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THANKS TO CONTESSA'S

Contessa's recently served 200 free meals for seniors. A big thanks to the family who always gives back to our community. Don't forget to support them for your take out meals!!!

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Wonder what's on the menu at the CrossPointe Community Church free community meal for October? It's the ultimate comfort food...meatloaf, mashed potatoes, veggies...and for dessert...maple glazed pumpkin donuts! As we continue to try our best to serve our Chippewa Lake community and friends in a safe, efficient way, the meal will be available TAKE OUT only. If you do NOT have transportation to come to CrossPointe to pick up a meal, you may call the church office at 330-975-4309 by Saturday, October 23rd to request delivery to your home. This is a service provided by CrossPointe volunteers, so is available only if needed, and only in the Chippewa Lake/Gloria Glens area. The meal will be served on Friday, October 29th, from 5PM to 6:00PM. If you would like to enjoy this wonderful meal, please observe these very important instructions: come to CrossPointe between 5 and 6PM on Friday, October 29th and follow the directions of the volunteer at the entrance to the parking lot. A CrossPointe volunteer will come to your car to ask how many meals you would like to have. Another volunteer will then bring the number of meals you need out to your car. This procedure is being enacted to ensure your safety as well as that of our volunteers during this COVID outbreak. CrossPointe is located at 7230 Lake Road, near the intersection of Chippewa and Lake Roads. If you need more information, please call the church office at 330-975-4309. This meal is sponsored in cooperation with the Chippewa Lake Lions Club.

HALLOWEEN IN THE VILLAGE

If you have never been in Chippewa for Halloween, you are in for a "treat". With all of the wonderful decorations, and "spirit" in the community, it has always been a haven for little ghosts and goblins who go door to door. On October 31, starting at 6PM till 7:30 PM, you can expect your doorbell to ring. Don't get "tricked"- be sure to have goodies! This is a safe event with help from the Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BOXES

CrossPointe Community Church is preparing Thanksgiving Boxes for anyone who is in need of a Thanksgiving Dinner. These boxes can be picked up at the church or delivered on Sunday, November 21st. If you are in need, or know of someone who is, please call Annie at (330) 807-8148 by November 14th. " Thank you, Randy K'Meyer

STUCK FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS???

With all of the dire warnings about outages and shortages for the holidays, here is a gift you can count on, and at the same time "give back" to your Village. For many years, the Lions Club has had a Holiday Wreath and Decoration sale which benefits the Holiday Food Baskets which they distribute to those in need. (approximately 80 families were helped last year). For each decoration ordered, the Lions Club gets \$8.00. This is a great way to send gifts to out of towners, as well as locals. This year, you can use SIMPLIFIED ONLINE ORDERING , which will let you take care of everything from your phone or PC. Go to:

www.GiftItforward.com

- 1. Enter code CHIPPEWOH001
- 2. Enter name of Lions Club member (or just LIONS)
- 3. Pick your gifts, shipping information, etc
- 4. Pay
- 5. DONE!!! Expect delivery around Thanksgiving....

THANKS IN ADVANCE from the Lions Club and those we serve!

SAFETY ON THE VILLAGE ROADS

Recently, several residents shared their observations and concerns with council about the frequency of unsafe driving habits and the potential this creates for a traffic crash, a "close call", an injury or some other undesirable event. While these events can happen everywhere in the village, they frequently happen on "the circle", otherwise known as Bungalow Bay. While some might mutter under their breath about a bunch of nervous nellies the simple fact of the matter is this,

- 1. Driving the wrong way, even for a short distance, is unlawful.
- 2. Doing the right thing is always the best thing.
- 3. Driving, properly, carefully, thoughtfully, and lawfully doesn't cost a dime.
- 4. We are blessed to live in this wonderful village. Let's do everything we can to take care of each other with small acts of kindness, like obeying the law.

Thanks for your support, Your Village Council

FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities Encourage Customers to Arrange Payment Plans and Apply for Bill Assistance Programs

Programs can help alleviate growing balances for customers having financial difficulty

Akron, OH – Residential customers of Ohio Edison, The Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison, subsidiaries of FirstEnergy Corp. (NYSE: FE), who are having difficulty making ends meet are encouraged to contact their utility now to enroll in payment plans or to receive referrals for bill assistance programs. Establishing an affordable payment arrangement or obtaining assistance can help keep balances manageable now that shut-offs for nonpayment have resumed.

"The pandemic has increased the financial hardships our customers are facing, particularly as the cold weather approaches," said Ed Shuttleworth, president of FirstEnergy's Ohio Operations. "Customers who have lost income during this crisis and who are behind on their utility bills may be eligible for assistance that was unavailable to them before."

Programs customers may be eligible to participate in include:

• The Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP): Allows customers to pay a set percentage of their income toward their electric bill, regardless of the balance. Customers who maintain their payment plans may be eligible for debt forgiveness. Eligible customers should have income below 150% of federal poverty guidelines. To apply, call 1-800-282-0880 or visit <u>www.energyhelp.ohio.gov</u>.

• Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): Provides eligible customers with cash grants for home heating bills and emergencies. Customers must have gross income below 175% of federal poverty guidelines. Call the Ohio Development Service Agency at 1-800-282-0880 or visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov for more information.

• **2-1-1 Helpline:** This nationwide resource and information helpline identifies locally available programs that may assist customers with utility bills or other needs. For more information, dial 211, text your ZIP code to 898211 or visit the 211 website.

• Customers who are having difficulty paying utilities, rent or mortgage due to the pandemic may apply for a Home Relief Grant. Visit <u>https://oacaa.org/agency-directory/</u> for an agency near you.

• Additionally, the \$175 Winter Reconnect Option allows residential customers who are disconnected or at risk of disconnection the opportunity to pay a designated amount to have their service restored or maintained. There is no income eligibility requirement. PIPP customers who use this option may be eligible to have a reset of their past due amount.

For a complete list of assistance programs for which customers may be eligible, including installment payment plans and budget billing, please visit <u>www.firstenergycorp.com/billassist</u>, or call customer service:

Ohio Edison 1-800-633-4766 The Illuminating Company 1-800-589-3101 Toledo Edison 1-800-447-3333

'Trunk or Treat'

Trunk or Treat is at the Lafayette Township Hall parking lot (6776 Wedgewood Road) this Saturday October 30 from 10:00-12:00. For children to enter the coloring contest - photos can be printed from the web link below. Weather permitting, Life Flight will also be landing! Hope to see you there!