

Mt. Blanchard News

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Meet Our Maintenance Crew

Mt. Blanchard is privileged to have such a hard-working maintenance crew.

Their leader, **Gavin Wilson**, has been with us about a year now. He lives outside Mt. Blanchard. He graduated from Liberty Benton High School, but he enjoys living and working here. He was very impressed with the vitality of Mt. Blanchard and wanted to work with Dan Clements and be a part of the community.

Jim Williams is a man that everyone knows. He has worked for the village for 19 years and he is the pastor at the Church of the Nazarene. I know you have seen him working around town wherever he is needed, but he especially works with the water and sewage systems, reading meters and taking samples. He also keeps all the equipment running, making repairs as needed.

John Amburgy has only been working with the village a few years. He started when he retired and he enjoys keeping busy with whatever tasks need accomplished. You will often see him mowing lawns, weed whacking, and picking up trash. In the winter you will see him helping to remove snow.

Tom Ludwig is the newest member of the crew. He was hired in May to work at the pool. He keeps the pool clean, tests the water, and treats it with chemicals to keep it safe for us to swim. You will also see him doing the yard work around the pool and keeping the shelter houses clean. He also helps out with whatever projects the crew are doing. He also has a home improvement business to keep him busy when not working for the village. This is a great group of guys who enjoy working together and keeping our village safe, clean and beautiful. When you see them working around town don't forget to thank them.

Communication is an important part of Our community. This newsletter is Being produced to improve our spread Of knowledge. It will be released quarterly With articles about the people and events not only in Mt. Blanchard but also at Riverdale. If you know of any events that Are occurring in the future that you would Like to see in this newsletter, please contact Liz Myers at 514-315-1209 or myers1225@yahoo.com.

Maintenance Work Completed

Our maintenance crew has been very busy this summer. They have been doing their best to keep all the village properties mowed and weed free, not only the parks but also the soccer fields and ball diamonds. They have planted trees throughout the village and kept them watered and growing. All shelter houses have been power washed. Basketball Courts at Island and Hurricane Park both have been edged, resealed and painted.

They prepared and participated in the Spring Cleanup Day, weeding, mulching, trimming bushes and plants in our parks. They also installed new stones around the gazebo. New flowers have been planted in flowerpots on main street.

The Solar Cross Walk was completed as well as sidewalks and curbs repaired and painted.

Work on the block building is going very well. The restroom is ready to be painted.

Hder Link installed more cameras at island park to help better monitor park areas/shelter houses and yards.

The Village has a Loaner Riding Mower and it is being used by residents within the Village.

Lagoon finishing pond has been lowered. Maintenance work, including keeping up with weeds around the banks and trimming and removing trees.

New fence has been installed at Hurricane Park, with a locked gate. All softball coaches will have keys to the gate. Only people allowed past the gate will be softball coaches, and village personnel or anyone who needs handicap access. There is a handicap sign on the gate to keep residents/spectators up to date.

The water main break on north main street has been repaired and grass seed planted. A sewer line along the old railroad going to the lagoon.

2 fire hydrants have been installed and grass seed planted.

Walking trails, have been cleared and updated. Included trimming trees, cleaning weeds and removing tons of debris. Walking Trail is now safe for residents to walk, fish and enjoy.

We also cleaned up West Clay's dead-end road, including trimming trees, cleaning around the river and opening it up, also trimmed trees from the lift station to the bridge by the pool.

We have gotten the okay and permit to continue work on the pit toilet project. We now have the drawings and will begin on this project shortly.

The flagpole at the pool has all new hardware and a new flag.

They also prepared for Christmas in July at the swimming pool.

Utility Clerk

We have a new utility clerk. She is Alicia Tong and she is also our postal clerk. Even though she grew up in Carey and still lives there, she likes our town, our people, and our activities. Stop by sometime and say hello. She works at the post office Monday through Friday 8:00-10:00 and 2:15-4:15 and Saturdays 9:00-12:00. Then she works in the village office Tuesdays and Fridays 10:00-12:00.

Reminder:

Both Delaware Township and The Village of Mt. Blanchard have zoning ordinances. If you are going to make any renovations to your property, please check with the Village office or the township office to make sure your work meets zoning standards.



Riverdale School Events

Well, it's that time of year for school to start. The first day of school is Thursday, August 21st. There will be an Open House August 19th starting at 6:00. This is a good time to check out what is happening at and around Riverdale. It offers opportunities for children to participate and parents and friends to be involved in our school. 6th grade orientation is August 14th, so if you have a child going into the 6th grade, check this out. September 24th is picture day so kids dress your best. September 25th is Riverdale's blood drive.

There will be no school on Labor Day and October 13th. Fall break is November 24th-28th. The end of the first quarter is October 24th with grade cards released October 31st.

November 7th the Music department will be holding their annual auction.

Autumn is a busy time for sports at Riverdale. Not only do we have football on Junior High and High School levels, but we also have Boys and Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Golf, and Girls Volleyball on Junior High and High School levels. The back page lists home games. You can also find a complete list on Riverdale's website and on posters throughout town. Come out and support our student athletes.

Swimming Pool Closing

All good things must come to an end. It has been a great summer, and we have all enjoyed spending time at the pool.

August 20th will be the LAST DAY 1:00-7:00 PM for regular daily hours.

There will be a night swim on August 22 for \$5 after the Riverdale Football Game:
9:00 PM - 11:30 PM

Weather permitting and lifeguard availability, will be open August 23-24
and August 30-31, Labor Day Weekend. . . 12-7:00 PM.



Trick or Treat Night

Mt. Blanchard has scheduled their Trick or Treat night for
October 25th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Get out your costumes and masks and join the fun. If you wish to participate leave your porch light on and the kids will stop for your treats.

More information will be found later on the Village of Mt. Blanchard web site and on flyers posted throughout town.

Riverdale High School at Home Sports Schedule

August

16	10:00 AM	HS Volleyball HOME vs North Baltimore
16	5:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Bowsher
16	7:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Woodmore
18	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Upper Scioto Valley
19	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Cory-Rawson
20	7:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Elida
21	5:00 PM	JH Football HOME vs Arlington
21	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Hardin Northern
21	7:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Temple Christian
22	7:00 PM	HS Varsity Football HOME vs Ridgemont
23	10:00 AM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Ridgedale
23	5:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Continental
25	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Temple Christian
30	10:00 AM	JV Football HOME vs Arlington
30	5:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Kenton
30	7:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Kenton

September

3	5:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Upper Sandusky
3	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Arlington
3	7:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Upper Sandusky
4	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Ada
4	5:00 PM	XC Varsity HOME (8+ schools)
4	6:00 PM	XC JH HOME (8+ schools)
5	7:00 PM	HS Varsity Football HOME vs Arcadia
6	10:30 AM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Carey
8	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Leipsic
10	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Van Buren
11	5:00 PM	JH Football HOME vs Liberty-Benton
13	10:00 AM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Allen East & Wynford
13	10:00 AM	JV Football HOME vs Liberty-Benton
13	1:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Toledo Christian
15	All Day	JH Volleyball HOME vs Kenton
16	All Day	XC Varsity HOME (4+ schools)
16	6:00 PM	XC JH HOME (4+ schools)
17	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Arcadia
17	7:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Van Buren
18	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs St Michaels
19	7:00 PM	HS Varsity Football HOME vs Van Buren (Homecoming)
20	10:30 AM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Ottoville
22	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Pandora-Gilboa
23	7:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Rogers
24	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Vanlue
25	5:00 PM	JH Football HOME vs Leipsic
27	10:00 AM	JV Football HOME vs Leipsic
29	6:30 PM	Girls JV Soccer HOME vs Eastwood I
30	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Upper Sandusky
30	7:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Maumee Valley Country Day

October

1	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs Elmwood
2	5:00 PM	JH Football HOME vs Ada
2	7:00 PM	Boys Soccer HOME vs Liberty-Benton
4	10:00 AM	JV Football HOME vs Ada
6	5:00 PM	JH Volleyball HOME vs Liberty-Benton
6	6:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Lehman Catholic
8	5:30 PM	HS Volleyball HOME vs McComb
9	5:00 PM	JH Football HOME vs Elmwood
11	9:00 AM	XC HOME (10+ schools)
11	10:00 AM	JV Football HOME vs Elmwood
11	4:00 PM	Girls Soccer HOME vs Archbold
17	7:00 PM	HS Varsity Football HOME vs Mcomb
24	7:00 PM	HS Varsity Football HOME vs Pandora-Gilboa (Senior Night)