A Look into a Volunteer Fire Department
A Brief History

The days of just putting out the fire is no longer. Volunteer firefighting has become so much more. The Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1856. It was the time of the bucket brigade as towns people would fight fires by passing buckets filled with water to one another and throwing it onto the flames. The village’s first fire department came in 1890 when the village built a town hall on West Main Street facing Gay Street that would have space for a fire pumper. The hand pumper would be the fire departments biggest piece of equipment to protect and serve the community manned by a group of volunteers. These men gave of their time to ensure the safety of others. Over the years the volunteer fire department grew in manpower and equipment. Between 1951-53 a new fire station was constructed at 100 East Main Street which is the current location of the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department. Today there are 42 members on the department. Training to become a volunteer fire fighter takes many hours requiring time away from families. It takes a dedicated person and an understanding family to be a volunteer fire fighter. Fire Chief Rick Miller says anyone fighting fires does so on a volunteer basis according to their bylaws. The departments 12 paramedics do get a small compensation for medical runs. The department is an incorporated private entity that the village contracts with for fire and EMS services. A levy voted on by residents provides the funds for the contract and equipment. There are currently 9 vehicles housed at the department including 2 ambulances and 7 firefighting units. A far cry from a bucket brigade and a hand pumper. Thank you to all our members of the Cridersville Volunteer Fire Department for your dedication and selflessness to keep us safe. If you are interested in becoming a member of the fire department you can find out more at the village web site, www.villageofcridersville.com, under the fire department tab.

Fire Department Gives Back

Fire Chief Rick Miller presents Cridersville Elementary School Counselor Jill Stubbs a check for $500 to go towards the “Right to Read” program at the school. This is the 6th year the department has donated to make sure each student gets a book during “Right to Read” week. The money comes from their annual pancake breakfast during Christmas on Main Street.
## Grand Opening Celebration

**CASEY’S GENERAL STORE**

**Friday March 17th**
**10:30 a.m.**

Join corporate and local officials for the official ribbon cutting of their newest store. This will be the companies first store in Ohio. They will feature pizza, subs, donuts, soft serve ice cream among many other items. Let’s give them a big Cridersville welcome!

## Recycling Reminders

- Please put items in the correct bins
- Plastic #1 Pete include clear & clear color
- Plastic #2 HDPE milk / milky color
- Plastic #2 HDPE solid colors
- Corrugated Cardboard in Horse Trailer
- Mixed Papers / newspaper / pop cartons magazines / cereal boxes / etc
- Glass; clear / brown / green & blue
- Steel cans / aluminum cans / tin foil

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## Reichelderfer & Graham Lumber Yard Back in Business

Blass Construction and Remodeling has reopened the lumber yard keeping the original name. Blass wanted to continue the long history the lumber yard has had in the community and wants to continue its long standing tradition. As a way to give back to the community Blass will be offering free kindling at times. It will be located in front of the office on Gay Street. They will have it cut and bundled for your convenience.

## Community Clean Up Day

**Saturday May 20th**
**8am - Noon**
**Tower Park**

Village crews will be on hand to unload

## Activities at the Library

**Library Hours**

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**116 West Main Street**

**Saturday March 6 - 4:30pm** - Mad Science Dr. Seuss Edition

**March 27 & 29 - 11am**; **30th - 3pm** - Community Fit Fair

**Monday April 10 - 1pm** - Crochet Class

**Thursday April 13 - 3pm** - Under the Big Top Carnival

**Monday April 24 - Money Smart Week** - Paper Shredding Pickup

**Wednesday April 26 - 6pm** - Budget 101/Meal Planning & Coupons

**Thursday April 27 - 4:30pm** - Teen Money

## HEMPY WATER

**Garage Sale Day Special**

Stop in an get 24 pack of 16.9oz bottles for only $3.99. Sale will be from 9 am to Noon. We also have repurposed water coolers for sale. Stop in an see what we have to offer.

**Saturday May 13th - 9am to Noon**

## Community Garage Sale

**Saturday May 13th**
**9:00 a.m.**

Residents, businesses & organizations will be having sales around the village. You never know what treasures you will find!
Saturday
March 18
7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

$7 Adults
$4 Kids 10 to 4
Kids 3 & Under Free
at Steve Myers Service

Support Cridersville Boy Scout Troop #162

Thursday
March 23rd
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Cridersville Lions Club is teaming up with Fazoli’s to raise money for the Chi-Ki-Lo Food Pantry and Lions Club community projects. Enjoy a spaghetti dinner with meat or marinara sauce, breadstick, salad, dessert and drink. All this for just $8. You can dine in or carry out. Tickets are available from any Lions member or by calling 419-645-5259 and leaving a message.

Dine-In $8.00 Carry-Out
Cridersville UMC ~ 105 Shawnee Road

Community Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is making his annual stop in Cridersville and is inviting you to join him. The morning will start at 10:30 a.m. with the kids getting a picture with him. Then it’s time to hunt the eggs! There are 3 age groups for youngsters from 1 year up to 10 years old. There will be prizes and a light lunch.

The Easter Egg Hunt is a joint project of the Cridersville Lions Club and the Cridersville United Methodist Church.

Cridersville Historical Society’s Old Fashioned Beef & Noodle Dinner
Thursday April 27 - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Cridersville Elementary School Cafeteria

Enjoy a heaping portion of homemade beef & noodles, mashed potatoes, hunk of home style bread, applesauce, dessert and drink. You can dine in or carry out.

Adults $8 - Children 10 & under $4

Tax Help Day
Get Assistance with Filing Your Village Income Taxes

Representatives from the St. Marys Tax Department will be available to answer any questions you may have filing your municipal income taxes.

Saturday April 1st
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Village Hall ~ 110 West Main Street
Cridersville Historical Society
Speaker Series

Using the Interurban in Western Ohio
With Author Scott Trostel

Monday March 6th ~ 7:00 p.m.
Community Room Otterbein ~ Free & Open to the Public

May 1st - The Railroad arrives in Cridersville
Discover how construction of the first railroad in western Ohio affected Cridersville and its future. - Greg Myers Speaker

July 10th - The Secret World of Ladies Unmentionables
Did you ever wonder what was under those 19th century skirts? This is an opportunity to get the answers. - LuAnn Everett Speaker

September 11 - Standard Oil in Ohio & Collectables
All programs at Otterbein starting at 7:00pm

Cridersville Historical Society

Buy a Brick Campaign at Legacy Park

There is still time to get a brick!
Individuals, families, and businesses can support the Legacy Park project by purchasing an engraved brick. The bricks will be built into the Legacy Gate and other structures of the park landscape. Bricks are available in two sizes - 4” x 8” or 8” x 8”. This is the perfect opportunity to add your name, your family name, or a memorial name to the project. Smaller bricks are $100 and larger bricks are $250. Each brick purchased will be held until it will be used in one of the park structures. To learn more about the Legacy Park Project log onto www.villageofcridersville.com or the Cridersville Historical Society on Facebook.