

My Wellsburg

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Community News

Park Clean-Up

By Norm Schwertfeger



Over 25 volunteers showed up on April 29th at 9:00 am to commit over 150 hours of volunteer labor to painting, landscaping, and clearing debris at the Wellsburg First Ward City Park. The idea originated with two young ladies involved with the city park committee.

Angela Staffelino and Johanna Weiler (shown standing together in the picture to the right) decided the Wellsburg parks needed a clean-up. This idea spurred interest from over 25 volunteers, including the City Mayor Daniel Dudley and City Council members Della Serevicz, Jerry Nichols, Jack Kins, and Tom Gaudio.



As the city Grant Writer, I indicated this endeavor is very impressive and when calculated using the national average for volunteer labor, the volunteers generated approximately \$4,500.00 in matching money to use with a park grant.

The city is financially strapped and the grants often require matching funds and this volunteer effort can be used as in-kind labor.

Brooke County students also showed up along with other interested citizens from the community. The City of Wellsburg Street Superintendent Mark Tingler also showed up on his day off to lend a hand with the utilities and other park maintenance projects.



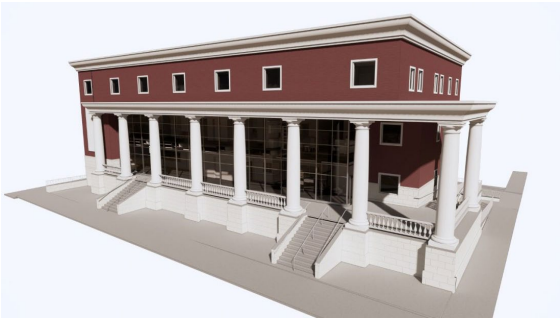
All-in-all this was a very good day and bodes well with so many city officials contributing their time volunteering with other dedicated residents of Brooke County.

Park Shelter Fee

Courthouse Annex



Progress is being made on the 33,000 square-foot three-story annex. It's hard to visualize the final result from the above picture but have faith. We will end with a beautiful addition to our downtown area. More to follow.



Increase

On Wednesday, May 11th, the Wellsburg City Council approved a motion to increase the park shelter reservation fee. The new fee of \$50 is effective immediately and is modestly priced given the nature of our beautiful parks.

Angels Among US

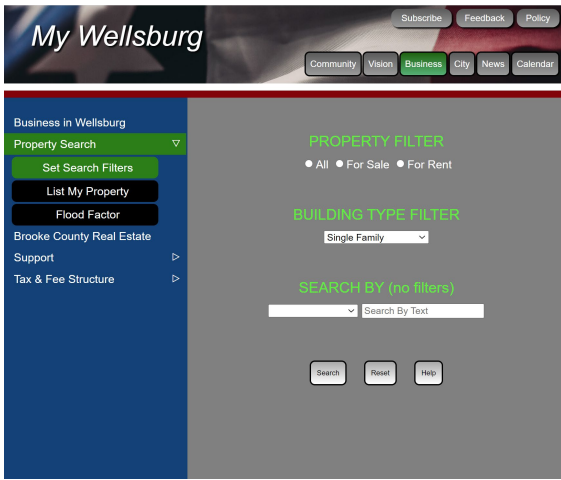
Many people love Wellsburg and give, never asking for recognition or thanks. The Angels Among Us column will tell their story and offer thanks for their contributions. If you know of such an Angel, email their story to us at admin@mywellsburg.com.

Business and Investments

Property Search

By Richard Starck

Traubert's Open House



Last month I announced a new website feature, [Property Search](#). This month I completed an upgrade to this feature. Selection and viewing are enhanced, and now compatible with smartphones. Use the **Safari browser** to achieve the best results.



Users can qualify and search for properties throughout our community. The purpose of the Property Search feature is to assist people in locating property around Wellsburg. Listings are FREE. Don't let an empty house or storefront sit idle. List it for the opportunity to earn some income.



Dr. Melissa Hood Benges and Larry Hood have extended an invitation to the community to visit their new facility at 1429 Commerce Street, Wellsburg, WV. The Open House will be on Friday, May 20, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.



Traubert's Pharmacy was established in 1955 by Tom Traubert. In 2020 it was purchased by the owners of Hoods Pharmacy in Follansbee, Randy and Larry Hood. Melissa and Larry continue the legacy of a family-owned business serving the area for over 70 years.

The new facility offers easy access to parking, drive-thru services, free delivery during the week, walk-in vaccinations, and innovative packaging



The process is simple. First, apply filters to create a qualified list. Then select a item from the list and scroll through its features.

in segregated pouches. Plans for the future include offering rental space to two or three tenants.

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.

City of Wellsburg

City Hall

Grant Writing Workshop

Mr. Norm Schwertfeger recently conducted a grant writing workshop held in the Brooke County Public



Another sign of progress in Wellsburg is the front entrance to City Hall. The stairs and ramp are nearing completion, and we will soon be able to use the front door again. The ramp is accessible from the left-hand side of the building.

In addition to providing safe access to the City Building, the new construction enhances the look and feel of Town Square.



Library. About a dozen people attended, including our Mayor, three city council members, and representatives from the Business Development Corporation and Brooke County Extension. The two-hour training session was well received but could only cover the basics with the limited time. Hopefully, we can entice Norm to conduct follow-up sessions.

Police Department's New Home

The phones are working, and the move completed. It's official; the Police Department is now working from their Middle School offices. All that's left to do is some clean-up and organization. Police Chief, Michael Allman, promised some pictures of their new home after they settled in.

So, the "after pictures" I promised will have to wait until the following newsletter.

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 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.

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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.

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