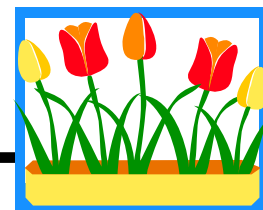


THE NITTY GRITTY



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Events

- May 17, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- May 26, Ice Cream Social, Christ UMC, 5:00 pm
- Sunday Worship, Christ UMC, 9:30 am; Sunday School, 11:00 am
- Council meetings, 1st & 3rd Mondays, Village Hall, 7 pm
- Portage Lions, 2nd & 4th Mondays, Christ UMC, 7 pm
- Food Pantry, Saturdays, 10:00 am, Christ UMC

The Nitty Gritty is sponsored by the Portage Lions Club. Send comments and suggestions to portagelions@dacor.net.

VILLAGE COUNCIL NEWS

Storm drain repair along Dixie Hwy. should start soon. Contracts were signed and will be delivered this week. The work should begin within the next couple weeks. This project will be completed in June.

Enright Park has been busy with baseball and t-ball teams using both ball fields. The reservation system works well for the coaches' teams to not be overrunning each other, or planning a practice and arriving to only find another team using the fields. Completing the backstop on the second field would be a huge improvement.

Completing the sand volleyball court and the playground to the best that we can right now will require donations for materials needed. Labor and equipment have already been donated. Enright Park needs are: 1. \$1500 estimate from Fremont Fence to complete second backstop and have two functioning ball fields. 2. Sand Volleyball Court needs sand, \$300 estimated cost. 3. LOTS of mulch (a couple cubic yards of high-quality material) to work the playground and surround obstacles (trees, benches, etc.) so that mowing is streamlined.

YOUR COMMENTS! Please visit the not-quite-completed Portage website at www.voportage.org or just send an email to villageofportage@gmail.com and Council will get it.

All donations for the park, both monetary and material, are tax deductible. Make checks to Village of Portage and write in the memo line "Enright Park".

As of 3-31-14, ALL funds have a positive balance for the first time since 2009. The General Fund had a \$200,000+ deficit in 2010.

JULY 4TH PARADE

The Portage Lions Club are already planning on the July 4th Parade for this year. As always, the parade will be held on the 4th, starting at 11:00. We are looking for groups that would like to participate in the parade. Again, this year will be a bike decorating contest, this event is open to kids of all ages. Following the parade there will be activities in Enright Park, including a bake sale, a hot dog lunch, and events for children. If you are interested in either participating in the parade or have suggestions for after-parade activities, please email portagelions@dacor.net or contact any Lions Club member.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Ice Cream Social

Plan on attending the Annual Ice Cream Social on Memorial Day, May 26, starting at 5:00 pm at Christ United Methodist Church. This fund-raising event has been held every Memorial Day for the last 58 years. The ice cream is made at the church the day before.

Also available are shredded chicken or pulled pork sandwiches, noodles, coney dogs, coleslaw, and homemade desserts. All items are available to go.



This event is not to be missed.

FOOD PANTRY at
Christ UMC every
Saturday at 10:00 am

Christ United Methodist Church is going to create a space on our lot on West Main Street for a community garden. If you are interested in using some of the space to plant a garden of your own or are interested in any other way in helping to create and maintain this space, please contact Christ UMC, Monday through Thursday 8 am - noon, at 419-686-2621. We will break ground for this soon, so keep watching...and stop by to chat or to help. If you need some help with obtaining plants or seeds for your garden, assistance is available through the church. Please indicate that you have a need when contacting the church.

CHRIST UMC

We continue to give away food on Saturday mornings beginning at 10 am.

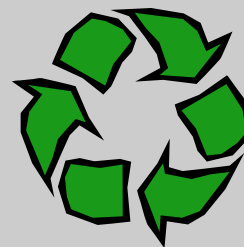
We are in the process of creating a food pantry where we will have more varieties of food, like boxed and canned foods available plus we will continue to have the produce and the bread and pastries. We will announce in this newsletter when we move to that level so stay tuned and spread the word....we would like to be able to serve as many people as we can who need access to good food.



Rev Bruce McDaniel

RECYCLING TRAILER

Cardboard is now accepted at the Recycling Trailer which is manned by the Lions Club every 3rd Sat of the month, from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Other items accepted are glass, aluminum, steel cans, newspaper, magazines, and plastic (numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7).



BLOOD MOBILE

Give the gift of life—donate blood on June 9 between 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Blood Mobile will be at Christ UMC. There is always a need for blood, please consider giving of your time and your blood.

In Memory

The Portage Lions Club recently lost long time member, Kenny Copus. Kenny joined our club back in 2000 and over the years was involved with many club projects and fundraisers. Kenny always had a smile on his face and brought smiles to those around him. We extend our sympathies to Kenny's family. Kenny will be missed, but not forgotten.