



The Friendly Community Newsletter

Ashville Newsletter

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Village Council meets the first & third Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M., at 91 West Main Street. If you wish to address council, forms need to be completed & are available at the meeting. Information is available at: <http://ashvilleohio.net/gov.htm>.

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- Special points of interest:**
- ◆ State of the Village Address
  - ◆ Ashville's Vision Statement
  - ◆ The Tax Dept. contribution to the Village.
  - ◆ The Police Dept. 2005 Report
  - ◆ The Utility & Service Dept. 2005 Report
  - ◆ A Word About Community

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See more information on page four.

Channel 5 continues to broadcast Village Council Meetings. Annual Cost for broadcast is \$1,444.

**Special Addition of The Mayor's Column**

**THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE ADDRESS**

This is my sixth year as Mayor. It has been a pleasure working for you as Mayor and I am looking forward to an even better 2006. It seems so long ago, as we enjoy the unseasonably warm weather in 2006, that 2005 came in like a lion. We had the worst ice storm in memory followed by serious flooding.



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The ice storm and flood required action by the village staff. They were out clearing roads of downed trees and limbs. The staff then rented equipment to chip the tremendous quantity of debris. We were able to access FEMA funding to pay for 75% of the cost. This was not insignificant, as the estimate was just under \$45,000. At the Ashville Community Park the residents were able to use the restrooms on the north side at Halloween. This restroom had not been in service since sometime in the nineties. The cost of that repair was just over \$20,000 but we were able to obtain 75% funding from NatureWorks.



Mayor Charles Wiise

The North Gate Alliance took an unexpected direction with conversations with Columbus. In the last issue you heard about those conversations. They involve, like the CEDA (Cooperative Economic Development Agreement), different government entities working together. Many are asking why is Columbus doing this now and not in the past. As I am writing this article Ford Motor Company is announcing the closing and laying-off employees. We can no longer "go it alone". Details are important and those are still being worked upon, but presently the JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) seems to be the best way to protect our future. Specifically creating jobs for our community and providing financial stability for the Village of Ashville and everyone in Harrison Township.

As in last year's address I encourage your involvement. This will add to the skill level of our Village's decision makers. You can be involved at different levels by being a member of local government or indirectly through planning groups, attending meetings, letters, and/or posting at our website (<http://www.ashvilleohio.net/board/index.php>). We all have skills that can improve the processes our community uses. Without your input, we can only make decisions based on what we think

the community wants. Do not be afraid to give us your suggestions. The village staff has made good progress in 2005. The staff is skillful at establishing goal-oriented tasks that are good for the community. The Volume 3, Issue 6, CCR report discussed the activities in the Water Department. Station Street had an 8" waterline replaced by a 12" waterline. This should help with water pressure and water flow. The conversion to liquid chorine added safety to the plant and to the village. Security was upgraded to provide automated callback. The Wastewater Department continued to improve high flow storage and odor controls over the primary clarifiers. This the residents on Main Street appreciate. More can be found in Volume3, Issue 10.

The Service Department worked with Water Department to complete the Station Street Project. They were also instrumental in getting the restroom reopened in the park. The Police Department has continued to train and work on making our community a safe place to live. You can read more about the accomplishments of the Police Department on Page 2 in "The Police Beat of Ashville".

Our village is healthy financially and we strive to spend our funds wisely. Some projects required the village to evaluate them individually for such considerations as usability and cost effectiveness. More information about the Service and Utility Departments can be found on page 3.

Thank You, CHARLES K. WISE

**Ashville Vision Statement**

*"Remembering our rural heritage, the Village of Ashville will be a strong & friendly community, offering an enhanced quality of life achieved through progress & teamwork. It is a place people will want to live, and businesses will want to locate."*