

CELEBRATING SPRING

Kirtland has been celebrating Spring! We had the largest turnout ever for the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast, on Saturday, April 4th, at the Kirtland Community Center. Over 300 Kirtland residents and their families spent the beautiful spring morning hunting for hidden eggs, participating in crafts, and visiting with the Easter Bunny. The Kirtland Seniors sponsored an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast for all who worked up an appetite enjoying the festivities. A big “THANK YOU” to Jenna Hull who coordinated the activities and to all who contributed their time and talents and helped to make it such a wonderful event!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The last Monday in May is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. As a sign of respect, all American flags should be flown at half-staff from dawn until noon.

The ceremony will begin with the annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade steps off from Kirtland High School at 10 a.m., proceeds south on Rt. 306, and concludes at the Kirtland Veteran’s Memorial (between the Library and City Hall). Children are invited to bring their decorated bicycles. Ceremonies will be held at the Veterans Memorial and North and South Cemeteries. The Veterans Association will be sponsoring a hot dog cookout, immediately afterward, at the Kirtland Community Center Pavilion. Please join us as we honor our veterans and celebrate the unofficial start of summer!

DEDICATION of NEW PROMISE CHURCH

In a city known for its faith and beauty, we are pleased to welcome a new church of worship in Kirtland. New Promise Church has found a place to call home. The congregation celebrated their first service on Sunday, April 5. A formal dedication ceremony took place on Sunday, April 19. Reverend Dale Diggs is the Pastor for the approximately 350 member congregation. We look forward to this church offering a new beginning for this site.

PLANNING and ZONING COMMISSION ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Kirtland Planning and Zoning Commission is accepting applications for a new member. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviews and approves plats for the subdivision of land. The Commission also reviews and approves other zoning uses, as specified by ordinance, and makes recommendations to City Council with regard to land use and zoning.

The Commission consists of five members, all of whom must be registered to vote in the municipality, and do not hold another public office. The members are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation of City Council, and serve a term of five years. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the second Monday of each month; additional meetings or work sessions are scheduled on occasion. If you are interested in applying, please forward a letter of interest and resume to: Mayor Mark A. Tyler, 9301 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44094.

CONSTRUCTION and SEWER UPDATES

We are steadily moving forward with the Rt. 306 sewer project. On March 31, 2009, the Lake County Commissioners adopted a resolution authorizing the Lake County Department of Utilities to advertise the Rt. 306 sewer project for bids. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Lake County Commissioner’s Office until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2009.

A new and improved intersection is underway at Rt. 6 and Rt. 306. Installation of the new storm drains is substantially complete. Excavation to widen the intersection is scheduled to be underway by the end of April.

BAG CUSTOMERS with WASTE MANAGEMENT

For all plastic bag customers, Waste Management has agreed to continue picking-up orange colored bags, from Kirtland residents, until May 20, 2009.

Effective May 21, 2009 all residents using plastic bags, for solid waste collection by Waste Management, will be REQUIRED to use a bag that is of a unique green color assigned ONLY to Kirtland. This does NOT affect customers that have signed-up for cart service for their solid waste collection.

We realize that there has been ongoing confusion regarding the mandated use of bags of a specific color. As a courtesy to our residents, Waste Management has agreed, to once again, delay the start date for using the mandated bags. It is our intention to give residents time to use up existing bags and purchase the soon-to-be mandated bags that are green in color.

The bags, required as of May 21, 2009, are available for purchase at:

**KIRTLAND MARKET
8232 Euclid Chardon Road**

**DAIRY MART
9370 Chillicothe Road**

The bags will cost \$4.05 per bag. A roll of 5 bags will cost \$20.25. The bags are in stock and ready for purchase at your convenience. Please keep in mind that there is no additional charge for recycling.

SENIOR CITIZENS (residents 60 years of age or older) can purchase bags, at a reduced cost of \$3.25 per bag, ONLY at:

**KIRTLAND SENIOR CENTER
7900 Euclid-Chardon Road
Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Monday thru Friday
For evening and weekend hours, please call 256-4711**

This discounted bag price will ONLY be available through the Kirtland Senior Center. The bags will be sold as a roll, with 5 bags to a roll, for a total cost of \$16.25 per roll. Identification is required at the time of purchase to confirm your date of birth.

ELECTRICITY SAVINGS

NOPEC, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, represents a group of 126 member communities for purposes of negotiating the purchase of natural gas and electricity in aggregate. In November of 2000, voters in the member communities, including Kirtland, authorized the formation of NOPEC. By joining together, the bulk purchasing power allows for greater savings to be passed on to the consumer and small business owner. Residents in NOPEC member communities are automatically enrolled, but given the option of opting out by contacting NOPEC.

NOPEC is in the process of negotiating a new contract for electricity. They expect the details to be finalized within the next few months and the new rates to start in August of 2009. It is currently projected that the savings will meet or exceed the 5% savings that NOPEC residential customers received from 2006 – 2008. Additional information will be forthcoming.

OFFICER BEALL'S KIRTLAND SAFETY TOWN

Safety Town is a nationally recognized safety awareness program designed to teach young children how to prevent accidents and react in dangerous situations. It is intended for children entering

kindergarten in the fall. It will be held weekdays June 15-26 from 9:30 a.m. till 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$45 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. Registration forms are available at the Community Center or on the back of the Recreation Brochure. A copy of the Recreation Brochure is available at the City of Kirtland website -- <http://www.kirtlandohio.com/city/Rec.htm> .

CENSUS UNDERWAY

Tracking for the 2010 Census is underway! Over the next several months, census workers will begin working within Kirtland. The census, which occurs every 10 years, is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010. A second form will be sent to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire. Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010. Your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9). All Census Bureau employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, a fine – or both – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household.

The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. The population totals determine each state's Congressional representation. The numbers also affect funding in your community and provide valuable information about how our community is changing. The Census Bureau must submit state population totals to the U.S. President by December 31, 2010.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

I send my best wishes for a wonderful and enjoyable Mother's Day on Sunday, May 10th!