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Columbiana and Mahoning Beekeepers Association Newsletter

President's Corner Hello Fellow Beekeepers!

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope Santa Bee brought you all the bee stuff you couldn't afford last year. The first meeting of the new year will be held on January 15 at the Austintown Senior Center. We'll have a covered dish lunch at 1:00 and the business meeting will begin at 2:00.

We need help to set up the tables and to put them back. If you can help, please arrive at least 20 minutes early and stay 20 minutes after the meeting. Our cost to use the facility is next to nothing and it is the least we can do.

Your dues for 2017 are due. If there are any changes in your address, email address, phone number or name, please make them at this time for our new membership roster. You can mail it to P.O. Box 420, Columbiana, OH 44408 or bring the form and payment to the meeting. Please make checks payable to the Columbiana and Mahoning County Beekeepers' Association.

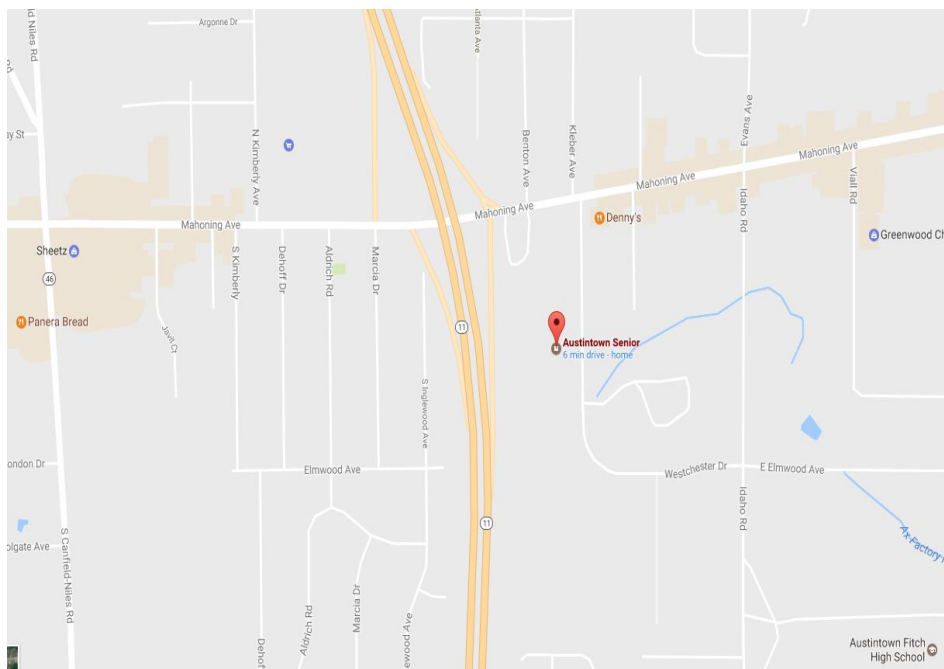
I look forward to seeing you at the January meeting!

Bruce Zimmer

Meeting Information:
**Next Meeting: 01/15/2017,
Austintown Senior Center
100 Westchester Drive
Austintown, Ohio 44515**

Pot Luck Lunch at 1:00 pm, business meeting to follow at 2:00.

(Please bring your own plates, cups and silverware.**)**



A Note from the Editor:

Welcome!! Happy New Year to All of our Members. Let us all hope that this will be a wonderful year for humanity and the bees alike!!

As you may know, I elected to take on the role this year as editor of our newsletter. I am eager to make this as informative and educational as possible, but I can't do it by myself! I encourage all of our members to submit items for print here. Please feel free to send me any information you would like to include in the newsletter by the first of each month to my email at mpm68@zoominternet.net

Thank You---Mike McNally--Editor

Around the Bee Yard;

Things to be thinking about and doing around your hives this month:

--Ordering, Preparing and repairing any wooden ware that needs attention.

--Inspecting hives for dead outs, Nosema infections and adequate food stores

--Clearing Entrances of dead bees, snow and ice.

--Prepping for protein supplementation to jump start brood rearing in February

--Ordering spring packages if necessary

--Sign up on the swarm list

--Stockpiling sugar for supplemental feeding this year

--Cleaning out any dead colonies, or boxes that have mice nests within.

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Notable Upcoming Events:

Western Pennsylvania Beekeeping Seminar

Friday and Saturday, February 17 & 18, 2017, at Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Monroeville, 101 Mall Boulevard, Monroeville, Pa.

Speakers include: Dr. Roger Hoopingarner, Elizabeth (Izzy) Hill and Doug Oster. Break-out sessions and a special Beginning Beekeeping workshop will be offered on Saturday 8-4 p.m.

Seminar registration is \$55; Beginner Beekeeping cost is \$75. Registration opens the beginning of December 2016 at Penn State Extension, Beaver website: <http://extension.psu.edu/beaver> call 724-774-3003.

Tri-County Beekeepers Seminar

2017 SPRING WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

The 39th TCBA Annual Spring Beekeepers Workshop at Fisher Auditorium and Shisler Conference Center (1680 Madison Ave, Wooster, OH 44691) will be March 3-4, 2017. Check back as information will be posted when available

<http://www.tricountybeekeepers.org/register>

Registration will open January 15th

Mid-Ohio Valley Beekeepers Expo

2017 Honeybee EXPO

STILL ON! SEE YOU THERE

January 28, 2017

West Virginia University at Parkersburg on Route 47

http://www.movba.org/2017_honeybee_expo.htm

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