

From the Desk of the Mayor

# BALTIC VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

## VILLAGE EVENTS

### -Village Council Meeting:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 7:00 PM  
(at the Village Hall)

### -Homecoming

August 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (At the Park)

Community Worship August 18<sup>th</sup> (at Park)

### -Historical Society Museum Open

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1-4 PM

### -Baltic Community VBS (Crosspoint Church)

July 21-24 6:30-8:30 PM

Everyone welcome (Ages 4-12)

(Hosted by Crosspoint and Gracepoint  
Mennonite Churches. 211 Buena Vista St. Baltic)

## NOTICES

### From the Mayor:

\*Just a reminder: all bicycles must observe traffic laws just as automobiles do. You must ride

single file when traffic is approaching from behind, and stop at stop signs. This is important for safety in passing and at intersections. Thanks!

\*Mr. Garret Kurtz was recently appointed to Village Council. He served as a firefighter EMT in Florida before moving to Ohio with his family. He will be a great addition to our village leadership!

\***NEW ORDINANCE:** Village Council passed an ordinance banning the sale of Cannibas (Weed) within the village limits. This is a provision allowed under Ohio law after the passage of Issue 2 last fall.

### From the Water Department:

\*The Transfer of the water system to the County should be finalized in early July. The county is expecting to take over the billing in August. **You will get a notice with the final village water bill** letting you know to expect future bills from the county after that. More info to follow next month!

\*Public brush dumping will be switching from the Sewer plant to the new village garage on Buena Vista. (NO TRASH ALLOWED! Only brush, leaves, etc.)

### From the Fire Department:

\*On July 22, N. Butler St. will be closed, from the corner of Main St. to West St., for fire hose testing, from 8AM to 6P

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# Village Hall Updates

Over the past month we have been making some significant changes at Village Hall. For starters, the council approved more hours of operation for village hall. The Hall is now open 8-4 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 8-Noon on Wednesday.

Secondly, we have been doing some spring cleaning in preparation for some interior updates.

The village will also be looking into getting a new logo and branding. I will be getting community input on this project as it progresses through the fall.

We also have had a new professional email account set up to enhance security and increase the professional appearance of the village.

Part of the setup process involved some I.T. acrobatics in order to be able to use the same web domain name as our website. "villageofbaltic.com"

This was accomplished with help from our website developer, and Baltic resident Michael



For Village Updates and Information

Village Website: [villageofbaltic.com](http://villageofbaltic.com)

Mayor's Facebook Page:  
[scan QR code with smart phone]



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Mike has donated his time to setup and maintain our village website since it's launch in March of 2022.

It took about sixteen hours to build and refine the website. The site maintenance requires approximately one to two hours per month, depending on how many updates are requested.

I asked Mike about how much web traffic we get. "It is exciting to see the web traffic grow from 1,341 visitors with 6,043 page views in 2022 to 2024, where we are on pace to have 3,000 visitors with 10,000 page views," he said.

I asked about how many of those views are from outside the village, seeking information about Baltic. However, we would need additional online tools to determine that, at additional cost.

With Mike graciously donating his time, the village is able to have a very nice website at a very reasonable cost. I am very grateful for his initiative and volunteer service to the community! Small towns like ours run on a different currency than just dollars and cents. You cannot quantify the value of community service on a financial report or balance sheet.

We are friends and neighbors serving each other and developing shared experiences together. We each can offer something unique to make the village a better place! There is plenty of room for more volunteer spirit, whether in the government, fire/EMS, local charities, churches, community organizations, or even just visiting our senior citizens at Oak Point Nursing home.

Mike and his wife Tara both volunteer in various capacities in Baltic. They moved here eight years ago. Mike called it "The best decision for our family."

Douglas Plyler | Mayor

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