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# Your Community News

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## Some Clarity on the Upcoming Levy Issue from Mayor Schultz



“STOP, DROP and ROLL!” Do you remember being taught that advice as a child if your clothing caught on fire? We are using that as the campaign slogan for our upcoming fire levy. The slogan components can be explained as follows:

**STOP** - In 2005, the citizens passed a .90 mill levy for 20 years to pay for the construction of the Locust Street Fire Station. This levy currently generates approximately \$135,000 annually, and the City uses this money to make the annual debt payments on the Fire Station. The City will make the final payment on this debt in 2025. The STOP portion of the campaign means that we will stop levying this tax after the final debt payment in 2025.

**DROP** - In 2016, the citizens passed a 1.0 mill fire equipment levy. The citizens renewed this levy again in 2020, but because of rising property values, the millage of this levy has declined to .70 effective mills. The levy generates approximately \$105,000 annually and has been used to purchase a new fire engine, a new ambulance and several other pieces of critical life-saving equipment. The current levy runs through 2025. The DROP portion of the campaign refers to the City pledging to not renew this levy and to let it drop off the property tax bills.

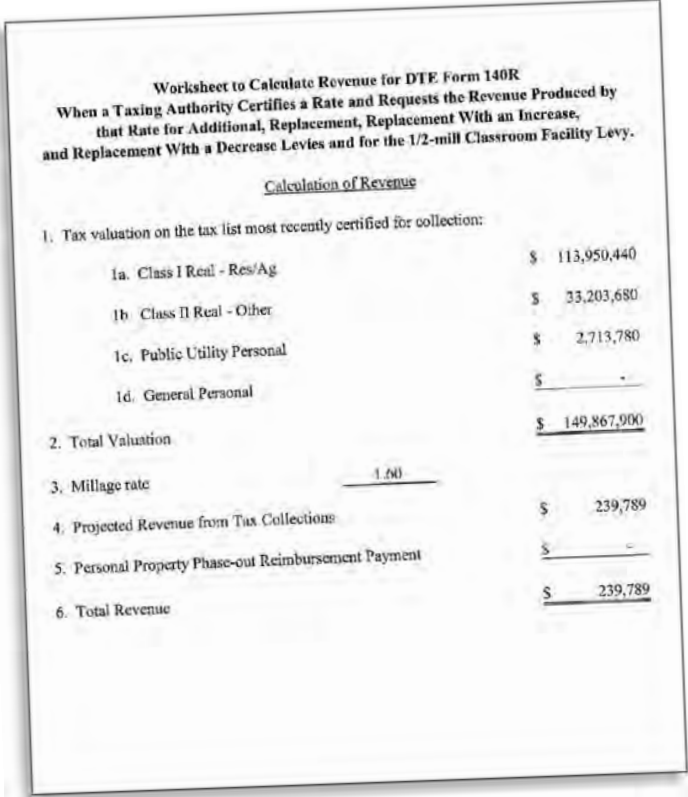
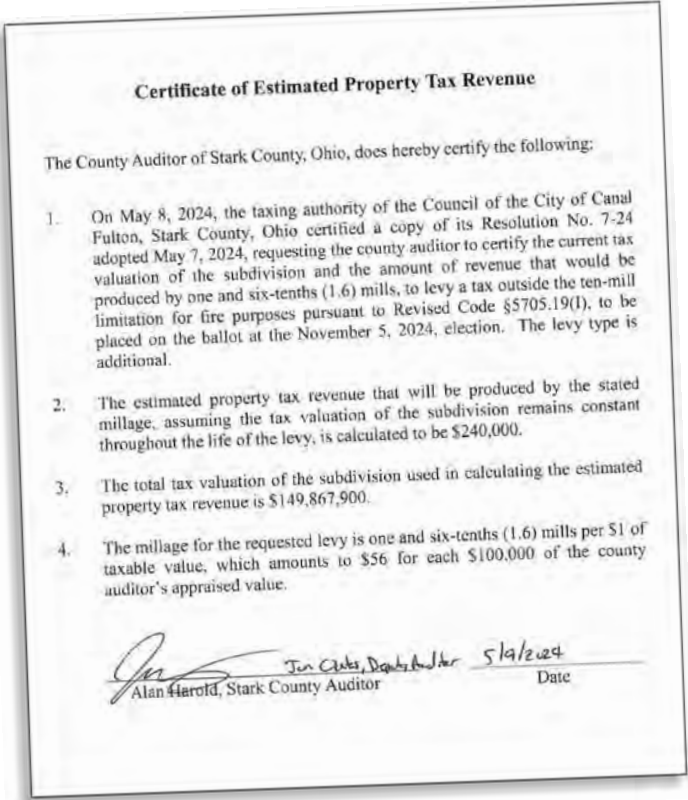
**ROLL** - Now that the City’s needs for a Fire Station and life-saving equipment have been met, we would like to secure funding to help stabilize our paramedic staffing levels. Our proposal is to take the amounts generated by the abovementioned levies and seek your permission at the November 5th election to use them for staffing and operations. The ROLL portion of our campaign is proposing a new 1.6 mill, five-year levy that will generate approximately \$240,000 annually to be used for staffing and operations. The levy is designed to start collections in 2026, after the first two levies will cease. As a result, most taxpayers will not see a change in their property taxes from this proposal. The structure of these levies can be seen in the table below:

Existing Levies					
	Levy Purpose	Millage	Amount Generated	Start Year	Final Collection Year
STOP	Fire Station Debt Levy	.90 effective mills	\$135,000 annually	2005	2025
DROP	Fire Equipment Levy	.70 effective mills	\$105,000 annually	2020	2025
Total Existing Levies	2 Levies	1.60 effective mills	\$240,000 annually		2025
New Levy Proposal					
ROLL	Staffing & Operations	1.60 mills	\$240,000 annually	2026	2031

As I stated earlier, the purpose of this new levy is to help stabilize our fire department staffing by taking tax dollars that previously could only be used for permanent improvements (the fire station and equipment) and redirecting them to pay for staffing and operations. We cannot renew a permanent improvement levy and use the money for operations. Voter approval is necessary. Our goal is to hire a full-time paramedic to help alleviate some staffing challenges. Lawrence Township has committed to matching us and hiring another full-time paramedic to their staff as well. We are really excited to move our EMS forward to provide our community the best service possible. Approval of the issue is the first step to making that goal a reality. I have included the Stark County Auditor’s certification of the City’s tax proposal (shown to the right) to provide relevant details and help answer any questions you may have. If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding the levy proposal, please call me at 330-949-3520.

Mayor Joseph Schultz

### Stark County Auditor's certification of the City's tax proposal







From the desk of **Alyssa Bettis**, *Economic Development Director*

Economic Growth in Canal Fulton, Ohio: A Small Town on the Rise

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Canal Fulton, established in 1826, played a crucial role during the canal era, serving as a vital transportation hub. The remnants of this history are still evident in the town's well-preserved architecture and the St. Helena III canal boat, which offers rides to visitors. This historical allure has been a foundational element in the town's economic strategy.

TOURISM AND HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Canal Fulton's historical significance and scenic beauty have made tourism a cornerstone of its economy. The town has capitalized on this by enhancing its tourist attractions, such as the Canalway Center and the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail. These efforts have increased visitor numbers, boosting local businesses such as restaurants, shops, and bed-and-breakfasts. See the 2024 Visitors guide. If you don't see your Canal Fulton business let us know by November 2024.

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The local government has implemented policies to support small businesses, offering incentives for new startups and existing business expansions. Initiatives like fa ade improvement grants and business development workshops have created a vibrant local business community. The downtown area, with its unique shops and eateries, has become a hub for both residents and visitors.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Canal Fulton hosts numerous events throughout the year, from the Canal Days Festival to farmers' markets, holiday parades, Easter Egg Hunts, Haunted Canal Fulton, and concerts. These events not only foster community spirit but also attract out-of-town visitors, providing a significant boost to the local economy.

Canal Fulton, Ohio, is experiencing a noteworthy period of economic growth. This quaint town, rich in history and charm, has been making strategic moves to bolster its local economy, attracting businesses, tourists, and new residents alike.

Schalmo Family YMCA, Canal Fulton Chamber of Commerce as well as our local businesses host multiple events throughout the year.

RESIDENTIAL GROWTH

The town's appeal is not limited to businesses and tourists. Canal Fulton has seen a steady increase in residential development. New housing projects are attracting young families and professionals looking for a small-town atmosphere with easy access to larger metropolitan areas like Akron and Canton. This population growth supports local schools, services, and retail establishments, creating a positive feedback loop of economic development.

CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

Despite the positive trends, Canal Fulton faces challenges typical of small towns undergoing growth. Maintaining the delicate balance between development and preserving the town's historical character is a continuous task. Infrastructure improvements are necessary to support the increasing population and business activities, requiring careful planning and investment.

Want to get involved? The City of Canal Fulton has several volunteer groups and boards such as, Planning Commission, Historical Preservation Committee, Park Board, and the Chamber of Commerce.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We are constantly sting to ensure that growth does not compromise the town's environmental and historical assets. Be sure to check out our disc golf course located in the new community park.

new light poles, benches and trash cans downtown. The light poles were created to allow for hanging flower baskets. Flower baskets provided by Manda's Plant Farm.



Warehouse on the Canal recently spearheaded a beautiful mural on the canal side of Coach House Floral. Mural was painted by Iris Menegay.

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION

The city has recently launched a new website as well as a notification system.

You can sign up for weather and emergency alerts at [cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov](http://cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov) - Canal Fulton Alerts.

Follow us on our social media pages such as City of Canal Fulton (city hall) and Canal Fulton Parks & Rec.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Partnering with local educational institutions to align workforce skills with emerging job opportunities.

City staff regularly volunteers for career day at the local schools.

CONCLUSION

Canal Fulton is a prime example of how small towns can leverage their unique historical and cultural assets to drive economic growth. Through a combination of tourism, small business support, community events, and residential development, we are carving out a bright future while maintaining charming, small-town character. As we continue to navigate the challenges of growth, Canal Fulton's story is one of resilience and strategic planning, offering a model for similar towns across the country.

We would love to hear from you! Please scan the QR code that will take you to the Canal Fulton Community Survey page .



From the desk of **Dan Bucher, Jr.**, *City Manager*

It is hard to believe that 2024 is already nearly halfway over! It's been a busy year so far in Canal Fulton, and it will only continue to get busier. Our major road improvement projects are complete, with asphalt being laid on Longview, Basswood, Trelake, Tell, Parkview, Dakota, and Chippewa. If your street has not been converted to asphalt yet, donit worry. We are working our way through the town, and more streets will be completed in the coming years. We are also seeing housing developments on Longview and Tamwood continue to take shape. I am confident that these neighborhoods will be completed quickly, and the houses will sell at a fast pace. Between our school district, police and fire services, and a wonderful sense of community, Canal Fulton has become a destination where people want to live!

On a personal note, 2024 has brought some major changes to my life as well. My wife and I welcomed our first daughter on April 24. You will likely see us walking through the downtown with a stroller and 3 dogs throughout the summer. Every time we walk, I look around at all of the great things happening around here, and combining that with the services I mentioned above, I can't imagine raising Adalynn anywhere else. I am proud to call Canal Fulton home, and I look forward to continuing to work hard at making this a great city for all of us. As always, my door at city hall is always open if you have any questions, concerns, or complaints.

Greetings from the Zoning Dept. John VanDenberg, Zoning Inspector



Let's talk sidewalks for a moment

As Zoning Inspector, part of my job is to help ensure that these pathways remain safe and accessible. And so, I remind everyone that according Ordinance 1361.03, it is up to each homeowner to maintain the sidewalk adjacent to properties.

Sometimes this means the simple act keeping the sidewalk area clean by clearing away trash, debris, leaves, or snow. Other times this may involve more significant repairs such as lifting or concrete work. In all these cases, by maintaining our sidewalks, we are working together to make Canal Fulton a vibrant, safe, and inviting city for everyone!

In the words of influential urbanist Jane Jacobs, "Streets and their sidewalks- the main public places of a city-are its most vital organs."

Thank you for your time.



FROM THE CANAL FULTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



The summer months are upon us, and the wonderful weather is here. With the warm weather, the Police Department would like to remind the community of summer safety while out enjoying our city.

Increased Traffic

There are plenty of fun activities to enjoy around town this summer, from Olde Canal Days, to the Summer Concert Series. With all this will definitely come an increase in traffic on our streets. Please be sure to speak to your kids about traffic and bike safety (scooter, skateboards, etc.). Be sure to encourage them to use the crosswalks and use proper safety equipment. Some of our officers will be driving around town with coupons for free ice cream for kids that are wearing helmets. If you see one of our officers out driving around, feel free to flag them down, and have them go over safety with your kids.

Solicitors

We are allowing solicitor permits in town again. Door-to-door salespeople that have been approved by City Hall and the Police Department, should be carrying a copy of the approved permit with them. If a solicitor knocks on your door, be sure to ask them if to see their permit. If they cannot provide you with one, call the police to report it. Solicitors are not permitted to knock on any doors if it is posted indicating such. “No solicitors” stickers are available at the Police Department and City Hall, for any residents that would like to post in a conspicuous location near their front door.

Car Break-Ins

Unfortunately, with the nice weather, it usually brings an increase in thefts from vehicles. When you are out enjoying the Towpath or other beautiful sights around town, make sure you are taking a couple of things into consideration. First, be sure to lock your doors on your vehicle. A lot of thefts from cars occur when an individual walks around and pulls door handles until they find an unlocked one. Next, make sure you do not leave anything in view that would entice someone to break into your car. If you are going for a walk, do not leave your purse or valuables in your car. Maybe look into getting a fanny pack to carry your essentials (keys, phone, etc.) with you while you walk. Lastly, pick good areas to park. The city recently invested in a fantastic camera system to monitor St. Helena Park. This would be an optimal location to safely park while getting in your summer fitness!

As always, the Police Department is available 24/7. If you ever have any questions or concerns feel free to call the station and ask at 330-854-2926.



Chris Bundy, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director

Parks & Recreation Department News

We have so many new and exciting things happening throughout the city, and I’m very excited to be a part of it all! Here are a few of the things going on: We just finished converting one of the tennis courts into 4 new pickleball courts at Muhlhauser Park. To go with the new courts the Parks and Recreation Department is offering some “Intro to pickleball clinics”. These clinics are designed to either freshen up your skills or teach the new player how to get started by learning all the rules. The next clinic is scheduled for July 22nd and 23rd from 5:00 - 6:30pm. If you would like to sign up, please visit: canal-fulton-events.square.site.

The Puffenberger Disc Golf Course had its ribbon cutting earlier this spring and is ready for summer play! This course can be found in the woods between the Senior Center and the Safety Senter. This is a great little course that is receiving a lot of foot traffic, and we hope you get a chance to try it out!

We have made several new improvements to the canal boat operations such as: the McLaughlin Dry

Dock bridge --replaced all of the boards, The Port of Canal Fulton sign has been updated and replaced, the canal boat tarps have all been replaced. And on days the canal boat is not offering tours, be sure to stop by the Canalway Center and rent one of our newly acquired PEDAL BOATS! We are so excited for this new addition to the city, and we hope you and your family/friends stop by and take a ride down the canal! Needless to say, it’s been a busy spring, but we are excited to bring all of these improvements to our wonderful city this summer!

The Recreation Department is also hosting hikes featuring a different area around the city, and workshops each month out of the Canalway Center. The next hike is set for June 10th at 5:30. We will be meeting at the Canalway Center and taking a peaceful hike to Lock IV and back. These are great opportunities to get some fresh air, exercise, and socialize with the group.

Our Canalway Center Workshops are designed to focus on a different craft each month (open to all ages) where we do things from building birdhouses to holiday inspired projects. June’s workshop will be making a patriotic craft to display over the 4th of July. We will be building the craft on June 19th

at 6:00pm. Once again, if you would like to register visit: canal-fulton-events.square.site.

Not to forget about our heritage and what makes Canal Fulton, well, Canal Fulton. The Canal Boat! The boat left the McLaughlin Dry Dock in early May. since then, we have been hosting and sharing our rich Canal history with students from all over Ohio during the many School trips thus far. With that being said, we are launching a new summer program called “Story Time with the Mayor”. This program will feature one canalboat ride for each of the summer months (June, July, August) with the Mayor reading boat inspired stories to the children. Space is limited and tickets can be found through the website.

If you would like to take a ride on the Canal Boat, reserve a private tour, or purchase an individual ticket, please follow the link above to review the current schedule.

Be sure to stay in the know by following us on Facebook @canalfultonparksandrecreation

*The Parks and Recreation Department wishes you all a wonderful Summer and we hope to see you around town and in especially in the Parks!*





## Trustee Talk: From Trustee Keith Blowers

IN THIS ISSUE I THOUGHT I WOULD SHARE A FEW RANDOM CONCERNS WE GET FROM RESIDENTS ON A MORE FREQUENT BASIS. FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO READ OUR MINUTES, NOT THAT I BLAME YOU, MAYBE THIS WILL GIVE SOME INSIGHT INTO THE CONCERNS OF YOUR COMMUNITY.

### NUISANCE PROPERTIES



First and foremost, is the issue of nuisance properties. This is one area that is no fun at all. Properties can become a nuisance for many different reasons but the most common are unmown grass, noxious weeds, excessive rubbish in the yard, unsafe or unkept pools, inoperable vehicles, unsafe or unkept structures, brush piles, etc. There is a formal process outlined in the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. The short version is should your property be deemed a nuisance you will receive notice and given seven days to remedy the situation, or we will have the work performed for you and place a tax lien on your property to cover the cost. I reiterate that this brings me no pleasure. I am all about people having the right to do as they please on their property; however, we all have a responsibility to our neighbors and the community. My goal here is just to make everyone aware so hopefully they can get some help and handle these situations before they come to us.

### DRAINAGE

Second, my new least favorite word in the dictionary is drainage. I could literally write a whole book on just what I have learned about drainage in the last three years. This is coming up more in part because of the increase in new construction around the township. The short version is, if you make any alterations to roadside drainage, i.e. piping in your ditch, you need to contact the road department for a permit. If you wish to make changes to any natural or pre-existing waterways or drainage off the road, we strongly encourage you to get professional help to make sure it's properly done and sized. If you block, alter, fill in, or otherwise change the flow of water such that it causes issues for the roadway or your neighbors, it gets messy and costly very quickly.



### OFF-ROAD VEHICLES



Last is off-road vehicles being driven on the street. This comes up mostly in allotments where people ride up and down the same street repeatedly. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Also, it is illegal to ride unlicensed off-road vehicles on public streets. Please make sure you and your children are riding safely and in appropriate areas. The last thing anyone wants is someone getting hurt or, worse, riding on the streets.

I realize this article doesn't exactly have the positive vibe I prefer; I apologize for that. But I do feel these are important topics if they apply to you. If you would like more information on any of these topics or anything else township or community related feel free to reach out to me through the township or by email at [kblowers@lawrencetwp-oh.org](mailto:kblowers@lawrencetwp-oh.org).

*Have a great summer!*

## Summer in the Park



Summer is here and the Lawrence Township Park is buzzing with activity! Many improvements have happened in the park over the last several months.

### WHAT AMENITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

- Pavilion
- Kitchen/Concession attached to the Pavilion (w/refrigerator, hot dog roller, pizza warmer, gas grill)
- Pickleball Courts
- Basketball Court
- Playground Equipment
- Walking Track
- Restrooms



### WHAT ARE THE RENTAL COSTS AT THE PARK?

- Pavilion Rental \$100.00
- Kitchen Rental \$100.00 w/\$200.00 cash deposit  
*Includes use of refrigerator, hot dog roller, pizza warmer, gas grill. Deposit will be refunded if all is left in condition as rented.*

### HOW DO YOU RESERVE THE PAVILION AND/OR KITCHEN?

- Contact Lawrence Township Administrative Office at 330-854-3830.



### GENERAL PARK RULES:

- The park is open to the public from dawn to dusk, 365 days a year.
- No climbing trees, digging sod or grass, or littering.
- No alcoholic beverages, drugs &/or use of tobacco products.
- No fires in any area of the park except in the portable grill by the pavilion.
- No carrying/using firearms of any kind or air rifle, slingshot, missile throwing device or concealed weapon of any kind.
- No hunting.
- No littering. There are trash receptacles provided for your garbage, refuse and/or debris.
- No motor vehicles, motorcycles, bicycles, skaters, skateboards, or snowmobiles.
- No horses within park.
- No signs, posters billboards, etc., are allowed to be erected or posted without the consent of the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees.
- No disorderly conduct.
- Pets are permitted, if on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your pet. There are disposable dog waste bags available for your use.
- When the pavilion is not reserved, it is on a first come first serve basis. Do not remove tables or benches from the pavilion.
- No one should deface or vandalize pavilion, tables, benches, restrooms, kitchen, playground equipment, courts, etc.
- Lawrence Township or its employees assume no responsibility for injury or accidents.
- Lawrence Township reserves the right to revoke park usage for those individuals that do not obey the rules and regulations.



# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



## POLICE DEPT.

**Chief Dave Brown**  
330-854-2096

## Congratulations, William (Bill) Yerman!

After 21 years of service to Lawrence Township, Patrolman William (Bill) Yerman, has decided to retire. Bill began his law enforcement career in 2003 when he started as a Reserve Officer. In 2005 Bill was promoted to part-time. He served as a part-time officer until 2020 when he was promoted to full-time.

During his career with Lawrence Township, Bill was best known for his love of traffic enforcement. He was nicknamed by our dispatchers as the Traffic Stop King!

Bill is an animal lover and over his career cared for, saved and took numerous animals to shelters, care centers or helped place them in homes where they could be cared for.

In 2023 Bill received a lifesaving award for a call when he responded to a nine-day old baby who was not breathing. When Bill arrived, the baby was turning blue and not responding. Bill immediately began infant CPR until the medics arrived. As Bill was handing the baby off to the medical staff, she began to breathe again and started crying. She made a full recovery and is still doing well today!

Before his career in law enforcement, Bill was a teacher. He started his teaching career in 1985 and continued that at the college level and at a nearby high school until he retired from teaching in 2015.

After almost 40 years of service to our communities and to Lawrence Township, I would like to thank Bill for his dedication, hard work and friendship. His retirement is well earned!

Thank you, Bill, for everything you have done for our community, our department, and me.



Bill Yerman



## ROAD DEPT.

**Supt: Mark Sibila**  
330-854-3494

## Safety

Summer has arrived and the Road Department has been busy. During these summer months as we prep roads for resurfacing, such as spot paving, berming, ditching, and roadside mowing, please use caution when passing through work zones. Here are 10 simple rules to follow when going through a work zone:

- Expect the Unexpected
- Slow Down
- Do Not Tailgate
- Keep a Safe Distance between your Vehicle, Construction Workers and their Equipment
- Pay Attention to the Signs
- Obey Road Crew Flaggers
- Stay Alert and Minimize Distractions
- Keep up with the Traffic Flow
- Schedule Enough Time
- Be Patient and Stay Calm

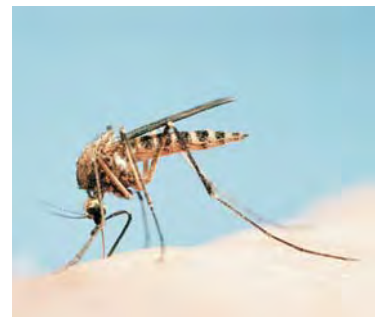


## Road Closures

There will be a few road closures this year for replacement of failing culvert pipes. Roads that will be closed are Ben Fulton Avenue, Beaumont Avenue, Patterson Street and possibly Weygandt Street.

## Mosquito Spraying

Summer is the time for mosquitoes. Mosquitoes come out from March to early November. They require a temperature between 50 - 80 degrees Fahrenheit to survive. We will be spraying for mosquitoes in the near future. If you have apiaries that are newly registered with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, contact the Road Department at 330-854-3494.



## Lawrence Township Community Day

Our Lawrence Township Community Day on June 8th was again a huge success! We had excellent weather and a great turnout, serving over 500 meals and overall attendance considerably over that! It was a great opportunity to show off the new park improvements including pavilion facilities, pickleball, and basketball courts. The kids loved the event and had a blast with the inflatable bounce houses and games, including a massive fire rescue obstacle course. Others could be found checking out the touch a truck, including township and North Lawrence Road, Fire, and Police vehicles plus, a really cool tractor and friendly goat from Nickajack Farms and a massive crane truck from Petrarca Landcare. Games and activities were provided by the Tuslaw Cheerleaders, and the Schalmo Family YMCA. Balloon creations from Troy Balloon were sponsored by Keillor's Teddy Bear Shoppe. Kids and parents enjoyed a fun ride around the park on the mini train provided by the Tuslaw Lions Club. Parents also took advantage of the kids fingerprinting provided by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. New participants this year included Stark Parks, Stark County Safe Communities, Petrarca Landcare, Kona Ice, and Healthy Kids Running Series.

Events began with a pickleball clinic then continued with an always popular visit from the Metro Life Flight helicopter. Participants got to walk around and see the inside of the state-of-the-art helicopter, as well as watch it land and take off. DJ Burner Beats was on hand throughout the event keeping the atmosphere lively.

The fire departments did a very interesting demonstration of extrication techniques used to remove passengers trapped in vehicles. Girl Scout Troop 60048 unveiled their Free Little Library in conjunction with the Friends of the Library that will be a permanent fixture in our park. We always love to see community youth and organizations come together on projects. This little library will be a no-cost way for the community to share books! We capped off the festivities with a showing of Migration on the giant inflatable movie screen complete with popcorn donated by Kamph's Hardware. SARTA kept everyone safe by helping with transportation to and from parking across Rt. 93.

A big THANK YOU to all our community organizations, businesses, our township staff and the volunteers for helping make this event happen. We couldn't do it without you! The turnout of local organizations as well as attendees is another reflection of how great our community is! Our goal is to keep this yearly event growing through community participation. If you have interest in participating next year or have any questions or comments on the event, please reach out to me.

*Keith Blowers*

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# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP/CANAL FULTON

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Chief Shawn Yerian • 330-854-2456**

### Northwest Safety Town Program



Lawrence Township - Canal Fulton Fire Department is proud to participate in the Northwest Safety Town Program, which is coordinated by local volunteers and teen volunteers.

Safety Town, a unique and comprehensive five-day summer educational program, is designed to equip children with essential safety skills. From learning about road safety, school bus rules, and 911 usage to understanding stranger danger, the roles of police officers and firefighters, and online safety, the program covers a wide range of safety topics. What sets Safety Town apart is its innovative approach of combining serious safety education with engaging crafts, songs, and fun activities, ensuring a memorable and effective learning experience for your child.

**Safety Town is for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall within the Northwest Local School District. The program is held on the school campus from Monday, July 29, 2024, through Friday, August 2, 2024.**

*Please follow [www.facebook.com/SafetyTownCanalFulton](https://www.facebook.com/SafetyTownCanalFulton) or search SAFETY TOWN (Canal Fulton) for updates on registration and program information.*



Grain Bin Rescue simulator

### Ohio Fire Academy's (OFA) Close to Home Training

This summer, the Fire Department is bringing the Ohio Fire Academy's (OFA) Close to Home training to our doorstep. Two regional fire department training sessions will be held at the Lawrence Township Road Department, featuring the Search and Rescue Trailer and Grain Bin Rescue simulator. This convenient arrangement eliminates the need for our local firefighters to travel to the Columbus Academy, ensuring they receive state-of-the-art training right here in our community.

This training is offered FREE to area fire departments.

Our community is committed to the safety of its residents. That's why we strive to ensure our emergency service personnel receive comprehensive training in fire suppression, rescue operations, and handling hazardous materials. By providing our team with the highest level of instruction and hands-on experience, we are dedicated to preparing them to effectively safeguard and serve our community in times of need.



### High School Graduates: We are Recruiting Fire/EMS Personnel

Canal Fulton - Lawrence Township Fire Department is recruiting for several openings. We accept applications for

positions as firefighters, EMTs, and fire explorers, from those with zero experience to career firefighters looking for a part-time job.

The Ohio Fire Academy is extending an invitation to individuals interested in joining the ranks of volunteer firefighters with its free 36-Hour Volunteer Firefighter course.

Scheduled to unfold over two weekends in August, the course commences on Friday, August 16, at 18:00 and concludes on Sunday, August 25, at 18:00. As part of this initiative, tuition, meals, course materials, and dormitory accommodation are all provided at no cost.

Prospective participants can find more details, including prerequisites and enrollment procedures, by visiting the Ohio Fire Academy registration page and using the keyword "volunteer" in the search field. It's worth noting that students must complete registration and prerequisite information at least six weeks before the start of the class.

The training sessions will be held at the Ohio Fire Academy's Main Campus, located at 8895 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

This opportunity not only offers valuable training but also serves as a significant step for those aspiring to serve their communities as volunteer firefighters.



### Fire Department Gets Water Rescue Equipment Upgrades

We are now better equipped to handle a water rescue should the need arise.

Canal Fulton-Lawrence Township Fire Department recently acquired a new Rapid Deployment Craft for ice and water rescue incidents. The 16-foot inflatable boat with a rescue platform is designed for accessing bodies of water without easy access.

A group of part-time personnel have recently completed training to become Swiftwater Technicians for the Summit County Water Rescue Team. The skills acquired through this training are directly beneficial to our department and, by extension, to the community we serve.

The department also upgraded its swift water gear, which was nearly 20 years old, as the suits were deteriorating due to age. We can respond to any water emergency, whether it's one of our rivers, creeks, canals, or private lakes.

PLEASE VISIT [WWW.LAWRENCETWP-OH.ORG](http://WWW.LAWRENCETWP-OH.ORG) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



# FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

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A RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHOULD SUPERVISE ALL FIREWORK ACTIVITIES  
Never give fireworks to children

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ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND FIREWORKS DO NOT MIX  
Save your alcohol for after the show

**DONT**

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WEAR SAFETY GLASSES  
when shooting fireworks

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LIGHT ONE FIREWORK AT A TIME AND THEN QUICKLY MOVE AWAY

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USE FIREWORKS OUTDOORS IN A CLEAR AREA...

8

NEVER RELIGHT A "DUD" FIREWORK  
Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water before you discard it

9

ALWAYS HAVE A BUCKET OF WATER AND A CONNECTED WATER HOSE NEARBY

10

NEVER CARRY FIREWORKS IN YOUR POCKET  
or shoot them from metal or glass containers

13

ENSURE ALL PETS AND ANIMALS ARE AWAY FROM FIREWORKS NOISE

14

DONT POINT FIREWORKS AT PEOPLE  
and maintain a safe distance when watching fireworks shows

North Lawrence Fire Dept. Updates



NLFD Operations Report

- The North Lawrence Fire Department continues to see call volume increases.
- Preparation for The Country Fest has begun, this is an all-hands event.
- Truck 5 has been placed inservice.
- NLFD SAR Team conducts joint trainings.
- The NLFD is hiring, Education paid for!



New Truck 5

Thanks to your donations we were able to purchase a new chase vehicle! This vehicle was purchased from the Lawrence Township Police Dept. We would like to Thank the Lawrence Township Trustees and the LTPD!

COMMUNITY TIPS

First and foremost we would like to congratulate the class of 2024!

Severe Weather- This is the season of severe weather, please make sure you keep devices charged and monitor all weather broadcasts.

Heat- We are starting to see some high temps! Be sure to know the signs and symptoms of both heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

Follow us on Facebook for more!

KEY EVENTS

- Micro Wrestling returns to the NLFD June 27th!
- Bingo is every Friday and Sunday. Early Bird at 6:00 pm and Bingo at 6:15 pm!
- Donation Mailer will be mailed soon! We appreciate your support!

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.

JULY	1 & 15	SEPTEMBER	3 (TUESDAY) & 16
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Handling Hazardous Materials at Home

Be careful when storing products in your home, garage or shed.

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Some hazardous product containers are similar in appearance to food or beverage containers. Children who haven't learned to read or adults that have problems with their vision may mistake a container with hazardous material for a food or beverage container.

GUIDELINES FOR BUYING AND STORING HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS SAFELY:

- Keep products containing hazardous materials in their original containers and never remove the labels unless the container is corroding. Corroding containers should be repackaged and clearly labeled.
- Never store hazardous products in food containers.
- Never mix household hazardous chemicals or waste with other products. Incompatibles, such as chlorine bleach and ammonia, may react, ignite or explode.
- Never use hair spray, cleaning solutions, paint products, or pesticides near an open flame
- Clean up any chemical spill immediately. Allow the fumes in the rags to evaporate outdoors, then dispose of the rags by wrapping them in a newspaper and placing them in a sealed plastic bag in your trash can.
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## Clinton Benefits from NHS Students Service Projects

On May 9th, a group of Northwest High School students, led by Social Studies teacher David Orr, came to the Village ready to dig in. Street Superintendent Kevin White hauled the mulch which was to be spread around Village Hall, the Village Green and at the Fire Stations. Along with Diane Gunter, Kevin guided the students as to where the mulch needed to be placed. Both Diane and Kevin commented on their politeness and what good workers the students were. The Village is grateful to be a benefactor of one of the Northwest High School's community service projects.



Northwest High School students working at Village Hall and the Fire Station

## A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel



Welcome to summertime in the Village. As many of you know, if you attend or watch the meetings, I am an avid cyclist. We had some school board members at our council meeting a while back and I did remark about the school zone. One of my pet peeves is the speeding, especially through the school zone. I would sometimes take my morning ride and upon going through the school zone, I would ride at 21 miles per hour. I did this on purpose to see who would pass me. For some reason, people thought they have to pass a bicycle no matter what the speed. So the other day, I was going through

the school zone and not feeling "up to speed", I was only going 15 miles per hour. Every car stayed behind me. I was surprised, but thought, maybe people had slowed down and realized the importance of speed limits in different areas. I bring this up, because with the summer arriving and people out on bikes, walks, fast cars, and motorcycles, there is more of a need to watch out for people on the road and even crossing over to the new sidewalk to the veteran's park, as well as watching your speed through the village. We have a speed sign on Clinton Road as you are coming into the village as well as many roads that are posted at 25 MPH. New Franklin patrols our village and have been asked to enforce our speeding laws.

Did I mention our new sidewalk? This was a program started years ago with a former council member who wanted to have a path for people to walk from the towpath trailhead to the veteran's park. Although, we don't have all new sidewalks between both, we now have sidewalk all the way and hope to replace a lot of the old sidewalks in future years. Now some may ask why we are spending so much money on sidewalks. The reality is that 80% of the cost of the sidewalk is paid for via grant money. When I lived in Akron, if we got a new sidewalk, it was attached as a levy to our home for 20 years. It is not done this way in Clinton. Your taxes stay the same and our good friends and the county help in getting us grants that aid in making our village look better. **Have a great summer.**

## Searchable Codified Ordinances

Do you have questions about the zoning code? Like, how many chickens can be kept on your property? Is it alright to keep my trash can on the sidewalk? Do you need a permit to put up an above ground pool? Are there any regulations on solar panels? Can you put a fence on your property line? Answers to all these questions and more, can be found by clicking the Codified Ordinances link on the front page of the Village's website ([clintonoh.gov](http://clintonoh.gov)) or scan the QR code.



Just type a word, such as fence, solar panel or chicken in the search bar and several results containing that word or phrase will be generated for you to choose from. For example if you type the word chicken or sidewalk, you will find the following:

1137.01(d) (12)  
Keeping of Chickens. The keeping of chickens may be permitted with standards when compliant with the following regulations and any other applicable sections of this ordinance:  
a. The number of chickens per household shall be limited to the following:  
1. Under one-quarter acre - chickens.  
2. One-quarter acre to one acre - three chickens.  
3. One acre to three acres - 20 chickens.  
4. Three acres or more - Up to a reasonable amount of chickens given the totality of the circumstances.

Sec. 521.04 (c)  
(c) No person shall place, deposit or maintain any merchandise, goods, material or equipment upon any sidewalk so as to obstruct pedestrian traffic thereon except for such reasonable time as may be actually necessary for the delivery or pickup of such articles. In no such case shall the obstruction remain on such sidewalk for more than one hour.

That is just part of what the code says about those subjects. If you have any questions reach out to the Zoning Inspector Jeff Ferjutz by phone at 330-417-2298 or email him at [zoning@clintonoh.gov](mailto:zoning@clintonoh.gov). Jeff is always happy to help our residents navigate the code. Please keep in mind this is a part-time position and he does have a full time job. Jeff may not be able to take your call right away, however, leave a message and he will get back to you in a timely manner.



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# VILLAGE OF CLINTON

## W. S. Stinson Forth Grader's OVMP/Clinton Field Trip

Fourth Grade teacher, Regina McCulligan was the driving force behind this adventure. Part of the Fourth Grade Social Studies curriculum covers veterans and Veteran's Day. The Ohio Veterans Memorial Park is a wonderful resource to connect young students with stories, names and faces of soldiers who fought for their freedom. Gary Kindig, a Vietnam Veteran and OVMP Board member, enjoyed talking to the students about the various monuments and memorabilia housed at the park. All of Stinson 4th Graders were able to eat their lunches inside Heroes Hall. Which was a nice break from the heat of the day.

The students were led through the Village, being given details about some of the historical homes and buildings on Fulton and Main Streets. The students were fascinated by the flood line plaque located on the three story Limbach building and the fact that it was built on the haul of a retired canal boat. A point of interest at the Historical Society's Harter-Rhoades House was the old water well.

Another part of the Social Studies curriculum includes the three branches of government on Federal, State, and Local levels. There was a stop at Village Hall accompanied by a brief review of the branches of local government.

At the Fire Station 1, students got to see the antique pumper, learn about the history of the fire department and try on the firefighter gear. Of course, a trip to Fire Station 1 would not be complete without the chance to enjoy a box of the famous Clinton Firemen's popcorn.



## A MESSAGE FROM Fire Chief Wayne Conroy

On September 15th Clinton Firefighters Association is hosting our annual chicken dinner, please stop by and grab a delicious meal that helps fund our firefighters association.



### Open Burning Rules

With the summer months coming up please remember that the Village of Clinton follows EPA guidelines when it comes to open burns. If you are not aware of the rules, please feel free to contact Clinton Fire Department or view the Ohio EPA guidelines by scanning the QR code.



Lastly, our only full-time personnel Captain, John Yohey, will be retiring at the end of this summer. I would personally like to thank John for his almost 26 years of full time service, and 28 years combined full-time and part-time service. His dedication and professionalism to the Village will be missed. John will remain with the Village on a part time basis after his retirement, and a well-deserved vacation.



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