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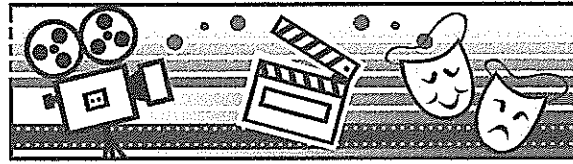
Nov. 5	Tuesday	Election Day!	
Nov. 8	Friday	Movie Night for Adults	7:00 PM
Nov. 11	Monday	Veterans Day	
Nov. 19	Tuesday	Timberlake Council Meeting	7:30 PM
Nov. 27	Wednesday	Hanukkah Begins	
Nov. 28	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day	
Nov. 30	Saturday	Deadline for Times' Articles	
Dec 7	Saturday	Adult Christmas Party, Dinner & Dance	6:30 PM – 11:00 PM

(Please put Articles in Mail Box at 15 Minnewawa Dr. or e-mail to the Editor—[Aparihar@lec.edu](mailto:Aparihar@lec.edu))

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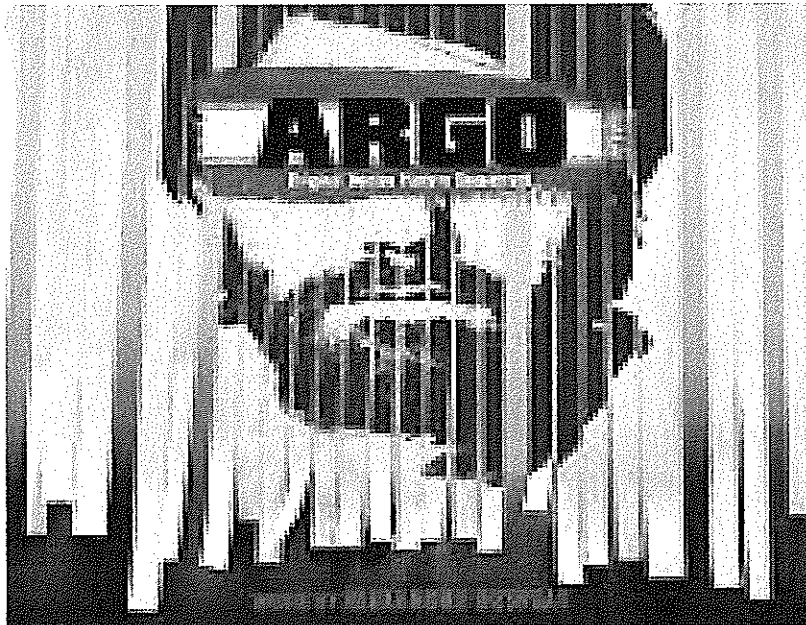


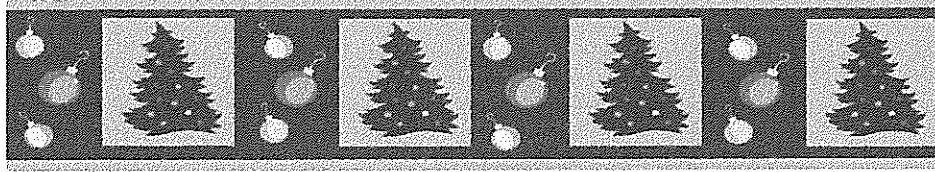
# Village Club Presents... Movie Night for Adults!!!

Movie for the adults will be on **Friday, November 8, 2013 at 7:00PM**. We would like to show Argo.

If unavailable, we will select something that might appeal to most adults.

Snacks will be provided. Bring your drink of choice and plan to join us for a great movie.





# Village Club Presents...

## Christmas Party

The Village Club is pleased to announce the return of a popular tradition, the annual adult Christmas dinner and dance. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 7, 2013** and plan to join us. We are in the process of finalizing arrangements for a very special evening to kick off the holiday season.

Last year's event was a sell-out, so please make your reservation early. The reservation deadline will be **November 23, 2013**. We will be unable to accept reservations after the November 23 deadline.

Please contact Tom or Barb Martic @ **440-951-2458** to reserve your spot now.

Details, as follows:

- ❖ Saturday, December 7, 2013
- ❖ Village Hall
- ❖ 6:30PM – 11:00PM
- ❖ Reservations accepted thru November 23, 2013 (*This is a firm date. No reservations can be accepted after this date due to catering commitments and set up requirements.*)
- ❖ \$30/Person (Checks made payable to The Village Club due by November 23, 2013)
- ❖ BYOB (Wash will be provided by The Village Club)
- ❖ Appetizers 6:30PM - 7:00PM
- ❖ Dinner 7:00PM – 8:00PM
- ❖ Dancing 8:00PM – 11:00PM

## How does Issue 6 Affect Our Village?

By: Debbie King

Housing values are directly linked to the quality of local schools. Educated families will not relocate to a community with a poor school system. Look at Cleveland's history of failing school levies and population flight as an example. The quality of our schools is one of our community's strongest points.

When businesses are deciding where to locate, part of their decision is based on the community's commitment to a quality education. Employers usually hire people who grew up in the area and attended local schools. Also, if the owners are to live in the area, they too want a sound school system for their families.

A struggling school system affects the students the most. When afterschool activities aren't available for students, they could feel they have no place to go, nothing to do, and resort to crime out of boredom or a need for excitement. Scholarships are granted on GPAs but also on participation in afterschool activities; i.e. sports, choral club, marching band, debate team etc. If these activities are dropped, due to lack of funds, our graduates will have an unfair disadvantage to obtain scholarships.

Issue 6 is not a new tax. We passed a similar levy in 2009 but it expires in 2014. Recently our district faced severe state budget cuts as well as federal cuts. As our households have seen the price of everything rising, so has our school system. In addition to that budget strain, the district was given unfunded state and federal mandates.

If you care about our community, you will keep this article in mind as you go vote on November 5<sup>th</sup>!



**Help  
Wanted**

Hard to believe it is almost that time again, but it won't be long before it is time to decorate our village for the holidays. We will need help with the exterior hall decorations and lights, street sign decorations, and Christmas Eve luminaries. Please give some thought to pitching in with these projects and let us know if you

can help by calling **Ron Mona @ 440-942-2887** or **Tom Martic @ 440-951-2458**

## VILLAGE OF TIMBERLAKE

David Cattani, Mayor

Lisa Stefaniak, Clerk-Treasurer

### MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Dennis Dicki	Jane Shaveyco
Jim Gasier	Mike Stanton
Ritu Sharma	Ken Zalar

### TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING

October 15, 2013

Mayor Cattani opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Cattani asked for the roll call of the officers.

Present: Dicki, Gasier, Shaveyco, Zalar

Absent: Stanton - excused

Mr. Germano and Mrs. Stefaniak were also present

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2013 council meeting.

Roll Call

Motion to approve minutes: Zalar

Ayes: Dicki, Zalar, Gasier, Shaveyco

Seconded: Sharma

Nays: None

The Mayor announced that the Board of Public Affairs met last week to go through the final billing from Eastlake's water and waste treatment plant per the Village of Timberlake's contract with Eastlake. The final payment was made for the period of 2008 to 2012. The City of Eastlake will be asked to bill us yearly so that proper budgeting can be kept current.

Dennis Dicki contacted NOPEC about a grant for the doors and windows for the village hall. There is a possibility of getting up to a \$2,000.00 grant if Timberlake meets the requirements. This is being looked into. This is free grant money.

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2013-35 approving and directing payment of certain bills by the Village of Timberlake, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to approve: Dicki

Roll Call

Seconded: Shaveyco

Ayes: Dicki, Zalar, Gassier, Shaveyco

Nays: None

### TOWN HALL

Dr. Sharma reported that hall rentals are still continuing. The bi-annual fire inspection occurred and the hydro-static test is not due until next year. The power line was replaced by First Energy and Nick Kolasinski made some changes in the hall to balance the loads better on the circuits.

Jim Gasier reported that two problems are being looked into at 44 and 47 Keewaydin. There is a main blocked and it may have to be replaced. Ciro is to give us an estimate to do this repair. At 84 and 86 East Shore the main line that runs through that area was found to have blockage. Ciro jetted the main line and put the camera down to find that there is build up in the line and it needs to be scaled out. Ciro ran 500 gallons through the line and there was not back up. Mr. Gassier is going to continue to work with Tony at Ciro's to check all the lines. The catch basin at 84 is going to be repaired due to the cement giving way. Jim found a small catch basin at 94 East Shore that was covered with dirt. Ciro's will be looking into this also.

The week of the 20<sup>th</sup> Jim and his committee will be meeting with Pete Formica, the mayor, and Tony Ciro to go over the village sewer tract to see what areas need to be addressed regarding a maintenance plan.

Jane Shaveyco asked Jim to look at the storm sewer in front of the hall. The cement is crumbling around the sewer.

The mayor said Mike Stanton gave him some notes to report. The message board is ready to go. One side will be used by the Village Club and the other side will be used by the village to post meeting minutes and notices. The tree commission will meet October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 to go over the remainder of the 2013 plans. Some tree work will be done at 66 Keewaydin.

### SERVICE

Ken Zalar reported that the road signs are in and the service department will start putting them up this week. The Plow truck and gator are ready to go. Repairs will be made to the salt shed and doors. The service department will need another employee to help with the plowing. The brush pile will be removed. Scott has been doing a great job.

The mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Motion was made by Dicki  
Seconded by Gasier  
All were in favor.

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Dennis Dicki	Jane Shaveyco
Jim Gassier	Mike Stanton
Ritu Sharma	Ken Zalar

### TIMBERLAKE COUNCIL MEETING September 17, 2013

Mayor Cattani opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:35 PM. After the public portion, Mayor Cattani asked for the roll call of the officers.

Present: Dicki, Gasier, Shaveyco, Stanton, Zalar

Absent: Sharma (Excused)

Mr. Laudato and Mrs. Stefaniak were also present

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the August 20, 2013 council meeting.

#### Roll Call

Motion to approve minutes: Stanton

Ayes: Dicki, Stanton, Zalar

Seconded: Zalar

Abstained: Gasier, Shaveyco

Since there were 3 ayes, 2 abstains, and one excused, motion to approve August 20, 2013 minutes will be tabled until the next regular meeting in October.

Pete Formeca from CT Consultants was introduced to discuss the rain event of July 20, 2013 along with the storm sewers with options for the home owners and the Village. Mr. Formeca showed charts comparing the storm of 2006 and the recent storm this July. Mr. Formeca showed that 2006 was an all day event with 6/10<sup>th</sup> of an inch per hour. Around 8:00 that evening 1 inch fell in one hour. That one inch in one hour put the storm sewers over the top and caused flooding. The total rain fall for the 2006 rain event, in an eighteen hour period was 5.8". The storm this July, the rain started about midnight and continued hard and steady. Around 4:00AM we got 2.68 inches in one hour. In the 9 hour period of this storm we received 5" of rain. It was a county wide storm. That was more rain than Colorado got in three days just recently.

Mr. Formeca showed a typical layout of a house storm sewer system. Most storm sewers in our community are more than 50 years old. Our storm sewers are set up for a two year rain storm not a 200 year storm. Mr. Formeca explained it is like pouring a 5 gallon bucket of water into a coffee can. Mr. Formeca gave some suggestions in protecting our homes from storm sewer back up.

1. Clean your house sewer lines. You don't know if you have broken lines or roots clogging the lines. Make sure they are flowing from the house to the street.
2. If your downspouts are connected to the storm sewers disconnect them. Just make sure you are not directing the flow of water to your neighbor's homes.
3. If you have a sump pump make sure that it is not tied into the sewer. Disconnect the pumps and let them flow into your yard directed towards the storm sewers in the street or away from your house as long as it is not affecting your neighbor's property.
4. A backwater valves for your sanitary sewer line is not full proof. There is maintenance involved. If a small stick, twig, etc gets stuck in the valve the valve will not work to protect sanitary backup. It is a flapper valve that opens out to the sanitary sewer line and in theory closes to keep sanitary water from flowing back into the house.
5. Before your cap off any floor drains, please consult a professional plumber for proper installation.

Mr. Formeca addressed the surface water issue in the Village during major storms. It was noted that the Village is in the process of making sure that the storm sewers are being cleaned in specific areas and cameras sent down to check the lines. To do this maintenance to the entire Village could possibly cost the Village approximately \$16,000.00 plus. That is not with heavy cleaning. Mr. Formeca will share this information later with the Mayor and Mr. Gasier. A few weeks ago the Mayor had asked Mr. Formeca about possibly putting swales in specific areas. Mr. Formeca said that if we put in a swale from Shawondassee to Waban on both sides of the street the cost for this project would be about \$99,000.00. This would include digging the swales, putting driveway culverts in every drive with concrete aprons, lawn restoration, and sewer pipe to an existing storm sewer or sewers. This would cost about \$110.00 per foot.

A resident asked about the project at the end of Keewaydin. Mr. Formeca said that at the end of the sewer line on Keewaydin the City of Eastlake found that beavers had broken the line and tree roots had completely filled in the line. They pulled out an 18' plug of tree roots that had completely blocked the sewer. The City of Eastlake completed the replacement of this line the previous week. This broken line did not affect anybody on Keewaydin during the July storm.

A resident asked if we would not be better to pull out of the storm sewer system and just put our storm water onto our lawns such as splash blocks. Mr. Formeca said it would help with the amount of water impacting the storm sewers and slowing the peak down during heavy rain events. Another resident said that was not the problem on Shawondassee. The entire street fills with water and floods into the yards. It was also stated that the residents can't even get out of their driveways due to the street being flooded even during a heavy rain fall. Mr. Gasier said that Ciro's was just out to look at the storm sewer that starts on East Shore that goes into Shawondassee. Ciro's could only get their camera down three feet as the sewer is blocked. Ciro's is going to be cleaning this line within the next week. This same line was found to have a break in it two years



ago and an 18' section was replaced and jetted at the same time and was found to be clear after a camera was sent down.

The Mayor addressed a question regarding the meeting with Mr. Formeca a few weeks ago. The Mayor asked Mr. Formeca to come and talk to two people from the sewer board and himself about what Mr. Formeca found out from Mr. Formeca's meeting with the county engineers regarding the July storm event. It was not an open public meeting it was a work session. Mr. Formeca then went back to address our issues and help with solutions to solving our flooding issues and make a presentation for the meeting tonight. No business was conducted during this work session, no votes were taken.

Mr. Formeca helped with putting together the survey/questionnaire so that we can pinpoint the exact areas where we need to be concentrating our efforts and the best use of the Village's funds. The Mayor has only received 9 surveys and there are approximately 90 homes with basements. If you did have a flooding event in your home during the July storm, even if you do not have a basement, please make sure to get your surveys back so that the data can be compiled.

The Mayor received a call from First Energy and received photos. First Energy has been walking the fence and noticed residents of Timberlake throwing lumber, tree limbs, and have found pipes coming through the fence for drainage. They will be contacting residents regarding these issues.

### SAFETY

Ms. Shaveyco presented Resolution 2013-31 confirming the appointment on a probationary basis of Adam Shaw to the position of special patrolman in the Village of Timberlake Police Department.

So moved: Shaveyco  
Seconded: Stanton

Roll Call

Ayes: Dicki, Gasier, Shaveyco, Stanton,  
Zalar

Nays: None

Ms. Shaveyco presented Resolution 2013-32 confirming the appointment on a probationary basis of Chadwick Thompson to the position of patrolman in the Village of Timberlake Police Department.

So moved: Shaveyco  
Seconded: Gasier

Roll Call

Ayes: Dicki, Gasier, Shaveyco, Stanton  
Zalar

Nays: None

The Mayor asked that Officers Adam Shaw and Chadwick Thompson to approach the council table to be sworn in as Patrolman to the Village of Timberlake.

Chief Phillips introduced Patrolman Chad Thompson. Chad is a full time fireman who has previously written fire grants for his department. Chad has been working on several

grants for the Village. Chad said he was in the process of writing for several grants to help purchase a new police cruiser and a communication equipment to include radios for cruisers and patrolman. He is also looking into creating an arson investigator position primarily because this will open us up to writing for fire department grants and fire department grants have more money. This will also help us to interact with neighboring communities and helping build public relations with the communities.

Chief Phillips said the department has been very busy this year. The department has approximately 40 patrolmen at this time. Three years ago the Chief's budget was \$169,000.00 for the year. Last year the budget was \$154,000.00. This year the Chief was worked his budget down to \$117,000.00. The next closest police departments budget is Grand River which operates on a budget of \$220,000.00. The Villages police department gives the residents 24 hour coverage, 365 days a year.

There have been comments in the paper about our ticket writing. In 2008 the department wrote 2 tickets a day. This year the department has been averaging 4 ½ tickets per day. On an average day more than 15,000.00 cars go through Timberlake. 80% of the tickets are moving violation, speed, red lights, and following too closely. This year the officers have arrested about 2 dozen DUI's. We have a police officer who received a broken wrist from fighting with a drunk driver. While other cities have had to lay off officers Timberlake has not. Our entire police department runs at about \$15.00 per hour. That includes all the expenses, cars, gasoline, maintenance, etc.

Chief Phillips welcomes anyone with questions about the department to please come and talk to him. Do not believe here say and gossip. Get the facts directly from the Chief.

### **SERVICE**

Ken Zalar reported that the Village is getting ready for winter. They took the 2001 truck with 40,000 miles in for repair. They had to replace the brake lines. They are going to keep it as long as they can. The plow is broken so they are going to get in contact Meyer's to see if they will work with us to replace it for free as long as we do a survey and a study on the product. The Gator is going to have the plow put on it this year. Timberlake service department has contracted with Eastlake this year to pay half for the street painting at the school zone and cross walk. We do that every year.

Ken found out that there are about 15 different dehumidifiers that have recalls. They overheat and catch fire. Ken has the information if anybody would like it.

The salt shed needs repair which will get done next week. The service department is ordering cold patch for the roads and all the new road signs. This will cost about \$2,400.

### **TOWN HALL**

The town hall had seven rentals last month with rental requests still coming in through 2014. The power problem has been solved. First Energy came out and replaced the line from the transformer to the hall. Unfortunately First Energy did not notify the village and

when they pulled the power to replace the line and then restored the power it damaged the police departments computer. Mr. Stanton filed a claim for the damage with First Energy and First Energy said they are exempt through the PUCO guide lines. The computer was 8 years old. Mr. Stanton will work with the Chief on the computer issue. A few days later Lisa Stefaniak noticed that the hall was still having problems when the A/C would kick on. A few days after the transformer in front of the hall caught on fire. Since First Energy replaced the transformer everything is working great. The lines to the hall will be tested again to make sure all is well inside the hall.

### **PARKS AND TREES**

Davey Tree has started cleaning tree limbs off the lines. If you see them please pay attention with what they are doing. You have the rights as a home owner to make sure that they do it to your liking. They usually go in and cut the limbs in the area and live without caring what the job looks like. Make sure it looks professional.

The tree commission has completed their third session with the Tree Academy. They have now completed their junior year. The benefit in this program is that once they complete their next session they will become a graduate and help in long term planning making sure our trees are viable in the Village. They will be looking at a program next year where residents who might need a tree on their tree lawn will be provided a tree purchased by the Village as long as the resident volunteers to maintain the tree so it will thrive.

Mr. Dicki presented Resolution 2013-33 directing payment of certain bills by the Village of Timberlake, and declaring an emergency.

So moved: Dicki

Seconded: Shaveyco

Mr. Gasier abstained (was not in the room)

All others were in favor

Mrs. Stefaniak addressed Ms. Kings question regarding the bills that need to be paid. Attached to the resolutions regarding the payment of bills is attached the list of bills. All council members have a chance, prior to the meeting, to go over the list. If any council member has a question then the questions will be opened during the discussion period before the vote is taken to pay bills.

Mr. Dicki introduced Resolution 2013-34 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

So moved: Dicki

Seconded: Shaveyco

All were in favor

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2013-28 amending ordinance 2013-5 line item appropriation A01-5-E-236 storm sewer fund and declaring an emergency. This line item was currently at \$50,000.00 and it is now amended to reflect the balance of \$48,000.

Motion to waive three reading rule: Dicki  
Seconded: Stanton  
All were in favor  
Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-28  
So moved: Dicki  
Seconded: Shaveyco

Mr. Dicki presented Ordinance 2013-29 amending Ordinance 2013-5, line item appropriation A01-7-X-241, Miscellaneous, and declaring an emergency. This line item currently is at \$7,000.00 and is now amended to reflect the balance of \$9,000.00.

Motion to waive three reading rule: Dicki  
Seconded: Zalar  
All were in favor  
Motion to approve Ordinance 2013-29  
So moved: Dicki  
Seconded: Stanton  
All were in favor

Lisa Stefaniak presented facts that our present copier is quite old and costing the Village many dollars for its use. Mrs. Stefaniak and Mr. Stanton have done comparison shopping and homework in looking for a new copier. They went to Com-Doc in Broadview Heights and looked at a Xerox copier that also includes a booklet maker. This copier will cost the Village \$123.00 per month and \$ .006 per copy. (Secretary's note: Yes, it is \$.006 per copy. Not a typo) The old copier costs were \$309.00 per quarter and costing \$.03 per copy. They compared this to three other companies they shopped and felt Com-Doc was the best for what the Village needs and the most cost effective to the Village.

The Mayor addressed Ms. Kings question regarding the editor of The Village Times. They editor has free control and works with The Village Club, reporters, and Village Staff.

Mr. Stanton showed the community message board that is ready to be installed outside the Village hall. It is a two sided board. A calendar of events can be posted along with our ordinances, resolutions, and upcoming meetings. This will provide better lines of communication throughout the Village. Solar lights will be attached to the sign so it will be lit in the evening hours.

The Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.  
Motion to Adjourn: Zalar  
Seconded: Gasier  
All were in favor

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