



# VILLAGE OF MILAN

*Birthplace of Thomas A. Edison*

Fall Newsletter

2009

## **ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT CLINICS**

The Erie County Health Department is offering public health nursing outreach services at the Milan Village Administration Building from **8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** on the following dates:

**November 18, December 9, and December 30.**

Some of the services they provide include: Child, adolescent, and adult vaccines, blood pressure screening, individual health assessments which include lipid profile, blood glucose, hemoglobin A1Cm, health risk assessment (please note: fasting 9-12 hours before testing is required for individual health assessments.) Free lead testing for children 0 to 6 years of age will be available.

Additionally, we will be providing referral source services, Community Outreach and Healthy Lifestyle education.

A sliding fee scale will be applied as appropriate. Medicaid, Medicare and other insurances are accepted.

Stop by the clinic and see how the health department staff can help you become healthier.

For more information contact the Erie County Health Department at (419) 626-5623 ext.138.

## **STREET DEPARTMENT**

### **VILLAGE STREET RENEWAL LEVY ON BALLOT**

The Village will have a 4-Mill Road Renewal Levy on the November Ballot. As a renewal, no additional taxes are collected during the 5-year term. Funds generated are used to repair and upgrade streets, alleys village-wide. Recent projects funded by this levy include the new municipal parking lot behind the Public Square, reconstruction of Liberty and Merry Streets West of Huron Street, including the addition of storm sewers, reconstruction and paving the balance of Merry Street in 2009 and paving of numerous alleys in recent years. Please support this important source of funding when you vote this year!

### **NEW SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE**

Village Council has recently revised the sidewalk maintenance ordinance. Council has recognized the importance of improving the condition of our sidewalks while accepting much of the damage is created by Village trees located in the right-of-way. The Village will devote approximately \$15,000 each year, budget allowing, to sidewalk replacement. The existing sidewalks along both sides of Main St. from Church St. to Chippewa were replaced this year. Plans are to prioritize sidewalks going forward much as the Village has done for street paving.

### **LEAF PICKUP**

Leaf pickup has resumed. Please remember that this is leaves only.

### **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**

Trick or Treat

Saturday, October 31

Community Halloween Party

Saturday, October 31  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Edison Thespian Society's  
Door to Door Food Drive

American Red Cross  
Blood Drives

Saturday, October 31  
9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 26  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Bloodmobile in front of the

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3

Council Meeting Dates

Wednesday, November 4  
Tuesday, November 17  
Tuesday, December 15  
Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Health Department  
Outreach Clinic

Wednesday, November 18  
Wednesday, December 9  
Wednesday, December 30  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

## **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 they pose 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 from kerosene heaters.
- 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.

## **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](http://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.

## **COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGES**

Please note the following changes to the monthly Council Meetings as they have changed.

Tuesday, November 3rd changed to Wednesday, November 4th due to Election Day.

There will be only one Council Meeting held in December. Tuesday, December 15th.

## **NEW 2010 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE**

All regular Council Meetings will be held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays effective January 2010

ALL MEETING START TIMES REMAIN 7 P.M.

## **NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE PLANNED FOR 2010**

The Village is considering a major redesign and upgrade to the Village website, [www.milanohio.com](http://www.milanohio.com). The website serves two primary functions; selling the Village to visitors and potential residents and businesses, providing information to the residents. The redesign and upgrade will enhance both functions. If you have anything you would like to see included in the upgrade, or in addition if you have any Village oriented pictures you would be willing to share, please contact the Administrator, Bruce Bowie 419-499-2944. Stay tuned for more information on this important project.

## **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/senior fraud/](http://www.ncpc.org/newsroom/current-campaign/senior%20fraud/))

### **ERIE COUNTY PULLS RECYCLE DROP-OFF CENTER**

The Erie County Commissioners recently notified the Village the recycle container will be removed from Milan's drop-off center effective this coming January 4th. Please note, if you wish to continue or begin recycling, at this time two of the three rubbish haulers serving Milan have curbside recycling available. Please contact your hauler for details.

### **LION'S ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING**

With the closure of the recycle center, the Village has relocated the Lion's Club Aluminum drop off to a pad adjacent to the Street Department barn facing Edison Drive. The Goodwill collection bin will be relocated as well. The Lion's Club received over \$8,000 in the past several years for the aluminum cans collected. All proceeds go to local projects. Please help the Lion's by adding your aluminum cans to their effort!

### **CHARGER THESPIANS TOTS-EAT FOOD DRIVE**

TOTS-EAT is the International Thespian Society's annual nationwide community service initiative to collect food for the hungry. Donations of non-perishable food are delivered to local organizations. The Charger Thespians will be going door-to-door during Trick-or-Treat between 5-6 P.M. on Saturday, October 31.

### **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be parked on the Square in Milan on the following dates:

**Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Donate blood and receive a free t-shirt

**Thursday, November 26, 2009 Thanksgiving Day from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Donate blood and receive a coupon for a free apple pie from Perkins Restaurants.

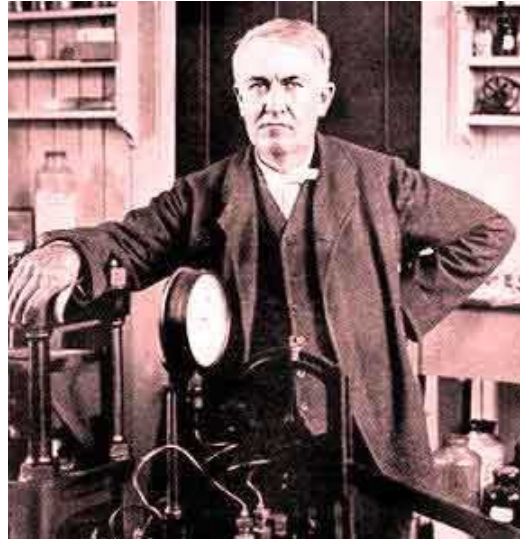
Please consider stopping between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and donating your blood as a way of saying thanks for the good things in your life. The blood you donate could very well allow someone to celebrate Thanksgiving next year that otherwise might not be able to.

**CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE**

Milan Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Christmas on the Square beginning Saturday, November 21st and running thru Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. See Kelly at Kelly Graphics for application. This is to families, organizations, and businesses.

**BIG THANK YOU TO THE MELON FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**

The 51st annual Melon Festival once again went off with much success. The Mayor and Council would like to thank the members of the Melon Festival Committee for their yearlong effort in making for another highly successful Festival.



**MR. EDISON GOES TO WASHINGTON**

Ohio will soon replace one of its two statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC. Please write a letter/email and vote online to express your opinion about honoring Ohio’s native son, Thomas A. Edison and his wonderfully free spirit of invention!

Their State Legislature Committee addresses are:

- Senator Mark Wagoner (R-Toledo), Chairman, [SD02@senate.state.oh.us](mailto:SD02@senate.state.oh.us)
- Senator Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), [SD11@maild.sen.state.oh.us](mailto:SD11@maild.sen.state.oh.us)
- Senator Karen Gillmor (R-Tiffin), [SD26@senate.state.oh.us](mailto:SD26@senate.state.oh.us)
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- Representative Tom Letson (D-Warren), [district64@ohr.state.oh.us](mailto:district64@ohr.state.oh.us)

For more information and reasons to designate Edison to represent Ohio, go to Edison Birthplace Museum website, [www.tomedison.org](http://www.tomedison.org), and click on CAMPAIGN FOR EDISON STATUE

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