

# VILLAGE OF LOCKLAND COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2022



## IMPORTANT DATES

- Council Meetings: 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
- Good Friday-April 15<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day-May 30<sup>th</sup> and July 4<sup>th</sup>-Administrative Office Closed

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Pepper Construction will renovate the historic 22,000 SQFT former Stearns & Foster Office building as their SW Ohio headquarters and showcase space. This building is all that remains of the 15-acre industrial campus which served as the cradle of industry in north-central Hamilton County starting in the late 1800s. The long-vacant office building at 100 Williams was at risk of demolition. The project makes use of the newly designed national register historic district and was awarded State and Federal Historic Tax Credits in late 2021. Hamilton County and the Village have both provided grants to support the project. Pepper will bring 60 to 90 new jobs and a capital investment of \$8,500,000 to the Village of Lockland. It is a transformational investment in the business district and is the Village's ideal developer/end user.



## PUBLIC WI-FI

Last year in a partnership with the Lockland Schools, the Village of Lockland, and Cincinnati Bell deployed over 50 PantherPrideFi free public Wi-Fi hotspots in Lockland. The results have been overwhelming with over 600 Lockland students taking advantage of the free Wi-Fi, and thanks to funding from Hamilton County and the State of Ohio we are able to add 60 more free Wi-Fi hotspots in 2022.

### **You can be a part of making it happen.**

So, we're wasting no time to expand the free Wi-Fi, but now we need you, select property owners in Lockland, to help in the effort.

Cincinnati Bell will be installing a network of small, discreet wireless hotspots at evenly distributed spots throughout Lockland to provide coverage for neighborhoods and the business district. Your property may be in a perfect location to host an access point, and I'm asking that you consider doing so. The hotspot needs to plug into power, but otherwise it is totally free. In return, you could take advantage of the high-speed internet access it provides.

The next step would be a simple Right of Entry Document provided by Cincinnati Bell that gives them permission to install the hotspot on your home. The School's and Village's legal departments have carefully reviewed the document and are satisfied with its contents and parameters. In fact, many of the access point locations have been and will be installed on Village and School owned facilities. We have already signed the same agreement.

If you are interested or have questions, you can reach out to Cincinnati Bell's Smart City Operations Manager Chris Smith at [chris.smith@cinbell.com](mailto:chris.smith@cinbell.com) or (513) 397-1862.

### NEW PLAYGROUNDS

The Village has installed two new playgrounds located at Jim Brown Park on Elm Street and Gardner Park located at Bacon and Westview Avenue. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, starting at Jim Brown Park on Elm Street at 6:30pm and moving to Gardner Park at Bacon and Westview Avenue at 7pm. Please join us to celebrate and welcome spring!



### FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Lockland Fire Department is now hiring volunteer firefighters. Applications are available at Town Hall Monday-Friday 8AM-4PM or on the Village website. For additional information please contact the Fire Department at 513-761-2751 or [dwehmeyer@locklandoh.org](mailto:dwehmeyer@locklandoh.org).

### PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES

Tree limbs and brush are collected on Mondays, January through September. Limbs should be set at curb side after 7:00 PM Sunday night. Limbs should be laid in same direction and no larger than five inches thick. Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste are collected with the normal garbage pickup.

Overnight truck rentals begin April 1<sup>st</sup>. Owner occupied residential properties are entitled to one free rental per year. Application forms are available on the Village website and through the Administrative Office. Trucks are available on a first come-first served basis, so please check with the office for availability.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Stadium located at 124 Anna Street.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Parade will take place on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM. The lineup will take place at the Arlington Heights Municipal Building located at 601 Elliott Avenue

### TAX SEASON

Just a friendly reminder that taxes are due by April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Local taxes are handled by RITA (Regional Income Tax Agency). Please contact them with any tax questions:

Phone: 1-800-860-7482

Website: [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com)

### WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

The online portion of water billing has changed. If this is your first time logging on since the update, you will need your book number, account number and service address (exactly as it appears on your bill). You will also need to enter the email associated with your bill. There can only be one account per address. If you do not have an email on file, or have any other questions, please contact the administrative office.

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