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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel



After a very dry and hot summer, although at the time I am writing this, there is a much needed thundershower going on in the Village, I'm sure that you are all looking forward to a much needed break. We don't yet know what winter will bring, but in case of a

very snowy winter, we, as a village, have plenty of salt left over from last year. But, I'm sure you are not reading this to hear about a cold and snowy winter that we may not get. What is fun about Clinton are the great amount of fall events and the things to do through the end of the year. For a small town, we have a lot to offer. The Clinton Historical Society is located in the Rhoades-Harter house at 7866 Main St and is open during Applefest every year. We also have the remarkable Ohio Veteran's Memorial Park across from the Clinton Cemetery. I guess you could say that it is in the cemetery as they are on both sides of the street and we are in the newest section. Look for the many events at the park this fall. Run to the Wall, Golf outing, Veteran's day, and the tree lighting. If those events don't keep you busy, take a hike or a bike ride on the Ohio and Erie Towpath trail that is all paved through our village. It is exceptionally beautiful during the fall season.

For those of you who wonder what I do besides run the meetings at the town hall, I also check out our roads and new building projects. Just recently, I rode with our street superintendent around the village to take a look at the paving projects coming up as well as the mowing that he does. I must say that he does a lot of mowing. Our Zoning inspector stays busy with up and coming projects that our citizens wish to do and I have met with him and the citizens on these projects. I also take many calls on complaints about noise and washouts. Sometimes this will involve a personal visit to listen for the same sounds or see the other issues first hand. It is at that point that the proper departments will be called to formally address the issue. If you find that something is not working the way you think it should, or want to pay a compliment to the way our village is run, please attend a council meeting, or give me a call at 330-312-1070. Also, enjoy the rest of the year.

Clinton Applefest 2024

This year Applefest falls on Sunday, September 15. Festivities begin at 12:00, Noon and go until 4:00 p.m. The Village of Clinton Historical Society members have been working hard to put together another delightful apple celebration. You are invited to try a bite of all the tasty treats. There will be apple dumplings, apple fritters, apple pie, and apple cider. As well as, chicken dinners, served by the Clinton Firefighter's Association. As always, there will be live entertainment, a variety of interesting vendors and more.

Be sure to stop by the raffle table and take a chance on winning a great prize. Presale raffle tickets will be available at Clinton Family Haircare, Clinton True Value, and Rusty Railz. Stop by for a tour of the Harter House to get a glimpse of the Village of Clinton's history. There are many artifacts, pictures, and articles to view.

Vendor registration forms are available at: clintonohiohistoricalsociety.com and at Clinton Village Hall on Tues, Thurs, and Fri. 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. For more information contact Lee Ann (330-882-8137), or Beverly (330-608-3230). Check the Society's website, Facebook page, and flyers for details.

The 3rd Annual Applefest Cruise-In will run the entire time of the festival. Those individuals owning vintage/classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles are asked to enter Main Street at the intersection of Main and Fulton. You will be parked in order of arrival. Dash magnets will be given to the first 25 cars to arrive. No registration necessary, it is truly a cruise-in. For more information contact Marissa Gensimore at mgensimore@clintonoh.gov



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VILLAGE OF CLINTON



Trick or Treat In the Village

This year, Trick or Treat will be observed from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on, Thursday, October 31st. Residents wishing to participate, are asked to turn on their front porch light, during those hours. Please be extra careful, while driving through the Village during this time. Slow down and watch out for the Trick or Treaters running through the Village. For extra safety, the Fire Department will be driving it's vehicles through the Village during those hours.



Christmas at the Harter House

Diane Gunter and the Historical Society will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 8, from 2-4pm. This is the third year for this lovely event. As she did last year, Diane is asking for volunteers to sponsor a room. Let your imagination go, to create a beautiful, vintage Christmas design. Contact Diane Gunter at 330-605-5699. Then you can make arrangements to get your room decorated. Diane may be able to help you with a selection of decorations, if you don't have the decorations to create your vision. All rooms need to be completed by Sunday, November 24th.

As they do every year, the members of Historical Society will be putting together Holiday Cheer Baskets. The baskets will be distributed in mid-December. If you know of someone who could use some Holiday Cheer; please contact Lorraine Moore (330-906-3059) by December 1, 2024.

You Better Not Pout. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

On Sunday, December 1, 2024, Santa will ride through the Village in a Clinton Fire Truck, arriving at Village Hall at 2:00 pm. Once there, Santa will go downstairs to the Social Room to receive the children and their families, as guests. Village residents are invited to bring their children or grandchildren to visit with Santa. Take advantage of this free opportunity, to take a sweet picture of your little one with Santa. Each child will receive a book and an ornament. The Historical Society will also provide cookies and cocoa. Come out and make some treasured memories with you loved ones.



IN THE ZONE! Jeff Ferjutz, Zoning Inspector



330-417-2298
zoning@clintonoh.gov

The Village of Clinton Zoning Department strives to work with its residents and local business owners. In the short 4 years I've been employed with the Village, we have come a very long way. Zoning has a great relationship with NFPD, CFD, Street Dept. and the administration to be able to complete the job at hand. We are all working together and watching out for each other. With that said, my last quarterly report is as follows:

One Planning Commission Meeting, permit approved. Nine permits issued by the Inspector, ten permits total. Seven junk or abandoned, non-registered vehicles removed, twenty-four total in four years. This quarter there was one high grass notice issued and the resident complied.



Besides the numbers, our department has met with several residents on site to discuss future plans for building. We have met with local businesses and future business owners to review the possibilities of bringing new business into the Village. We are very excited for the future of the Village of Clinton!



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A MESSAGE FROM Fire Chief Wayne Conroy

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After more than 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Clinton, Captain Yohey has called it a career. I would personally like to thank Capt. Yohey not only as a co-worker, but also a resident for making sure you were there when you were needed the most.

As I'm sure you're aware, State Route 21 is going through major reconstruction right now and for the foreseeable future.

During October and November, the state of Ohio has burn ban in effect from 6a.m. to 6 p.m. You can get the details online at <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-1503.18>.

During the Villages' Trick or Treat night, please feel free to stop by the Main St. fire station for a box of popcorn. We will be having fire trucks out again this Halloween with our lights on. We do this for the childrens' safety attempting to control the speed of traffic around the village.

On November 3rd, daylight savings time begins. Along with changing your clocks, please don't forget to change out your smoke detector batteries.

Happy Holidays from the Clinton Fire Department family to yours.



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From the desk of Mayor Joseph Schultz

1.6 mill Fire Levy Update

We will not have the issue number for the November Fire Levy until the middle of August. We are asking for your support to pass this levy to hire a full-time paramedic and continue with equipment purchases. The new

levy will generate an equal amount (\$240,000) to what citizens are currently paying for the building and equipment levies that will disappear from our tax bills, if we get your support.

What's Your Driving Score?

A couple of years ago I wrote to you and asked, if your speedometer has a zero on it and does it show up when you stop at a stop sign. When I became a Christian I understood that I would be baptized with the Holy Spirit of God and that He would convict me of the things I do wrong in my life. I can choose to ignore that conviction, but when I do, God would put people or things in my life to make me pay attention. God used Nathan the Prophet to bring King David's sin with Bathsheba to his attention. I use that example to introduce my article about my driving score.



The older I get the more frugal (some people call it cheap) I become. I hate debt personally and for the city. But sometimes, debt is a good choice. My 2012 Toyota Prius just had the transmission go out, after I just put \$275 for brakes and \$400 for front struts into it. I purchased the car from a Skipco auction in 2016. When I bought it, the car already had 60,000 miles on it. When the transmission went out it had 205,000 miles on it. When I do the math, it cost me less than 8 cents a mile to drive it for 8 years.

Faced with an unwanted decision about what to do next for transportation, I began to explore my options to purchase a new or used car. I've only purchased one new car in my life and although I like the vehicle (1990 conversion van), I despised the five years of payments. To make a long story short and to get to the point. I purchased a new hybrid vehicle. At the end of every trip the car gives me a driving score. During my test drive my score was 59. The car tells me what the posted speed limit is while I'm driving and apparently grades me for going too fast. Another part of my score is how fast I accelerate. Pulling away too fast cost me points on my score.

The new vehicle has taught or should I say, convicted me that I need to become a better driver. That's something I knew, but I choose to ignore. They say, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. But, I am willing to try. I've always said, we are never more like Jesus than when we forgive someone and I'm never less like Jesus than when I'm behind the wheel of a car. My motivation for becoming a better driver is the difference between 50 mpg or 40 mpg. Trinka says that I went from driving like Richard Petty to driving like an old man. I say, an older and wiser man.

Next up for me, is a score for the words that come out of my mouth. After all, I will be judged for every idle word that I speak.

So many great things have happened and are happening in Canal Fulton and I give all the glory to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, They would not have happened without the selfless sacrifice of so many wonderful people who call Canal Fulton home and serve the city with their time and effort. Thank You.



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

Exciting Upcoming Events in Canal Fulton!

As summer winds down and we head into the crisp days of fall, Canal Fulton has a fantastic lineup of events to bring our community together. From a golf outing to festive boat rides and fall celebrations, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Mayor's Cup Golf Outing

September 13

Dust off your clubs and join us for the Mayor's Cup Golf Outing on Friday, September 13. This friendly competition is a great way to enjoy the beautiful weather, meet fellow residents, and support local initiatives. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a novice, come out for a day of fun and friendly competition. The event will be held at Lyons Den, and we encourage all participants to register in advance.

Be a Hole Sponsor or Donor!

In addition to playing, you can support the Mayor's Cup Golf Outing by becoming a hole sponsor or donating towards the event. As a hole sponsor, your business or organization will receive prominent recognition, providing excellent visibility among local residents and businesses. Donations of any amount are also welcome and will directly contribute to making the event a success. To become a sponsor or donate, please contact Alyssa Bettis clerk@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov or visit our <https://canalfultonchamber.wildapricot.org/events>.

Joint Chamber DORA Boat Ride

October 3, 5-7 PM

The Canal Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Massillon West Stark Chamber of Commerce are teaming up for a delightful evening on the water! Join us for the DORA Boat Ride on October 3 from 5-7 PM. This event is a wonderful opportunity to network with local business owners, enjoy the scenic beauty of the canal, and savor beverages from the DORA district. Register today on the Chamber's website to reserve your spot!

Haunted Canal Fulton Boat Rides

October 17, 18, 19

Get ready for a spooky adventure with the Haunted Canal Fulton Boat Rides! Running from October 17 to 19, these ghostly tours will take you through the eerie, historic waters of our beloved canal. Perfect for families and thrill-seekers alike, the Haunted Boat Rides offer a unique way to experience Canal Fulton's rich history. Tickets are limited, so be sure to book early! <https://www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/parks-and-recreation-department/page/events>

Hatfield Fall Fest

October 19

Celebrate the season at the Hatfield Fall Fest on October 19. This fun-filled event features pumpkin carving, costume contests, live music, delicious food, and much more. It's the perfect way to enjoy the autumn season with family and friends. Come out and experience the best of Canal Fulton's fall festivities!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We need your help to make these events a success! Volunteering is a great way to give back to the community, meet new people, and have a lot of fun. Whether you can help with setup, ticket sales, or activities, your time and effort will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please contact Chris Bundy at canalway@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov or visit our website.

JOIN THE CANAL FULTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Being a member of the Canal Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce offers numerous benefits. It's a fantastic way to connect with local businesses, gain access to valuable resources, and stay informed about community events and initiatives. Chamber members enjoy networking opportunities, marketing support, and a platform to voice concerns and ideas that impact our community. If you're a local business owner or resident, consider joining the Chamber to support and engage with our community. Contact Alyssa Bettis at info@canalfultonchamber.com or quick register at <https://canalfultonchamber.wildapricot.org/>

STAY INFORMED WITH CANAL FULTON ALERTS

Stay up-to-date with all the latest news, events, and important information in Canal Fulton by signing up for Canal Fulton Alerts. It's an easy way to receive notifications directly to your phone or email. Simply visit cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov, go to the Services section, and select Canal Fulton Alerts to sign up. Stay connected and informed!

We look forward to seeing you at these exciting events and thank you for your continued support of our community. Let's make this season a memorable one in Canal Fulton!



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

It's been a few articles since I had to write about staff changes within the City of Canal Fulton, but unfortunately that streak is coming to an end. Over the summer, Finance Director Bill Rouse announced that he is planning to retire at the end of the year. Bill has been Finance Director

since 2013, excluding 2021 when he served as City Manager. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Bill for everything he has done for the city, and everything he has done for me in helping to start my career in this position. He will be truly missed. By the time this article hits your mailbox, City Council will have selected a new Finance Director. I am confident that we will continue building on the success that Bill started.

You may have noticed several changes throughout the city this year. Additional string lights have been hung on South Canal Street, with more coming next summer as we expand our renovations on the sidewalks in our downtown. Echoing Hills new buildings are nearly complete on Locust St., which will be a welcome addition to the east side of the city. Also, the water tower is being constructed at 21 and Arcadia St. We anticipate that this project will be completed by Summer of 2025. Once the tower is operational, the city hopes that more development will soon follow in that area.

Finally, if you drive past the Schalmo Family YMCA, you will see that the Welcome to Historic Canal Fulton Mural has been hung on the side! This mural was originally hung on the fire station at the corner of Cherry and High Streets, but was removed when that building was torn down and sold. The mural sat in storage for several years as the city tried to find a new home that made sense. We tried to find a location within the Historic District, but could not find an area big enough. After several meetings with Bud Graham, who helped design the mural, we agreed to hang in on the Y. Thank you to Shawn Lazarus and his crew for hanging this mural. This mural, along with the new mural that is painted on the side of Coach House Floral, will hopefully open more opportunities for artists to come to town and paint more street art throughout the city.



**Chris Bundy, CPRP,
Parks and Recreation Director** (330) 854-2225 x122

Parks & Recreation Dept News

It's hard to believe Summer is coming to an end, but we had a great one filled with: Canalway Center workshops, recreational hikes, canal boat rides – including the all new this year “Story Time with the Mayor” boat rides, pedal boats, pickleball clinics, Olde Canal Days, a movie in the park, and concerts!! What a Summer! We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped make these events a success.

As we move into Fall our attention is focusing on Halloween which means Fall Fest, Haunted Canal Boat rides, and Sherri Brake's - Spirits & Spirits Tour. Last year, during the Haunted Canal Boat rides, we provided an escape room as part of the attraction, which was a hit. Expect to experience something similar this year. So, get your tickets while they last! We will be selling tickets online and you can purchase yours by scanning the QR code:

Here is the Haunted Boat Ride Schedule:

- 10/17 - 8:00pm
 - 10/18 - 6:30pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm
 - 10/19 - 6:30pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm
 - 10/26 - 8:00pm (Sherri Brake's Spirits & Spirits Tour)
- All tickets are sold as first come first served.
Purchase them while they last!*



Following Halloween is Christmas on the Canal, which will be held on Saturday, December 7th. As a reminder, we will have crafts and activities throughout the historic district of Canal Fulton at various businesses. There will also be a breakfast with Santa, ice carving/wood carving demonstrations, gingerbread and mini-Christmas tree contests at the Library, a Christmas lights parade, and ending everything will be the City's Christmas tree lighting. To add to this already amazing event, there will be a 1 mile Christmas-themed race from the Christmas tree to the YMCA and back. We are calling this event the *Christmas on the Canal Winter Sprinter*. The race will start at 5pm right before the parade, which means the streets will be lined with spectators watching you complete your run! It costs \$25 to participate, each participant will receive a T-shirt and a race ornament commemorating the race! All proceeds will go towards the downtown holiday decoration fund! So, sign up to walk or sprint this Winter Sprinter and support your City while you're at it!

Once again, the Parks and Recreation Department would like to thank you all for your continued support and we wish you all the best and a wonderful Holiday season(s)! I look forward to seeing you at our next event, and to stay up to date follow us on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/canalfultonparksandrecreation/.

Greetings from the Zoning Dept.

John VanDenberg, Zoning Inspector

What is Zoning?

Greetings, everyone! This is your local Zoning Inspector sending a quick communicate your way!

Perhaps, if you are anything like I am, in your most idle moments, questions about the world pop up to which you never really had an answer. How do geese know which way south is? Why do stars twinkle? Why do we say “break a leg” when we mean “good luck”? Oh, and here is a good one: What the heck is Zoning anyway? Let's give it a shot!

Zoning laws are the regulations that dictate how land can be used within specific districts and jurisdictions. Essentially, they determine what types of activities—whether residential, commercial, industrial, or recreational—are permitted in different areas. These regulations play a crucial role in maintaining order and balance in neighborhoods by ensuring that homes, businesses, and public spaces are appropriately located. They also serve to protect property values, ease traffic congestion, and uphold public health, safety, and welfare standards.

The concept of zoning has ancient roots, with early examples seen in civilizations such as Rome. In the United States, modern zoning practices began to take shape with a resolution passed in 1916 in New York City. This resolution was a response to the rapid growth of skyscrapers and introduced specific requirements for buildings within designated districts to manage urban development effectively.

The pivotal moment for zoning in the United States came in 1926 with the Supreme Court case *Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.*, centered in Cleveland, Ohio. This landmark case upheld the constitutionality of zoning laws, affirming the practice of regulating land use through separate districts. This approach, now commonly known as Euclidean Zoning, continues to shape zoning practices both domestically and internationally. Its legacy guides communities in sustainable development practices and the preservation of a high quality of life for residents.

Canal Fulton's Twelve Days of Christmas 2024

1. Wreath making
2. Dec. 7th: Breakfast with Santa
3. Dec. 7th: Children's Ornament Making
(During Christmas on the Canal)
4. Dec. 7th: Gingerbread House/Mini Christmas Tree Contest
(During Christmas on the Canal)
5. Dec. 7th: Christmas Light Parade
6. Dec. 7th: Canal Fulton Christmas Tree Lighting
7. Dec. 8th: Parade of homes
8. Home and Business Decorating Contest
9. Dec. 15th: Schalmo Family YMCA Holiday Event
10. Community Gift Collection and Sorting
11. Community Gift Wrapping
12. Dec. 30th: Roller Skating Party, 6-8:00pm

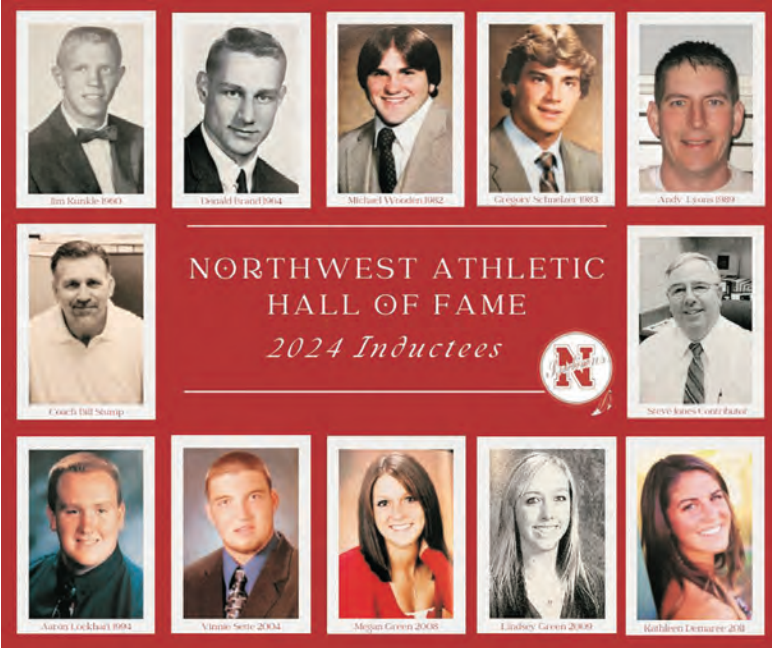
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CITY OF CANAL FULTON

NORTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

YOU'RE INVITED! SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2024

Bring the family and join in the celebration at Northwest High School. This annual event is a chance to bring together all generations to celebrate everything we love about Northwest and the great community we live in! This event will feature free inflatables, face painting, children's games, and dancing with the NHS dance team in the auxiliary gym.



Join us in Puffenberger Hall for a special Northwest version of Family Feud featuring a face-off between current teachers and retired teachers to match the answers of polled NHS Alumni.

Next up will be the induction of the 2024 Northwest Athletic Hall of Fame, also in Puffenberger Hall. Times and more details can be found on the flyer or you can follow this event on Facebook via Voice of Canal Fulton or Canal Fulton - Our Town & Community.

Northwest Alumni Weekend

ONE CELEBRATION...EVERY GENERATION
 Bringing together NHS Alumni, Teachers (past & present) and students to celebrate everything we love about Northwest and the great community we live in.



Friday September 13th, 2024 - Martin Smilek Stadium
Northwest VS Manchester- Kickoff 7PM

If you haven't been back in a while the stadium is a must see. The Friday night lights will take you back while you cheer on the NW Indians in their competitive conference game!

- 6:30PM - 7PM Pregame "meet and greet" on the sidelines to share memories.
- 2024 NHS Sports Hall of Fame class introduction at halftime.

Saturday September 14th, 2024 - Northwest High School

- 12PM - 2PM - The Commons (Cafeteria)
 - Catered Luncheon - reservations required (see ticket information below)
 - Let nostalgia set in by taking the time to "roam the halls" and visit with teachers.
- 2PM - Family Feud At Puffenberger Hall
 - NHS Alumni teachers face off in a special NHS version of Family Feud
 - They will compete to match the survey answers from former students
 - NWWSA will conduct the survey prior to the event.
 - email NorthwestAlumniOH@gmail.com to participate in the survey.
- 3PM - Induction Ceremony At Puffenberger Hall
 - Join us in celebrating the Class of 2024 NHS Sports Hall of Fame Inductees
- Bring the kiddos to enjoy the free inflatables, games, face painting and more!
- Tickets - Advance sale deadline September 2nd
 - Catered Luncheon \$25 per person (includes Family Feud & Induction Ceremony event)
 - Induction Ceremony and/or Family Feud \$10 per person online and \$15 at the door. (Kids are Free)
 - Email NorthwestAlumniOH@gmail.com for ticket purchase information

Saturday Evening, September 14th, 2024 - meet up for the "After Party"

- Join us at the many Canal Fulton establishments to gather for food, drinks & socializing

SPECIAL INVITATION: Classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009, 2014, 2019
 This is a unique opportunity to piggyback your milestone class reunion with the already planned weekend activities.



For More Information, or to Volunteer
 Contact Tammy Shiplett
 330-417-6247
 NorthwestAlumniOH@gmail.com

Tell your friends, invite them to join, and let's have some fun!

CANAL FULTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Mayor's Cup

Friday, Sept 13th
 LYON'S DEN GOLF COURSE
8:00 a.m. SHOTGUN START

4 PERSON SCRAMBLE
 18 holes & cart, lunch, 2 drink tickets
 8 \$50 proximity prizes
 1st, 2nd and 3rd place team winners - \$250, \$200, \$150
 SPACE IS LIMITED -
Hole Sponsorship \$125
Proximity Sponsorship \$50
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : CANAL FULTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Grand Prize \$250

\$75 PER PERSON

Call: JOE SCHULTZ 330-949-3520 OR canal Fultonchamber.wildapricot.org

Join these classes celebrating their milestone Class Reunion

All classes are invited to come and participate in the Northwest Alumni Weekend festivities with a special emphasis on the classes celebrating their "milestone years". We are so proud to have the following classes piggybacking their reunion with the Northwest Alumni Weekend events and following with an "After Party" celebration at the following locations all in our local restaurants and bars. Email NorthwestAlumniOH@gmail.com for information on how you can make a reservation to join these classes. **Reservations are required so that the restaurants can be properly prepared.**

Piggybacking their reunion with Alumni Weekend - Sept 13 & 14

- Class of 1964 - 60 year reunion - Canal Grille- Sat 9/14
- Class of 1969 - 55 year reunion - Bocca Grande Restaurant- Sat 9/14
- Class of 1979 - 45 year reunion - Cast Iron Bar & Grill- Sat 9/14
- Class of 1984 - 40 year reunion - Cast Iron Bar & Grill- Sat 9/14
- Class of 1989 - 35 year reunion - Canal Boat Lounge - Fri 9/13
- Class of 2004 - 20 year reunion - Canal Boat Lounge - Sat 9/14
- Class of 2009 - 15 year reunion - Paolino's Sports Pub & Grub- Sat 9/14

also other "all class" events . . .

- Swiss Steak Dinner (9/14 4-6 pm)- \$ 15.00 reservation required
 Northwest Stark Senior Center - 853 Locust St, Canal Fulton
 swiss steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce & pie
- 8th Annual Northwest Alumni Picnic
 hosted by Bob Schilling ('80) - 1854 W Nimisila Rd, Clinton
 Pot Luck, BYOB, bring chair, Karaoke, 50/50

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP/CANAL FULTON



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Shawn Yerian
330-854-2456

As the Fire Chief, I ensure our community receives the best Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services possible. Fortunately, I work with a team of devoted firefighters and support staff committed to delivering exceptional service to our community. The key to success is fostering solid partnerships with our community and professional peers and approaching problems with a solution-oriented mindset. I feel proud of our team and their daily efforts to provide our community with the highest quality of services.

My vision for the future includes continual growth and alignment of services to businesses, residents, and visitors in Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township, as well as enhancing our readiness to respond to emergencies in this growing community.

Managing change is one of the most significant challenges that every organization faces. In our community, the fire service dynamics changed with the end of the volunteer model in the early 2000s. In recent years, we have been dealing with a shortage of part-time firefighters and high turnover while the number of career departments hiring full-time firefighters is rising. The longevity of part-time firefighters has now been reduced to months instead of years. Therefore, we will continue to monitor and explore opportunities to enhance our current staffing model. The officers and firefighters of the CFFD and LTFD are our organization's most valuable assets. I want to thank them for their professionalism and unwavering commitment at every level of service. I also appreciate their continued hard work, dedication to training, and vigilance in ensuring the safety of Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton residents.

If you have any questions or require further information about the services and programs we offer to the community, please do not hesitate to contact me.

SMOKE ALARMS

Make Them WORK For You!™

October 5th 2024
10 am - 2 pm

1165 Locust Street South
Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614
330-854-2456

You can meet our members, meet Sparky, take a tour of the station and explore the apparatus bay with all the emergency vehicles and equipment.

fpw.org



Canal Fulton & Lawrence Twp

Fire Department - Open House

Fire Prevention Week

In observation of Fire Prevention Week, the Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Fire Department will visit Northwest Local Schools and host fire safety activities, messages, and videos from Sun, Oct 6, 2024 - Sat, Oct 12, 2024. The Fire Department Open House will be on October 5, 2024, from 10AM to 2PM. Please check our Facebook Page, "Canal Fulton - Lawrence Township Fire Department," for additional details on this upcoming informational and exciting event!

DEPARTMENT COSTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Fire department trucks have been increasing in price yearly due to several factors, including inflation, new regulations, and supply chain issues. Some say that the price of a new fire truck could increase by 10-35%, while others estimate that trucks could cost up to \$100,000 more due to new emissions standards in 2026.

In 2011, the cost of firefighter protective clothing was approximately \$2,000 - \$2,500 per firefighter. Current 2024 costs are \$4,500-\$5,000, and it has to be replaced every 10 years.

Paramedic certification/education cost \$2,700 in 2004. Today, our members spend over \$6,000.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.CANALFULTONFIRE.COM

Our website focuses on providing department information and assisting with recruitment campaigns. Currently, fire departments across the country, especially in Ohio, are facing a shortage of part-time firefighters. In 2023, the Canal Fulton Fire Department was awarded a grant to help recruit new members. This grant covers the cost of our website and marketing materials.



Fire Department Services



How is the fire department staffed? We strive to staff four (4) part-time EMTs 24/7.

How many full-time members do you have? We only have one (1) full-time member responsible for fire inspections and administrative duties.

What services does the Fire Department provide? Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township operate an all-hazards emergency response fire department. The department's primary functions include fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials response, fire prevention, and education. Department members respond to significant events such as ice storms, snowstorms, major electrical outages, floods, and other emergencies in the community. Their involvement extends beyond emergency response to programs such as child passenger safety restraint installations, babysitting classes, smoke alarm installations, CPR and defibrillator training, and fire extinguisher training.

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



POLICE DEPT.

Chief Dave Brown
330-854-2096

This year a few of our officers received awards for their hard work and dedication to the Township. **Officer Chad Rohr** was voted by his peers as the 2023 Officer of the Year. Chad has been with the Township for 2 years and quickly became a well-rounded officer. He comes to work each day with a positive attitude and the desire to keep our community safe. **Officer Taylor Patterson** was given the 2023 Drug Officer of the Year. Officer Patterson had more than 30 drug cases, ranging from minor possession to cases where she found a suitcase full of multiple types of drugs and a firearm. There were not many weeks where she had some type of drug arrest. We added a drug dog to the department last year, who was assigned to Officer Patterson to help in the detection of illegal drugs. **Officer Scott Jones** was given the Chief's Award. Officer Jones spends many hours doing some administrative tasks in addition to his patrol work, which helps keep the department running smoothly. His willingness to help whenever possible was much appreciated by me and our other supervisors. Congratulations to these officers for a great 2023. I hope 2024 is as successful for all of you.



On the November ballot you will see a replacement levy for the Police Department. This levy is a continuous levy that was approved by the voters in 1990. The levy has remained the same since. The levy request will keep the millage the same but replace it with current valuations. The request by the Township to have this levy replaced is to help cover the costs of the Police Department. We currently run on 5 levies, 3 are continuous and 2 are 5-year levies. This is a 1.5 mill levy, which costs \$35 per \$100,000 of value a year. This is not a new levy or a new tax, but it will generate additional money.

I hope everyone had a great summer and we appreciate all the support our community has given us over the years.

ROAD DEPT.

Supt: Mark Sibila
330-854-3494



Where did summer go? It is hard to believe fall is here and winter will be along soon. Here are a few things to keep in mind during these fall and winter months.

MAILBOX SAVVY: In January 1999, Township Resolution 99-044 was passed acknowledging the Township would assume the responsibility of replacing only those mailboxes physically knocked down by the road crew during the snow removal process. The Township will not be responsible for mailboxes that are down due to the weight of the snow or deterioration. This is a good time to replace rotten and weak mailbox posts. Use good quality screws instead of nails when attaching the mailbox to the post.



LEAF PICKUP: There will be no leaf pickup in the Township this fall.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: There will be no Christmas tree pickup in the Township this winter.

BASKETBALL HOOPS: Please remove basketball hoops from the cul-de-sacs and roads during the winter months. If these are not removed, it will make it difficult to salt and plow effectively.

PLOWING: When the snow starts flying and bad weather arrives, please remember that we concentrate on plowing the main roads first and then we plow the allotments. Please have patience as we will be sure to get to you.

Medicare Beneficiaries

Important updates are coming.

There are current Market Conditions and passed legislation (Inflation Reduction Act of 2022) that may affect your Medicare Supplement rates starting 2024 and your Medicare Advantage or Part D prescription drug plans in 2025.



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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.

SEPTEMBER	3 (TUESDAY) & 16
OCTOBER	7 & 21
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Trustee Talk: From Trustee Sean Roseman

I hope the year has treated everyone well, and I can't believe we are on the downhill side of 2024. There has been so much accomplished in the Township this year.

TOWNSHIP PARK

One of the major accomplishments this year is to the Lawrence Township Park. The completion of the restrooms, pickleball courts, basketball court and concession stand were wonderful additions to our park. The Township applied for and received a grant to install lighting for both courts, and we are anticipating this project to be completed by the end of this year or the first quarter of next year, 2025. (All good stuff!)

NOVEMBER LEVY

Now, let's talk about the necessary evil that none of us like, tax levies. You will see a new levy on the ballot in November for the Road Department. Even though it will be listed as a new levy, this is a levy that three years ago was overlooked and not placed on the ballot. The Road Department lost the funding from that levy, so your taxes went down by the amount of this levy. It was the major portion for the Township for road maintenance used for ditching projects, snow plowing and ice control. Several cuts have been made since the loss of the funds such as road stripping, road resurfacing, fall leaf pickup and Christmas tree pickup. This year was the first time in three years that any road surfacing has been completed. The Township was only able to complete 1/3 of its road resurfacing project compared to what it has previously done in past years due to the failed levy. So please, remember to vote on November 5th. If you have any questions about the road levy or any other concerns, please feel free to call me at 330-353-4349 or send me an e-mail at roseman@lawrencetwp-oh.org.



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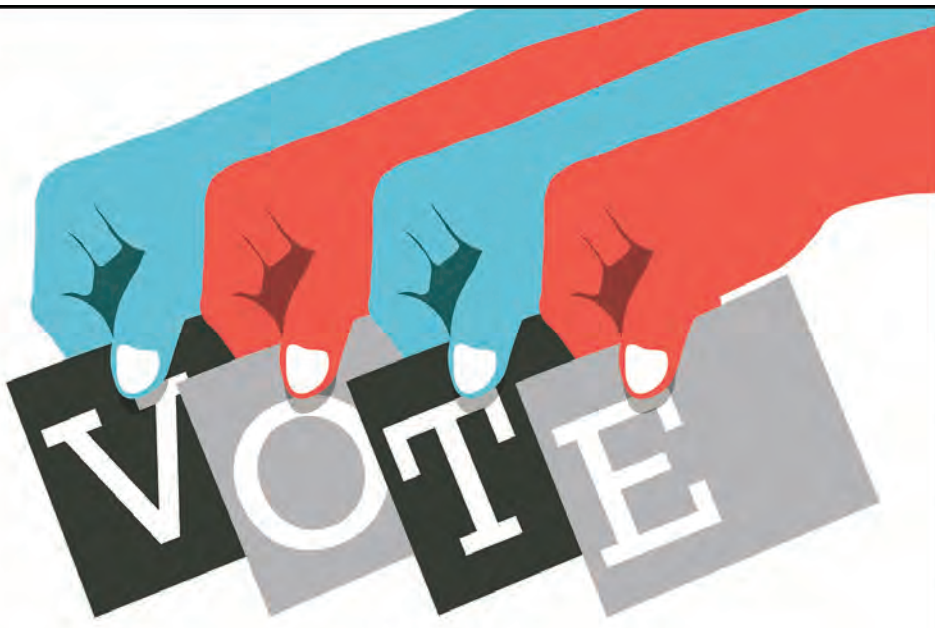
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Don't Forget to Vote!

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 is election day.

Lawrence Township has a 1.75 mill additional levy for the Road Dept. and a 1.50 mill replacement of a continuing levy for the Police Dept. on the ballot.



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ZONING DEPT.

**Zoning Inspector
Frank Melito**
330-854-7118

Carefully Select Contractors for Home Projects

TIPS FROM THE BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU:

- Ask for references and check them out.
- If possible, gather references from past customers for quality checks on work and to verify current employees' capabilities.
- If possible, work with local businesses that have proper identification, licensing and insurance.
- Always get a written contract with the price, materials and timeline. The more detail, the better.
- Confirm that your potential contractor will get related permits, and make sure you know who is responsible for what (Stark County Health Department permits, Lawrence Township Zoning permits, Stark County Building permits).
- Say no to cash-only deals, high-pressure sales tactics, high upfront payments, handshake deals without a contract, and on-site inspections.
- Use caution when hiring a home improvement contractor especially following a major storm, flood, or weather event when many homeowners are trying to repair their homes.

For more information visit the Better Business Bureau home improvement HQ at www.bbb.org/homeimprovements for tips to make your next project a success.

**Note: You can also use our BBB for getting ratings for many other categories of businesses. Go to www.bbb.org and select your area (Canton, Massillon, Akron) and scroll to bottom of page until you see the list of 'Popular Categories'.*

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

**Trick or Treat
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Joan Porter, Congratulations on Your Retirement

By Trustee Doug Swartz

I would like to take this time to celebrate a very special person who many of you may not have seen or known much about, but who has contributed immensely to our communities for over three decades. Joan Porter has announced her retirement as a freelance journalist for the Canton Repository and the Massillon Independent after over 40 years of outstanding journalism.

Joan has kept our communities informed with up-to-date news by attending literally thousands of community meetings in Lawrence Township, Canal Fulton, and our local Northwest School Board, which we have read about in the paper. Her dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and I felt compelled to finally put her in the spotlight.

One of the things that I admired most about Joan was her attention to detail. On numerous occasions, I would attend the same meetings and then read her articles the next day, learning something new that I hadn't picked up on during the meeting. Her handwritten notetaking and reporting style have been truly amazing to so many, and I consider her a pillar of local journalism.

A little about Joan: her journey into journalism was somewhat unconventional. "I have a degree in secondary education with majors in both English and German," Joan told me in a telephone interview. "After a year of teaching, I realized I wasn't cut out for it." Her path took a turn when she began attending trustee meetings in Michigan and writing letters to the editor of the Adrian Telegram. Apparently, these letters showcased her sharp writing skills, leading to an unexpected offer to become a full-time journalist. Joan then moved to the Stark County area where she "took out my poison pen and began writing letters to the editor once again." I found it fascinating that she has never applied anywhere or taken formal training to be a journalist. Her strength in written communication, honed during her high school and college years, has

shone through in her letters and led to gainful employment. Joan was soon writing in Stark County, first for the Signal and the Canal Courier, and later for the Suburbanite, Akron Beacon Journal, Massillon Independent, and Canton Repository.

Through my personal experience, Joan's approach to journalism has always been grounded in integrity and objectivity, and I don't think I am alone in that respect. Mike McNeely, former Canal Fulton Police Chief, praised her, saying, "Joan Porter is an honest and ethical journalist who served our Canal Fulton and Lawrence communities for many years. As a newly appointed police chief in the early 90s, I sincerely appreciated her approach to reporting the news."

The current Mayor of Canal Fulton, Joseph Schultz, echoed these sentiments: "Joan Porter always showed up to work to keep our community well informed about what their local government was doing in the most objective and ethical manner. She is a true journalist. She will be greatly missed by members of our government and residents of our community."

I enjoyed her walking me through her career and the significant changes she recounted in the journalism industry. From typing her copy on a manual typewriter to navigating the complexities of the CRT (Cathode-Ray Tube) Terminal typewriter, she has adapted and thrived over the many changes. I am going to be honest; I am not sure I even know what a CRT is—probably equivalent to what the rotary phone is today to our younger audience.

Online digital content is especially interesting to her. "People get their news from Facebook, and it's not always a reliable source," she told me. She is concerned that the poster often colors their content with their own opinions. That is something she took pride in during her career—her objectivity. So much so, that she took painstaking steps not to engage with local officials that she admired in her career so that she

could remain objective in her reporting.

News aggregators were a source of frustration for her as technology advanced. "They often lifted stories and published them without compensating for the content." In her mind, this was theft of intellectual property.

Yet, despite these frustrations, Joan seemed to have a positive outlook on the future of journalism and sees the potential in new technologies, although she remains cautious about the introduction of AI into journalism.

What she enjoyed most was learning something new every day as well as doing some featured stories on people. Government stories were always "cut and dry," she told me. "However, when doing a feature on a person you have much more latitude in what you can write." She really enjoyed promoting good people, and in return, we hope to do the same here with this article for her.

Lastly, Joan seemed proud to talk about her wonderful husband and children, details that she kept from people to help her maintain her impartiality during her career. She and her husband Norm have two wonderful kids. Jim is living in Los Angeles and works as a software engineer. She was proud to report that he makes 3D-printed rockets that help put satellites in space. Katy owns and operates Kitchen Bakery, a farm-to-table artisan bakery in Marysville, Ohio. Take a look at their bakery items on their website at www.kitschenbakery.com.

Joan, thank you for the interview and the many years of unwavering commitment to objective reporting you have provided to our community. It goes without saying, you will be sorely missed, and our community is at a great loss upon your retirement. This is the unanimous consensus of the administrative staff at Lawrence Township Hall.



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WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Nov. 5th there will be a 1.75 mil road levy on the ballot for Lawrence Township residents.



This will cost homeowners \$61 per year per \$100,000 of property tax valuation.

The proceeds from this levy can only be used exclusively by the road department for materials and labor used on township roadways.

WHY DO WE NEED THIS MONEY?

57 MILES OF ROADWAY RELIES SOLELY ON THE TOWNSHIP FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- Township roads are chip seal which require regular repair and resurfacing.
- Prior to resurfacing, pot holes and berms need to be repaired so the final product is a smooth road.
- Winter in Ohio requires us to be prepared for snow and ice and have adequate staffing to respond during storms.
- Prices have increased substantially and our ongoing budget does not allow us to perform the repairs and other services outlined here.
- Forgoing maintenance and staffing cuts will hurt our township and cost more in the long run.

WHAT IS CHIP SEAL AND WHY DO WE NEED IT?

Chip sealing is a widely-used preventative maintenance treatment that extends the need to perform a traditional asphalt resurfacing by five to seven years. Chip seal also reduces the need to seal cracks and provides more skid resistance.

WHY WE CHIP SEAL

- **PAVEMENT CONDITIONS:** Chip seals are done while roads are in adequate conditions, before oxidation causes more extensive breakage and pot holes.
- **COST SAVINGS:** Chip seals cost one-fourth to one-fifth the cost of asphalt resurfacing.
- **PAVEMENT LIFESPAN:** Chip seals extend pavement life by five to seven years before a full resurfacing.
- **REDUCED MAINTENANCE:** Chip sealed roads typically do not need crack sealed.
- **SAFETY:** Chip seals provide good skid resistance.

WHAT DOES THIS PAY FOR?

- Road Maintenance – patching, paving and resurfacing roads
- Snow & ice removal
- Tree removal – roadways, sightline obstructions, along roadways
- Road culvert and catch basin cleanouts, repair and replacement
- Mowing roadsides
- Ditching and berming to keep the water flowing off the roadway
- Mosquito control through spraying
- Vehicle maintenance
- Road signs

DOLLARS AND SENSE

- Our current cost to resurface with chip seal is \$30,395.22 per mile!
- We need to do 10-12 miles per year to maintain the life of our roads. That is \$364,742.64 in resurfacing alone!
- Even with modest cuts to services our current budget allows for approximately half that amount.
- This will result in deteriorating roads which will require more repairs which will cost more in the long run and require further cuts to other services.
- Each plow route in the winter takes 5 hours, approx. 3 to salt only. Further cuts would significantly increase this time and risk to peoples' health and property.
- If you are unsure or want more information on why we need this levy, our budget, or services provided, I strongly encourage you to reach out to myself (Keith) or the township office. We care about our township and we want you to be well informed on Nov. 5th!

WHY IS THIS A “NEW” LEVY?

Prior to 2022 our road district was funded by two tax levies, one of which expired. Because it expired, a “new” levy must be passed to replace the one that expired in 2021.

The road district lost \$348,000 /year in 2022, 2023, and 2024 based on a 1.4 mil replacement levy.

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