



The Town Crier

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Did You Know?



Three participants in the local Pitch, Hit and Run event sponsored by the Minster Parks & Recreation Department in April 2010 have advanced through the regional competition to the Team Championship level. Chad Stoner, Jack Olberding and Mara Schmiesing competed on June 12th at the Great American Ballpark (Home of the Cincinnati Reds). Congratulations!

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Find future meeting dates online at www.minsteroh.com/calendar/Calendar.htm

Weatherization Funds Available

The Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) is a no-cost energy assistance program designed to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by income-eligible Ohioans, reduce participants' household energy expenditures and improve participants' health and safety. HWAP is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and provided to Ohioans at no cost for customers whose annual household income is at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines. In addition, all families who have received assistance any time during the last twelve months under the Supplemental Security Income (SSI),

or Home Energy Assistance (HEAP) (does not include Emergency HEAP) are automatically eligible for weatherization services. Ohio's HWAP is administered through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD), Community Development Division (CDD), Office of Community Services (OCS).

HWAP helps low-income families reduce their heating and cooling bills by making their homes more energy efficient. The program provides a variety of services to income-eligible families, such as furnace tune-ups and inspections, and insulation of attics, walls and floors.

Ohio has been granted \$267 million in federal stimulus

money to weatherize home across the state through this program. ODOD expects to weatherize 32,000 home with stimulus funds by spring 2012.

To apply for funding interested parties must complete the Combined Energy Assistance Application (also known as the Home Energy Assistance Program or HEAP application). Applications are available by contacting:

SOURCES Community Network Services
 420 Branon Ave Suite A
 PO Box 381
 Celina OH 45822
 Phone: 419.584.1550
alvie@bright.net

Minster Drinking Water Meets All Standards

The 2009 Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Report is enclosed with this newsletter. The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) mandates that all consumers of Village supplied water annually receive this report.

The report contains information on the water source as

well as results from tests performed on the water. The report also contains information on potential sources of water contaminants and offers advice for those who must take special precautions.

Again this year the Village has met all safety standards

and the water supplied to the community has been found completely safe. Additional copies of this report can be obtained at the Administrative Office, by calling 419.628.2850, Ext. 104 or online at:

www.minsteroh.com/municipal.html#water

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Upcoming AOA Activities

July 1

RSVP

AOA Lunch Bunch
Youth Building—11 am

July 14

AOA Movie

F.J. Stallo Library —1 pm

August 5

RSVP

AOA Lunch Bunch
Youth Building—11 am

August 11

AOA Movie

F.J. Stallo Library —1 pm

Safe Sidewalks are a Necessity

Public sidewalks are necessary in order to provide safe passage for pedestrians, including wheel-chair and other disabled users. By ordinance, Minster requires that property owners build and maintain the public sidewalks along village streets.

The Village sidewalk replacement program identifies five main sidewalk problems that require replacement.

3/4" Trip Hazard: Adjoining

blocks or portions thereof whose edges differ vertically more than 3/4 inch.

Abrupt Slope: Blocks, or portion of blocks, that cause an abrupt change of one inch per foot (or more) in any direction of the sidewalk.

Cracks: Any sidewalk block (based on 20 sq. ft.) having a crack or cracks in it of at least 1/2 inch wide with a minimum of four lineal feet in one

block)

Deterioration: Any sidewalk that is deteriorated or show surface spalling, leaving it very rough, unsafe or with aggregate protruding.

Plates, Covers, Etc.: Metal or other plates that are not flush (3/4" or more vertical difference) with the adjoining sidewalk, are structurally unsafe or cause a nuisance due to slippery surfaces, etc.

Summer Events Brochure is Here!

Included with this newsletter is the 2010 Local Recreation Activities brochure. There is something fun for everyone in store this summer! A first-rate mix of performers you remember with a dash of new artists on the schedule. We've also partnered with the Village of New Bremen on our Sunday "Golden Triangle" Concert series so be sure to double-check the venue for each event before heading out.

From stories and crafts in the park to fantastic performers and artists, this season of events is sure to be enjoying and entertaining!

We have again included information about the summer events being hosted at the F.J. Stallo Memorial Library. With all of these exciting things to do you will wonder just where your summer went!

Just in case you misplace your printed schedule, the event

information will be posted on our website

www.minsteroh.com. Just click on "Calendar of Events". You can also sign up for our weekly event email. Just send a message to administration@minsteroh.com with the word "SUBSCRIBE" in the subject line. Then, each Thursday, you will receive an email with the events scheduled for the coming week.

Thefts Continue in Minster

Minster Police are investigating the forced entry into four vehicles while parked at Four Seasons Park on Wednesday night, June 9th. It is believed the vehicle break-ins happened sometime between 8:00pm and 9:45pm. All four vehicles were parked in the west parking lot of the park. An unknown object was used to break the passenger side windows to gain access to some

of the vehicles.

Police are asking for anyone who might have information or saw something suspicious to call their office at 419-628-2378. Calls can remain confidential.

The Department would like to caution individuals about leaving purses, wallets, cell phones and other valuables in their cars where they might be

visible to passersby. Even if the vehicle is locked, a resourceful thief can and will gain access to such visible targets. A more secure alternative would be to lock those items in your vehicle trunk.

Chief Houseworth would also like to remind residents that crime **can** and **does** happen in Minster. "With the low crime rate in our village it's easy to fall into a false sense of security."