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## JUNE 201 NEWLETTER

**BRUSH PICK-UP:** will be during the week of July 16<sup>th</sup>. All brush (only brush will be picked up) must be cut in manageable lengths (no larger than 6" in diameter) and placed parallel to the roadside in neat piles before July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 am. The village will only make one (1) trip down each street. The next brush pick-up will be the week of Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. For the summer, leaves and grass clippings will be picked up only if placed in Biodegradable Bags.

**FIRE HYDRANTS:** Hydrants will be flushed the week of Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please excuse the inconvenience, as the water may be riley during this time.

**FIREWORKS:** The Village and Town are providing Fireworks on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at Mark Tubbs Park starting at 9:45 pm.

**CROSSROADS FESTIVAL:** The annual Crossroads Festival will be held on Aug 3rd. Festival happenings include, Bed Race, children's activities and awesome food.

**GOLF:** Dominican Hope's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Golf Scramble is on Sept. 14, 2013 at Old Hickory Golf Course in Livonia. All proceeds to benefit the 2<sup>nd</sup> School Project in Puerto Plata, D.R. For golf or sponsorship information please call Chris or Carl Luft at 582-1776.

**NOISE LAW:** Our village code prohibits excessive noise, especially between 10 pm and 8 am. Loud or disturbing noise during these hours is a code violation. Please be considerate.

**DOG LEASH LAW:** Section 57-14-C states that a dog cannot deposit waste or commit a nuisance on private property, sidewalks, or in Mark Tubbs Park. Please pick up after your dog.

**PESTICIDES:** Please inform your neighbors when putting down lawn chemicals..

## **Explanation of new sewer rates (effective October 2013):**

After a thorough review in April, the Village Board of Lima agreed it was necessary to increase the sewer rate charge by \$4.00 starting with the October 2013 billing period. This amounts to less than 4 cents a day.

The Board pointed out that the sewer rate has been held steady for the last four years, thanks to reserve fund balances being used to subsidize costs of operation. With the constant increase of utility costs to run the plant as well as replacing the aging parts of the system, the expenses were increasing each year.

Mayor Luft stated "these major factors are pushing us into the cost increase starting in October. As always, we are constantly striving to operate the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the most economical level as possible."

Examples of how the plant is operated to keep costs low include:

- Bulk purchasing of supplies;
- Operation of equipment during "off peak" electric periods;
- Replacing motors, pumps, fixtures with new energy efficient equipment as needed;
- Use of variable drives, motor controllers, and intermittent timers to further decrease electric costs.
- Modification of existing processes and changing operational strategies bring savings at little or no cost to the Village.
- Expenditures for services and supplies are reviewed regularly to insure lowest costs.

Mayor Luft says, "We will continue to operate the sewer system economically and wisely to provide the best service at the lowest cost."