



October, 2023 Claridon News & Notes

Greetings neighbors,

NOAH Is At It Again!

NOAH is a group of Amish volunteers. They believe in giving back to the community in which they reside. They've been a blessing to many in Geauga County and in Claridon. Last spring, nearly 100 volunteers split up and picked up trash on the township roads of six east Geauga townships. They will be doing the same this Saturday morning (September 30). Last spring offered non-stop rain but, they stuck with it anyway as they covered over 70 miles of roads. They are a tough group that doesn't let non-stop rain deter them! This Saturday's forecast looks much more promising. If you see them on a township road, be sure to give them a honk and a friendly wave of appreciation. Thank you NOAH!

Our Budget

We've been rather careful with our expenditures. For a few years now, we have been holding back on certain purchases and projects because the Taylor Wells resurfacing project was projected to be very high. Once the bids came in and we discovered the lowest bid (Cole Burton Contractors out of Newbury) was much lower than the projections, it made my heart sing! Once the project commenced, we still held back on spending because of potential cost overruns. After the project was finished and we were sent the final bill which included work changes, we discovered that the final invoice was over \$50,000.00 lower than the original bid. My heart sang again! Cole Burton did a very good job. With that said, we find that we now have the funds to do the things we held off on. We are purchasing needed equipment, restoring at least one of our cemeteries (Center Cemetery), created Township brochures and we even have enough to resurface (with pavement!) the

next road on the list (Hall road). We will also be redoing the maintenance building roof which we've been patching for several years. There are other projects we have in mind however, the details have yet to be worked out. Regardless of the extra money we currently have due to the staving off spending the last several years, we still don't have enough to do everything we wish to do so we will continue to spend wisely.

Winter Snow and Our Roads

This upcoming winter, we will be contracting with the Geauga County Engineer's office to plow our through roads once again. The Claridon Board of Trustees have interest in plowing our through roads in-house however, because of certain circumstances at the moment, they will stick with the Engineer's office this winter season. As of the last time numbers were crunched, it is over \$2,000 cheaper to do so. It is strongly suggested that residents construct snow plow guards to protect their mailboxes.

History Corner

1959 Geauga Hospital Opens Geauga Community Hospital opened. Throughout the next 40 years, the Geauga Hospital opened two new wings accommodating more than 100 patients and enhanced diagnostic, ancillary, and support services, as well as a critical care unit.

Claridon Eclipse

Claridon is in the path of a total eclipse of the sun. This rare event will take place on April 8, 2024. Claridonites and friends are welcome to come to our Claridon Recreation Park located on 608 across from Stilwell road to casually gather from 12:00p to 4:30p. The park should be a great place to witness the eclipse. Partial eclipse begins at 2:00p (prox.). Total eclipse begins at 3:13p (prox.) and ends at 3:17p (prox.). Partial ends at 4:30p (prox.). Hopefully we have clear skies. Bring a picnic and/or burgers/dogs to grill. We will have our township Blackstone grill hot and ready. Oh, lots of out of town/state eclipse seekers are expected to submerge into the eclipse path so, shhh! This event is for Claridon and friends of Claridon ☺.

Mark Your Calendars - 2024 Event Dates

April 8	12:00p - 4:30p	Claridon Eclipse
May 9	All day	Trash Pick-up Day for seniors
May 11	8:00a-11:00a	Trash Drop-off day.
May 27	9:00a	Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony
July 16	6:30p	Strawberry Festival
August 4	5:00p-7:00p	Get Down with the Town, Claridon gathering

3rd Mondays 5:00p-6:p

Community Dinners from CCH

As usual, if you ever have any questions, concerns or insights, don't hesitate to contact us!

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