

VILLAGE OF ALPHA'S NEWSLETTER OUT AND ABOUT IN 2017

Hello!! and welcome to another edition (albeit short) of the Village of Alpha Newsletter. So let's see if we can't bring you up to date on some of the things going on around town.

Real Estate:

There are several homes in town for sale. Several sold in the last few months, thus bringing new faces to town. Let us welcome our new residents and make them feel at home. Glad they choose our town!! If you are new to the area, check out our refurbished website at www.villageofalpha.org . (A BIG thank you to Alan Wendt!)

ACT:

Alpha Community Team is still going strong and doing so much for our little town! They are still in need of volunteers. (Remember we get back what we put in). If you have an extra 30 minutes your help would be greatly appreciated for many projects including road pick-up performed only 4 times a year. Contact Tracy Peterson, chairman, or just show up. Watch for notices. They also sponsor events throughout the year. Beautification awards, (there are so many lovely yards it is sometimes hard to choose), annual yard sales, and don't forget the "Spirit of Alpha" that was held on Sept. 9th. This year was an all-day affair that ended with the Lighted Parade and followed by the Sons of the American Legion outdoor dance. Fun was had by all and we are looking forward to next year's event. Don't forget to check out their Facebook page and watch for more information on the Village's website (www.villageofalpha.org)

Our Christmas Festival:

The committee will be meeting again soon for more planning. The **Festival** will be held on Sat. **Dec 2nd** at the American Legion. More details later. If you would like to sponsor a tree or be among the home lighting contest contact Edna Mahalovich at (309)629-9201 or Tracy Peterson. The Spirit of Alpha Christmas Celebration is also hosting a **Trivia Night** at the Oxford American Legion on **October 28th**! Doors open at 6:00pm and trivia begins at 6:30. Price is \$10 per person with table sponsorship opportunities available. Bring your own beverages or snacks and enjoy some friendly competition while helping raise money for a great community event!

Legion/Community Center:

Thanks to the generous donations, dinners, and many, many hours put in by our wonderful people the remodeling project is progressing quite well. There is still much to be done, so please continue your support of our Legion. The next fundraising event that the American Legion Post 1197 is sponsoring is a biscuits and gravy **breakfast** and will be held on Veteran's Day **SATURDAY NOV 11th** from 8 am to 11 am with a **flag ceremony** at 11:30 am. If you have old flags that need to be destroyed by the veterans, this is your chance.

Organizations:

There again THANKS to those who work with our organizations. Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, Community Dinners, Churches, Lion's Club, Volunteer Fireman, Thurs night 'Grub at the Gazebo' and others. I am sorry if we might be forgetting some but a great Big Thank You.

Around Town

Have you seen the beautiful alley between Rt. 150 and South 2nd Street? It was talked about for ages and has now been completed! Thanks Mike Petrovich, Jeff Kessinger, Superior Asphalt and the rest of you who cooperated in this great effort. (Been thinking of naming the alley with signs on each end that state "Petrovich Parkway" in memory of Tony Petrovich. What do you think??) Jeff Kessinger, Jacob White and now Ethan Ashby have been busy sprucing up around town. With the dry times and now the wet times, it has been a challenge. The fire hydrants look great, Jacob.

Have you noticed the new sidewalk repairs? By doing a little at a time we can keep maintaining our walks to make things look much nicer, but most of all easier for walking.

The Village Board sponsored the annual Ice Cream Social on Sept. 10th at the Gazebo Park. The fireman joined them and sold pork chop sandwich meals. "The Hitman" was there again to entertain and he did a great job as usual. It was a fantastic evening for the weather and we are guessing that we had about 100 folks come by for a visit.

We are looking forward to possibly two new businesses by late this fall or early spring in downtown Alpha. Do you know someone that would be interested in establishing a business in our town?

In a bit of sad news (or joyous if your name is Rob Burford), our longtime police officer, Rob Burford, decided to hang up his badge and retire at the end of September. If you see him out and about, please thank him for his service and dedication to our community. He will be sorely missed!

The main committees from "Mapping Alpha's Future" will be getting together on Nov 1st to see how some of the most pertinent ideas have progressed.

If you have opinions or ideas you would like to see, drop a "note" in the door slot at the Village Hall.

Thanks for reading!!

The Village of Alpha Board

(Thanks Edna for putting this letter together for us!!)