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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Trustee Talk: From Trustee Sean Roseman

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP PARK

Well, folks, another spring has sprung and here are a couple highlights that have happened or are going to happen in your great township. The Park Pavilion, Restroom and Concession Stand Project is now complete and is open for public use. The restrooms are open from dawn to dusk every day of the year and are heated for the winter months so no more Port-a-Johns. There is also a small concession stand that has a refrigerator, pizza warmer, hot dog roller and gas grill. The concession stand and pavilion can be rented for \$100 each and a \$200 deposit will be required for the concession stand. This beautiful facility is available to Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton residents only.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer and township resident, William Yerman will be retiring after 21 years with the Lawrence Township Police Department. Bill, you will be truly missed. Please enjoy your retirement.

ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Lawrence Township Road Department has a busy summer berming the roadways. This process requires cutting back the side of the road (grass area) so that it is not higher than the actual roadway itself. This is needed so the water can run off the road and into the ditches. The road department has completed approximately 20 miles of the townships 120 miles of roadway.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Finally, our great Lawrence Township Fire Department will take delivery of a new ambulance towards the end of 2024. The township has set goals on replacing major vehicles such as ambulances, police cruisers and plow trucks every 10 years.

Just a reminder, any of the trustees are available anytime to address your concerns. Please feel free to give us a call.



Trustee Talk: From Trustee Keith Blowers

I have lived in this community my entire life; and frankly, I don't plan on moving. The future and prosperity of our little slice of heaven here couldn't be more important to me. This is a big part of why I ran for this position, to do my small part to help keep us pointed in a positive direction. With all the craziness in the world right now, we all need to reflect on how blessed we are to live in a small community that is safe, reasonably affordable, with great schools, services, parks, unique history, and even some ice cream.

That said, the decisions each of us make every day have an impact on the greater community. This isn't a party politics thing but given the upcoming elections, I expect things to reach a fever pitch this summer. Just keep in mind that unlike other areas, your local government is a place where you do have a say. We are here to provide you with services including Police, Fire/EMS, Roads, Zoning, and Park. Through these services we also interact with other government and private organizations in the city, county, state, and even our representatives on the national level.

I do not spend time on social media for several reasons, but my family and friends make sure I know who is mad at the local fast-food restaurants today. Jokes aside, it is discouraging when I hear about negativity being spread that nearly always amounts to half-truths at best. Then, our public meetings are largely empty. Most public officials will joke that empty meetings mean you are doing a good job. While it may mean that people don't have a specific thing to be mad about, I do not believe it gives an accurate depiction of overall satisfaction with our direction as a whole.

This is my long-winded way of saying that all the township staff, including myself, are here to work for you and the betterment of our community. We want and need to know if we are meeting your expectations. If you have a question or concern about any of our departments, a tax levy, budgets, a zoning issue, or even a rumor you want to explore, I encourage you to reach out to us directly. We would love the opportunity to share what we have and hear your feedback in return. Please feel free to reach out to myself, another trustee, the township office, or come join us at a meeting. Meetings of the township trustees are the first and third Monday at 5:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

Township Trustee Helps Out Local Business in Time of Need

How do you say "thank you" to someone for putting their own life on hold so they can help save yours? That is what your Trustee Sean Roseman and his wife Melisa Roseman did for all of us at Bocca Grande Italian Steakhouse. We want the community to know what they did for so many. They are all the township, or anyone could ever want in a leader, neighbor, friend, employer, or businessperson. These two are the most incredible people I have ever been blessed to know and call friends.

My husband and I have been friends of the Roseman family for many years. At our restaurant we have been honored to play a role in many of their family celebrations over the years and feel like family. On January 4th Sean and Missy were blessed with their first grandchild and enjoyed those first few days with their new addition. Then on January 9th my husband and I were flying back from our yearly vacation and while changing planes in Dallas, Texas, he fell ill. He was rushed to a hospital there and it was clear we were not returning to Ohio any time soon. Our restaurant had already been closed for a week and a half. There was no way of knowing when we would return. So, these selfless people took it upon themselves to make a plan to open our business and step into both our personal and professional lives so

we could focus on getting better and coming home! I thought they were crazy, but they wouldn't take no for an answer. They immediately set up meetings with staff and vendors and made it all happen. They worked from 6 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. to run both their own highly successful business and ours. Not only did they run our business, but they picked up the pieces of our personal lives and ran with that too.

While we were away, I received numerous texts from customers telling me about the amazing people that opened the restaurant and our incredible staff that took on extra responsibilities and workload to make it all happen. Melisa and Sean took extreme care of each facet of our business and personal life so we could come home after 5 weeks, and everything was done. They gave us the most incredible gift. They allowed us to focus only on health and allowed our business and employees to continue to thrive. This was such a huge undertaking, and they did it with ease. I will forever be in awe of the character and sacrifice of these two. Thank you, Sean and Melisa, from all of us at Bocca Grande. You teach us all what it means to be a servant and friend to all.

Renee Anderson, Owner, Bocca Grande

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Transient Vendors

All "Transient Vendors" who do business within the unincorporated area of Lawrence Township, Stark County, Ohio, shall register with the Township at the Lawrence Township Administrative Office at 5828 Manchester Avenue, N.W., North Lawrence, Ohio 44666, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday except holidays.

DEFINITIONS

"Transient Vendor" means any person who opens a temporary place of business for the sale of goods or who, on the streets or while traveling about the township, sells or offers for sale goods, solicits orders for future delivery of goods, or attempts to arrange an appointment for a future estimate or sales call. "Goods" means goods, wares, services, merchandise, periodicals, and other articles or publications.

EXEMPTED BUSINESSES OR ORGANIZATIONS

Persons selling items for any project sponsored by an elementary, middle and high school, and/or churches, and/or youth sports groups, and/or scouting groups are exempt from obtaining a permit.

TRANSIENT VENDOR FEE

Transient Vendors shall make a payment of \$35.00 via check or money order made payable to Lawrence Township or exact cash for the registration fee.

LENGTH OF PERMIT

The Transient Vendor registration and permit is valid for one (1) year.

DOOR-TO-DOOR

Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. or sunset (whichever is sooner) Monday through Saturday.

No solicitations are to be made on Sundays or holidays.

NO SOLICITATION

Transient Vendors shall not sell, offer for sale, or solicit orders for goods where the owners and/or occupants of a dwelling, building or other structure that has posted a notice by means of a sign that its owners and/or occupants do not want Transient Vendors to enter upon the property, and such sign is reasonably placed by its size and position to notify the Transient Vendor.

TRANSIENT VENDOR CREDENTIALS

Transient Vendors will be issued a permit number and must always carry that with them. If asked, they must produce that number as proof that they have registered with Lawrence Township.

If you have questions about a Transient Vendor that solicits at your property, you may call the Lawrence Township Administrative Office at 330-854-3830 or call the Lawrence Township Police Department.

Upcoming 2024 Trustee Meetings

Generally, regular Board meetings are set for the first and third Mondays of each month (subject to holiday adjustment), beginning at 4:30 p.m. for executive sessions, as authorized. Such executive sessions to conclude no later than 5:30 p.m.; with the public session to then commence at 5:30 p.m.

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| APRIL | 1 & 15 | SEPTEMBER | 3 (TUESDAY) & 16 |
| MAY | 6 & 20 | OCTOBER | 7 & 21 |
| JUNE | 3 & 17 | NOVEMBER | 4 & 18 |
| JULY | 1 & 15 | DECEMBER | 2 & 16 |
| AUGUST | 5 & 19 | | |

SERVING LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS: Monday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tues - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Closed Friday
Email: info@lawrencetwp-oh.org

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| Lawrence Township Fire Dept. | 330-854-6755 Non-Emergency |
| North Lawrence Vol. Fire Dept. | 330-832-6347 Non-Emergency |



ADDRESS SIGNS FOR SALE

Seconds count in an emergency. The Northwest Firefighter's Association, in cooperation with the Lawrence Township Administrative Office, has green reflective blank signs and house numbers for sale. You will receive one blank sign and enough numbers for both sides of the sign. Please pay with cash or check only. No credit or debit cards will be accepted.

Prices are as follows:
Numbers & Plaque: \$30.00
Numbers Only: \$ 1.00
(pack of two)
Plaque Only: \$ 25.00

Please visit the Administrative Office to purchase:

5828 Manchester Avenue NW
Monday: 8am - 6pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 8am - 3pm

info@lawrencetwp-oh.org
(330) 854-3830

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Shawn Yerian • 330-854-2456



The Knox

The Knox HomeBox program is designed to allow firefighters to gain access to a private home more quickly in an emergency.



Knox HomeBoxes are small, heavy-duty, weather-resistant and locked boxes that can be affixed to a standard residential door. Only firefighters can get into the boxes to access a key to the home, which prevents potential damage to the door upon entry.

BENEFITS

- Provides first responders with quick entry during medical emergencies.
- Reduces forced entry damage and repair costs.
- Reduces risk of injury to responding personnel.
- It makes resecuring property easier and faster.
- Utilizes jurisdictional master key.
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Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC)

Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton Fire Department support the Akron Children's Hospital Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) advocacy program. Consider donating aluminum cans to this cause. To donate, the drop-off is located next to the fire station at 1165 Locust Street South. Cans will be collected and donated directly to ACBC. The program raises money to help burn survivors with education and support programs. The program helps provide non-medical items and/or services that insurance does not cover, like clothing that helps skin heal, bicycles for exercise, and transportation to outpatient therapy for needy families. **For more information about the program: www.akronchildrens.org/cms/ACBC/**



Open Burning

Open burning is any set outdoor fire that does not vent to a chimney or stack.



Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 prohibits most open burning in unincorporated areas in March, April, May between 6am and 6pm.

Open burning during these times may be permissible if conditions outlined in the exclusionary text are met. This code is under authority of the Ohio Division of Forestry. Knowing the type of fire permitted for your area is a good idea.

The Ohio EPA determines the types of fires restricted inside and outside a village or city. For most, open burning of residential and land-clearing wastes is prohibited within city limits. Restrictions do not apply to barbecues, campfires, cookouts, and bonfires (with wood stacks no larger than 2ft. high X 3ft. wide) if these types of fires are permitted.

For additional questions about Ohio's open burning regulations, contact the Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-2270. Local EPA districts are also available to answer questions. Their website contains a complete list of agencies available in the state: epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources also has more info on their website at forestry.ohiodnr.gov/burninglaws.

File for Life Emergency Medical Safety Program

One Piece of Paper with All of Your Health Information Can Save Your Life

The Fire Department and Cleveland Clinic have partnered to bring File for Life to Canal Fulton residents, especially seniors. File for Life is an emergency preparedness magnetic file that promotes safety and peace of mind. It is designed to be placed on the outside of a refrigerator.

A File for Life includes essential information about medical history, emergency contacts, and medications- all in one place for an emergency. This information is invaluable to Emergency Medical Service professionals when seconds matter in an emergency. File for Life is available at no cost.



Anyone interested is encouraged to call 330-854-2456 or stop and pick one up at the Fire Station (1165 Locust Street).



North Lawrence Fire Dept. Updates



What's Happening

- The NLFD has seen a significant increase in call volume since January 1st, at the current call rate we are projected to see run totals the NLFD has never seen before.
- In January, the NLFD established a Search and Rescue Division that is one of a kind, not just to Stark County but the State of Ohio. This team consists of national registered Search and Rescue Technicians certified through the National Association of Search and Rescue (NASAR). The team is currently seeking monetary donations to help obtain new specialized equipment.
- New Medic 8 has been signed for! The NLFD has signed a contract with Medix to purchase a new ambulance. Expected delivery is set for October! This unit is being paid for by our own fundraising just like Engine 2 was!
- Recently our own Halligan the Firedog made a donation to Lawrence Township Police Dept. K9 Noa to help with supplies and vet visits.

Fundraising

- The NLFD holds bingo every Friday and Sunday night! Doors open at 4pm with early bird bingo starting at 6pm and regular bingo at 6:15pm. We also have many instant games to play!
- We will be holding our 2nd Annual Micro Wrestling event on Thursday June 27th • 8pm-10pm! Food and beverages will be available! All ages allowed.
- Please follow our Facebook page for many other events coming!

The NLFD is hiring!

Education provided and paid for!

Volunteer/PRN/Part time spots available!

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POLICE DEPT.

Chief Dave Brown
330-854-2096

As spring's nicer weather arrives, there will be more kids out playing and people using the roadways for their enjoyment such as motorcycles, bikes, walkers, and runners. As drivers, please pay attention to your surroundings so everyone can enjoy the outdoors safely.

Taking a vacation this summer? Remember that your LTPD will do vacation checks. Call the station at 330-854-2096, and we will check your house while you are away.

ROAD DEPT.

Supt: Mark Sibila
330-854-3494



With the spring and summer months upon us, I would like to remind everyone to slow down and pay attention to workers on the road. You will start seeing some ditching and berming along with spot paving in preparation for this year's road resurfacing. We will also have some road closures for culvert replacements this year on Weygant Street and Ben Fulton Avenue.

As a reminder, if you have any problems or concerns, please contact the Road Department at 330-854-3494.



ZONING DEPT.

Zoning Inspector
Frank Melito
330-854-7118



Residential Building Requirements

Steps for an addition to a residential home, an accessory building, deck or pool with septic system:

- Septic approval/permit from Stark County Health Department
- Zoning permit from Lawrence Township Zoning Department
- Building permit from Stark County Building Department

Steps for an addition to a residential home, an accessory building, deck or pool with sanitary sewer:

- No permit from Stark County Health Department is necessary
- Zoning permit from Lawrence Township Zoning Department
- Building permit from Stark County Building Department

*If your accessory building or shed is less than 100 square feet (10'x10') you will **not** need a Health Department permit, Zoning permit or a Building permit.*

Lawrence Township Zoning Department

5828 Manchester Ave
North Lawrence, OH 44666
330/854-7118

Stark County Building Department

7235 Whipple Ave NW Suite A
North Canton, OH 44720
330/451-1770

Stark County Health Department (same bldg. as Building Dept.)

7235 Whipple Avenue NW Suite B
North Canton, OH 44720
330/493-9904

It is always a good idea to call our zoning office (330-854-7118) when planning a home addition, accessory building, deck or pool so we can answer other questions and help ensure a successful project!

Stark Soil & Water Upcoming Events



Stark Library Eco Fair

April 13 (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.) at 715 Market Ave. N, Canton - Free to attend
Stark Library is hosting its annual Eco Fair at the Main Branch in downtown Canton. Come check out a variety of environmentally themed programs and presentations at the fair. Stark Soil & Water will have a table loaded with information and friendly staff at the fair. Stop by our table, say hello, and pick up information packed material.

Master Rain Gardener 2024 Spring Class

April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10 (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)
Registration for the 2024 Master Rain Gardener class is now open! This course is a 6-week, step-by-step training that teaches individuals how to design and build a rain garden. Courses take place weekly and in-person at the Stark SWCD office. Certifications are given to students that attend the classes, complete the associated homework, and construct or adopt a rain garden. The course is \$40.00 per person and includes a t-shirt and a metal Certified Master Rain gardener sign to display proudly for those who complete the course. Seating is limited and preregistration is required. For more information and to register, visit starkswcd.org/master-rain-gardener-course

Eastern Ohio Grazing Council Pasture Walks

April 25th (6:00 p.m.), location TBD

Join the Eastern Ohio Grazing Council for the first spring pasture walk! The location will be announced closer to the date, so stay updated by checking out their Facebook page or checking their website at www.carrollswcd.org/eastern-ohio-grazing-council.html.

Drainage Desk: What is a Sinkhole?? By Isabelle Bruder

A common type of drainage call we receive is about sinkholes. While these typically are not "true" sinkholes in the geological sense, they are depressions that form in the ground due to burst sewer lines, abandoned mines, buried and rotting debris, rotting tree stumps, or buried rocks from construction. Water leaking from a pipe or filtering through the ground eats away at loose layers of soil, creating an underground void. When these voids become large enough, the soil and grass will collapse to form unnatural holes that we commonly refer to as sinkholes. If you notice a sinkhole in your yard, take caution around the area and do not enter the sinkhole as this can lead to serious injuries. In most situations, these can be repaired by the homeowner, but it is recommended that a professional determine the extent and cause of it. Here at Stark Soil & Water, we can pull up existing sewer pipes and mines maps as well as visit your property to help determine the cause of the sinkhole. Since we are not professional geologists though, we cannot give recommendations on how to fill the holes - true sinkhole or not. To fill the sinkholes, we can provide you with a list of professionals to contact that know how to do it correctly and safely.

A common question with sinkholes is determining who is responsible for the repair. According to Ohio's drainage law, if the cause of the sinkhole, such as a burst sewer pipe, lies on a private property, then the owner of the said property is responsible. This holds true even if the problem such as a pipe or buried debris was not installed by the property owner. At Stark Soil & Water, we can look at your property and research any existing county storm sewer pipe lines or abandoned mines to help determine the cause of the sinkhole. We can then direct you to professional geologists and contractors that can help you fill in the hole and reduce the risk of sinkholes on your property.

While there are thousands of sinkholes in Ohio, they only exist in about 2% of the central and western portions of the state, making it extremely unlikely that residents of Stark County will ever see a true sinkhole. If you see a hole in your yard that shouldn't be there don't hesitate to give us a call and get it checked out. They can be dangerous, and our goal is to help you find the right solution.

Memorial Day in the Village



PARADE

Strike up the band, ready the floats, polish those classic cars. It's time to get ready to march! The Village of Clinton honors our fallen heroes every year, with a parade followed by a service at the Clinton Cemetery. Parade participants are asked to begin arriving at Orchard Hill Christian Church, however, not later than 10:45 a.m. to be placed in line. The parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m. Questions? Please feel free to email Marissa Gensimore at: mgensimore@clintonoh.gov.



HISTORICAL SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Start your Memorial Day Celebration with a plate full of yummy pancakes. Pancakes are served starting at 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Be sure to browse through the raffle booth and get your lucky ticket.

The Historical Society can always use volunteers, to help with such events. Visit their website (clintonohiohistoricalsociety.com) to see how you can help. As usual, the Pancake Breakfast will be held at Fire Station 1, downtown, on Main Street.

In other Historical Society news, every year Diane Gunter orchestrates and implements decorating Harter House and Main Street, for the Christmas season. Diane wanted to thank those who sponsored a room and those who helped decorate. She was delighted with the turn out during the Harter House Christmas Open House. She also wanted to extend a big thank to everyone who came out to appreciate the decorations.

A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel

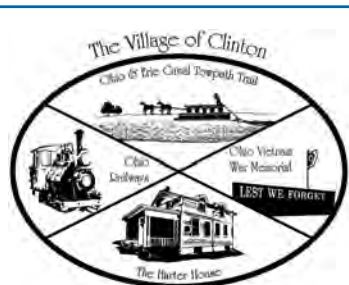


Welcome to springtime in Clinton Ohio. At the village hall, we are working on issues with the train and have met with Ohio State Senator Kristina Roegner. She has worked with a very similar issue in Hudson and by the time you get this newsletter, we will have met with the Hudson City Manager to review what they have done for their city. Now that trains and safety are in the spotlight, this may be a good time to get state and federal resources pointed our direction. I also had the opportunity to speak with Emilia Sykes at one of our breakfast meetings and she is very interested in helping us out. There have been many suggestions and our budget may not allow for all of them, but it will be interesting to find out what is possible to ease the congestion of a stopped train.

Speaking of trains, I'm sure that some or most of you are familiar with the rails to trails programs all across our country. Wayne county rails to trails has been working on the Heartland trail that is utilizing the railroad bed that connected Clinton to Orrville. Most of this has been built and I have ridden it many times on my bike rides to Orrville and beyond. The final stage will be under State Route 21 through Warwick and connect to our towpath trail in town. The connection to Warwick is expected to be completed in 2026 provided they get their funding. I have signed a letter of support that we hope will aid in the necessary grants to make this happen.

Let's keep in mind our veterans park in Clinton. They are open year round. The Hall of Heroes pavilion is open as we have volunteers to man it. The interior went through a complete remodel in January and there are quite a few changes. March has two veteran associated events and they are the National Medal of Honor day on the 25th and the National Vietnam War Veterans day on the 29th. After the parade and memorial service at the cemetery this year, stop by the park and take a look at all we have to offer.

One last note that is making the big news this year is the solar eclipse on April 8th. For most of us, it will be a once in a lifetime event. I have seen two in this area with the last one occurred on August 21, 2017. But what is considered a total solar eclipse for us in Ohio last occurred in 1806 and the next one will be in 2099. With this 124 mile wide band moving through Ohio, the epicenter to hit Cleveland at 3:15pm. At this time, hotels are being booked solid for out of town visitors to experience this with us. Many areas are sponsoring events that day. The Spaghetti Warehouse in Akron is one of them. I only mention them because their parking lot is along the towpath trail about 10 miles from us. Our summit county public health director, Donna Skoda, is recommending that we stay off the road during this time. Might be a good day to bike to Akron to see this. Our area hospitals are gearing up to take in a lot of people with retina damage from looking at the sun. Glasses are available and I just ordered a 12 pack from a popular website that most of you may be familiar with. Stay safe and if you must travel to an eclipse event, plan to get there early and leave late. I have heard that riding the metro in Akron will be free that day, so plan ahead. Have a great spring and see you at the parade.



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www.clintonoh.gov

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Council Meetings: 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Monthly 7:00 PM

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Fireworks

The patriotic holiday season is approaching. Not long ago, The Ohio State legislative body passed a law permitting private use of fireworks. In the past, the Village of Clinton has maintained the same regulations and guidelines, concerning fireworks as the Ohio Revised Code. That code prohibited the private use of fireworks without proper permit.

Thus far, Village of Clinton's Code has not changed. It is up to the each individual municipality to decide whether or not to adopt the change, in the ORC, concerning fireworks. The Laws, Ordinances, and H. R. Committee, is considering whether they feel it is in the best interest of the Village, to change the current Code to match the current ORC. Once they make that determination, the Committee will make a recommendation to Council. The new Committee Chair is Rita Joseph with Ellen Conroy and Matt Steiner as members. Feel free to reach out to them or any other Council members with your comments or concerns.



Coming Soon

Soon residents will be able to access a Police Complaint Form through the Village website, clintonoh.gov. There will be a link on the Safety Committee page, under the Police Department information. New Franklin Police Department's Chief Bickett, encourages residents to use this form to address their non-emergency concerns.

VILLAGE OF CLINTON



Summit Soil and Water Conservation District Volunteer Opportunities

Long-term volunteer opportunity

We're seeking passionate volunteers who want to join our local **stream monitoring team** for the 2024 field season!

Join our team and become one of our volunteers who monitor the health of our local streams. Learn to monitor by assessing a variety of chemical and biological parameters.

Our watershed coordinators will teach you all you need to know to measure the health of our local streams, so no prior experience needed! All monitoring equipment is provided, and our coordinators are available to support your efforts throughout the season.



One-time volunteer opportunities

These small projects make a significant impact on our watersheds and communities.



Throughout the year, we provide one-off opportunities for interested residents to volunteer. Rain garden planting and maintenance, invasive plant pulls, and stream clean-ups are examples of the types of projects available.

If you're interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, snap the QR code



Did you know?

Though similar in appearance to the monarch, when young, the viceroy (pictured) prefers eating dung, carrion, and fungus.



Work with Wetness

Spring time typically brings rain, which can result in wet yards. As long as standing water is away from any structures, a wet yard isn't always a bad thing. Instead of trying to mow those wet spots, try planting water loving plants around your saturated soils. Water loving shrubs such as buttonbush, elderberry, or silky dogwood can help absorb water into our soils and protect our water resources by filtering out pollutants.

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From the desk of Mayor Joseph Schultz

Hello fellow community members. I hope and pray your 2024 is off to a prosperous start full of good success. This year will be a big deal for our nation as we select our president for the next four years and it will be the longest campaign season in history as the candidates try to sway undecided voters. This year will be equally important on a local level. Our goal is to get your support to build a

combination full and part-time Fire Department. My goal is to accomplish this improvement with a cost neutral approach. The way to achieve this goal is to ask you the voters to pass a levy that will take the current millages dedicated to the Fire Department building and equipment and roll them into one new operating levy. The new levy will be equal to the amount of the two levies. The amount of that millage will be available to us from the County Auditor sometime this summer. The building levy will be paid off in early 2025 and equipment levy expires in 202_.

First of all, I want to explain the need for a more stable staffing model. Currently, we work collectively with Lawrence Township to staff five people 24/7 with a minimum of two of the five being a paramedic. Consequently, we can answer two calls at the same time with at least one paramedic assigned to each call. The City of Canal Fulton pays for 12 of the 24 hours and Lawrence Township pays for the other 12 hours. **THAT WILL NOT CHANGE.** All of the



employees are part-time except for one Assistant Chief who works 40 hours per week to oversee staffing, administrative duties and fill in for call offs. The full-time Assistant Chief is Lawrence Township's employee, but the city reimburses the township for half of his salary and benefits. The problem we need to address is that being a part-time department that depends on personnel who are full-time employees in other departments, we CAN NOT require part-time employees to show up for scheduled shifts. When our part-time personnel who work full-time in another department are required to work overtime in that department, they have to call off from our shifts, thereby leaving us short staffed. Currently, we have 56 employees; 38 of them are certified paramedics, 6 are paramedic students and 12 are basic firefighters. We require them to work at least one 24 hour shift per month to stay on our payroll. See the table in this issue to learn who they are, certification and years of dedicated service to our community. From our pool of 38 paramedics 37 of them are employed full-time at other departments. Another telling statistic is that, we had 11 people resign in 2023. Ten of them were paramedics who left because, they no longer wanted to work part-time while working full-time elsewhere. I plan to meet with numerous stakeholder group and individuals leading up to the November election. If you would like to meet with me to discuss this issue further, please reach out to me at 330.949.3520 or email me at joeschultz@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov.

Also, I want to thank all of you who voted to keep me in office for the next four years. And more importantly, I want to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for being the Rock of my Salvation.

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From the desk of
Alyssa Bettis
Economic Development Director

Exciting times are upon us as we witness the continued growth and development of our beloved community. We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a new business and the relocation of one of our establishments.

Firstly, let's extend a warm welcome to **Sweet Victory**, the latest addition to our community. Sweet Victory brings with it a promise of sweetness and success, offering coffee made from locally roasted coffee beans and freshly made donuts. Visit today at 2378 Locust Street.

Let's also welcome **The Fox's Den Childcare** at 2254 Locust Street South. Having the best childcare is important for any parents of youngsters and The Fox's Den Childcare offers "a clean, welcoming, creative and nurturing place for your child to learn and grow."

But that's not all! In addition to Sweet Victory's grand entrance, we're delighted to share the news of **S&M Winery's new location** at 2022 Locust Street. Renowned as one of the top three wineries in Stark County. Now, with its strategic move to a new address, S&M Winery promises an even more enhanced experience for wine enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

I would also like to clear up some rumors about the new development on Locust. You may have noticed some construction on the hill... well, I can assure you it is not another pizza place. It is actually NASA headquarters. **APRIL FOOLS!** It is actually **Echoing Connections of Northeast Ohio** that is coming to 2393 Locust Street. Echoing Connections offers adult services in Canal Fulton and Massillon with an array of growth opportunities, including participation in community inclusive programs. Those served come from a diverse background with various levels of abilities, as well as the potential for learning and increased independence. Programs include: Volunteering, Recreation and Leisure, Exploration of Interests, Work Skills, Work Exploration, Vocational Skills Development, Job Shadowing, Tours and Presentations, Community Exploration, Social Engagement and Travel Opportunities.

Additionally, keep a lookout for Canal Fulton in the upcoming 2024 edition of Visit Canton Magazine. With its charming streets, historic canal, and vibrant community, Canal Fulton promises an unforgettable experience for visitors seeking to immerse themselves in the heart of Stark County.



From the desk of
Dan Butcher, Jr.
City Manager

We are off to a great start in 2024, and the events are going to ramp up as the weather begins to improve. We've already had a handful of wonderful events, including the Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Carnival, and the Easter Egg Hunt. Up next is the Towpath to Totality Solar Eclipse Party, which will be held on April 8th in St. Helena Heritage Park. The City has teamed with Stark

Parks and the YMCA to bring a full day of events leading up to the eclipse, which will happen around 3:15 pm. This is the part of my letter where I must remind everyone that they should NOT look directly at the eclipse! And if you haven't purchased your Towpath to Totality t-shirt, stop in to city hall and grab one today. After the eclipse we will have many more events. Please check out our brand-new City Website to find a calendar of all events happening in the city in 2024!

With all of the activities going on throughout Canal Fulton this year, the city is always looking for more people to get involved in volunteering. Whether it is by helping at events, or sitting on our many boards and commissions, there are plenty of opportunities throughout the year for people who want to get a better understanding of our local government. We are also looking in to starting an internship program, where students can earn college credits for getting involved. Stay tuned as we get more information on these opportunities.

If you're not quite ready to jump into these projects, I want to encourage everyone to attend some of our meetings. City Council meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 6:00 pm at the Canal Fulton Safety Center. Attending these meetings is the best way to get first-hand information about what is going on in Canal Fulton. City employees do not have time to monitor Facebook to try and answer questions on the various community sites, so "fake news" rumors can run rampant there. Coming to the meetings will allow you to get the most accurate updates. Other commissions, such as the Planning Commission, Park Board, and Historic Preservation Commission, meet monthly to discuss issues. These meetings are all advertised on our website, so please check it out if you want to come to any of these public meetings. And as always, my door is always open at City Hall if you would like to stop in and discuss anything that is going on. May 2024 continue to bring blessings upon everyone within our wonderful City!

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VETERANS EVENTS

Northwest Senior Center, 853 Locust St. South Canal Fulton

Canal Fulton Veterans Breakfast

Friday May 17th • 7:30am to 9:30am

FREE first come, first serve to all Veterans, families, and widows. Enjoy a fresh, hot cooked breakfast inside the senior center that is served by volunteers from the Northwest Senior Center/AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP of Stark County as well as the Canal Fulton Lions Club.

Canal Fulton Veterans Resource Fair

Friday May 17th • 8:30am to 11:30am

FREE to all Veterans, families, and widows. Come learn about resources and/or benefits available to our service men and women as well as their families. Event is outdoors, rain or shine, under a tent provided by the city.

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Greetings from the Zoning Dept.

John VanDenberg, Zoning Inspector

As we embrace the new season, the Zoning Department would like to send a brief reminder to the residents of Canal Fulton. As the weather warms, it is important for all of us to ensure that our city retains a sense of cleanliness, charm, and, most importantly, safety. With that in mind, we would kindly like to remind everyone about their responsibility to maintain and keep sidewalks clean in good repair. Your cooperation and continued effort are always appreciated, especially when it contributes to the functionality and beauty of our city.



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