



December, 2023 Claridon News & Notes

Greetings neighbors,

Special Event Tonight

Want to meet our State Senator, Sandra O'Brien? How about also meeting our County Auditor, Prosecutor, Sheriff, Clerk of Courts, Recorder, Coroner, Treasurer and Commissioner Jim Dvorak? These elected officials are hosting an informal meet & greet at the Heritage House (that newish building inside Chardon Square) tonight from 4:30p to 6:30p. There will be food there. This is NOT a fundraiser and there is no cost to attend. They are hosting this for the sole purpose to give the public opportunity to meet them and they you. I think it's great! I will get there at about 5:20p.

I won't be surprised to see more Claridonites there than any other community. You have proven that Claridon cares. The last example of that was the healthy turn out we had for meet the School Board candidates last October. I was told it was, by far, the largest crowd they had. What can I say...we live amongst great folks!

Issue 2

We are waiting on Columbus to finalize the law. Last night, the Senate passed Sub HB-86.

The Senate version of HB 86 included the following:

- Allows a township, by resolution to restrict, prohibit, or limit the number of cultivators, processors, or retail dispensaries licensed.
- Repeals the Community Host Fee from the original ballot language that would have given local governments a percentage of the tax revenue.

- Allows for 350 dispensaries in Ohio.
- Allows for home grow of up to 6 plants total per household.
- Allows for the personal possession of up to 2.5 oz.
- Expunges past possession of marijuana charges

Sub HB 86 Funds the following:

- 28% to county jail construction,
- 16% to the Department of Public Safety for peace officer training,
- 14% to law enforcement continuing education
- 4% to fund substance abuse treatment
- 9% to suicide prevention hotline number 9-8-8
- 5% to the marijuana expungement fund,
- 5% to fund local drug task forces
- 5% to the safe driver training fund
- 4% to the Ohio investigative unit operations fund,
- 3% to marijuana control operations fund
- 2% to Poison centers

However, the House adjourned without taking a vote on the Senate's version of HB 86. Effectively, the ballot language of Issue 2 that passed in November will go into effect today, Thursday, December 7th. I don't yet know what's going to happen or how Issue 2 is going to look in practice. I just was on the phone with State Rep Steve Demetriou. He said the House will indeed vote on something...whether they vote on their own version or rework HB86. He is not sure of the timeline yet.

I am trying to obtain how Claridon alone voted on Issue 2 and Issue 1. It's good for a trustee to try to discover the will of his constituents. The Geauga County Board of Elections does a good job meeting my requests. Once they have the information and shares it with me, I'll be sure to include the results in the next Claridon News & Notes.

History Corner

Claridon Town Hall - During a meeting on April 17, 1885, the trustees of Claridon Township, realizing the need of a place for holding elections, public meetings, and other functions, agreed to place a levy of 2 mills on the taxable property of Claridon for the purpose of building a town hall.

On June 1, the contract was given to Barnes and Derrett, with the understanding that it be an exact duplicate of the town hall which they had built in Hambden at a cost of

\$1,375.00. The hall was to be located on the corner of the park where the Methodist church had stood before it was moved to East Claridon in 1867.

Two hundred chairs were bought to be used in the hall. Trustees awarding the contract were S.M. Chase, L.T. Wilmot, and H.T. Douglas.

On June 13, 1941, citizens delegated from the Claridon Civic Club met with the trustees, requesting that they excavate and construct a basement under the hall for a kitchen and dining room. There were funds in the treasury to pay the cost of such a program, and contracts were awarded to Lewis McClintock, Robert Sidley, and Ralph Scovill. Trustees awarding these contracts were A.C. Stillwell, H.E. Krum, and J.J. Baptie. The dining room was large enough to seat 110. As an extra precaution and to insure a supply of water in case of fire, eave spouts were placed on the hall to drain into a large nearby cistern.

Mark Your Calendars

December 9	9:00a - 11:00a	23rd annual Cookie Walk at the First Congregational Church. (So many cookies!!!!!!)
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

There are other events in 2024 which I don't yet have the dates. Once I obtain them, I'll include them on the town website and in the next Claridon News & Notes.

As usual, if you ever have any questions, concerns or insights, don't hesitate to contact me. I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season! One more thing; speaking of the holidays, I would love to see the corner of Mayfield and Claridon Troy decorated each season. If you and anyone you know are interested in the same and would like to take charge of that, let me know ☺

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