



Village of Chaumont
PHONE: 315-649-2900

SPRING CLEANUP MAY 6TH, 2019

Please have all items out by Monday May 6th but refrain from putting items out before the weekend of May 4th. We ask that no brush be placed out during spring cleanup. Brush pickup will begin May 30th.

Acceptable items include:

Non-recyclables, metal, pots, pans, dishes, furniture & white goods. Construction materials under 3 ft. and paint cans that have been completely dried out, electronics and TVs.

The following items can not be included in spring cleanup:

Tires, Batteries, Car Parts, Boat Parts, Loose Glass, Doors & Windows.

BRUSH PICKUP

Regular Brush pickup will begin May 30, 2019 and will continue to be picked up on the last Thursday of each month, ending on October 30th. Please limit brush to three (3) foot lengths and no larger than four (4) inches in diameter. We request consideration on the amount of brush you put out to the curb. Please place brush out only on the last week of the month.

RECYCLING and TRASH REMOVAL

Please continue to separate all paper, plastic, glass and aluminum recyclables. Cardboard must be broken down and bundled.

VILLAGE BEACH

We are looking forward to a warm and sunny summer and hope that you will have an opportunity to enjoy the village beach. The village provides picnic tables, grills, portable bathrooms and playground equipment. Lifeguards are on duty for the months of July and August. There will be (2) trash receptacles placed at the shed, one for cans & bottles and trash will be picked up weekly. We do ask that if you bring it in, please take it out with you. The village has implemented beach fees to help offset the cost of maintaining the beach, the sanitary facilities and lifeguard staff. Village residents may obtain a seasonal beach pass free of charge. Please contact Karen at the village office to obtain a pass. Beach fees for non-residents is \$1.00 per person, \$5.00 for groups over 5, children accompanied by parent are free. Scheduled events are \$25.00 and up depending on the type of event. Call the village office 315-649-2900 to schedule your event and request special accommodations.

BUDGET EFFECTIVE JUNE 1st , 2019

Increased operating costs of the water and sewer systems, extensive equipment pairs, reduced state aid and sales tax revenue have caused an unavoidable increase in property tax and utility rates. Equipment needs to be updated, the River Crossing Waterline Project is scheduled to proceed and the need to create a capital fund for maintaining the water and sewer system are additional factors that needed to be considered.

A public hearing will be held on April 23, 2019 at 6:15 pm to present the proposed budget. Listed here is a breakdown of the increases:

Current Tax Rate: \$4.327 Tax Rate effective 6/1/19: \$4.38

*Example: A property valued around \$150,000 would result in an increase of \$9.00 in the annual tax bill.

	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Rates effective in July, 2017 billing</u>
Water Basic Rate	\$40.00	\$40.00
Per k/gallon	5.00	5.00
DCC fee per EDU	20.00	25.00
O&M	20.00	25.00
Sewer Rate per EDU	52.67	52.67
Per k/gallon	5.00	5.00
O&M	17.00	20.00

*Based on 10,000 gallons of water consumption the utility bill would increase approximately \$13.00 bi-monthly.

We have been working on the village budget since January and it has been a difficult process. We did not want to raise the rates in our community but many factors have threatened our fiscal stability and in order to get back to a secure position, it was unfortunately necessary. We are pleased to remain under the 2% the state tax cap limit and our village tax rate is still among the lowest in Jefferson County with only 2 other municipalities lower than our rate. I know that's not much of a consolation so I encourage you to reach out with any concerns you may have. As a village resident and taxpayer you are entitled to a transparent government. A copy of the budget will be provided to anyone who would like to review it and I will answer any questions. Please call the village office and Karen will provide me with your contact information and I'll be sure you get the facts and figures.

Valerie Rust, Mayor