

# The Village of Sugar Bush Knolls, Ohio Newsletter

## September 25, 2023

### **NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> VOTER INFORMATION**

**Election Day Voting:** The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 8, 2023. **Location:** Central School, 200 North Mantua Street, Kent, Ohio 44240. Please bring an acceptable form of identification with you when voting in person. Please see <https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/id-requirements/> for more information.

### **ON THE BALLOT**

#### **CANDIDATES**

Mayor, for the 4-year term beginning January 1, 2024	Jeff Coffee
Clerk-Treasurer, for the 4-year term beginning April 1, 2024	Amy Mucha
Members of Council, for the 4-year term beginning January 1, 2024	Nicholas F Jordan and Nate Mucha

### **VILLAGE SPECIFIC ISSUE**

**Issue 34 Village of Sugar Bush Knolls Replacement and Additional Tax 8 mills/5-years commencing 2025**

Please see the Portage County Board of Elections online for a complete list of all candidates and issues.

### **ROAD WORK**

Road patchwork is scheduled for October 12 & 13, 2023, weather permitting. Work will be happening on Ridgecrest, Jacobs Lane, Lake Roger, Shepherd, Pin Oak and Orin. Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> prep day, Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> paving day.

### **PAVEMENT FOR VILLAGE SHED**

A shed pad and gravel drive will be installed in the next week or two on Lake Roger Drive at the dam. A shed will be erected on this site in 2024. This storage is for Village property and documents and will ultimately save money on the outside storage location.

### **VILLAGE ORDINANCES AND EXTERNAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

#### **Weed Control, Part 1**

102.10 "No farm animals, fowls, livestock, or wild animals of any kind or nature except domesticated household pets, shall be kept, harbored on the premises unless the written consent of the Sugar Bush Knolls Planning Commission be first obtained. Said consent may be revoked at any time at the option of the Sugar Bush Knolls Planning Commission, should they decide that keeping said animal results in a nuisance to the neighbors for noise, odor, or aesthetics; or that keeping said animals disturb the health, safety, comfort, and welfare of the community."

Should you wish to have hooved animals help with your vegetation, please make your request to the Planning Commission. Please note that this process is not rapid, so allow time to obtain written consent prior to engaging any service.

#### **Weed Control, Part 2**

102.12 A "The owner, occupant, or person having the charge or management of any lot or parcel of land situated within the Village limits, whether the same is improved or unimproved, vacant or occupied, within five (5) days written notice to so do, served upon him by the Clerk of Council, shall cut or destroy or cause to be cut or destroyed any noxious, poisonous, or harmful weeds or vines growing upon any such lot or parcel of land, and prevent the same from blooming, going to seed or exceeding the height of twelve (12) inches."

This ordinance covers the complete external property, including any flower beds. Please take care of your property for the betterment of all in the Village.

### **TREE, BUSH, AND VEGETATION TRIMMING**

Please make sure any bushes and low-lying limbs near the road coming from vegetation on your property, and especially at all intersections, are trimmed back from the road.

### **LEAF COLLECTION**

Leaf collection will begin Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and will continue through Monday, December 11, 2022, weather permitting. Please place your leaves in the swale along the road at the edge of your property, but not in the street. Please do not include twigs or limbs in your pick-up.

### **SPEED**

There is an ongoing problem with speeding in the Village. The speed limit for all roads, save Ferguson and Rt 43, is 25 miles per hour. A number of young families have moved into the Village. Please protect our families, pets, and friends by always obeying the speed limits on all Village roads throughout your journey.

## **VILLAGE HOLIDAY WEEKEND – October 28 and 29, 2023**

On Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> the second annual Fishing Tournament will be held from 11 AM to 1 PM at the dam between the two lakes. The fun continues on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> with Halloween Trick or Treat from 2 PM to 4 PM followed by a Village get-together from 4 to 6 PM on Sheppard Drive near the home of Nick Jordon. Treats will be provided, but more are always welcome. If you are participating in Trick or Treat, please turn your porch lights on. We look forward to seeing you.

## **HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP**

For the following holidays, no trash service on these days. The Monday through Friday service will be delayed by one day.

### **HOLIDAY**

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23, 2023

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2024

Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024

Thursday, July 4, 2024

### **PICK-UP**

Friday, November 24, 2023

Friday, December 29, 2023

Friday, January 5, 2024

Friday, May 31, 2024

Friday, July 5, 2024

Please make sure to bag your trash prior to placing it in your trash container. This will prevent trash from being found on the street, in your yard or in your neighbor's yard. As with recycling, please break down all the boxes you put in the trash. Keep the Village beautiful. Thanks!

## **RECYCLING**

An option has been presented for recycling in the Village. This would be based on the individual homeowner contracting directly with Portage County Recycling for a bi-weekly pick-up. The current cost would be \$5.50 per month with the fees being assessed on your property taxes. This fee is determined by Portage County Recycling and is subject to change. You would be able to use your existing recycling containers, as long as you remove any "Trash" labels affixed to the container. Pick-up would be every other Tuesday. The current schedule of pick-ups is:

October 3, 17 and 31

November 14 and 28

December 17 and 27

The exception to this, as with trash pick-up are the holiday weeks where pick-up may be delayed by one day. Example, the week of December 25<sup>th</sup>, pick-up would be on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> and New Year's, Monday January 1, 2024, pick-up would be on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, as noted above. Recyclables include plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars, aluminum and metal cans, flattened cardboard, newspapers, paper and magazines. Do not bag the recyclables. Keep them loose.

Contact:

Dawn Collins, Director

Portage County Recycling

Portage County Solid Waste

330-678-8808

[dcollins@portageco.com](mailto:dcollins@portageco.com)

<https://portagerecycles.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PortageCountyRecycling/>

The alternate to this option is to collect your recycling and take it to a Portage County recycling center. There are several around the county. One location is 3588 Mogadore Road, Kent, OH, 44240. Please check their website for additional locations.

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

If you are planning a project on your property which changes the footprint (examples: pool, deck, house addition, etc.), please make sure you present the plans to the Planning and Zoning Committee for approval before commencing the work.

## **OHIO811 – CALL BEFORE YOU DIG**

Whether you are planting a tree, shrub, or garden, aerating your yard, installing a mailbox, or building a fence or deck, (the latter two items with Planning and Zoning approval) please contact OHIO811 before you dig to protect your home, family and the community. Please take a few minutes to call 800-362-2764 or 8-1-1 or visit e-dig and request the location of underground facilities near your proposed digging site. You should contact OHIO811 at least 48 hours but no more than ten working days prior to the work commencing, excluding weekends and legal holidays. Knowing where gas, electric and other facilities cross your property will help protect your life, your property, and your wallet.

## **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

Please make sure your house and mailbox are clearly labeled with your address. This helps the post office, but more importantly, EMS, Fire, or the Sheriff, should their services be required. Fall is a great time to repair or replace aging signage.

*Respectfully submitted by your Mayor John Guidubaldi, the Clerk-Treasurer William Elder, Council President Jeffrey Coffee, and Council members Brandon Beeson, Elizabeth Hartley, Nick Jordon, Amy Mucha, and John Palik.*