



Poultry Days Moves to Heritage Park

Poultry Days is moving to Heritage Park for 2020. Subject to final approvals the festival board has agreed to move to the park which allows more space and better safety. The festival which will be held August 14-16th will utilize the amphitheater for entertainment and cars will enter the chicken drive thru from Klipstine Road. This will be the first time the festival has been held in a different location in over sixty years. The festival plans to return to South Center Street next year.

The park provides 40 acres to disburse carnival rides, and other attractions. Protocols have been established with the Darke County Health Dept to ensure the safety of our visitors. Masks will not be required but visitors will be encouraged to practice social distancing, use wash stations and follow guidelines. The festival might look different but your safety is important. We thank the Health Dept and Village Officials for their support.

We understand that many people are eager to get out of the house. We are working on a plan to make that happen safely. We also understand that many people aren't comfortable with large groups. Our bulk chicken option allows you to have your own backyard gathering or picnic at the lake.

Both the Miss Chick and Little Miss Pageants will be held at the old high school. Unfortunately, we were unable to hold the Grand or Antique Car parades this year. The YOLO 5K is planned and registrations are online. Six bands are expected to perform August 15th and 16th including Kaitlyn Schmit, 8 Ball, and Mustang Sally.

Individual dinner prices remain \$8.00 and tickets are available at Versailles S&L, Johns IGA or Second National Bank. Tickets will also be on sale the weekend of the festival. Sales begin at 3:30 Friday, 11:30 Saturday and 11:00 Sunday. Don't be late as demand is unpredictable and chicken can sell out before supper. Bulk sales of 20 halves (chicken only) are available at versaillespoultrydays.com. Purchase two or more coolers of chicken, they will be delivered with 25 miles of Versailles by noon on Friday, August 14th at no additional cost.

Don't let COVID take away the best parts of summer. Established in 1952 and supporting summer fun for 69 years. Additional festival details can be found at versaillespoultrydays.com or follow us on Facebook. Except the recipe which remains TOP SECRET.

Mosquito Fogging Scheduled in Versailles

The Village of Versailles is scheduled to be fogged for mosquitoes on Tuesday, August 4th and August 25th beginning at 10:00 p.m. Each fogging should be completed by midnight. Residents with respiratory problems are encouraged to stay indoors and take other necessary precautions until the fog dissipates.

In case of inclement weather (rain, fog, wind) on the evening of Tuesday, August 4th or 25th, the fogging will be rescheduled to the following night to begin at 10:00 p.m.

One-Way Traffic Plan to be in Effect for Home Varsity Football Games

The Village of Versailles will again be implementing a one-way traffic plan during home varsity football games to reduce congestion around Hole Field.

There will be one-way traffic to the west along Wood Street from Franklin Street to Grand Avenue; one-way traffic to the east along Ward Street from Grand Avenue to Franklin Street; and one-way traffic to the north along Franklin Street from Ward Street to West Main Street. There will be parallel parking permitted on both Wood and Ward Streets within the one-way traffic zones. Motorists are not to be blocking driveways to properties along these sections of street. Along West Main Street and Grand Avenue, two-way traffic will be maintained, with parallel parking permitted.

For the Wood and Ward Street thoroughfares east of Franklin Street, two-way traffic will be maintained in both directions, with parallel parking permitted.

Motorists are also reminded of the 10 mph speed limit along West Wood Street and West Ward Street that is in effect during home football games. Please use extreme caution in these areas, as pedestrian traffic will be at high levels.

Brush and Limb Reminder

While the Village does provide brush and limb pick up, the courtesy service is not intended for picking up of large piles of brush and limbs, such as entire tree tops and trimmings. These large piles can take up many worker hours to load, haul, and unload. Citizens have the ability, and are requested, to take large piles of trimmings to the Village yard waste pile out near the Village Wastewater Water Plant at 300 Grand Avenue for discarding. Any brush and or limb pile larger than a normal pick up load (approximately 4' X 4' X 6') will not be picked up and residents will be notified and requested to transport the brush or limbs to the yard waste pile. The Village, by ordinance, has the discretion to request ALL brush and limbs be transported by citizens of the Village and while we will always try to accommodate residents, it is necessary to keep the piles of brush to a reasonable size. To be put on the Friday brush list, please contact the Village Offices at 937-526-3294. We appreciate your cooperation regarding brush and limb pick up services.

Special Sidewalk Assessment Notice

Any property owner who would like to pay off their special sidewalk assessment to avoid a 3% collection fee being charged by the Darke County Auditor's Office must submit payment by Friday, August 7th.

For additional information about your assessment, please contact Kathy Ording, Fiscal Officer at 937-526-3294, ext. 210.

Yard Waste Pile Reminder

Over the past few years, the Darke County Health Department has become stricter with the rules pertaining to the Village's Yard Waste pile. There is now more reporting involved, and the issue of what is, and what is not, considered Yard Waste is becoming a major factor. It is extremely important citizens understand items such as plastic flower pots, bottles, lumber, window jams or door frames, are prohibited. Even dirt, rock, or any kind of soil is prohibited. **The only acceptable items for the yard waste pile are; grass clippings, leaves, small limbs and sticks, and vegetation from gardens.** The yard waste pile is a privilege to the residents of Versailles and is for Village residents only. It is important residents adhere to the acceptable items rule so the yard waste pile can continue to be a benefit to the residents of Versailles.

If anyone witnesses the dumping of non-allowed items, please contact the Village Administrative Offices at 937-526-3294. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.