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Hello Claridon!

LAND USE PLAN Committee Needed

Our current land use plan is going on 30 years old. What is a Land Use Plan? Information from the plan dictates the contents of Claridon's Zoning Regulations. The foundation of the plan is based upon the will of the residents of Claridon. This means a survey must be drafted to discover the will of our residents. The committee will meet and discuss several different aspects that speak to the dynamic of the township in terms of how it should be zoned. We'll discuss current strengths, weaknesses, challenges and more.

If you are interested in being a part of the future of zoning, please consider being a part of this committee. Depending on how much interest we get, we may need to limit the amount of committee members. You can email me at JTiber@ClaridonTownship.com

NOPEC Watch for the opt out mailing

NOPEC is an aggregate energy agent. Claridon is a NOPEC community. NOPEC has given our township many grants through the years. The grant in 2021 paid for our street light transition to LED. Being a part of NOPEC has saved homeowners energy costs through the years however, this summer, being a part of NOPEC costs much more than non-member rates. You may have noticed that currently, they are not selling electric energy. At some point, they will be selling it again. When they do, they will mail an opt out document. It should come in a large post card form. If you would like to opt out, please be on the look out for it. Currently, it is the only way to opt out of their electric aggregation program. NOPEC does not yet have it

drafted and does not know when they will be sending it because they don't know when they will be selling electric energy again.

If you go through NOPEC for gas energy and are ever interested in opting out of NOPEC's Natural Gas Aggregation Program, you can call them at 855-667-3201. This number is for gas only.

Town Hall Rental Fee Lowered for Claridonites

At the town meeting on January 9, I moved to lower the town hall rental cost for Claridon residents from \$75 per floor to \$60 per floor. After the motion was seconded, included in the discussion was the fact that we wanted to make our town hall a bit more affordable for the residents who pay for it anyway. This lower fee still covers the cost of electric and cleaning for the events. For your information, here is the fee structure for renting the town hall;

A security deposit of \$50 per floor applies to all.

Residents:	\$60 per floor
Non-Residents:	\$115 per floor
	\$230 for both floors
Non-Profits in Claridon:	No charge
Non-Profit outside Claridon: Meetings:	\$15
Parties/Dinners:	\$55 per floor
	\$110 for both floors

Residents can also rent the tables and chairs for \$25. Only Claridon Residents can rent them. All rentals go through Mrs. Theresa Warner. She can be reached at 440-635-0931

Claridon Groups

Currently, there are residents that are part of the Claridon History Group, Events Group and Cemetery Group. The History Group is quite active right now. They've posted their first findings on the town's website. There is a long way to go and they are looking forward to the challenge. If you would like to join any of these groups, please contact me. We can especially use more help with our events. Also, if you are interested in decorating our corner park (Claridon Troy & 322) for future holidays, please let me know.

Claridon Roads

We collect the least amount of road and bridge money then any other township in the county. We've been collecting the same outside millage for 30 years. The paving of Taylor Wells road (north of 322) has funds already allocated and will be

paved next year. After that, there will not be enough funds to pave any other roads indefinitely.

Based on resident's concerns, we are installing a street light to illuminate the corner of Aquilla road and Ravenwood drive. This is a dark corner with a good amount of deer crossing. I informed the hospital of our plans. Geauga Hospital contacting me later and said they would like to collaborate with their home township in the effort. They offered to pay half of the installation cost. That brought our cost down from \$1,676.48 to \$838.24. Thank you Geauga Hospital!

Saving Up

We have been saving money for a new Maintenance building roof, as well as saving for cemetery foundation restoration. We put funds aside for many future necessities. We will stay the course with planning ahead.

Zoning

I mentioned the Land Use Plan update. Once that is complete, we will be overhauling our Zoning Regulations. This will be a long endeavor. Our zoning commission will begin this work in February. No regulations will be officially changed until the Land Use Plan is complete.

We purchased new zoning software with a company called IWorq. Our Zoning Inspector and I have been getting personal trainings on the software. This software will dramatically help us keep zoning organized, accessible, easy to reference among many other benefits.

Plowing

This winter season, we will once again be contracting with the Geauga Engineer to manage our snow and ice maintenance on our through roads. We will manage the same, in house, for our cul-de-sac roads. Our lead maintenance worker, Mr. Burzanko, will be getting his CDL this summer. Next winter season we will consider managing all our roads in house.

Calendar

Be sure to look at the Links & Events page of our town's website for upcoming community dates.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact any of the trustees should you have any questions, concerns, insights or if you wish to simply get involved. Thank you and on behalf of fellow trustees Roger Miller and Cooper Sherman and our fiscal

officer Paula Hietanen and the Claridon team, have a wonderful Christmas and New Years!

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