



# THE ST. PARIS QUARTERLY

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## DECEMBER 2023 – WINTER ISSUE

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### NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS Congratulations!

Congratulations to Tony Hoyt and Frank Blair, our newest Village Council members. These two council members will join Susan Prince, Joe Curran and Terry Ervin. Congratulations to Sam Ronicker for being elected Mayor of St. Paris. Since Sam Ronicker currently holds a seat on the Council, there will be an empty seat to fill. If you are interested in this Council seat, a letter of interest can be sent to the Village Council PO Box 572, St. Paris, OH 43072 or drop it off at the Municipal Building as soon as possible.

### ST. PARIS HAS A NEW CHRISTMAS TREE 14 ft Panel Tree

The Village has purchased a 14 ft. panel Christmas tree to display in front of the Municipal Building. Drive by the Municipal Building and look. How many red and green ornaments do you think is on the tree? Stop by with your guess and possibly receive a \$10 credit on your water/sewer bill (one entry per household).

### SNOW AND ICE REMOVEAL Main Roads are First Priority

During periods of heavy snowfall, the Village will begin snow plowing. Plowing requires additional time to complete and in some instances of heavy snowfall, Village crews may repeat plowing efforts on main roads to keep these higher volume roadways clear and passable throughout winter storms. Snow plowing does result in a windrow of snow deposited alongside roadways and across driveway openings. Snow plowing involves moving snow, **NOT** removing it, so keep a shovel handy. Streets are de-iced or plowed in the order of traffic volumes. Main roads are the first roads deiced and plowed. Main roads include Springfield, Main, Troy and High. Secondary Roads: Lynn, Plum, Church, and Elm. **Please give yourself extra travel time for work and school.** Safety is always our priority, so please be patient as we all work through snowstorms. Also, be sure to keep hydrants clear of snow. For more information go to [www.stparisohio.org/street-department](http://www.stparisohio.org/street-department)

### SUMMER METER PROGRAM All Summer Meters Were Due Back November 1, 2022

If you have checked out a summer water meter from the St. Paris Municipal Building, your meter was due November 1, 2022. Your sewer account will be credited for the gallons of water you used that did not go through the St. Paris sewer system. The time to check them back out again begins in April. Any checked out meters not returned by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be charged \$50. Feel free to call and check on the status of your meter.

## PACKAGES DELIVERED TO YOUR PORCH

### How to Protect Your Purchases

It's a sure sign the holidays are here when packages of all shapes and sizes litter doorsteps and apartment lobbies. This year, with more people than ever shopping from home, those piles of boxes are bound to tower even higher. It's a ripe opportunity for porch pirates. Here is a list of practical steps to make sure you get your goods. (1) **Monitor the front porch with a security cam or video doorbell.** With a camera keeping watch, you can monitor your property from anywhere and record any activity. (2) **Give the delivery service special instructions.** Some services let you indicate where to leave your package if you're not home. (3) **Use a lockbox.** Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, you can have them delivered into a lockbox on your property. (4) **Keep tabs on your packages by signing up for alerts.** FedEx Delivery, USP My Choice, and USPS Informed Delivery all offer text, email, and mobile app alerts so that you know when a delivery will be made. (5) **Require a signature.** Of course, this means you must be home for the delivery.

Another reminder this holiday season, do not leave your Christmas gifts in your car. Over 50% of people store their Christmas presents in their car to hide them from loved ones leaving them vulnerable to thieves.

## WHEN A PIPE BURSTS IN YOUR HOME OR SPRINGS A LEAK

### Locate the Shut-off Before an Emergency

If a pipe bursts in your home or springs a leak, knowing where the main water shut-off valve is located and how to turn it off can save money and the headache of having to clean and repair the water damage. If your house is on a slab, your main water shut-off valve should be near your water heater tank. If you have a basement, that's probably where you'll find your shut-off valve. Most water shut-off valves in a basement will be on the opposite side of the wall of your hose bib. If you have a crawl space, usually you can find it along the front wall of the house underneath the crawl space. Educate your older children on where your shut-off is located in case an adult is not present during a water emergency. Hope for the best but be prepared for the worst.

### Reminders:

- Water /Sewer bills can be paid online. Follow the directions on the back of your statement.
- Brush pick-up is the first and third Mondays of each month. The Municipal Building has free orange brush bags for our residents.
- A birthday, anniversary or congratulations message can be purchased for \$10 for the Marquee out front of the Municipal Building. Proceeds go towards Village decorations.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

