifth year Milan has received this national recognition. Milan has met or exceeded the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

The Village will again this spring celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 25, 2008 with the planting of several trees around the Village.

There is currently an open position on the Village five member Tree Commission. If you wish to be considered for this position, please contact Mayor Bickley @ 419-499-2631.

COST OF ELECTRIC

The Village contracted with an outside consultant in 2007 to study the electric rates charged to our residents. The study concluded the rates are covering our costs and do not need to be raised at this time. In addition, the outside consultant compared the Village's cost of electricity to that of First Energy (Ohio Edison) in adjacent areas. The comparison indicated the Village's rates are currently running on average 10% below comparable rates charged by First Energy. In addition, First Energy recently requested from PUCO an increase in their base cost. If approved by PUCO, the savings to our residents by being supplied by the Village will increase even more.

RENEWABLE ENERGY

As one of his first initiatives after his election, Governor Strickland has proposed mandating a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) that would require investor owned utilities to provide 12 1/2% of their electricity from new clean coal powered generation and 12 1/2% from renewable sources by 2025. The Village owns portions of several power generating stations around Ohio. In 2007, approximately 14% of our electricity came from a hydro-electric dam on the Ohio River. Council approved the purchase of an additional 100 kw share of several new hydro-electric dams in construction also on the Ohio river that will add to our renewable power portfolio and placing the Village well ahead of the Governor's plan in both the amount and schedule. The Village is also looking at purchasing a portion of new power generating windmills to be added to the existing wind farm in Bowling Green, Ohio.

FUTURE ELECTRIC POWER

The vast majority of power provided to our residents is generated in a 50 year old coal power plant located in southern Ohio. The Village has had an ownership share in this plant since the late 1980's. Two new coal fired power plants are currently underway in which the Village has purchased ownership positions. The power from these two plants will replace the power currently provided from the old plant. The new plants will meet all environmental regulations and place the Village in a position to continue to provide electricity at less than market prices for decades to come. One plant is located in southern Illinois. The ownership position in this plant includes coal reserves for more than 30 years of power generation and is under construction now. The second plant will be constructed in Meigs County located in southern Ohio. When in operation, the environmental equipment will allow

this new plant to meet Governor Strickland's RPS requirements for clean coal technology. The Village's total "carbon footprint" will be dramatically reduced at startup of these projects making the Village's efforts for a cleaner environmental future come to fruition.

CODIFIED ORDINANCES ON THE WEB

All of Milan's Codified Ordinances can be found on the Conway Greene website. The Codified Ordinances are updated yearly. The webpage is www.conwaygreene.com.

MILAN COUNCIL MINUTES VIA EMAIL

Council is now providing copies of the Village Council Meeting minutes and the report made by the Administrator at each Council meeting via email. If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please send your email address to the Administrator, Bruce Bowie at milanadmin@neo.rr.com or call Bruce with your email address at 419-499-2944.



PEDDLER'S & SOLICITORS

If you have a peddler or a solicitor you should ask them if they have a license to do so. If they do not produce a license, please call the police department and let Chief Ward know. According to Milan's ordinance no person, firm or corporation shall engage in the business or activity of peddler or solicitor in this Municipality without first obtaining a license. Each and every person peddling or soliciting shall pay the fees set forth in Section 741.04.

SAFETY

School will be out shortly for the summer and with nice weather approaching, children come out to play. Please drive slower and safely because they sometimes don't think before going out in the roadway.

--Just a reminder that all bicycles are subject to the same rules as a vehicle while riding in the roadway.

--Skateboards, rollerblades and roller skates are prohibited in the streets.



PLACEMENT OF SIGNS ON UTILITY POLES PROHIBITED

The placement of any type of privately owned signs on municipally owned utility poles within the Village is prohibited

TOWN SQUARE ACTIVITIES

May 27– September 30 – Cruzin' on the Square. Tuesday's 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 May 10 –Firelands Herb Club annual plant sale. 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM



MILAN RECYCLE CENTER

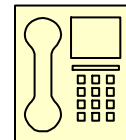
The Milan recycle collection center located behind the Street Barn off E. Merry Street collected 150 tons of recycle material in 2007. Due to the high usage our recycle center sees, the Village requested the container be pulled three times per week. This additional pull was added in the late spring of last year. Residents responded by increasing the amount recycle from 115 tons per year in 2005 and 2006 to 150 tons in 2007, or a 30% increase. Way to go Milan! The container is now pulled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. If you are still finding the container full, try bringing your recycle materials starting the evening of the day pulled.

ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING

The Milan Lion's club wishes to thank all area residents who have dropped off their aluminum cans into the Lion's Club recycle drop off this past year. The dollars collected have been 100% returned into the local community. The aluminum can drop off is located behind the Street Barn off E. Merry Street and adjacent to the Erie County recycle container. Please continue your generous donations to make 2008 another successful year in this effort.

ERIE COUNTY APPLIANCE AND COMPUTER DROP OFF

Erie County will be accepting large household appliances; air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, dehumidifiers, computers and computer peripherals, working cell phones and cell phone batteries and chargers at the Erie County Fairgrounds north entrance on Saturday, May 3RD between 9 AM and Noon. *NOT* accepted items include televisions, VCRs, small electronic household appliances and electronics not related to computers. Questions, please contact Erie County Solid Waste Management @ 419-433-7303.



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