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The Cridersville Courier



A Look into a Volunteer Fire Department A Brief History

The days of just putting out the fire is no longer. Volunteer firefighting has become so much more. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1856. It was the time of the bucket brigade as towns people would fight fires by passing buckets filled with water to one another and throwing it onto the flames. The village's first fire department came in 1890 when the village built a town hall on West Main Street facing Gay Street that would have space for a fire pumper. The hand pumper would be the fire departments biggest piece of equipment to protect and serve the community manned by a group of volunteers. These men gave of their time to ensure the safety of others. Over the years the volunteer fire department grew in manpower and equipment. Between 1951-53 a new fire station was constructed at 100 East Main Street which is the current location of the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department. Today there are 42 members on the department. Training to become a volunteer fire fighter takes many hours requiring time away from families. It takes a dedicated person and an understanding family to be a volunteer fire fighter. Fire Chief Rick Miller says anyone fighting fires does so on a volunteer basis according to their bylaws. The departments 12 paramedics do get a small compensation for medical runs. The department is an incorporated private entity that the village contracts with for fire and EMS services. A levy voted on by residents provides the funds for the contract and equipment. There are currently 9 vehicles housed at the department including 2 ambulances and 7 firefighting units. A far cry from a bucket brigade and a hand pumper. Thank you to all our members of the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department for your dedication and selflessness to keep us safe. If you are interested in becoming a member of the fire department you can find out more at the village web site, www.villageofcridersville.com, under the fire department tab.



Fire Department Gives Back

Fire Chief Rick Miller presents Cridersville Elementary School Counselor Jill Stubbs a check for \$500 to go towards the "Right to Read" program at the school. This is the 6th year the department has donated to make sure each student gets a book during "Right to Read" week. The money comes from their annual pancake breakfast during Christmas on Main Street.

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Village Hall

110 W. Main Street

Clerk 419-645-4883

Mayor 419-645-4212

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Hours:

Monday-Thursday

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m.—Noon

Council Meetings

2nd Monday of each month

7:30 p.m. at Village Hall



Grand Opening Celebration

**Friday March 17th
10:30 a.m.**

Join corporate and local officials for the official ribbon cutting of their newest store. This will be the companies first store in Ohio. They will feature pizza, subs, donuts, soft serve ice cream among many other items. Let's give them a big Cridersville welcome!

Recycling Reminders

- Please put items in the correct bins
- Plastic #1 PETE include clear & clear color
- Plastic #2 HDPE milk / milky color
- Plastic #2 HDPE solid colors
- Corrugated Cardboard in Horse Trailer
- Mixed Papers / newspaper / pop cartons
magazines / cereal boxes / etc
- Glass; clear / brown / green & blue
- Steel cans / aluminum cans / tin foil



March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

Reichelderfer & Graham Lumber Yard Back in Business

Blass Construction and Remodeling has reopened the lumber yard keeping the original name. Blass wanted to continue the long history the lumber yard has had in the community and wants to continue its long standing tradition. As a way to give back to the community Blass will be offering free kindling at times. It will be located in front of the office on Gay Street. They will have it cut and bundled for your convenience.

Community Clean Up Day

**Saturday
May 20th
8am - Noon
Tower Park**

Village Crews will be on
hand to unload



Activities at the Library

Library Hours

Mon. 10 am—7:30 pm
Wed. 10 am—7:30 pm
Thurs. 3 pm—7:30 pm
Sat. 10 am—12:30 pm

116 West Main Street

Monday March 6 - 4:30pm - Mad Science Dr. Seuss Edition

Thursday March 9 - 3pm - Game Night @ Library

March 27 & 29 - 11am; 30th - 3pm - Community Fit Fair

Monday April 10 - 1pm - Crochet Class

Thursday April 13 - 3pm - Under the Big Top Carnival

Monday April 24 - Money Smart Week - Paper Shredding Pickup

Wednesday April 26 - 6pm - Budget 101/Meal Planning & Coupons

Thursday April 27 - 4:30pm - Teen Money



Garage Sale Day Special

Stop in and get 24 pack of 16.9oz bottles for only \$3.99. Sale will be from 9 am to Noon. We also have repurposed water coolers for sale. Stop in and see what we have to offer.

Saturday May 13th - 9am to Noon

Community Garage Sale

**Saturday May 13th
9:00 a.m.**

Residents, businesses & organizations will be having sales around the village. You never know what treasures you will find!





**Saturday
March 18**
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\$7 Adults

\$4 Kids 10 to 4

Kids 3 & Under Free

at Steve Myers Service

**Support Cridersville
Boy Scout Troop #162**



**Thursday
March 23rd**
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Cridersville Lions Club is teaming up with Fazoli's to raise money for the Chi-Ki-Lo Food Pantry and Lions Club community projects. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner with meat or marina sauce, breadstick, salad, dessert and drink. All this for just \$8. You can dine in or carry out. Tickets are available from any Lions member or by call 419-645-5259 and leaving a message.



We Serve

Dine-In **\$8.00** Carry-Out

Cridersville UMC ~ 105 Shawnee Road



Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is making his annual stop in Cridersville and is inviting you to join him. The morning will start at 10:30 a.m. with the kids getting a picture with him. Then it's time to hunt the eggs! There are 3 age groups for youngsters from 1 year up to 10 years old. There will be prizes and a light lunch.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a joint project of the Cridersville Lions Club and the Cridersville United Methodist Church.



**Saturday
March 12th
10:30 a.m.**

Cridersville
UMC

105 Shawnee Road

Cridersville Historical Society's

**Old Fashioned
Beef & Noodle Dinner**
Thursday April 27 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Cridersville Elementary School Cafeteria

Enjoy a heaping portion of homemade beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, hunk of home style bread, applesauce, dessert and drink. You can dine in or carry out.

Adults \$8 - Children 10 & under \$4

Tax Help Day

Get Assistance with Filing
Your Village Income Taxes

Representatives from the
St. Marys Tax Department
will be available to answer any
questions you may have filing
your municipal income taxes



Saturday April 1st
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Village Hall ~ 110 West Main Street

THE CRIDERSVILLE COURIER

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110 W. Main Street
Cridersville, Ohio 45806

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Cridersville Historical Society Speaker Series

Using the Interurban in Western Ohio

With Author Scott Trostel



Monday March 6th ~ 7:00 p.m.

Community Room Otterbein ~ Free & Open to the Public

May 1st - The Railroad arrives in Cridersville

Discover how construction of the first railroad in western Ohio affected Cridersville and it's future. - Greg Myers Speaker

July 10th - The Secret World of Ladies Unmentionables

Did you ever wonder what was under those 19th century skirts? This is an opportunity to get the answers. - LuAnn Everett Speaker

September 11 - Standard Oil in Ohio & Collectables

All programs at Otterbein starting at 7:00pm

Buy a Brick Campaign at Legacy Park



There is still time to get a brick!

Individuals, families, and businesses can support the Legacy Park project by purchasing an engraved brick. The bricks will be built into the Legacy Gate and other structures of the park landscape. Bricks are available in two sizes - 4" x 8" or 8" x 8". This is the perfect opportunity to add your name, your family name, or a memorial name to the project. Smaller bricks are \$100 and larger bricks are \$250. Each brick purchased will be held until it will be used in one of the park structures. To learn more about the Legacy Park Project log onto www.villageofcridersville.com or the Cridersville Historical Society on Facebook.