#### **TRUSTEES**

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#### **TRUSTEE MEETINGS**

1st Tuesday -6:00 p.m. Work Session 7:30 p.m. Public Meeting 3rd Tuesday 9:00 a.m. - Work Session 11:00 a.m. - Public Meeting

**Zoning Commission meets the** 2nd Monday of every month **BZA** meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month



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#### TRUSTEE NOTES

#### From the desk of Trustee Josh Pennock

The end of 2021 is in sight and I have to say that I am proud of all that we have accomplished this year. After several cancellations last year, we were able to bring back all of our community events starting with the St. Patrick's Parade in March, to Family Movie Night, Family Fun Day, Document Shredding Day and our Children's Christmas Party which is just around the corner on December 11. It is hard to believe that at this time in 2012, Painesville Township was the only community in Lake County that did not have its own community events. We have worked to create and grow our offerings funded primarily through donations and sponsorships.

These community events target one of the Goals and Objectives from our most recent Comprehensive Plan which was to "create events to engage residents and promote a sense of community and unification". The resident surveys completed as part of the plan made it clear that our residents wanted community events without enacting a levy to fund the new offering. I hope you agree that we succeeded.

You may be wondering what else was included in the Comprehensive Plan. On the heels of opening Jack Crislip Park in

2015, we were asked to continue exploring additional parkland and recreational opportunities without asking our residents for addition levy funding. Near the end of last year we reached an agreement with the Riverside Local Schools to obtain just over five acres of land behind the former Hadden Elementary School. The existing ballfields are being retained and donation funded improvements are being made to the park as described by Trustee Cicconetti in the previous newsletter. Donation funded improvements are also taking place at Angelo Cicconetti Memorial Park this fall with a new parking lot to be constructed next spring funded by a Community Development Block Grant we obtained earlier this year.

As you may imagine, there are resident requests contained in the surveys that did not result in tangible changes, but that we spent a great deal of time researching. One such request was for Painesville Township to open its own Senior Center. A discussion was held related to this offering, but it quickly became apparent that operating a Senior Center without additional tax dollars would be extremely difficult. Operating a center would cost in excess of \$150,000 per year excluding building maintenance expenses. Constructing a new building would cost several million dollars and purchasing and renovating an existing building to meet current codes could cost even more.

Lake County currently has nine senior centers scattered across the County which all receive some level of funding from the County's Senior Services levy. For comparison purposes, Geauga County has a total of three. From recent survey data, we know that our residents utilize all nine centers around the County based on the programs offered by each center. Lake County Senior Services has studied the current offerings to our seniors and the data shows that we have enough senior centers to serve our active seniors. To receive County funding for a new center, a community would need to demonstrate what needs are not being served by the current centers and what the new center would do to fill those needs.

Rather than duplicating services already in place at our current centers, resources are being used to help our home-bound or nonactive seniors. The Senior Services Levy helps fund the Lake County Council on Aging, Adult Protective Services, Dial-a-Ride to senior centers, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Lake County, Senior Care Hope House at Project Hope, and the Senior Home Repair Program. If you or someone you know would like more information on the services available, please reach out to Senior Services Coordinator Alyea Barajas at 440-350-2748.



**In the Township** November 13 and December 4 -Curbside Leaf Pickup

December 11 -Children's Christmas Party January 3 through January 21st Curbside Christmas Tree Pickup

**At the History Center** October 28 -Haunted Lantern Tours

November 6 –

Paranormal Experience with the Haunted Housewives

#### **ROAD SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

# From the Desk of Service Director Bill Thompson

The brush, leaf, and yard waste drop-off area is open on Wednesdays from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This service is for Painesville Township residents only and yard service contractors are not permitted. Saturday, December 4th will be the last day for dropping off leaves and brush.

During the month of November the brush drop area will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm and also on Saturdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

We will be offering two curbside leaf collections this fall:

## Saturday November 13th Saturday December 4th

Please place your bagged leaves at the curb by 7:30 am on those dates. Leaves must be in paper recycling bags. Plastic bags and loose piles will not be collected.

If you drive past our Service Garage you will notice the addition of a storage barn. This 40 foot by 88 foot cold storage building will allow us to store equipment and supplies that we don't use every day. Some examples of this type of equipment are the asphalt hot box trailer, wood chipper, roller, portable air compressor, trench shoring box and concrete forms and tools. The roof of this building is being paid for through a grant from NOPEC.

The curbside Christmas Tree collection will begin on January 3rd, 2022 and continue through January 21st, 2022. Please place your tree at the curb and remove all lights and decorations. Winter weather conditions may impact this schedule, but all trees placed at the curb will be picked up.

The winter (snow) season is almost upon us. The Service Department is preparing our snowplows and related equipment to be ready. Please remember that when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground that there is no parking on Township roads. Clear roadways allow our snow plow drivers to safely clear the roads. If you have a concern about snow plowing, please call the Service Department at 440-352-2661.

#### <u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>

## From the Desk of Fire Chief Frank Huffman

## Fire Department Awarded 2 FEMA Grants

Painesville Township Fire Department has been awarded two Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to assist with operations. The first grant awarded to Painesville Township from FEMA is the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant. The SAFER grant awarded to Painesville Township is a \$948,897.00 grant to pay the expenses of hiring three additional full-time firefighters for three years. SAFER grants provide funding directly to fire departments to assist communities in increasing the number of firefighters to help meet minimum industry standards and attain additional 24-hour staffing to provide increased protection to the community.

The second grant awarded by FEMA to Painesville Township is the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to purchase a new breathing air compressor and cascade system. The award is for \$48,700.00. The department would be responsible for \$4,434.55. The breathing air compressor is used for filling Self Contained Breathing Air (SCBA) cylinders. SCBA cylinders are the compressed air cylinders that are carried by firefighters on their backs

to supply breathing air in hazardous and smoke-filled environments such as residential house fires. The AFG grant is available through FEMA to help meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and emergency medical services across the country. The AFG grant provides equipment, training, vehicle acquisition, modifications to facilities and firefighter wellness/fitness annually through a competitive grant process.

#### **Be Prepared this Winter**

Fall is an excellent time to inspect your heat producing appliances and make sure your families are safe this winter. Here are a few tips that can really make a difference in the safety of your home and the safety and well-being of your families.

Furnace: Have an HVAC professional inspect your furnace. Clean the ducts and be sure to change the filters monthly during the winter months. Also keep combustible items a minimum of 3 feet away from all heat producing equipment.

Chimney: Be sure to clean your chimney every year before using it and check for structural damage that may have occurred prior without your knowledge. Only burn hard woods and not structural lumber or items other than wood or fireplace

approved manufactured logs. Spark arresting screen should be in place to prevent logs from rolling out and sparks from popping out and landing on combustible materials somewhere else in the room.

Water heater: Check the heating element inside to make sure the flame inside is consistent. An inconsistent flame could cause a gas build-up and a flash fire. Also check the vent to make sure it is in place and tight to avoid carbon monoxide from building up.

Space heaters: Never leave space heaters unattended. Place them on level flat surfaces and at least 3 feet away from anything combustible. Make sure the cord is in good condition and the space heater has an emergency cut off if it gets tipped over for any reason.

Laundry room: Lint is very combustible. Check the duct to your dryer and make sure there isn't a buildup of lint that can become over heated and produce a fire which would quickly spread.

If you believe any of your heating appliances may be giving off carbon monoxide, please call the fire department immediately. The fire department will check the air in your residence for the presence of CO and make sure your home is safe.

# Clyde C. Hadden Park







On Sunday, September 12th the Painesville Township Trustees; Josh Pennock, Chuck Hillier, and Gabe Cicconetti were joined by Classic Buick GMC owner Ralph Wilson and George Hadden (son of Clyde C. Hadden) for the ribbon cutting & grand opening of the Classic Buick GMC Pavilion at Clyde C. Hadden Park. This park was equipped with a new pavilion, picnic tables, and grill, all of which were paid for with sponsorships and contributions from local businesses and members of the community. Because of their generosity and support the improvements to Clyde C. Hadden Park were made with virtually no cost to Painesville Township, its residents, and taxpayers.

# Thank you sponsors!

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Pictured left to right: Josh Pennock, George Hadden, Ralph Wilson, Gabe Cicconetti, Chuck Hillier



### The Children's Christmas Party is back!



Santa Claus will join us again this year at the Painesville Township Lake MetroParks Community Center. Santa will be there on Saturday, December 11 dinesv

From 11 am until 2 pm. Join us for pizza, games, and pictures with Santa Claus.

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#### **FREE EVENT**