Dumpster Day at NEW GARAGE!

September 12th 8:00 a.m. to Noon



Pittsfield Township Meetings: 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information email <u>info@pittsfieldtwp.us</u> or <u>mcecil@pittsfieldtwp.us</u>

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To all of the residents of Pittsfield Township who filled out the Census for 2020. We were one of the highest townships to respond with over 80% of the residents!

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Update on the Whitney Road bridge...



They have poured some concrete on the east side.

An overhead view of the east.



An overhead view of the west.

Delay on the Whitney Rd. bridge is due to the virus and not being able to get materials as on time. Completion is scheduled for Sept./October.

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PRESCRIPTION MEDICINE DISPOSAL:

The Wellington Police Dept. and the Oberlin Police Dept. have a "drop off" bin for old or unused prescription disposal. There are no questions asked.

ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT:

Residents will be able to vote if they would like the trustees of Pittsfield Township to negotiate better Electric and Natural Gas prices for residents. (This includes Columbia Gas, Dominion East, The Illuminating Company, AEP and Ohio Edison.)

These rates would be through **NOPEC**, which is a non-profit group of over 225 Ohio communities that negotiates lower utility rates. As Ohio's largest energy aggregator, NOPEC buys gas and

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electricity in bulk to lower your utility bills. Since 2001, NOPEC has saved residents and businesses over \$300 million.

What is the value in NOPEC for me?

As Ohio's largest non-profit energy supplier, we protect your energy investment by:

- Negotiating better terms and conditions
- Advocating for consumer-friendly legislation
- Educating consumers on ways to save even more on their energy usage.

NOPEC also provides grants and loans to its member communities to help fund local energyefficient improvements.

NOPEC also provides valuable programs that benefit member communities and their residents such as energy efficiency grants and community event sponsorships. For a list of some of the benefits available to NOPEC member communities, call 855/667-3201.

Who is in charge of this group?

Ultimately, the consumers themselves, through the views they express to their local elected officials. NOPEC is governed by a General Assembly, made up of one representative from each community. From this group, a Board of Directors is elected.

How is NOPEC funded?

NOPEC's operations are not funded by consumers or the government. We're actually funded by the energy suppliers we buy natural gas and electricity from.

Energy providers bid for supply contracts with us. Because they don't have to market to individual consumers, NOPEC is able to negotiate better terms and conditions and a wider array of products for our customers, plus a small administrative fee for our services.

How do I join NOPEC?

If you live in a NOPEC community, you are automatically included, unless you choose not to be. Ohio has what is called an "opt-out" procedure. This means that all eligible customers of an aggregated community become part of the buying group unless they take a specific action to opt -out of the aggregation.

What is the difference between NOPEC and other energy suppliers?

Unlike the many private, for-profit companies marketing in Ohio, NOPEC is a nonprofit, public aggregation of local governments, with no goal other than delivering both savings and stability to the consumers we represent. We are concerned with a long-term approach to the energy market, as well as short-term savings. NOPEC recognizes that long-term savings for consumers will result from regulatory changes and is dedicated to representing the interests of NOPEC member communities and their residents in seeking those changes.

Private, for-profit, energy supplier are more focused on short-term offers. Their positions on regulatory changes and laws are often aimed at their own bottom lines rather than the interests of consumers.

If I join NOPEC's electric aggregation program, who will deliver my power, read my meter, send my bill and respond to emergencies, such as power outages?

Your local electric utility will be responsible for the delivery of electricity to your home or business. Since your electric utility owns the wires and poles that deliver power to you, it will continue to read your meter, send your bill and restore power after an outage.

NOTE: The above also applies to your natural gas supplier.

If you are on a budget program now with your electric supplier or natural gas provider, you may contact NOPEC's customer service line at 855/667-3201 for more information on budget billing.

NOPEC communities span 13 counties in North eastern Ohio. In Lorain County alone, there are many cities and townships that have signed up with NOPEC for either natural gas, electric or both savings. These include Amherst Twp, Avon, Avon Lake, Carlisle Twp, Columbia Twp, Eaton Twp,

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Elyria, Elyria Twp, Lorain, New Russia Twp, North Ridgeville, Sheffield Lake, Sheffield Twp, Sheffield Village and South Amherst.

Natural gas communities in Lorain County include Grafton Twp, Penfield Twp and Vermilion.

You can view NOPEC rates for electric or natural gas on their website **nopec.org** or call customer service at 855/667-3201. There are no termination fees through NOPEC (as with some other utility companies).

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Central Lorain County Ambulance News

The Lorain County Central Ambulance received a grant for new "UV lights" installed in the squads to protect against the spread of Covid 19.

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Townhall Rental

Contact Elizabeth Zadorozny at **440-241-7896** or <u>elizabeth@pittsfieldtwp.us</u>.

To view the calendar, log onto the website at <u>http://www.pittsfieldtwp.us/townhallcalendar.htm</u>

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

If you have something you would like to post in the spring newsletter to notify other residents, please feel free to send your information to osurug@zoominternet.net.

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PITTSFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear residents of Pittsfield Township, We hope you are all well and doing what you can to enjoy your summer.

This really is an interesting time we live in with lots of things going on. Not much different from other events in our countries past, but the ease and acceleration of data makes it so we can experience things in a different way than our ancestors.

One thing that has not changed though is the need for us to document our experiences. So take a

minute a day to write down some notes about what is going on in your life. Who knows, maybe someday years from now one of your ancestors will make a presentation about the diary you kept and present it to the historical society.

Oh and while you are writing down your notes, encourage your friends young and old to do the same.

Hopefully we will get to see you soon and until then I hope you stay happy, healthy, and safe.

Best regards, Daniel Clark

CEMETARY NEWS

Some of the pine trees at the 303 cemetery have fallen down, so the rest were removed. Plans are to replace the pines with other types of trees.

Pittsfield has also taken over the Jackson cemetery on Webster Road. This cemetery was once maintained by Pittsfield, Wellington and Lagrange townships combined.

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On the Web <u>www.pittsfieldtwp.us</u>

Pittsfield Township Webmaster, Steve Magyar The website shares information about our township approved meeting minutes and events.

If you have something you'd like to include on the website, please email Steve at <u>smagyar@pittsfieldtwp.us</u>.