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# Spring 2016 Village Newsletter

## PERMIT FEE HOLIDAY: April 1—May 16

In a continuing effort to improve the aesthetic appeal of the Village, which in recent years has involved greater enforcement of the building maintenance codes and ordinances, the Village will waive certain building permit and inspection fees for a limited time during 2016. Owners of residential and commercial properties within the Village may be eligible to have fees waived for property improvement projects. Eligible minor projects would pertain to building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements to existing structures only. Permits and inspections would still be required. New building construction and significant rehabilitation would not be eligible since plan review and pre-construction inspections may be necessary. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Window/door replacement
- Decks
- Kitchen/bath remodel
- Fences
- Sign replacement (commercial properties only)
- Reroofing
- Electrical upgrade
- Furnace replacement

Property owners should contact the Village Office to determine eligibility of projects and to apply for required permits. The following conditions apply:

- Permit request forms must be received at the Village Office between April 1– May 16, 2016
- Building inspections may still be required



**BUILDING DEPARTMENT:** Since November 2015, the Village of Brooklyn has administered all construction permits and inspections (building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing). Permit applications may be obtained at [www.villageofbrooklyn.com](http://www.villageofbrooklyn.com) or at the Village Office. Inquiries about construction permits, such as when they are required, should be directed to the Village Office.

**2016 Community Open Burn Program:** One date remains for open burning on Saturday, March 26, 2016 (7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. only). Free permits to burn on the above listed dates MUST be obtained from the Columbia Township Fire Department at least one week prior to the burn date.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT—March 17th:** For more details, go to the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) Facebook page or [www.villageofbrooklyn.com](http://www.villageofbrooklyn.com)

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## 2016 CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Interested in learning more about Village government? Considered running for public office or applying for an appointed position with the Village? November 8, 2016 is election day for the Village as well as for State and National offices. During the month of June, the Village Manager will offer three or four, one-hour educational sessions to interested persons. To register or to obtain more information, contact the Village Manager at (517) 592-2591 or email: [manager@villageofbrooklyn.com](mailto:manager@villageofbrooklyn.com).

## WATER CONSERVATION

Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste as much as three gallons of water per day? That could add up to 1095 gallons per year. A running toilet could leak considerably more since most supply lines are 3/8" diameter (See the chart at right.). The Village Office will make an effort to contact property owners if a spike in water usage is noticed from one month to the next. A leak on the owner's side of the water meter could result in a higher water bill. You may request a usage history from the Village Office to determine if there is a leak.

Leak Through Opening of	Gallons per Month Wasted
1/4"	400,000
3/16"	225,000
1/8"	100,000
1/16"	25,000
1/32"	6,300

Pressure 60 lbs.

## CURB APPEAL

As spring approaches, residents are urged to keep grass and weeds cut to 8" or less; trees and shrubs overhanging public sidewalks trimmed to a minimum of 84" and sidewalk edging and debris cleared the entire width of the sidewalk. Violations of these ordinances and those pertaining to removal of junk, trash and rubbish must be remedied within 10 calendar days of notification. Please refer to the Winter 2015-2016 newsletter or [www.villageofbrooklyn.com](http://www.villageofbrooklyn.com) for fees pertaining to ordinance violations.

## VILLAGE-WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP—APRIL 30, 2016

The annual Village-wide Spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 30, 2016. Help improve the appearance of the Village by removing unwanted items. Please remember the following items cannot be discarded in this program: ashes, batteries, burn barrels, compost (grass & leaves), concrete/bricks, hazardous waste, household garbage (food waste), items containing Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers & freezers), liquids (paint, oil, gas, etc.), tires and tree stumps. Contact Modern Waste (536-4900) for more information.

**PLEASE remember to recycle household items whenever possible. The environment will thank you.**

The Village will resume weekly curbside pickup of grass clippings (Mondays) and brush (Tuesdays) beginning April 4, 2016. Approved yard waste bags are available to Village residents at the Village Office. The tree limb chipper will make rounds during the first week of May, August and October (and after significant storm damage) to chip limbs 5" in diameter or less. This Village service is not intended for chipping of entire trees. Property owners are responsible for removal of large limbs or entire trees and stumps.

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