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Events

- Jun 9, 1:00-6:00 pm, Bloodmobile, Christ UMC
- Jun 21, 9-noon, recycling trailer
- 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

ENRIGHT PARK NEWS

The playground at Enright Park has seen huge development! Our own Joe Perez has worked very hard with donors to get it put together. Village Council would like to say “Thank You” specifically to Bret and Eric Palmer of Palmer Excavation, D & D Landscaping, and Mid-Wood on Highway 281 for materials, equipment, and labor. More donations are lined up from some other businesses in the upcoming weeks.



Anyone interested in helping with the park improvements, either by volunteering your time and labor or in the form of donations, please contact Mayor Mark Wolford at 419-308-2852 for more information.

JULY 4TH PARADE

The Portage Lions Club is 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. We will be holding a bike decorating contest, and are really looking for lots of bike-riders. This event is open to kids of all ages. Anyone interested in riding your bike in the parade need to gather at Whitacre Trucking, at 10:00 am.



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.

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.



Food Pantry

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.



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

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Christ United Methodist Church has broken ground 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 maintain this space, please contact Christ UMC, Monday through Thursday 8 am - noon, at 419-686-2621. 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.

RECYCLING TRAILER

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



Village Council News

The Officials of Portage Village would like to report that as of April 30, 2014, all six funds ended the month with a positive balance. The General Fund, which in 2010 breached \$200,000 in a negative balance, had a \$6000 plus **positive** balance. While not much, it is a huge improvement. This particular fund is the last one to breach the positive mark, though paying Portage bills in May will crop the positive balance into a negative one during May. Unfortunately, the cost of keeping the street lights on and cutting the grass, which is Village responsibility, among other things, will not allow the positive balance to last long. A large Thank You to the Fiscal Officer for keeping the monetary status in order so that Council knows exactly what finances we have and what there is to work with.

Archeological Dig at Wood County Museum

Wood County Museum welcomes summer intern, Felicia Konrad, who will be leading digs on the museum grounds. The museum is hosting several opportunities to participate. Hands-on workshops are being offered: Lab Nights focusing on tagging documenting finds, Field Work where you can help with the dig, and Dig Demos where you can observe while others toil in the soil. To learn more, visit the museum's website at www.woodcountyhistory.org