# My Wellsburg

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# **Community News**

# May 10, 2022 Primary Election

West Virginia holds Primary Elections to determine US Congressional and state party candidates. Voting times are from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. If you are not registered to vote, you must do so by April 19, 2022.

#### WV Congressional District #1: Republican Candidates:

- Carol Miller (Incumbent)
- Scott Fuller
- James Houser
- Zane Lawhorn
- Kent Stevens

#### **Democratic Candidates:**

• Eugene Watson

Review each candidate's biography by clicking on their name.

#### **Brooke County Offices:**

• Clerk: Kimberly Barbetta

Commissioner: Thomas Diserio

• Commissioner: Tim Ennis

• Magistrate: Shannon Price

• Circuit Clerk: Glenna Brooks

# **Applefest Scholarships**



Please note that Applefest Scholarship Applications and essays are due by May 5, 2022. The Committee will review and select the winners. Each winner will receive a \$500 award. The award presentation is on May 13, 2022, and the Committee will post the winners on the Applefest Facebook page. The recipients will also be honored at the 2022 Applefest celebration in October.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

The Applefest Committee is happy to announce that we will be having our annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on

### Geology 101

Fred Zelt Ph.D.

Keep April 24, 2022 free for Dr. Zelt's talk on the geology of the upper Ohio Valley. The presentation will be made at the Beatty Carr Recreational Park between 1:00 PM and 2:30 PM. It is a good idea to bring folding chairs, note taking materials, and binoculars. You are also encouraged to bring rock samples that you would like to have identified.

#### **Download Presentation Materials**

In preparation for this event Dr. Zelt has made a 91 minute YouTube video that goes into much more detail than is possible to cover during the on site visit.

https://youtu.be/o72yuMO4zCQ

# New Brooke Courthouse Annex



Brooke County has arranged to financed the 33,000 square-foot threestory annex by issuing revenue bonds. The building will house the Circuit Court, the Magistrate Court, the Family Court, the Probation Office, and the Saturday, April 16th, 2022, at 11 AM at Central Park (at the intersection of 17th and Charles Street in Wellsburg). There will be four age group areas. The Easter Bunny will visit the children and have their pictures taken. Local police, fire, and EMTs will be on hand to greet and talk with the children. If you are the parent of a special needs child, let the committee know in advance, and we will set up a separate area for that child.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

# **Change of Schedule**

Please note that we are changing our publication schedule from the second Wednesday to the third Wednesday of each month, effective with the May issue. This change will allow us to gather late-breaking news from the City Council and URA's second Tuesday meetings.

# Did you know?

The Ohio river once flowed into the Great Lakes?

The website can reveal the explanation.

# **Angels Among US**

Many people love Wellsburg and give, never asking for recognition or thanks. The Angels Among Us column will tell their story and offer thanks for their contributions. If you know of such an Angel, email their story to us at Prosecutor's Office. The Pittsburgh firm, Rycon Construction, submitted the lowest bid of \$12,399,000. Groundbreaking has already taken place.

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This month the Friends of the Parks organization is recognized for their selfless efforts in raising \$2,500 to clean up and beautify the park in 1st Ward.

# **Business and Investments**

#### **Property Search**

By Richard Starck



I am happy to announce a new website feature, **Property Search**. Users can now search for properties throughout our community. First a word of caution. Property Search is not designed to work on smartphones. The screen size is too small to display all the information.

To get started, I have posted properties the City of Wellsburg and the Wellsburg URA own and wish to sell or rent. I also included some property owned by the Business Development Corp.

The purpose of the Property Search feature is to facilitate commerce in and around Wellsburg. Listings are FREE to anyone wishing to post a property

## **List Your Property**

If you have a property for sale or rent in our community, you can have a *FREE* listing on our website. Visit MyWellsburg.com and complete the listing form. Be sure to include your email address and daytime phone number so we can verify the listing.

Wellsburg community listings from Real Estate Brokers are also welcome. Email admin@mywellsburg.com to indicate you're interested, and we will take it from there. We will automatically gather the listings from your website and show your company name and principal.

For Banks and other financial companies, this is a great place to post your REOs, Foreclosures, and Short Sales.

for sale or rent. Don't let an empty house or storefront sit idle. List it for the opportunity to earn some income.

I suggest using a desktop, laptop, or tablet computer for the best viewing results. Smartphones don't have large enough screens for easy viewing.

Jump online and give it a try. I am always open to suggestions through the website feedback button.

# **City of Wellsburg**

#### **Grant Writer**

Our new city grant writer, Mr. Norm Schwertfeger, has been busy meeting with the Mayor, City Manager, and several City Commissioners to gather and coalesce their thoughts and ideas for Wellsburg. Last night at the City Council meeting, he presented his initial compilation of their vision.

We would focus on revitalizing our parks to make them attractions for visitors. Each park would take on a character of its own. The 1st Ward park would be organized around younger children and learning activities. The Betty Carr Recreational Park would encourage senior interest by building complementary activities around the already successful Pickle Ball Courts, and North Park suggestions leaned toward a community atmosphere, including a riverfront amphitheater coupled with a Community Center.

# Update on Police Move to Middle School

The contract has been signed and the only thing left to do before moving in is to install the phone system! Chief of Police, Michael Allman, is excited about the move as it more than doubles the department's space.

Here are a few "before pictures". I can hardly wait to see the "after shots".



There's a long road ahead, but we can select and apply for the grants that meet these goals. Norm has already completed and submitted a few for approval.



#### **Newsletter Bits & Pieces**

#### **Letters to the Editor**

Email your letter with your name, city, and daytime phone number for confirmation. No anonymous or un-confirmed letters will be published. We do not publish personal attacks on individuals or businesses and we reserve the right to edit or reject any letter submitted for publication. Letters must be limited to 500 words. If a letter is accepted for publication, we alone determine when it will be published.

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#### **Newsletter Objectives**

The objectives of this newsletter coupled with the My Wellsburg website are to engage people, businesses and organizations in the revitalization efforts of Wellsburg and to to keep the community informed of news, activities, and events in the area.

By opening two-way communication with the Wellsburg community, we hope to find those with the desire to renovate our city. There will be many opportunities to express your thoughts on what Wellsburg can become.

If you're not satisfied with the status quo and you're willing to expend some effort to fix it, send me an email and let's get started.

**Email Rick Starck** 

#### **Publication Schedule**

Effective with the May 2022 issue, the My Wellsburg Newsletter will be published on the third Wednesday of each month.

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