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The Mayor's Column—In Transition



Charles "Chuck" K. Wise
 May 23, 1959 ~ January 28, 2023 (age 63)

This has been a difficult month for the Village of Ashville. On January 28th, Charles (Chuck) Wise, Mayor from 2000 passed away at Grant Medical Center. He worked for the Village of Ashville beginning in 1981. He also volunteered/worked for the Harrison Township Fire/EMT Department when it was located on Cherry Street.



He was Police Officer from 1981 to 1985 at which time he became Chief until 1998. In 1999, he was elected as Mayor and began to service office in the year 2000.

We express our condolences to his wife of 37 ½ years Sherri L. Wise; daughter Donna Wise, son Jacob Wise, grandson Jaxon, brother Scott Wise, sister Pamela S. Liska, and numerous other family members and many friends.

At our website www.ashvilleohio.gov we have create a tribute page for Mayor Wise. The direct address is <https://www.ashvilleohio.gov/index.php/16-village-of-ashville/388>

A quote from the mayor, "A leader is as good as the people he works with, and we have good people working here in Ashville. Residents continue to voice concerns that the neighborhood is changing, and the next several years are



critical to the village's future. Funding is of primary importance." Mayor Wise also was involved outside of government. Every year he participated in "Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Minis-

go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/> or <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



While we mourn the loss of a significant individual, we have to continue operating as a local government having a fiduciary obligation to our residents and businesses.

In addition, it would be what Mayor Wise would want us to do, to move forward what he had started.

Based upon the Rules of Council and the Ohio Revised Code, the President Pro-tempore of Council became Mayor. That would be Nelson R. Embrey II. He has been meeting with the staff to maintain continuity with what is going on in the Village. Much of the development information was in the January 2023 Newsletter. When Mayor Embrey assumed office that created a Village Council vacancy. Village Council will be interview three applicant on January 27th. The March Newsletter will introduce the new sworn in member of Village Council.



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 2023-01 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, 2023, and Declaring an Emergency.
- ◆ Ordinance 2023-02 An Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Agreement to Create the Northern Pickaway County Joint Economic Development District, Authorizing the inclusion of Certain Additional Property Within Said District, Approving Amendments to the Harrison Township Annexation Moratorium Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency.
- ◆ Ordinance 2023-03 An Ordinance Approving Amendments to the Agreement to Create the Madison Township Joint Economic Development District, Authorizing the inclusion of Certain Additional Property Within Said District, Approving Amendments to the Madison Township Annexation Moratorium Agreement, and Declaring an Emergency.
- ◆ Ordinance 2023-04 An Ordinance to Accept the BARBARA ANN HEDGES ARTHURS AND JOSEPH BENTON HEDGES, LANDOWNERS (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "LANDOWNER") AND FISHER HOMES (HEREINAFTER THE "DEVELOPER") APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION BY THE LANDOWNER AND DEVELOPER, ET ALL FOR ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY CONTAINING 55.9126 +/- ACRES IN THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF PICKAWAY, STATE OF OHIO TO THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- ◆ Resolution 02-2023 A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-Recession Levels.
- ◆ Resolution 03-2023 A Resolution Adopting a Statement of Services and a Statement Regarding Possible Incompatible Land Uses and Zoning Buffer for a Proposed Annexation of ±1.020 & 1.410 Acres of Parcel Number [D1200010010700](#) and [D1200010010605](#) from Harrison Township to the Village of Ashville and Declaring an Emergency.

Village of Ashville New Office Hours

To better serve our residents and business we are making a change to the hours our doors will be open. Beginning Wednesday, March 1st office hours will be from 8:00am to 4:00pm. This will give our front office staff the ability to process workorders and end of day items that has been difficult to complete. This will allow us to provide better and more timely services. We appreciate your support during this transition.

We are also exploring possible evening hours during the week. That will be communicated in future Newsletters and on our website.



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

Next Month....

- ◆ **Viking Festival**

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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.

Seasonal Advice from the Service Department

Spring is in the air! But, even though spring is very near we can experience sudden shifts in temperature. One day it is a balmy 60 degrees and the next 20 degrees! This is an reminder about street, driveways, and sidewalks during these weather events. Most of this is covered by Village Ordinances, Chapter 351.14 Snow Emergency and 905.01 Snow Removal Policy. The goal of the service department is to maintain the safe flow of traffic. The crews work many different hours as needed for snow plowing and salt application. You can help the service department during sleet, hail, ice, and snow removal by not parking along the curb. Please remove car (s) to an area that has been plowed. Main and secondary roads are given first priority for plowing and salting. Residential streets are plowed afterwards. Primary Streets = Main, Long, Station, Circleville Ave., & State Route 752. Secondary Streets = Jefferson, Miller, Scioto, Cromley, East, Powell, Randolph, Walnut, Plum and Park. After primary and secondary roads are cleared all remaining streets in Ashville are done. Parking is prohibited in Village Center District when snow has accumulated to a depth of two (2) inches. Property owners are responsible for snow and ice removal from sidewalks in front of their property.

Pot holes! With the fluctuations in weather these freeze thaw cycles will cause them to occur. If you see them, please call 983-6367. or report online at ashvilleohio.gov. If you need the Service Department, call 983-6367 and ask for Greg Sturgill. He is our Chief of the Service Department and will gladly assist you.

March is National Development Disability Awareness Month



In 1987 President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March as National Developmental Disability Awareness month. It was to focus awareness on the potential of citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I.D.D) You can observe this month by doing any or all of the following:

- Share on social media to spread awareness
- Wear the color orange
- Let those with I.D.D know that you support and encourage them.

For more information visit www.pickawaydd.org or www.nacdd.org

Public Hearings & Project Information Page Public Meeting on February 27 & March 6, 2023



- Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) Expansion
- Annexation of Hedges (a Fisher Homes Project)

click on this image for information on this "Plan"

The Public Meetings will be at 6:15 pm
Location: 200 East Station Street,
Ashville, Ohio - Council Room
Click on this page for all public hearing & development information



2023 Viking Festival April 29 & 30

On Friday, April 28th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm there is an all you can eat pork chop dinner with sides and drinks.



For more information go to:
www.ashvilleohio.gov

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 a.m. local time on Sunday, March 12th.

Turn your clocks ahead one hour. Daylight Saving Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks an hour forward in the spring.



2022 Monthly & YTD Activity Report

The information below can be viewed as a pdf with larger text at www.ashvilleohio.gov under Community & Links "Newsletter"

Even though Pickaway County Emergency Management has plans for disasters <https://pickaway.org/offices/emergency/>. Police Chief George along with Administration is reviewing processes involving train derailments and how to protect the public. More information in future newsletter.

Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD Total	Projection	Ave	Mean Measure
Incident Report	87	117	144	148	132	137	130	99	163	119	97	105	1,478	1,494	123.17	124.50 Report
Criminal Arrest/Charges Filed	9	9	10	11	5	4	25	8	23	13	6	1	124	108	10.33	9.00 Files
Warrant Served/Arrests	1	2	3	5	1	1	1	2	4	3	3	1	27	24	2.25	2.00 Each
Traffic Citations	45	29	46	53	74	47	50	40	51	46	40	61	582	558	48.50	46.50 Each
Other Agency Assistance	7	17	25	13	10	16	9	13	17	13	14	10	164	156	13.67	13.00 Each
Warning Citations	65	42	30	86	95	63	67	33	31	48	60	80	700	738	58.33	61.50 Each
Crash Reports	1	6	6	6	7	4	6	6	0	8	3	7	60	72	5.00	6.00 Each
Code Violations	2	0	1	8	22	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	38	12	3.17	1.00 Each
Patrolled Miles	7,440	6,441	7,588	8,148	7,554	6,733	6,942	6,985	6,587	5,525	5,925	6,895	82,763	83,022	6,896.92	6,918.50 Miles
Reserve Unit Hours	49.25	48.25	49	48.75	49.5	48.5	54.5	48	48.5	50.5	53.75	48.25	596.75	587	49.73	48.88 Hours