



The Village News

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Dear Residents of West Liberty,

West Liberty Village Newsletter - May 2024 Edition

As we welcome the month of May, our community spirit shines even more brightly. Our village is a testament to the strength and unity of its people, particularly in times of need.



Thank You to Our First Responders and Community Members

A special thank you goes to all the first responders, citizens, and schools that have been instrumental in our recent efforts, especially following the tornado in the Indian Lake area. Your swift actions, bravery, and commitment to helping others during such a critical time exemplify the best of West Liberty. We are immensely grateful for your dedication and service.

Engagement Reminder for Those Who Haven't Responded

We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to answer our recent community survey. Your feedback is crucial as it informs the future development and initiatives within our village. If you haven't yet had a chance to share your thoughts, we invite you to consider the following questions:

- 1) What kind of community do you want to live in?
- 2) Why is that important to you?
- 3) How is that different from how you see things now?
- 4) What are some of the things that need to happen to create that kind of change?

Please send your responses to mayor.hudson@mywestliberty.com. We value your input and look forward to hearing from more of you.

Spring Clean-Up Day

Join us for a Spring Clean-Up Day, to be held on a Saturday afternoon at Lion's Park. This event is a wonderful opportunity for residents to contribute to our village's beauty and to enjoy some time together outdoors. Detailed information will be provided as the date approaches.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are looking to get more involved, consider joining the "Indian Lake Volunteers" group on Facebook. It's a fantastic way for residents to engage in Indian Lake volunteer efforts. For organized groups interested in contributing, please see the attached form to help coordinate your participation effectively. (Last page)

Looking Forward

Let's carry forward our shared commitment to making West Liberty a supportive and vibrant place to live. As we move into the warmer months, we hope to see continued participation and collaboration from all corners of our community. Thank you once again to everyone for your ongoing support and engagement.

Warm regards,

Brad Hudson
Mayor, West Liberty

W. Liberty Business Anniversaries

May 1 J&L Vernon Farms Est. 1963

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 4 Pancake Breakfast Lions Park 8-11 AM
May 18 Annual Fire Sale Day
May 18 Fish Fry Lions Park 5-7 PM
May 25 10:00am - 12:00pm Splash Pad Opening Day !
May 27 2:00pm Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony



Clerk's Corner

Splash Pad Opening Day ! Saturday May 25th 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Come out and join the fun. There will be goodie bags for the kids, bike helmets, West Liberty Police Department, West Liberty Fire Department, Sparky the Fire Dog, Macochee Joint Ambulance, and more. You won't want to miss out on this fun event!

We now have Automatic Payment Withdrawal for your Water utility billing! If you are interested in this options, stop in at the City Building with a canceled check and fill out a release form. Payments are withdrawn from your account, on the 15th of each month. You will receive your bill (marked paid) and your newsletter around the 15th of each month. For those who have signed up for this feature, thank you for your patience as we worked through the details. If you have not signed up for this and would like to, come on in and see us, have any questions, give us a call.

Don't forget to get that shelter house reserved for your spring or summer event Cost is \$50 per day. Reservations fill quickly! Splash Pad private party's can be booked on Tuesday evenings only, 6-8 PM. Cost is \$140.00. Have a birthday , anniversary announcement or congratulation to put on the electronic sign at the City Building? Stop in at Clerk's office ! Cost is \$10 per day. Building a fence or a deck? Stop in at the Clerk's office and get a building permit.

Please do NOT dispose of food scraps, etc in any other manner than in orange trash bags. Putting food scraps on the ground draws racoons, possums, critters etc. to the area. So please put ALL waste in orange trash bags.

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From The West Liberty Lions Club:

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday May 4th, 8-11 AM.



At Lions Park, main shelter. Cost is by donation, proceeds to go to the Lions Park new restrooms fund.

The West Liberty Lion's club will be releasing their **2024 Golf Cart this month.** this **2023 EZGO RXV** has loaded with lots of great features unlike any golf cart before. Stay tuned to the **West Liberty Lion's club Facebook page** for more information.



West Liberty's Biggest Loser Weight Loss Challenge

The West Liberty Lions Club is sponsoring a weight loss challenge that runs from May 1 - September 1. There will be accountability meetups, weekly weigh-ins, weight loss tips, recipes and prizes for top male and females. Go to westlibertylions.org to register and for more information

Fish Fry: Saturday May 18th 5-7pm

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. Meal includes: Fish, Green beans, cole slaw or applesauce, roll and butter, cookie, and drink. Hope to see you there !





Moonshade Festival - Solar Eclipse Wrap up

Thank you to all our volunteers and participants for the [Moonshade Festival](#). We were very pleased to welcome visitors from North Carolina, Virginia, Iowa, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Carolina, Georgia, Idaho, and Florida, as well as many from the Columbus area, West Carrollton, Springfield, Urbana, Bellefontaine, and Fairfield County. Although we did not get the overwhelming crowd, which was a blessing, those who came got to enjoy the best that West Liberty has to offer. The families from Iowa and Virginia met here and really enjoyed how the festival started off with the fireworks. So many local residents could enjoy it from their porch because of the lack of foliage on the trees. A woman who lives on 508 remarked that they enjoyed them from their yard. We also had some visitors from Urbana and the Indian Lake area who really enjoyed them as well.

Saturday was Andy Detwiler Day and those who attended loved the beautiful statue that was unveiled and watching the videos of Andy's inspirational story. Some of our out of town guests made their way to the Opera House (which they were also very impressed with) and watched Andy's life stories. Donations are still being accepted for the statue at champaigncountycouncil.org

Sunday some of our local celebrities danced in our Star Crossed Love and the Bridge Dance Competition. The sold out event had so many great comments on Facebook, "It was a great time!" "Small town America at its finest". The Judges Choice went to local business owners, Jeff and Kelly Stoner who danced to Grease -"You're the One That I Want". Patty Kauffman and Nick Hostetler brought the house down with their fundraising efforts and received the Stars Award for raising the most money (\$1002 in donations). If you were not able to attend, highlights of the evening are available at www.mywestliberty.com

The weather was beautiful on Monday and the visitors that parked at Dodge Park were able to enjoy the trolley driven by Mayor Brad to take them downtown to our local businesses. For those who were able to experience the totality of the solar eclipse it was a remarkable experience for all your senses.

***This Facebook post** came from a visitor that experienced the eclipse at Dodge Park, "Words cannot describe how breathtaking the eclipse was!! I was in awe. I am so thankful to have experienced this once in a lifetime event with my whole family. So often, our day to day problems feel daunting, but today was an incredible reminder of just how small we are in the grand scope of things. The universe is so beautiful and my heart is so full! Prior to the eclipse, we spent the morning exploring Piatt Castle. The grounds and the castle were gorgeous. We also had the pleasure of enjoying an educational presentation of how the solar eclipse, and the rest of the planets in the solar system work! I had the pleasure of playing the beautiful buoyant planet, Saturn. We also checked out some local shops in downtown West Liberty! This will definitely be a weekend I remember for the rest of my life."*

As we spoke with the eclipse visitors as they left the park, everyone spoke of the great time that they had in West Liberty during the Moonshade Festival.

Every Village Resident received free solar eclipse glasses which included our residents at Green Hills. This email came from Rebecca Marker-Smith from Green Hills, "Wow! What a show. I had no idea it would get that dark. The residents were thrilled they were able to experience it. Thank you so much for securing those glasses for us. It was a huge relief to obtain them from you. We plan to donate the glasses now to Jones Country Store."

We donated 500 solar eclipse glasses to the Indian Lake area after the devastating Tornado on March 14. With the help of Jones Country Store, we were able to donate the rest of the solar eclipse glasses to Latin American children so that they may safely view their eclipse in October 2024.

A big thank you to all the volunteers that without their help the Moonshade Festival would not have been possible. The goal of the Moonshade Festival was to give people a small town view of the total solar eclipse BUT to also showcase the best of West Liberty and one story demonstrates this the best. On Monday two visitors from Virginia were downtown shopping as the eclipse was beginning. Seeing the trolley was not running any more they began to walk back to Dodge Park. They had been to Marie's Candies and one of our residents who was out on his golf cart offered to bring them back to the park. **So a big thank you to Dennis Lance for this welcoming attitude that is the small town charm of West Liberty!!**

Logan County Volunteers Indian Lake Clean-Up Coordination

1. Are you a church organization or individuals wanting to volunteer for debris clean up?

if you are a church group, do you have insurance?

2. How many people are available to help? What days and times?

3. What types of work can you provide? Example: General debris pick-up and bag to the curb, cutting up wood from fallen trees.

4. Do you have any tools or equipment? Example: pointed shovel, hammers, crowbars, ax, chainsaw, sledge hammer, rakes, etc.

Please provide responses to these questions along with your group name, a point of contact with cell phone and email address. Our email is [**ema.assistant@logancountyohio.gov**](mailto:ema.assistant@logancountyohio.gov)

Thank you so much!