

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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Village Council Members -President - Neal Orsbon, Patti Cramer, Chris Bolenbaugh, Dana Smith, Bill Dull, Vicki Saylor

The snow and ice season is happening again here 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 firefighters. A job well done, Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new police chief, Mr Charles Howell, feel free to introduce yourself and say hello to him when you see him out and about. Also, we welcomed, Dana Smith, to the Village Council.

In 2021 The Board of Public Affairs, Board President Mike Kreisler, Steve Cramer and Don Duncan have had to make very important decisions regarding EPA compliance projects for the Village. The board has completed a few projects this year, while minimizing the economic strain on the village residents, as best they are able. The Board along with our Consultant, Wessler Engineering, have mapped a course of action prioritizing the necessary repairs to our wastewater system. Terry is investigating the water infiltration of surface water with flow monitors in four sections of the Village, while also doing the regular maintenance and all the emergency jobs such as repairing hydrants, sewer lines, new pumps, and water taps.

The street department has been busy with snow and ice removal starting this new winter season. Jeff was busy this summer and fall with replacing 12" storm tile from Maple Street to Tully Street. He also installed a few additional catch basins. Along with the usual sweeping the streets, cleaning out catch basins, spraying the weeds and mowing kept the street department busy again in 2021.

The Convoy Fire Department completed the 121st year of service and the EMS completed its 46th year of service to our community. In 2021 there were 258 runs (up from 204 in 2020), which 185 were EMS runs, while transporting 149 patients to Van Wert Health, Parkview Regional, Adams County in Decatur and Lutherans Hospitals, 22 for motor vehicle accidents. There were 32 fire runs, 3 odor investigations, 13 service call and 2 severe weather spotting's. Currently the department has 21 volunteer members with 7 being Firefighter/EMT's, 6 being EMT's, 2 being advanced EMT's and 8 being firefighters.

Our Volunteer Fire Departments Firefighters and EMT's maintain a high standard of training at the department, putting in 380 hours training, while attending 14 classes at the fire station. They also acquire and maintain certifications to serve the community with knowledge and professionalism.

The department will hold their annual All U Can Eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on February 5th from 6:00AM to 1:00PM. It will again be at Edgewood Park Building. Come out and get a great pancake breakfast.

The Villages Zoning Commissioner Gerald Balliet Jr. issued 31 permits in 2021, totaling \$838,883 for investment around our community. We remind citizens you must apply for a building permit for siding, fencing, roofing, decks, additions and numerous other projects in the Village of Convoy. It's always pleasure seeing construction of brand new homes, as well as upgrades on existing homes, in Convoy.

This spring we started working on the Convoy Village Square Park, by repairing and using dryvet to seal the wall. Also, recently, adding an electrical box. The village applied for The Nature Works Grant through the ODNR at the state and were awarded \$45,000.00. In this grant the Village has to invest \$15,000.00 of our own money, to aid in the development of the park. Soon you will notice a sign posted onsite, showing the vision of what the park will look like. This will help encourage residents to use our downtown area for festivals, markets or simply enjoying the outdoors. We are currently accepting donations for this grand project, please feel free to contact or stop in the Village Office for more details.

The street department keeps the streets clean and picked up, please do not put GRASS CLIPPINGS onto the street. The Village changed the parking requirements as follows, Main Street to have no parking on the west side of the road and Tully Street now allows no parking on either side. We appreciate you adhering to these changes. Tully Street has been designated as a snow route, please remove vehicles during snow events. Finally, I would encourage that all residents maintain their yards/weeds and trash. We would like to be proud in our Village and make Convoy look good.

I look forward to representing the Village of Convoy and appreciate any suggestions and/or concerns from the residents. Our meetings are generally held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM and are open to the public. I would like to invite you to these meetings! I can be reached by leaving a message with Kelly Schlemmer at the Village Office or calling my cell phone 419-203-3213.

Respectfully,



Timothy A Bolenbaugh, Mayor