

THURSTON LIVING

WHAT'S UP IN THE VILLAGE OF THURSTON



VISIBILITY - "THE STATE OF BEING ABLE TO SEE OR BE SEEN."

Did you know there is a new fully funded park on Elm Street!?

Were you aware that the village council has approved plans for an expanded Municipal Park (the Hunter Barber Memorial Park) and grants totaling more than \$75,000 have been applied for to provide more recreational opportunities to Thurston residents!?

Or **what about the Thurston water news**....after installation of cellular meter reading tools more than one million gallons in unaccounted water and leaks were uncovered ... AND ... several major leaks were discovered and notifications sent to your neighbors avoiding potentially thousands of dollars in surprise expenses thanks to early detection... AND ... have you met our new Class II water Tech, Scott Oliver, who is

assisting the council in upgrading and maximizing your water plant facilities and operations?!

Have you noticed, in the past two years, the council has authorized the paving of two heavily used alleys which nearly eliminates expensive maintenance and provides smoother access to your neighbors' homes?!

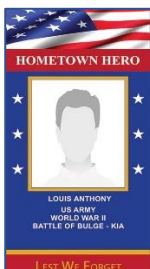
Did you hear the council has assumed ownership of the Thurston School Museum that has been and will continue to be housed in the Thurston Municipal Building?! Wait! You didn't even know there WAS a Thurston School Museum - THEN COME CHECK IT OUT!

Most likely you weren't aware of these great pieces of Thurston news! And the Village Council is going to address this lack of awareness by sending out this newsletter to start making council and village actions and activity more **VISIBLE!**

Meet Scott Oliver

Scott is a Class II Water Tech who joined the Thurston Water Department on August 1, 2022! Scott's expertise and training is going to enhance the service level and professionalism of our water department!

Scott lives in Bremen with his wife, Maren, and two children, Gabriel and Jonah. Born and raised in Dayton, Scott moved to Bremen in January of 2022 and also currently works on the Baltimore Street Department. Say "hi" when you see him around the village!



Have a hero in the family? Thurston Council is exploring the opportunity to honor our military heroes, past and present, with a Hometown Hero banner program. Please contact the village office if you would like to honor your hero and we will provide you with information to make that happen!



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The North Pole Post
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Building Doors!



Letters to Santa

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SAY WHAT!?!?!?

HOT OFF THE PRESSES - Governor Mike DeWine and ODNR Director Mary Mertz awarded \$1.7 million in grants to support dozens of new outdoor recreation projects in local communities across the state. “We are excited to help communities all over Ohio create fun, safe, and inclusive outdoor recreation opportunities,” said Governor DeWine. “These grants help local parks improve and upgrade their outdoor spaces for citizens of Ohio.”

“These grants give us an opportunity to partner with local communities and invest in outdoor recreation across the Buckeye State,” said Director Mertz. “We are always looking for ways to get families and friends to get out and enjoy the beautiful spaces that can be found right in their own neighborhoods.”

Thurston is one of those 68 projects funded by the NatureWorks program! A grant totaling \$22,827 was awarded to Thurston for expansion of the Hunter Barber Memorial Park on the Municipal Campus. This was due to the hard work and hours spent by the Parks Committee members collecting input, selecting equipment, and securing the necessary information for the grant application. Thanks as well to *Hicks Partners* who assisted the committee in property and effectively applying for the grant!



Council member in focus - Steve Martin.

Steve and his wife, Sarah, moved to Long Street in March of 2020. Steve drives a roll-off trash truck for a Columbus company. He collects Weber grills and listens to old genres of music and tracks usually not heard on the radio. Steve first ran for the Kirkersville council at the young age 18 but fell short by only 6 votes! He has a keen interest in the activities of local government and wants to be part of the decision making - especially as it affects the budget and maximizing tax dollars to the benefit of Thurston residents.

Automatic payments (known as **ACH**) can be set up so you never have to worry about getting your water bill paid on time again. Sign up and we will apply payment to your bill from your designated bank account on the 15th of every month. Call the office for more information!

2022 Meeting Schedule

Thurston Village Council will meet on the SECOND WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The Safety Committee and Service Committee will meet on the FIRST WEDNESDAY of each month at 7:00 p.m.

The Finance Committee and Records Committee will meet as necessary. Meetings will be posted at least 24 hours in advance.

All meetings will be held at the Village Municipal Building, 2215 Main St., Thurston
Village residents are encouraged to attend all meetings!!

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