



Special Guest Speaker at Versailles Performing Arts Center

Thousands of Germans were interned by the U.S. Government during World War II. Mr. Eberhard Fuhr immigrated to the US from Germany as a child. He was arrested at his high school in 1943 at age 17, as a perceived security risk. He was detained, along with his family, in an internment camp in Crystal City, Texas until 1946, and then at Ellis Island until 1947! Since his retirement, he travels the country speaking about the US internment of Germans.

On Sunday, July 30th at 2 p.m., Mr. Fuhr will present his powerful, personal story at the Versailles Performing Arts Center. This special program is sponsored by the Versailles Area Historical Society and is free & open to the public. Make plans to attend!

Note: Mr. Eberhard Fuhr's local connection is Rosemary Paulus & family, cousins. The Versailles Area Museum will be closed July 30th for this program and reopen Sunday, August 6th from 1-4 p.m.

Towne & Country Players "Staycation" Series

The Versailles Towne & Country Players have announced the following entertainment for their "Staycation" series:

Friday, June 23rd - Kim Kelly Orchestra

Friday, June 30th - Sauerkraut German Band

Friday July 7th - Chaz Mechenbier and Hangtime

SUNDAY July 16th - Deron Bell and the Jazz For You Band

Friday July 21st - Tyler & Mason DeMange (Heritage Park/Relay for Life)

Friday July 28th - Lone Raven

Make plans to attend these free events!

Village Offices to Close in Observance of Independence Day

The Village Administrative Offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Tuesday's regularly scheduled pickup will be collected along with Wednesday's regular pickup.

Help Needed to Keep Village's Parks Clean and Safe

The Versailles community is blessed to have well-kept parks, the community must again work together to keep the parks clean, safe, and enjoyable for all ages. The parks have been prepared for use, and along with increased activity is a request from the Versailles Park Board, Village Administration, and the Police Department to help keep the parks enjoyable for everyone. Should any activity considered detrimental to the park facilities or citizens' general enjoyment be observed, it is requested the activity be reported immediately to the Versailles Police Department by calling 911 or 548-2020. (Darke County Dispatch will notify the Versailles Police Department.)

Summer hours for the parks are 5:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. With your help we can continue to be proud of our beautiful well-kept parks that so many people enjoy.

Versailles Swimming Pool to Close Early for Home Swim Meet

The Versailles Swimming Pool will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 6th due to a home swim meet. The pool will re-open to the public the following day at 12:30 p.m.

Versailles Swimming Pool Swimming Lesson Schedule

The Versailles Swimming Pool is conducting public swimming lessons. Session 2 will be held July 10-13 and July 17-20. The lessons are for two weeks, four days per week (Mondays-Thursdays). Lessons will be conducted in the morning from 10:30-11:15 a.m. or from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and in the evening from 5:30-6:15 p.m. or 6:15-7:00 p.m.

The cost of swimming lessons is \$25.00 per person per two-week session for season pass holders and \$40.00 per person per two-week session for non-season pass holders. Private swimming lessons are also available by request. The cost of private lessons is \$25 for two 45-minute sessions or \$40 for non-season pass holders. Interested parents may set up a time with a swim manager or lifeguard.

A registration form is required to be completed prior to children participating in swimming lessons. Payments are due in advance of lessons. For more information, please stop by the pool or call 526-5154 during regular pool hours.

Pet Droppings Reminder

As a reminder to citizens, it is illegal to allow your pet to leave droppings on the sidewalks, in public parks, or on other person's properties. The Village has received recent complaints regarding this issue and it is up to all citizens to monitor and take responsibility for their pets. We are fortunate to have many sidewalks and parks that encourage walking, jogging, and other outdoor activities, and not only is it a misdemeanor of the third degree carrying a fine of up to \$500, it is extremely offensive and discourteous to other citizens. The Village recently purchased dog stations for the parks to provide access to trash bags. Please use them and clean up after your pets in public places.

Versailles Modern Mothers Club to Sponsor Community Garage Sales

The Versailles Modern Mothers are sponsoring the annual Versailles Community Garage Sales this summer. The dates will be Thursday, July 27th and Friday, July 28th. Registration forms are available at Johns IGA, Worch Memorial Public Library, and the Village Offices.

Village of Versailles Partnering with Humane Society for TNR Program

The Village of Versailles has partnered with the Darke County Humane Society to help control the feral cat population within the corporation limits of Versailles. Feral cats are members of the domestic cat species, but are not socialized to humans and therefore unadoptable. Feral cats lead healthy, natural lives on their own and choose to reside in locations for two reasons: one, there is a food source and two, there is shelter.

Most think that catching and killing feral cats will reduce the population, but surviving feral cats will continue to breed and other cats move in to the now-available territory. Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR), however is a good solution. This program involves humanely trapping, spaying or neutering, vaccinating, and returning cats to their outdoor homes. There are no more kittens; the population stabilizes. And the returned neutered cats' lives are improved. Behaviors and stresses associated with pregnancy and mating, such as yowling or fighting, stop. Not only does Trap-Neuter-Return make good sense, it is also a responsible, humane method of care for outdoor cats.

If you are interested in helping with this program or know of an area with a colony of cats, please contact the Village Offices at 526-3294 ext. 206.

