

Village View



Village Council & Committee Meetings will be held virtually until further notice.

To view the meetings, please go to our [website](#) and click on the link for the specific meeting.



We hope you enjoy this time together with your families.



Christmas Hop

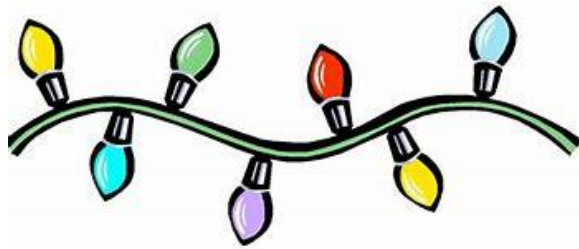
Please join us for the Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, December 5th @ 6:00p
206 Vause Street

Due to COVID-19, the other Christmas Hop Activities, including Santa, will be cancelled this year. The tree lighting will be a short, socially distanced event.

Christmas Decorating Contest

Be sure to have your lights up and house fully decorated before it is judged December 19th! The winner of the Christmas Decorating Contest will have bragging rights for a year!



New Name for the Former Masonic Lodge Building

Thanks to all who took our online survey! We had an incredible response rate. There was a tie for the top vote (Lockbourne Historical Hall and George Cole Event Center). Council voted to break the tie at their November 23rd Council meeting.

The building is now named the
Lockbourne Historical Hall



Lockbourne Partners with Canal Communities

Lockbourne and its partner communities proudly announce the development of the new Ohio & Erie Canal Southern Descent Heritage Trail. The 114-mile driving trail begins at the southern edge of Buckeye Lake in Fairfield County.

It includes Bibler Lock 8 in Baltimore, Locks 11-13 in Lockville, Lock 22 in Groveport, Locks 26, 27, 29 & 30 in and near Lockbourne, and remnants of the Columbus Feeder, just west of Lockbourne in Franklin County. In Pickaway County, the trail passes Lock 31 in Millport and includes Canal Park in Circleville.

In Scioto County, the trail continues south through Rushtown at Locks 48 and 50 in West Portsmouth and ends at Lock 55, west of downtown Portsmouth at the Ohio River.

All of these canal locks, with the exception of Lock 55, have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Work to list Lock 55 is underway.

Once the trail has been established, residents and visitors will be able to learn the story of this important transportation route as they follow the driving trail. Creation of the trail, which will be launched next Fall, is being funded by the Canal Society of Ohio and Ohio Humanities.

The canal partner communities are grateful for their support. For more information about the Ohio & Erie Canal Southern Descent Heritage Trail, contact Project Director Cathy Nelson at cathyd.nelson@gmail.com.

Snow Removal Policy

During snowfall, Maintenance will begin plowing at 2 in. of snow, beginning with the bridge on Rowe Rd. Then:

Rowe Rd.

Commerce St.

Williams St.

Commerce St.

Mechanics St.

Side Streets/Alleys

If roads are icy, salt will be applied foregoing the 2 in. minimum requirement.

Mechanics Street (between Williams & Commerce Streets) will be closed.

If there is a level 2 or level 3 snow emergency, all vehicles on Commerce St. must be removed from road. Failure to do so may result in towing.

No roads, fire hydrants, or sidewalks are to be blocked by excess snow piles.



Hamilton Local School District Announcement

Beginning November 30, Hamilton Local Schools will be returning to the full virtual operating model through December 22.

The preschool teachers are working to put together virtual school plans for all the preschool classes and will be contacting the parents/guardians of preschoolers with these plans on Monday, November 30.

**St. Matthews Lutheran
Church Carryout Lunch**
December 14th
99 Commerce Street

Menu

Chicken Tetrazzini
Broccoli Fleurets
Tossed Salad
Dinner Rolls
Peanut Butter Cookies
Water

It will be curbside pickup at 12.
One must pre-register at 614-875-0510.



Hamilton Local Schools is providing free meals to students

Monday - Friday, now through December 22, 2020.

Morning Distribution Location for Lockbourne is:

Lockbourne Municipal Building
10:00 am - 11:00 am



**Franklin Soil and Water
Conservation District**
Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 70 Years

Celebrate World Soil Day – Friday, December 4th

World Soil Day is a global day of recognition and celebration of soil as an important natural resource. World Soil Day serves as a day to advocate for this precious natural resource and showcase ongoing research in the field of soil science. For more information, [click here!](#)

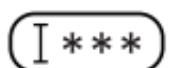


TIP #1:**CHECK
YOUR
DEVICES**

Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, do they each have strong passwords? And even better, if two-factor authentication is available, are you using it?


SHOPPING SAFELY
ONLINE

Protect your devices by keeping the **software up-to-date**. These include items like mobile phones, computers, and tablets, **but also appliances, electronics, and children's toys**.



Once you've purchased an internet connected device, **change the default password** and **use different and complex passwords** for each one. Consider using a password manager to help.



Check the devices privacy and security settings to **make sure you understand how your information will be used and stored**. Also make sure you're not sharing more information than you want or need to provide.



Enable automatic software updates where applicable, as running the latest version of software helps ensure the manufacturers are still supporting it and providing the latest patches for vulnerabilities.



Learn more at cisa.gov/shop-safely

TIP #2:**ONLY SHOP THROUGH TRUSTED SOURCES**

Think about how you're searching online. Are you searching from home, on public Wi-Fi? How are you finding the deals? Are you clicking on links in emails? Going to trusted vendors? Clicking on ads on webpages? You wouldn't go into a store with boarded up windows and without signage, the same rules apply online. If it looks suspicious, something's probably not right.

**HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY**

Before providing any personal or financial information, **make sure that you are interacting with a reputable, established vendor.**



Some attackers may try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear to be legitimate. **Always verify the legitimacy before supplying any information.** If you've never heard of it before, check twice before handing over your information.



Don't connect to unsecure public Wi-Fi, especially to do your banking or shopping.



Most of us receive emails from retailers about special offers during the holidays. **Cyber criminals will often send phishing emails—**designed to look like they're from retailers—that have malicious links or that ask for you to input your personal or financial information.



Don't click links or download attachments unless you're confident of where they came from. **If you're unsure if an email is legitimate, type the URL of the retailer or other company into your web browser as opposed to clicking the link.**



Never provide your password, or personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited email. Legitimate businesses will not email you asking for this information.

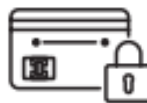


Make sure your information is being encrypted. Many sites use secure sockets layer (SSL) to encrypt information. Indications that your information will be encrypted include a **URL that begins with "https:"** instead of "http:" and a padlock icon. If the padlock is closed, the information is encrypted.

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TIP #3:**USE SAFE METHODS FOR PURCHASES**

If you're going to make that purchase, what information are you handing over? Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.

HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY

If you can, **use a credit card as opposed to a debit card.**

There are laws to limit your liability for fraudulent credit card charges, but you may not have the same level of protection for your debit cards. Additionally, because a debit card draws money directly from your bank account, unauthorized charges could leave you with insufficient funds to pay other bills.



Check your credit card and bank statements for any fraudulent charges.

Immediately notify your bank or financial institution and local law enforcement.



Be wary of emails requesting personal information.

Attackers may attempt to gather information by sending emails requesting that you confirm purchase or account information. Legitimate businesses will not solicit this type of information through email. Do not provide sensitive information through email.



If you receive a suspicious email that you think may be a phishing scam, **you can report it at <https://www.us-cert.gov/report-phishing>.**

- If you believe your personal or financial information has been stolen, report it right away to your local police and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). There's information on the FTC website, <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>, about how to report.
- Immediately change your passwords, use complex passwords, and use a different one for each account. A password manager can help you do this.



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OUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STORY

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Brenda Johnson – 1st
Mady Wilcox – 1st
Kathy McClellan – 4th
Mike Coe – 14th



Archie & Arminta Milla – 31st

If you would like your birth

newsletter, please [email us](#)

Awards and Recognition

Be sure to check out the new business just outside of town, [Bedford Falls Christmas Tree Farm.](#)



Thank you to all those who are keeping us safe and fed during these turbulent times!



Kudos
Corner

If you or your child receives an award that you would like recognized, please [email us](#)

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Memory Lane Rene Conn, Part 2



Halloween in Lockbourne has changed throughout the years. It was a challenge for my generation to make it to every door in Lockbourne before the time ran out. All the neighbors handed out goodies from my Uncle Rolland with the LARGE candy bars, to the homemade donuts or cupcakes we received. There was never any concern for tainted candy in our small town. Our favorite year was when the majority of us dressed up as the Lockbourne Hell cats with white t-shirts and slicked back hair style of the 50's. So many of us did this that the neighbors began accusing us of coming to their house twice!

Now so many lights are out, not participating in the yearly ritual. And the children get tired, just after one street, and want to go home. Candy and treats are no longer looked forward to on Halloween as so many kids now get these items on a regular basis and it has somehow lost its special appeal it held for so many of us.

My favorite memory growing up in Lockbourne was the pizza shop my dad and mom owned. Ranger land pizza which is now the Baptist church next to my dad's house. This was a great place to hang out as it was filled with pool tables, foose ball, air hockey, pin ball machines and a juke box. From what I remember they served pizza and subs, and it became a Friday night tradition for most families in Lockbourne to support the local establishment. I am not sure why they decided to sale the shop, but we were all sad to see it go.

Any current or former resident who would like to share a story for Memory Lane should [send an email](#)



What is Christmas?"

By Bruce Osborne

To me Christmas is... A GIFT.

2000 years ago, Christmas started with a gift. The gift of God coming to earth as a man. He did not come in grandeur and splendor. But as a baby born in a barn, who slept in a manger surrounded by every day animals. Son to a virgin mother and a carpenter as his earthly father figure. In some ways just like every other child of that day, but with that one big difference. That difference that would be His destiny.

Before that first Christmas, even the pagans of their time. celebrated the season with their own celebration. Though there were so many differences, there was a celebration that was started on that first Christmas that has made such a difference to the world.

now, through all those generations and all those years, we have continued that thought. Today we give gifts as one part of our celebration. Along with the carols and trees and decorations, it always comes back to a gift. So, to me the definitive answer to the question of what is Christmas; I have to say to me the answer is that: Christmas is a Gift.