



May, 2023 Claridon News & Notes

Greetings neighbors,

Memorial Day

Mr. Burzanko and Mr. Vacik have been working extra hours to get our cemeteries ready for our annual Memorial Day Parade. Thank you to both of them.

The parade starts promptly at 9:00a from Arm's Trucking. Put on your inner patriot and let's, as a community, enjoy each other while we honor those who served. The parade and ceremony usually last one hour at the most.

The ceremony at Center Cemetery (by the Town Hall) will begin after. It usually gets started between 10:15a and 10:30a.

Taylor Wells Road

The township's section of Taylor Wells road will be resurfaced. The project will start Tuesday. Cole Burton Contracting offered the lowest and best bid (\$1,049,847.00) so they will be doing the work.

We had a pre-construction meeting last week. Attendees included myself, Mr. Burzanko, three Geauga County Engineers, representatives from Burton Cole Contractors, and representatives from Hamden Township (they are responsible for a short section of Taylor Wells road). The engineers presented a well organized and informative presentation and Cole Burton was very receptive and offered more information. We talked about any potential challenges and made sure we all have each others contact information to keep communication lines open.

I was informed that there will be one lane open during the entire project so, please be patient and cautious when driving while they are working as there are many blind dips in the road. Signs, workers and equipment could sneak up on you pretty fast. I feel pretty good about the resurfacing part of this endeavor and look forward to finally completing the Taylor Wells Road Project!

Claridon Events

I've pleaded before but it didn't work so I'm pleading again; I really need help with Claridon events. Why? Because community events are important. Because our community events will be much better if there were more than just me planning them. Because if I'm not in this position some day and if we don't get an Events Group formed, some events will likely fail to exist. That is my biggest concern. If you like helping to plan events and help run them, please consider joining. Let me know!

History Corner

Early 1960s - Rural Uprising!

In the early 60s, a proposal to industrialize Claridon was vigorously opposed by Claridon residents fearing loss of their property and rural way of life. Leading the opposition was lawyer and Claridon resident, Eber Hyde. Victory was had for those that opposed the industrialization effort!

New Veteran Monuments

Just in time for Memorial Day, two additional monuments were added to Center Cemetery. These monuments sit diagonally on each side of the existing monument. The Johns-Carabelli Semerano Cemetery Memorials did the work. They worked diligently to get them in before Memorial Day. Our maintenance crew, Mr. Burzanko and Mr. Vacik aided them for the 5 hour installation. Great work guys!

Coming Community Events

Strawberry Festival

July 18, 6:30p

Community gathering at the corner park by the town hall. Join us for strawberries and icecream while enjoying the sounds of the Great Gauga County Fair Band. Nothing sweeter says 'summer' like strawberries and icecream!

Get Down with the Town, Year 3

August 5, 5:00p - 7:00p

Get Down with the Town! Community Gathering Claridon Recreation Park This is will be our 3rd Annual Get Down with the Town community gathering. Last year was a great success! You may read about it on this website. Please join us. Let's promote Claridon to possess that 'old-school' sense of community that makes a township like ours that much more enjoyable to live in! More information coming regarding this event so check back on this site again.

Monthly Community Dinners

Neighbors getting to know neighbors. One of the best things that brings a community together is FOOD! This is a free dinner prepared and served by the fabulous group, Claridon Community Helps. It's every 3rd Tuesday of each month and held at the first congregational church during the 5:00 pm hour. You can dine in (recommended for getting to know other fantastic Claridonites like yourself) or carry out.

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

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