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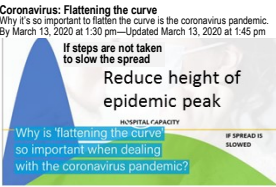
The Mayor's Column-Covid-19

On March 23rd I issued a "State of Emergency" for the Village of Ashville. The text of that order is on the reverse side of this page. Much of this newsletter will be devoted to Covid-19. It is an issue for Ashville, the State, the Nation, and every Nation on Earth. While what you hear or read appears very somber, I want you to know that we have adopted a phase to match our Vision Statement and provide a positive outlook for the future: "Together as a community everything will be okay". This is not to minimize the challenge it is to look beyond that to what comes next. There is always a next. Just look at our Revolutionary War, The Civil War, World War I & II, and 911. We must of course get through this but we must not lose sight of who we are, what we care about and who we care for. Now for dealing with today.

Not just in Columbus or New York should we be practicing "Social Distancing", we need to do this everywhere including Ashville. Six or more feet apart is recommended. If you want more information, a good website for why this is important is: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/science/one-simple-chart-explains-how-social-distancing-saves-lives>

You have heard a lot on TV on Covid-19 projections. By applying these models to Ashville we can determine the impact if we do nothing. What could happen if we do not reduce exposure. Ashville has a population of 4,300. If 1/3 is infected with coronavirus, that means almost 1,400 will get the virus and best estimates indicate 3.5% die, or 49 people in Ashville. That is unacceptable if it is preventable.

The objective is the "Flatten the Curve".



Therefore, this is the measures that Ashville has taken to protect you and our staff by flattening the curve so that our health care system is in a position to help those 49 people.

We still want to provide you necessary services; therefore, these actions have been taken:

First, all our offices are closed but we are here to respond to your requests and to complete the necessary functions of government operations. For services or questions call 740/983-6367 and follow the prompts. You can also email a department or individual. If you do not know the email use ashville@ashvilleohio.gov. Everyone on Ashville's staff receives that email.

Second, the Police Department is staffed and ready to respond but at this time only emergency calls will be done in person. Other calls will be done by "Social Distancing" such as phone calls or emails. The office number is 740/983-3112, dispatcher

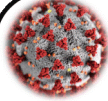
740/474-2176, and emergencies should always dial 911.

Third, the Utility Department is responding to emergency calls. They can be reached at 740/983-6367. They will only turn off water by request or for an emergency, i.e. leak. The Village is not charging any penalties or late fees at this time. We do encourage you to pay your bill since we have to pay our bills to maintain operation. If you wait one or two months to pay a bill it will be 2 to 3 times higher than your typical bill which may create a future problem.

Fourth, the Service Department will continue to maintain streets, stormwater intervention, and park maintenance. At the time of this publication, the park is still open but the playground area has been closed. All Shelter House Rentals have been suspended for now.

Fifth, the Tax Department has its busiest time of the year now but because of Covid-19 penalties and interest have been waived for 2019 Taxes and the filing deadline of April 15 has been extended to July 15, see page 2.


All this information and more can be found on our Coronavirus webpage, click on the below banner found at www.ashvilleohio.gov.



Coronavirus Disease 2019/2020

Many organization are closely monitoring the novel coronavirus outbreak. Ashville will provide you the following links to information:

Pickaway County - <https://pickawaycountypublichealth.org/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>
 Ohio - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>
 Nation - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>
 WHO - <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>



The Legislative Corner

This section provides the title to Ordinances and Resolutions being considered by Village Council. To read the entire text go to our website. Enacted legislation will be found under "Village Government"; and Legislation that is being considered can be found under "Village Council—Agenda".


- ◆ Ordinance 2020-03 An Ordinance to Make Permanent Appropriations for The Current Year's Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Ashville, State of Ohio, Based upon the Amended Certificate of Resources Issued by the Pickaway County Budget Commission for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020, and Declaring an Emergency.
- ◆ Resolution 04-2020 a resolution authorizing the Mayor or Village Administrator to submit an application (s) for Ohio Department of Development Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for FY 2020.

United States Census 2020

Important in 2020 is the Census. What is the Census? As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, the census is a once-every-decade count of everyone living in the country. The Census is adjusting to Covid-19. You can still visit their website www.2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. More information in future newsletters

Ashville's Covid-19 The Social Media Connection

As the previous article indicated Ashville created a Community Covid-19 Webpage to provide accurate and updated information and links about the Coronavirus Pandemic. In researching for websites and links we realized a lot of local information was on Social Media. Unfortunately Social Media is not known to be a source of accurate information but since that is how information is locally disseminated we decided to create a Social Media Connection Webpage. You will find the hyperlink from our Covid-19 Webpage Information Page. **If we missed you and you would like to be added just email your social media address to www.ashville@ashvilleohio.gov.**




To better protect staff Local Waste Services has requested the following process for trash & recycle:

- Bag all trash to reduce exposure to items such as tissues and personal hygiene products. Recyclables should still be placed loosely in the bin.
- Utilize our Customer Service Portal at www.localwasteservices.com to reduce high call volumes.
- Put your trash to the curb the night before your scheduled pickup day.

The Ashville Foundation

The March 25th Foundation Meeting was cancelled because of Covid-19. It will be rescheduled. That date will be published in a future (newsletter & website).



The Foundation Information Page
 By going to www.ashvilleohio.gov you can find out information about the Ashville Foundation including board membership.

Village Council Meetings Every 1st and 3rd Monday Time: 6:30 pm
 Council Committee Meetings Every 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm
 - Holiday Mondays will move the meeting forward by one week

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Next Month....
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ASHVILLE VISION STATEMENT

Remembering our rural heritage, Ashville will be a vibrant and friendly community, offering an enhanced quality of life achieved through planning, progress and collaboration. It will be a welcoming place where people want to live and businesses prosper.



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The following DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY has been issued by Charles K. Wise, Mayor of Ashville.

WHEREAS, due to the novel outbreak of COVID-19 and the potential threat of community spread, and the number of reported cases globally, and state-wide and;

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions which have caused or will cause, widespread or severe contamination or loss of life; and

WHEREAS, As Mayor of the Village of Ashville I am hereby: declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein as necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Village of Ashville under Title Five of the Village of Ashville.

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Ashville, Ohio.

Section 2. The Emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall include the entire Village.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Restricted Access: All Village of Ashville government buildings shall be closed to public access.

B. Other: At this time regular trash pick-up shall continue. At this time no water will be turned off unless requested or an emergency.

Section 4. I hereby order all Village of Ashville law enforcement officers, employees, and all other Emergency management personnel subject to Village control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Village Emergency Operations Plan. Any violation of any order hereunder is a Misdemeanor of the First Degree.

Section 5. I hereby order this declaration: (n) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Ashville's Clerk-Treasurer and (e) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on March 23, 2020, at Midnight and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Charles K. Wise, Mayor

DATE: March 20, 2020

Vision Statement

"It is a place people will want to live, and businesses will want to locate."



Tax Department & Covid-19

The Ashville Tax Department closed to the public on March 16th. Many things changed concerning taxes since March 16th. Here is a list of those items which may have changed after that date.

- ⇒ July 15, 2020 is the filing date for 2019 taxes.
- ⇒ Taxpayers can also defer 2019 income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed.
- ⇒ Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms.
- ⇒ Individual taxpayers who need additional time to file beyond the July 15 deadline, can request a filing extension by filing Form 4868 through their tax professional, tax software or using the Free File link on IRS.gov. Businesses who need additional time must file Form 7004.
- ⇒ The Ashville Tax Department urges taxpayers who are due a refund to file as soon as possible.
- ⇒ The Ashville Tax Department will continue to monitor issues related to the COVID-19 virus, and updated information based upon Federal and State actions.
- ⇒ Penalties and interest are suspended for 2019 taxes.

To file your return, you have the following options:

1. Complete the return and pay your balance online on the RITA website (ritaohio.com)
2. Mail returns and all applicable documentation to RITA at the address on the bottom of page 2 of the Form 37.
3. Mail copies of your W-2's, schedule income and page one of your Federal 1040 to the Ashville Tax Department, 200 East Station Street, Ashville 43103.
4. Drop a sealed envelope containing copies of your W-2's, Schedule income and page 1 of your Federal 1040 in the drop box at 200 East Station Street, Ashville to the attention of the Tax Department.

If your information is received locally, the tax administrator will mail you a file copy of your return, along with a balance due notice as needed. Please include a phone number where you can be reached if additional information is needed or if the tax administrator has questions. Leave a message at 740-983-7172 if you have any questions. Your call will be returned.

Thank you, *Patricia S. Cavinee*, Tax Administrator

For Immediate Release

Ashville Mayor's Court

RE: Ashville Mayor's Court Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic
 March 24, 2020

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In response to the "stay at home" order issued by Governor Mike DeWine effective Monday, March 23, 2020 at 11:59 PM and for the safety of our staff and the public, the Ashville Mayor's Court has issued an Order of Public Emergency while we all deal with the impacts of the COVID-19. During this period, our office will be open our regular hours but all court hearings will be continued to a date to be determined in the near future. Please note:

- Traffic Arraignment cases will not be conducted for at least the next 60 days.
- Scheduled hearings before the Magistrate will be rescheduled and a notice of the new court date will be sent to the address the court has on file.

We will continuously be updating and evaluating the new dates as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. For any defendants, who are questioning when their cases will be rescheduled, please feel free to contact me at the phone number listed above.

Sincerely, *April Grube*, Mayor's Court Clerk

In the Ashville Mayor's Court Traffic and Criminal Division Pickaway County, Ohio Order in Response to the COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The Magistrate of the Ashville Mayor's Court makes the following Findings of Facts:

1. On March 9th 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health emergency.
2. On March 11th, 2020 the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 11th, 2020 the first "community transfer" positive case of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio was confirmed.
4. On March 22nd, 2020 Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a "stay at home" order for all "non-essential residents" to stay home effective Monday, March 23rd, 2020 at 11:59 PM through Monday, April 6th, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

Based upon these Findings of Facts, the Ashville Mayor's Court developed protocol in response to this public health emergency. These protocols are intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Mayor's Court Local Rules of Court may be temporarily modified to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The Mayor's Court policies may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
3. The Mayor's Court has determined the public health emergency is good cause for continuances.
4. The Magistrate has agreed starting Tuesday, March 24th, 2020 through Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 the Mayor's Court hours of operation are modified to limited access. This access will be through non-human to human contact. The Mayor's Court can be contacted through phone, email, drop box, or mail.
5. All court arraignments, compliance hearings, and trials April 15, 2020 through May 20th, 2020 will be continued to a future date.

SO ORDERED.

HON. BRIAN GARVINE ASHVILLE MAYOR'S COURT MAGISTRATE March 24, 2020



Ashville Police Department

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Hello Residents and Friends,

With the constant change of all the Covid 19 Virus, some changes are taking place within the Ashville Police Department to protect you and our staff. Effective immediately, we will not be responding to non-emergency calls for service. First let me define what emergency calls we will respond. We will always respond to Threats of Physical harm in progress or Felony in Progress calls.

Non-emergency calls that require documentation will have the reports handed over the phone. NO ONE will be brought into the station for reports, statements or to visit. We are requesting that all statements, photos, etc. be forwarded by e-mail or Evidence.com. If you need further information or clarification call 740-983-3112.

My first concern is the safety and wellbeing of my officers and staff, the residents of Ashville, and the general public. Other law enforcement agencies are developing their Covid-19 procedures. We are working in collaboration with them. Therefore, there may be future changes to specific way these polices are implemented.

If you need to reach the Ashville Police Department call 740-983-3112. If you need service from the Ashville Police Department call 740-474-2176 and provide the necessary information to the Dispatcher. If you have an Emergency call 911

I will be putting this information on Ashville Police Department, <https://www.facebook.com/ashvillepolicedepartment/?f=138225603014313>.

Most importantly, we will still always do the job we have sworn to do, just do it in a little different way for the time being.

Thank you all for what you do, PLEASE be safe!!!!

Jeff George, Police Chief