

VILLAGE OF CONVOY

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2021 State of the Village Address

To: Residents of the Village of Convoy
Fiscal Officer – Kelly Schlemmer
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The snow and ice season is happening again in the village and our crew has done a great job keeping the streets and sidewalks clean. The Board of Public Affairs, Village Council, Kelly Schlemmer, Fiscal Officer and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Village employees, Kelly Schlemmer, Jeff Myers, Terry Crowle, Steve Haggerty and all of our volunteer EMT/firefighters. Job well done, Thank you!

We would like to thank Jim Hyitt for all his years of serving the community and on his retirement. Filing Mr. Hyitt's council seat, we welcome new member Chris Bolenbaugh to Village Council. We would also like to thank Steve Haggerty for all his years serving the community as the Chief Marshal of the Convoy Police Department. We look forward to Steve continuing to serve as a part-time employee of the village.

The Board of Public Affairs Mike Kreisler, Board President, Steve Cramer and Don Duncan along with Terry Crowle, Water/Waster water Superintendent have been busy with projects to comply with EPA rulings. The Board contracted with Wessler Engineering to complete a I & I study throughout the Village for water infiltration, smoke testing and inspections of manholes. This test helps determine the Boards course of action, after obtaining the results, to help comply with the EPA rulings. The Board invested in a camera and utility ATV to aid in this work. We have inspected 80% of the sewer lines and started repairing these issues in the fall. The board is currently contacting property owners to discuss issues been found as a result of the study.

The street department is busy with snow and ice removal starting this new winter season. Jeff was busy this summer and fall replacing 18" storm tile from Cherry St. to Vine St., from Oak St. to Tully St., and an 8" storm tile on Maple St. along with installing several catch basins. The street department keeps the streets clean and picked up, please do not put GRASS CLIPPINGS onto the street. Main Street and Tully Street have modified no parking sections. The signs have been placed accordingly, also these two streets are designated as snow routes, please remove vehicles during snow events.

The Convoy Fire Department & EMS completed the 45th year of service to our community. In 2020 there were 204 runs, which 167 were for EMS, while transporting 131 patients to nearby Hospitals, 32 for motor vehicle accidents. There were 36 fire runs, 3 odor investigations, 1 service call and 1 severe weather spotting. Currently the department has 22 volunteer members with 8 being Firefighter/EMT's 3 being EMT's, 3 being advanced EMT's and 11 being firefighters. Our Volunteer Fire Departments Firefighters and EMT's maintain a high standard of training at the department, putting in numerous hours of time and training, to acquire and maintain certifications to serve the community with knowledge and professionalism. The department will hold their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on February 6, 2021 from 7:00AM to 12:00PM. It will again be at Edgewood Park Building and will be drive thru only. Come out and pickup a great pancake breakfast!

The Villages Zoning Commissioner JR. Balliet issued 39 permits in 2020, totaling \$682,519 in improvement and investment around our community. We would remind citizens you must apply for a building permit for siding, windows, fencing, roofing, decks, additions and numerous other projects on the outside of your property in the Village of Convoy.

The Convoy Police Department welcomes new Chief Marshal Nathan Trausch and Marshal Christopher Howe to the department. The marshals will be working various shifts throughout the week and weekends. The marshals will be handling golf cart inspections by appointment.

The Village completed a major project of new construction on East Tully Street, keeping our crews busy aiding the contractor in this construction project. The project included water lines, storm sewer, concrete sidewalks, curbs and asphalt. Thank you for your cooperation during construction. Village Council, Kelly, myself and the entire community would like to welcome the New Dollar General Store to town, which currently held a soft opening. It is wonderful to see new business locate in Convoy. With the unfortunate loss of a few long-time businesses this past year, Dollar General is an amazing opportunity for our community to continue to grow.

I look forward to representing the Village of Convoy and appreciate any suggestions or concerns residents have. Our meetings are generally held at the municipal building on the last Tuesday of the month. The Village Board of Public Affairs commences at 5 p.m. and Village Council commences at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. I would like to invite you to these meetings. Alternately, I can be reached by leaving a message with Kelly Schlemmer at the Village Office or my cell phone 419-203-3213.

Respectfully,



Timothy A Bolenbaugh, Mayor