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VILLAGE OF CLINTON

A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel



We are, once again, entering the winter season. They are predicting a colder winter than last year. I hope that your house is insulated and cars are topped with fresh anti-freeze and good winter tires. Before we get there, we have the fall weather and a fresh new road. I say this because with the good weather that is left, there is still the propensity to speed, especially on a new paved road.

Our speed limits are still only 35MPH in the village and 25 in the downtown area. We have a request to our police for patrolling our roads and running radar. This is for your safety and that of our work forces. If you see our street superintendent out working on the road or someones driveway, please use extra caution and slow down.

Another area to watch for is our towpath crossings. We have two in the village and sometimes motorists are kind enough to stop and let them pass. They do not have the right of way, but this is a nice courtesy that some do. There are also cyclists on the road. For slower moving bicycles, please give them the 3 foot of clearance to pass. For those on motorcycles, please keep an eye out for them, especially at intersections. The fall days gives these groups an extra incentive to get out before the harsh winter starts.

Stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holidays.

The Village of Clinton Needs You

Due to unfortunate events, the Village of Clinton will start the New Year, January 1, 2026, with two empty Council seats. According to the Ohio Revised Code four sitting members of Council does create a quorum. However, it makes the order of business very difficult. Having only four members to start the year, doesn't allow for the formation of committees. There is a question of ethics in electing a President of Council, without a full six member Council having the opportunity to nominate and vote on that election. Also, having only four members on Council, eliminates the ability to conduct a meeting should one member be unable to attend a meeting. There is no room for absences of any kind.



Also, according to the Ohio Revised Code, the sitting Council has 30 days to appoint interested residents to fill those vacant seats. Ask yourself, how long you want the Village to go without a fully functioning Council. Please consider stepping up to the challenge. Contact current and past council members with any questions or concerns about serving the community in this capacity.

Please send your letter of interest, towards the end of December and beginning of January, to Administrative Assistant: Sue Mayberry, admin@clintonoh.gov or traditional mail, Sue Mayberry: Admin, Assistant, 7871 Main Street, Clinton, OH 44216. This will give the Village Council plenty of time to review letters and set up open interviews before the 30 day deadline.

Clinton Community Action Group Submitted by Tabi Barbu

Hello everyone! I sit on the Clinton Community Action Group (CCAG) board as secretary. During our recent major power outage, some concerns came up that I would like to address.

We have a wide age-range of folks living in our little village. Some, who may require electricity for life saving/life sustaining equipment. Due to HIPAA laws, we cannot require anyone to register with the Fire Department or the CCAG. However, I strongly ask that you do. As a member of the CCAG, in the event of another long power outage, I feel it's important to check on these folks; to make sure they are ok and they have what they need. I am working directly with Wayne Conroy, our fire chief, to create this list. The goal is to ensure the well-being and safety of each of our residents, especially those who are directly affected in a power outage. If you wish to register on this list, you may

contact the Fire Department on their non-

emergency number (330) 882-4828 or email the CCAG at CCAGHELP@gmail.com.

The second concern, which was briefly brought up in a village council meeting, was a standard procedure during a power outage. It is my understanding that a generator was purchased for the town hall for a situation such as this. It was unclear what the procedure should be, the chain of contact, what the town hall can provide in an emergency, etc. I strongly recommend to every resident – reach out to your council and push to have a solid procedure created, implemented and distributed for future emergencies.

During this outage, I saw a lot of people in our community offer assistance with water and power to those who needed it. These acts of selflessness and love are the building blocks of our community. I have seen time and again, people reach out for help and that call is answered by friends, neighbors, residents. Let's keep that going, everyone.



TRICK OR TREAT WILL BE OBSERVED FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. ON, FRIDAY, 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 and New Franklin Police Department will be driving through the Village during those hours.

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A MESSAGE FROM Fire Chief Wayne Conroy

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Ohio state burn ban is in effect October & November 2025 from 6 AM to 6 PM. This burn ban means to minimize wildland fires during periods of dry, windy conditions. For more information, please visit: codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-1503.18.

The Firefighters Association will be handing out popcorn for the Village's Trick or Treat, at Fire Station 1. Please don't be alarmed seeing fire trucks driving around with emergency lights on as we do this in an attempt to control traffic thru the village.

Time change occurs 11-9-25 at 2AM, as always when you change your clocks (back), check the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Not all smoke detectors are carbon monoxide detectors. Please make sure you have a carbon monoxide detector in your residence, typically you want to place these in the hallway, close to sleeping areas.

If you have a wood burning fireplace and plan to utilize it this season, please have it inspected by a professional. They will make sure the fireplaces are intact and in undamaged working order. They will also check the creosote buildup level, to make sure fireplace is safe to operate.

We would like to wish everyone happy and safe holidays!

Christmas at the Harter House

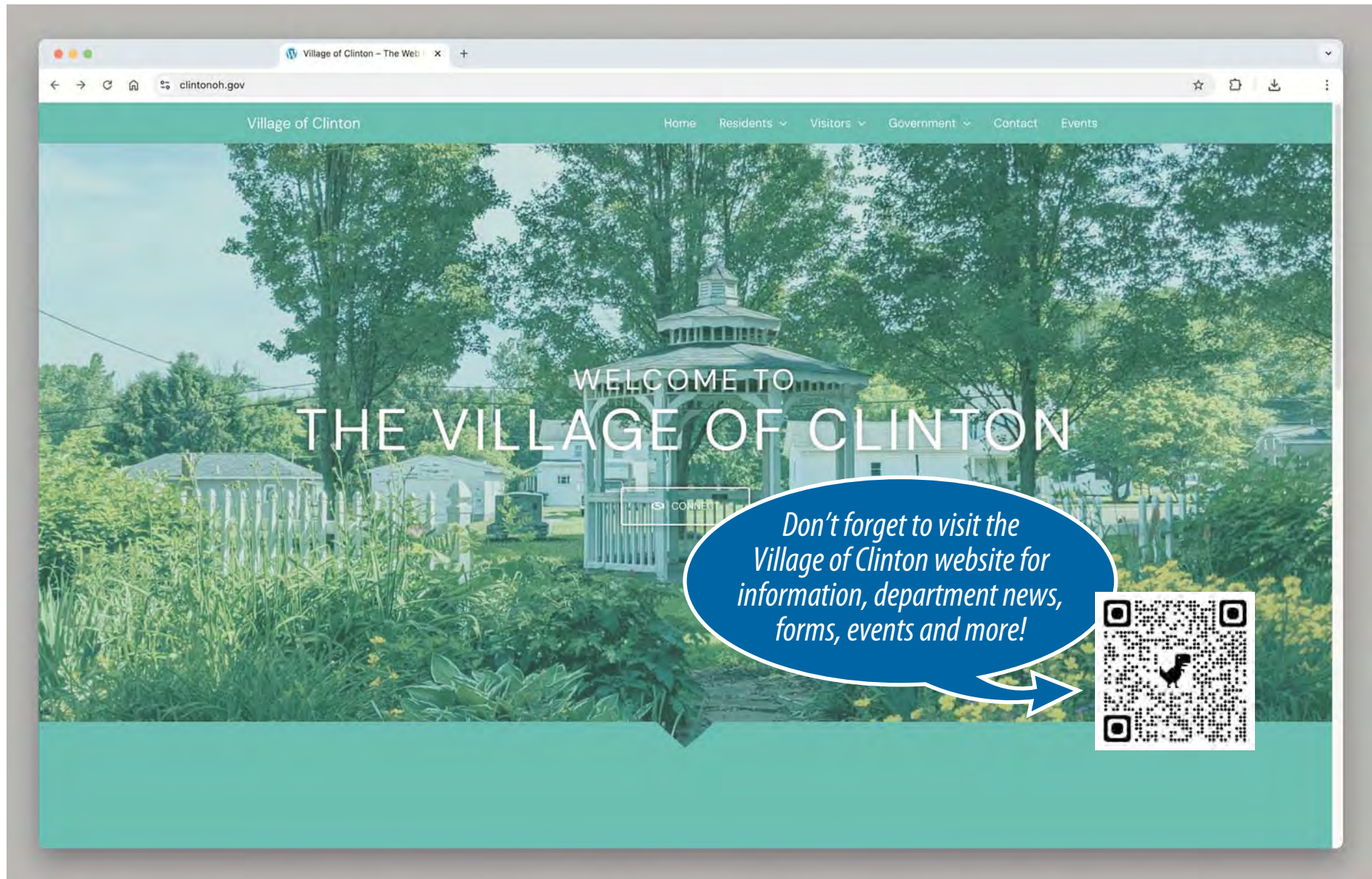
Diane Gunter and the Historical Society, will be hosting the 4th Annual Christmas Open House on Sunday, December 14, from 2-4. As she did last year, Diane is asking for volunteers to sponsor a room. This is a great opportunity to contribute and create a beautiful, vintage Christmas design. Contact Diane 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 23th.

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 Watch Out. Santa Claus is Coming to Town

On Sunday, December 7, 2024, Santa will ride through the Village in a Clinton Fire Truck, arriving at Village Hall at 2:00 p.m. 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.



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New and Current Residents - We're Excited You're Here!

Whether you are brand new to Canal Fulton or have called it home for years, we're here to help you stay connected and make the most of everything our city has to offer. Getting you the right information, right when you need it, is one of our top priorities. Our website www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov is your go-to hub for event calendars, city services, and more, and it's updated regularly to keep you in the know.

Stay Prepared

Stay informed with Canal Fulton's WENS (Wireless Emergency Notification System). WENS delivers important updates straight to your phone or email from weather alerts and road closures to community news and event reminders. Signing up is quick, free, and the best way to make sure you never miss critical information from the city. Find this under on our website under Services -City of Canal Fulton Alerts.

Stay Connected

There's always something happening in Canal Fulton! From Chamber of Commerce gatherings and Historic Downtown Business Association events to Canal Days and celebrations hosted by our many city organizations, our community calendar is always full. No matter the season, you'll find fun, family-friendly events that bring our city together.



City Hall

City Hall, located at 155 Market Street, is the hub of Canal Fulton's local government. Here you'll find zoning services, water and sewer billing, as well as offices for the Mayor, City Manager, City Finance Director, Economic Development, and the Chamber of Commerce. City Council information and assistance are also available. We're open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and we're here to help with your city needs.

Utilities, Tax, Trash, Parks, Electric and Gas

City Utilities include - **water and sewer**. If you are a new resident, please fill out our new resident form. After your first bill you can pay online at <https://cfutilities.authoritypay.com/>
Great News! We have officially partnered with **RITA** for our city income tax. Trash- **REPUBLIC SERVICES** is our trash provider. Trash pickup is Wednesday. Recycling pickup varies depending on location. Aggregate Program available Park rentals are available on our city website. Please make sure you check the availability on our calendar first.
For **Electric and Gas Aggregate program** information visit- cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov

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Council meetings are open to the public every first and third Tuesday of the Month. Located at 1165 Locust Street, Canal Fulton, OH 44614

330-854-2225

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

In my last article, I highlighted all of the employees in the city and the important jobs they do. I discussed how great of a team we have built over the past few years, and how well everyone works together to reach one common goal: doing what is best for the City of Canal Fulton. However, when you hire wonderful people, you have to expect that they will be poached by other communities. Because Canal Fulton is a small city, we cannot offer the high salaries and benefits that other cities can. Our Fire Department's motto is "Start here, go anywhere." Sadly, that is a reality for other departments of our city, as we offer the opportunity for people to build their resumes and gain experience before they move on to bigger (but not always better) things. And we are currently living in that reality in our Parks Department. Chris Bundy, who served as our Parks and Rec Director for the past 3 years, recently accepted a job in the City of Ravenna. It is much closer to home for Chris, allowing him to spend more time with his family. Chris was an important asset to our city, helping to run many events in the city, including the Daddy-Daughter Dance, Mother-Son Fun Night, Easter Egg Hunt, and Halloween. He also became a certified pickleball instructor, and began holding training courses. Chris will be missed.

In addition to Chris, we have lost Landen Ferree, our parks maintenance employee. Landen spent the past 3 years helping keep our properties mowed, and worked with Chris to enhance our parks. Landen also helped with snow removal in the winter, and was one of the brains behind the Great Pumpkin that is displayed in the square every Halloween. We are all sad to see Landen go, but he is also off to bigger things.

Because of these losses, we are now in a state of transition within the Parks Department. Due to some budgetary issues, we will no longer have a full-time Parks Director. By the time you are receiving this newsletter, I hope to have hired a part time person to run all of our events, and maybe add a few more throughout the year. Because of the timing of these moves, we will unfortunately not be holding our Haunted Canal Boat Rides this October. We also will not have pickleball classes for the time being. It will now become a team effort from many departments to make sure the mowing and snow plowing are done. While it will be stressful to adapt to this new setup, and there may be some hiccups along the way, I am confident in the staff we have to make sure Canal Fulton remains one of the best places to live.



Economic Development Highlights Alyssa Bettis Economic Development Director

Local Business Spotlight

There's exciting momentum happening in Historic Downtown Canal Fulton, and we are thrilled to shine a spotlight on some of the newest additions to our business community.

First, let's give a warm welcome to **Luisa's Natural Goods** – your one-stop shop for all things non-toxic, organic, and natural! From men's and women's products to essentials for kids, babies, and even pets, Luisa's brings a fresh and healthy option for shoppers who care about what goes in and on their bodies.

We also want to extend a big welcome to **Thomas & Co. Photography**, a creative and professional studio now calling Downtown Canal Fulton home.

In addition, we are excited about **The Exchange**, a new venture bringing fresh energy and ideas to the historic district. Alongside The Warehouse on the Canal, both businesses have shown incredible passion and dedication to our community. The vision of their owners is helping shape Downtown Canal Fulton into a destination for both residents and visitors.

It is important to welcome these businesses with open arms, as their success helps everyone in our community. New shops, services, and creative spaces strengthen our local economy, create opportunities, and enhance the charm of our historic downtown. The City of Canal Fulton is proud to support all of our businesses new and established as we grow together.

Annual Day of Caring: A Community Effort

Canal Fulton came together once again for our annual Day of Caring, a tradition that highlights the power of teamwork, volunteerism, and community pride. This year's focus was on improving and refreshing several of our city buildings and public spaces, including the Safety Center, Senior Center, and City Hall.

Volunteers worked hard to update the landscaping around these key sites with a fresh, low-maintenance aesthetic designed to look beautiful year-round. Our community also made important improvements to recreational spaces, including mulching the playgrounds to ensure they are safe and inviting for families, and painting the boardwalk to preserve one of our city's most beloved features. These improvements not only enhance the appearance of our community but also create welcoming spaces that residents and visitors can enjoy for years to come.

This day would not have been possible without the dedication and support of so many. A heartfelt thank you goes out to: Northwest High School Seniors and Teachers, Mayor Schultz and the City Hall Staff, Canal Fulton Street Department, Canal Fulton Utilities Department, Canal Fulton Parks and Recreation Department, Greg Dakters, The Lady Bug Garden Center.

If you are interested in volunteering for DAY OF CARING 2026 email Dan Bucher at citymgr@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov or Alyssa Bettis at clerk@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED ON PAGE 5



FROM THE DESK OF **MAYOR JOSEPH SCHULTZ**

What is most important to you? I'm sure almost everyone has a different answer to that question. As a teacher and coach for over thirty years, I always encourage kids to prioritize God, family, school and sports. Now, as your mayor I encourage our city employees to prioritize God, family, career/work and rest. One activity I did with my Career Based Intervention students was to take six index cards and write one of these six interests-priorities on each card. Career, Education, Faith, Family, Friends and Fun. Kids were asked to write likes, dislikes, and goals for each topic. Then they were asked to come forward and presents their cards in order of importance with the most important at the center followed by the remaining five in order. This was a great way for me to get to know my students and find out what was the most important thing in their lives.

We as the city tried to do something similar in the past with a community survey. For whatever reason we received very little feedback. Which is fine, because I understand that you are very busy and answering the survey probably got lost in your list of more important things to do. You elected me and council members to prioritize and provide five crucial services to our city. You may believe one of them is more important than the others, but when of them is lost we all become aware of how important they are. These five services in alphabetical order.

FIRE-POLICE-SEWER-STREETS-WATER

Every day when we wake up or go to bed (Praise God), we should have confidence that if we need to call 911 someone from Police or Fire Department will show up ASAP to help. If we turn on the spigot or flush the toilet safe water will come out or unhealthy waste will disappear. If you get into your car city streets will be safe and drivable. These are the five things that keep me up at night and consume my thoughts during the day. To that end, I prioritize reliable people and money.

Therefore, I hope to elaborate on both as they relate to the five services. The Fire Department just hired Isabela Soto as full time Paramedic/EMT. Her hire was made possible because of your support of Issue #4 last year. Thank you. Soon we will put a new \$1.500,000 ladder truck into service

in our community as the result of Chief Shawn Yerian (and his staff) securing over \$900,000 in grant funding and budgeting from the city and Lawrence Township to split the remaining costs. Under the leadership of Chief Sara Wilson (and her staff) the Police Department just hired Brittany Brown to give us full staffing for the first time in years. Chief Wilson also secured a \$42,000 grant to purchase new body cameras for our officers. Moreover, the city and safety forces are in the process of IT conversions to install correct servers and firewall protections. The annual cost for this upgrade is \$72,000, which is an increase from our previous \$10,000 annual expense. Ouch! On the water and sewer front, Utilities Superintendent Geoff Marchand (and his staff), Service Director Gary Hosking and City Manager Dan Bucher Jr. are budgeting and in the process of planning and preforming numerous projects. Bringing the new west side water tower online and connecting existing and new customers. Upgrading the ventilation system at the sewer plant on Butterbridge. Overseeing a \$440,000 repair project on the east side water tower. Continuing to develop a new water well at the water treatment plant. Furthermore, the \$1,800,000 Locust Street project will include waterline abandonment and replace of some aging pipe, installing curb and gutters for storm water management, connect city sidewalks from Circle K to Minit Mart Plaza on the south side of the street and repaving the same portion of Locust Street next spring. Finally, under the direction of Street Superintendent Dave Ferrebee (and his staff), Economic Development Director Alyssa Bettis and City Manager Dan Bucher Jr. we have secured a 46% grant to repave Elm Ridge Street with a concrete overlay and asphalt milling and filling. The total cost estimate for that project is \$360,000. Hopefully, the project can be completed yet this year. I want to thank Tim & Krista Gesaman from USA Precast and ASI for connecting the city with Fred Vogel from ODOT and Helene Papczun from Stark Economic Development.

Reliable people and money. Of course, that starts with our Finance Director Traci Meredith who follows the blueprint of planning, budgeting and paying for the priority services you our tax paying citizens, businesses and employees provide to us.

I pray daily for the safety and salvation of everyone who lives in, works in, or visits the City of Canal Fulton. And I give all the glory and praise to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

HDCF Presents

CANAL-O-WEEN

OCTOBER 11, 2025
HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CANAL FULTON

Attention Vendors & Parade Participants

7TH ANNUAL
HATFIELD
Fall Festival
4-7PM

Halloween Parade
7PM

Scan for More!

Gather for a Spooky Procession down Canal Street from the YMCA through Historic Downtown Canal Fulton

Canal Fulton's Twelve Days of Christmas 2025

1. Business Decorating Contest
2. Dec. 6th: Breakfast with Santa
3. Dec. 6th: Ornament Making
4. Dec. 6th: Gingerbread House/Mini Christmas Tree Contest
5. Dec. 6th: Winter Sprinter on the Canal
6. Dec. 6th: Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
7. Dec. 7th: Parade of homes
8. Dec. 13th: Luke 19 Gift Sorting
9. Dec. 14th: Luke 19 Gift Wrapping
10. Dec. 14th: Schalmo Family YMCA Holiday Event
11. Dec. 29th: Roller Skating & Pizza Party
12. Dec. 30th: Community Gala at SAM Center

For More Details Follow the QR Code

Economic Development Highlights cont'd

Grand Opening of Canal Creative

Join us in celebrating the Grand Opening of Canal Creative on Friday, October 4th at 311 High Street, Canal Fulton

A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 12:00 p.m., featuring a welcome message from Mayor Joseph Schultz. There will be refreshments and guided tours.



A Note from the Parks & Recreation Director

As many of you may know, I will be stepping down from my role as Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Canal Fulton. Serving this community has been one of the greatest honors of my career, and I am truly grateful

for the opportunity to work alongside such dedicated employees, volunteers, and residents.

Together, we've improved the parks, programs, and events that brought people together and strengthened our community. Those memories are what I will carry with me the most.

While it's bittersweet to say goodbye, I have no doubt that the City of Canal Fulton Parks and Recreation Department will continue to thrive and grow in the years ahead. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community, as it's a time I will always cherish.

With gratitude,
Chris Bundy

Supporting Canal Fulton Businesses

Are you interested in starting a business in Canal Fulton, expanding your current one, or exploring ways to get more involved in the community? I'm here to help.

As the City's Economic Development Director, I work directly with business owners and entrepreneurs to connect them with resources, including:

- Guidance for starting or fostering your local business
- Sponsorship opportunities
- Grant and loan programs
- Support for any other business-related needs

I am committed to fostering growth, collaboration, and long-term success for all of Canal Fulton's businesses.

For inquiries, please contact me, Alyssa Bettis, at: clerk@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov

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Alerts will originate from 69310 for text messages, 330-854-2225 for voice notifications, and alert@cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov for email. Please be sure to save these in your phone and/or address book.

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Canal Fulton Public Library Fall and Winter Programs

All programs (Children's, Teen, and Adult) require registration in advance.

Please call the library at (330) 854-4148 to register.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, October 2nd-30th | 10-10:20 a.m.
- Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 Every Wednesday, October 1st-29th | 11-11:30 a.m.
- Jelly Bean Taste Test Challenge Grades K-5 | Thursday, October 2nd | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Pawject Runway Families | Tuesday, October 7th | 5:45-7 p.m. | St. Helena Amphitheater
- Fall Perler Beads Grades K-5 | Thursday, October 9th | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Kids Pokemon Club Grades K-5 | Thursday, October 16th | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Pumpkin Faces Grades K-5 | Thursday, October 23rd | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Family Art Night: Halloween Edition Families with children ages 3-12 Friday, October 24th | 5-6 p.m.
- Family Story Night: Monster Masquerade Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, October 29th 6-7 p.m.
- Trick or Treat Escape Room Grades K-5 | Thursday, October 30th | 6-6:45 p.m.

NOVEMBER:

- Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, November 4th-20th 10-10:20 a.m.
- Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, November 5th -19th | 11-11:30 a.m.
- No Bake Fall Desserts Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, November 4th | 6-7 p.m.
- Family Game Night Grades K-5 | Thursday, November 6th | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Lego Free Play Grades K-5 | Thursday, November 13th | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Family Story Night: Fairytale Feast Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, November 19th | 6-7 p.m.
- Cricut & Crafts: Thanksgiving Boxes Grades K-5 | Thursday, November 20th | 6-6:45 p.m.
- Multicultural Art Night All ages | Friday, November 21st | 5-6 p.m.

DECEMBER:

- Family Art Night: Christmas Movie Edition Families with children ages 3-12 Friday, December 12th | 5-6:30 p.m.

ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS

OCTOBER:

- Teens DIY Haunted Doll Houses Grades 6-12 | Wednesday, October 1st | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Raspberry Jam Monday, October 6th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Teen Anime Club Grades 6-12 | Monday, October 6th | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Asian Culture Club Monday, October 6th | 6:40-7:30 p.m.
- Is it a Scam? Tuesday, October 7th | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Teen Drop-In Day Friday, October 10th | 12-4 p.m.
- Fall Cricut Wear Tuesday, October 14th | 6-7:30 p.m.
- Ohio Means Jobs (Information Department) Thursday, October 16th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Teen Nerf Night Friday, October 17th | 5-6:30 p.m. (after hours program)
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, October 21st | 6-7 p.m.
- Teen Pizza and Game Night Grades 6-12 | Wednesday, October 22nd | 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Ohio's Native Owls Monday, October 27th | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Teen Halloween Movie Night Grades 6-12 | Tuesday, October 28th | 5-7 p.m.

NOVEMBER:

- Raspberry Jam Monday, November 3rd | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Teen Crafternoon Wednesday, November 5th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Teen Anime Club Monday, November 10th | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Asian Culture Club Monday, November 10th | 6:40-7:30 p.m.
- Lincoln on the Gettysburg Address Tuesday, November 11th | 6-7 p.m.
- Teen Game Time Tuesday, November 18th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, November 18th | 6-7 p.m.
- Ohio Means Jobs Thursday, November 20th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.

DECEMBER:

- Raspberry Jam Monday, December 1st | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Teen Crafternoon Wednesday, December 3rd | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Teen Anime Club Monday, December 8th | 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Asian Culture Club Monday, December 8th | 6:40-7:30 p.m.
- Tunes by the Towpath: Cynthia Cioffari and the BassonaRoos- An Evening of Holiday Favorites Tuesday, December 9th | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Teen Program Tuesday, December 16th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, December 16th | 6-7 p.m.
- Ohio Means Jobs Thursday, December 18th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.



Douglas Swartz Trustee Talk
330-705-1457

Lawrence Township, like most townships in Ohio, relies almost entirely on property taxes to fund the essential services our residents depend on every day. Police protection, fire and EMS, and other critical functions are made possible through the levies you approve at the ballot box. Without these levies, we simply do not have another way to fund the level of services our community expects.

This year, there has been a lot of discussion at the Statehouse about property taxes and the future of local levies. House Bill 28, which has passed the Ohio House and is still being debated in Columbus, would eliminate the option of replacement levies beginning in late 2025. Replacement levies have long been a practical tool for townships and school districts. They allow a community to maintain steady funding for essential services without having to start all over again with a NEW levy. By resetting a levy, while retaining its original rate, a replacement ensures the township can keep up with rising costs while still relying on the same levy framework that voters have previously supported. If the option of replacement levies is eliminated, townships like ours will be left with only two choices: renew levies at a fixed level of correction that don't keep up with expenses or ask voters for brand new levies that are often much larger and harder to pass.

On the ballot this November, Lawrence Township voters will be asked to approve a levy that provides funding for our police department. This is not about creating new positions or expanding services beyond what we already have. Rather, it is about maintaining the staffing of our current ten officers. Without this levy, we would not be able to fund all ten positions, and that would mean fewer officers on patrol and a real impact on community safety.

To understand why maintaining this funding is so critical, it helps to look at how

costs have changed in law enforcement over the years. When I began my career in 1995, an officer's shift began by grabbing the car keys, turning on the ignition, and heading out on patrol. Today, starting a shift looks very different. Officers now sync a body-worn camera, grab a taser, log into multiple software systems or VPNs inside their vehicle, and check that the in-car computer and radios are connected to dispatch. Vehicles are equipped with advanced communication systems, thermal printers, GPS, in-car video cameras, and enhanced safety features. On top of that, officers carry Narcan kits, protective gear, and other specialized tools that didn't exist in years past. Each of these advancements makes policing safer and more effective, but they also come at a significant cost.

The patrol vehicles themselves are another example. Years ago, departments relied on sedans like the Ford Crown Victoria which were very durable, affordable, and easy to maintain. Today, nearly every police department has shifted to SUVs such as the Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility or Chevrolet Tahoe. These SUVs are safer, larger, and better suited to carrying the equipment that modern officers need, but they are also far more expensive. When I served as a police chief, I could purchase and outfit a new cruiser for around \$40,000.00. Today, the cost of buying and equipping that same vehicle has nearly doubled, with SUVs often approaching \$70,000.00 - \$80,000.00 once the required technology and safety features are installed.

This is just one example of how the costs of running a police department have grown, even as townships continue to rely on the same property tax structure to pay for those services. Salaries, training, equipment, and vehicles all cost significantly more than they did a decade ago. Your local levy funds support all these essential features of our police service.

If you have any questions or comments and would like to talk with me, please contact me at 330-705-1457 or email me at dswartz@lawrencetwp-oh.org.

Thank you to all!

Thank you, Lafayette Nursery, for your generous donation of eight trees to Lawrence Township. The trees were planted around the Lawrence Township Administrative Building and at Lawrence Township Park. Your generous donation will create a greener and healthier environment.

Also, thank you to Mark Sibila, Dave DuVal and Brandon Eicher from our Road Department for taking time out of their busy schedule to plant the trees.

Finally, thank you to Bill Hostler, Zoning Inspector, who will water and maintain the trees.



Happy Halloween

Lawrence Township will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31, 2025, with Trick or Treating from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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October 6	5:30 p.m.
October 20	5:30 p.m.
November 3	5:30 p.m.
November 17	5:30 p.m.
December 1	5:30 p.m.
December 15	5:30 p.m.

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Keith Blowers Trustee Talk

330-904-9319

Our community continues to grow and change along with the world as a whole. The job and passion of the township, and us personally as trustees, is to provide services to support this community and meet the needs and expectations of you as residents and taxpayers. Those needs and expectations also continue to change. I am very realistic in that everyone does not always agree on priorities or how much money should be spent and where. However, I am extremely proud of progress all our departments have made, and the services provided to all our residents including Police, Fire/EMS, Road, Zoning, and Park. These services and us as trustees of them, require your support to continue into the future.

I believe many of us take for granted the fact that Lawrence Township has its own police department. Many townships do not; therefore, relying on either the county Sheriff's office or agreements with other departments for coverage. Having a dedicated department means more focus on our community, more local knowledge, and faster response time when it really counts. We are asking for a replacement levy to continue funding the department. Please read Trustee Swartz's article as it outlines this in more detail.

It is a similar situation with our Fire and Emergency Medical Services. These are life-saving services that every resident, especially our older and more vulnerable, rely on. Through partnerships with the City of Canal Fulton and North Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department, we provide exceptional service, skills, and readiness. We have done this much more economically than other similar townships.

Our road department will likely be a focus for the next few years. After the failure of several levies, it operates on a shoestring budget. The unfortunate reality is the township has 58 miles of roadway that needs maintenance, snow removal, mowing, weed control, mosquito control, etc. The trustees, as well as, our road department team are dedicated to making sure our roads are maintained and do not deteriorate. However, we are forced to take more economical and less preferred options to maintain roads due to the consistent failure of our road levies. As trustees and members of the community, we know that chip and seal is not ideal for neighborhoods; however, in order to keep roads from crumbling, this was our only budget friendly option.

Extra state and federal funding allowed us to make permanent improvements to the park at no direct cost to our taxpayers. These improvements would not have been possible within our normal budget. It was a rare opportunity that has received very positive feedback from the community. If you have not walked the track, played a game of pickle ball or brought your kids or grandkids to the playground, I highly recommend it.

I love seeing our township thriving in so many ways. Having a community that is as involved and has the desire to see positive additions and changes is heartwarming to say the least. Helping to represent the community and citizens of Lawrence Township as a trustee is something I am proud to be a part of. Together we can continue to help the township grow and become even better.

Let's Talk Zoning: Let's be honest, township zoning is not something people think about every day, and it is not typically a daily dinner table topic for most families. However, when something big or near us comes up, many people find themselves very quickly interested. As our community grows and evolves, we're seeing more farmlands sold, more property changing hands, and more development happening across the township. Change, in many ways, is both healthy and necessary. However, what we consistently hear from residents is this: People care deeply about preserving the identity of Lawrence Township and its rural charm, its sense of space, and the values that define who we are as neighbors and families.

This is why I want to offer a quick, high-level look at township zoning from the perspective of a trustee and share some of the more pressing topics that have come up recently. Lawrence Township passed a zoning resolution on November 19, 1960. As reflected on the zoning map, our township is primarily zoned R-R (Rural Residential) and R-1 (Single Family) with limited multi-family, business, and industrial parcels. The township zoning resolution defines permissible uses for each zoning as well as conditionally permissible uses which can be achieved provided certain criteria are met and the Board of Zoning Appeals approves a permit. Requests to change zoning on a particular parcel (or zoning regulations) largely are made through the township zoning office, are reviewed by Stark County Regional Planning, then public review and a meeting is held by the Lawrence Township Zoning Commission, then goes for approval by the Board of Trustees. Both the Township Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals are made up of Lawrence Township residents. These people live here, raise families here, and care just as much as you do about the future of our township.

One issue we have seen on the rise is properties being used for purposes outside of their zoning. The vast majority of the time this is done innocently and in some cases the usage has existed for some period of time. However, changing circumstances bring these to light. It is extremely important, especially if you are purchasing a new property or starting a new business or venture, that you ensure it conforms with the properties zoning.

Another zoning related item currently being debated is solar installations. Under current zoning, traditional rooftop panels are permitted. However, large free-standing solar installations are limited to properties of 25 acres and larger. The reason for this is primarily aesthetic. Due to being very technologically advanced, new solar installations have become very large and

unsightly. Many residents who are used to enjoying a nice country view would find themselves looking at something out of Star Wars. In addition, concerns exist about the long-term maintenance of these structures and the cost to maintain or tear them down 15-25 years from now. Think 90s style satellite dishes that hung around long after their useful life ended. Those wishing to pursue these installations can apply for a variance before the Board of Zoning Appeals.

One of the most visible and emotionally charged issues is property maintenance. This isn't just about appearances; it's about community pride, safety, and well-being. This township procedure is written in the Ohio Revised Code. Everyone is expected to maintain their property to a minimum standard by keeping the grass mowed, noxious weeds under control, and trash and debris should not be visible. Vehicles stored outdoors should be operable with current registrations. Negative repercussions can easily be avoided by addressing any issues promptly in the event you receive a zoning notice. When it comes to our homes, property and community, everyone has their own preferences and opinions on the way it should be maintained and cared for. While the township is not telling you how to take care of your home, we are trying to provide a standard to hold in order to allow our community to thrive and make our citizens proud to live here. We understand that life gets busy, and sometimes things fall behind. However, a gentle reminder: if you receive a notice from zoning, it's not about punishment – it's about helping us all uphold the community we love.

At its heart, zoning is about balance, not control. We're not here to tell you what to do with your home, your land, or your life. We're here to make sure that everyone's rights are respected, and that no one's peace of mind is taken away by the actions of another. In general, most zoning reviews are initiated either by the property owners request or through complaints of alleged violations. The goal is to set fair expectations so that all residents can quietly enjoy their properties. If there were no rules at all, we can imagine a scenario where a family builds their dream home only to have an industrial factory built next door. In some cases, either the zoning boards or the Board of Trustees are forced to evaluate the regulations and make a determination that is either unpopular or leaves one party less happy. We always try to approach these situations from the most balanced perspective, taking into consideration all relevant factors. We just ask that all parties be knowledgeable and ask questions when these issues arise. Yes, some decisions made by zoning boards or trustees can be difficult and sometimes unpopular. Please know these decisions are never made lightly. We strive to approach each case with objectivity, empathy, and a deep respect for both personal property and the collective good.

To view an online version of our zoning resolution, zoning map, online zoning permits, and more visit <https://lawrencetwp-oh.org/lawrence-township-zoning-department>. As always if you have any questions feel free to reach out to me at kblowers@lawrencetwp-oh.org or through the township office at info@lawrencetwp-oh.org.



Sean Roseman Trustee Talk

330-353-4349

Let's Talk Yard Waste

As most of the township's residents know, we no longer have a yard waste program. Over the past couple years, township residents were able to use Canal Fulton's Yard Waste Program for \$25.00 per year. This program was not a feasible option this year for Lawrence Township. We have since had numerous requests for a yard waste program. Like most of everything, it costs money to have a program like this, and that would mean passing a yard waste levy. I have worked on putting some costs together and what it would take to make it happen. The township would need to pass a .5 mill levy for four (4) years. This levy would generate approximately \$166,000.00 per year and cost the residents \$17.50 per \$100,000.00. I'm asking for some input from everyone as to whether this is something we should consider putting on the ballot in the spring. If passed, the township would create a yard waste program that only township residents could drop off yard waste.



Lawrence Township Park

In the previous newsletter, I talked about the lighting project at the park for which the township received a grant. We were hoping to have started this project by now, BUT we are still waiting for final State funding approval. I still anticipate the project completion to be in early fall. I hope everyone has enjoyed using the park and all the upgrades that have been done.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call me at 330-353-4349 or email me at sroseman@lawrencetwp-oh.org

Have a wonderful fall season and Happy Holidays!

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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Dave Brown
330-854-2096

School Bus Traffic Rules

Summer has come to an end, and we are moving into fall and winter. Schools are back in session and buses run in the morning and afternoons. We get questions every year about when you must stop for a school bus with flashing lights.

You must stop for a school bus with flashing red lights and stop at least 10 feet from the bus. You must remain stopped until the lights are turned off, or the driver of the bus directs you to go.

If a roadway has four or more lanes of travel, only the traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus must stop.

There are no roads in Lawrence Township that are four lanes or more that have bus stops. So, the easy answer is, if you are in Lawrence Township and a bus stops with flashing red lights, you must stop in both directions and wait until the lights are extinguished.



Patrolman Sean VanDenberg

This past March, signs were installed on Akron Avenue at Lawrence Township limits to honor Patrolman Sean VanDenberg. I started the process of having Akron Avenue dedicated as a memorial highway in March of 2023. It was a long process but thanks to the assistance of State Representative Reggie Stoltzfus a House Bill was introduced which made it to the Governor's Office where it was signed by Governor DeWine in December of 2024. Sean was a longtime community member and one of our officers for eight years prior to his passing. It was an honor to help make this project happen to always remember Sean and the sacrifice he and his family have made.

Police Department Levy

On the November ballot, you will see a replacement levy for the Lawrence Township Police Department. This is a continuous levy that was approved by our voters in 2006. We are asking our residents to approve the replacement of this 2 mill levy to maintain the level of service we provide to the community. As with everyone, we experience the challenge of rising costs. This levy will allow us to maintain current staffing levels and services that we provide. If approved, this levy will not take effect until 2027.

We work and some of us live in a great community, where we have always felt the support of its members. I encourage everyone to get out and vote.

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Notice of Zoning Public Hearing

The Lawrence Township Board of Zoning Appeals will hold Public Hearings on Tuesday, May 27th 2025 at the Lawrence Township Administration Building, 5828 Manchester Ave. Lawrence, Ohio. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Property owner at 12640 Patterson Ave NW is requesting a Variance to build a 40' x 60' accessory building. According to Article III(D)(4) of the Lawrence Township Zoning Resolution, all unattached accessory buildings shall not exceed the square foot area of the primary use structure of the residence. The proposed accessory building is 2400sq ft the home is 1288sq ft requiring a 1112sq ft variance. The property is located within southeast corner of section 22, Lawrence

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ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Zoning Inspector Bill Hostler
330-854-7118

Keep Our Township Clean and Tidy!

As the growing season is in full swing, I'd like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping your property well-maintained. Township zoning regulations require that all grass be regularly mowed, and weeds kept under control. Properties that are not properly maintained may be subject to zoning citations and fines.

I understand that sometimes life gets busy, and maintaining your yard can become a challenge. If you are unable to keep up with lawn care, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Lawrence Township Office. I am happy to discuss your situation and work with you to find a solution before any enforcement action is taken.

Township Zoning Uses

Most properties in Lawrence Township are zoned residential use – either R-R (Rural Residential) or R-1 (Single-Family Residential). Only a small number of properties fall under Business or Industrial zoning. Some properties within the R-R zoning category may qualify for an agricultural exemption. This exemption was added to our zoning regulations to support our local farmers by allowing certain agricultural buildings without the usual permitting requirement.

However, it is very important to understand that any building constructed under the agricultural exemption must be used strictly for farming or agricultural purposes. This exemption is not intended as a workaround to avoid obtaining the appropriate permits for residential or commercial structures. Misusing this provision not only violates township zoning rules but also puts our farmers at risk.

There is legislation currently in progress that may introduce stricter regulations surrounding agricultural exemptions. If the system is abused, we risk losing this important protection for those who truly depend on it. Please don't ruin this for our hardworking farmers. Respect the rules, and if you're unsure about your zoning or building permit requirements, contact the Lawrence Township Office before starting any construction.

Planning a Pool? A Zoning Permit is Required

Many residents consider adding a pool to their property for some backyard fun and relaxation. Whether you're installing an in-ground, above-ground, or even a temporary pool, please be aware that a zoning permit is required before installation in Lawrence Township.



Zoning permits help ensure your pool complies with safety regulations and local ordinances, including setbacks from property lines, fencing requirements, and avoiding conflicts with underground utilities or septic systems.

If you've already installed a pool without first obtaining a permit, I ask that you please apply for one as soon as possible. The Lawrence Township staff will begin conducting routine inspections and sending notices later this summer, and I'd much rather help you get into compliance now than issue a formal notice later.

- Why the Permit Matters:
- Ensures your pool is safe and legally placed.
 - Prevents zoning violations and potential fines.
 - Helps protect neighborhood safety and property values.

How to Apply for a Permit
Permit applications are available online at Lawrence Township website or at the Lawrence Township Office at 5828 Manchester Avenue, N.W. The cost is \$40.00. If you are unsure whether you need a permit or have questions about the process, please contact the Zoning Department at 330-854-7118 or whostler@lawrencetwp-oh.org.

If you've installed a pool without a permit, now is the time to get squared away, before enforcement letters go out later this season.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Shawn Yerian
330-854-2456

November Levy Ballot Information

This November, Lawrence Township residents will be asked to vote on two critical fire levies that directly support fire and emergency medical services in our community. On the ballot are the Lawrence Township Fire District 0.5-mill replacement levy and the 1.9-mill replacement levy, both for a term of five years commencing in 2026. These levies were first approved by residents decades ago—1976 for the 0.5 mill (49 years ago) and 1981 for the 1.9 mill (44 years ago)—and they remain essential to ensuring the fire protection and paramedic services our residents have come to expect.

The funding provided by these levies enables the Lawrence Township Fire Department to maintain 24/7 EMS coverage, hire sufficient firefighters to handle multiple emergencies simultaneously, and replace and maintain critical fire apparatus and equipment. They also support the rising operational costs of providing fire and EMS services, such as staffing, fuel, and utilities—costs that have nearly doubled in some areas like electricity. In addition, levy funding supports our partnership with the North Lawrence Fire Department, which provides fire and EMS coverage for the southern portion of the township.

Like many fire departments across Ohio, we face increasing challenges, including the rising cost of fire service and the retention of trained firefighters and paramedics. Departments throughout the state are struggling to keep up with the growing and aging populations they serve, all while balancing limited funding sources. Having a strong base of levy support ensures that Lawrence Township can continue to meet these demands and provide the standard of care residents deserve.

The Lawrence Township Fire Department remains committed to being fiscally responsible with the dollars entrusted to us. In recent years, we have secured over \$1.1 million in grant funding to purchase equipment, enhance training, and support staffing. While these grants help offset immediate needs, they are not guaranteed and cannot be relied upon to fund the long-term operational stability of your fire department. The replacement of these levies provides a dependable and consistent source of funding required to plan for the future.

Your support for these levies ensures that we can continue to deliver reliable, professional, and compassionate fire and EMS services throughout Lawrence Township. These are not new levies, but replacements of long-standing commitments that have supported our fire district for nearly fifty years (50). With your continued support, we will be able to protect our community, maintain highly trained paramedics and firefighters, and ensure that Lawrence Township remains safe and prepared for the challenges of the next five years and beyond.

Fire Prevention Week 2025: Lawrence Township & Canal Fulton Firefighters Partner with Northwest Schools



The Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton Fire Department is proud to partner with Northwest Local Schools to celebrate Fire Prevention Week from October 5-11, 2025. Throughout the week, our firefighters will share important fire safety messages, give presentations, and showcase our fire trucks and equipment to students. These visits are more than just fun—they provide lifesaving lessons that directly reduce the number of fires caused by children playing with matches or lighters. By teaching students key skills like “Stop, Drop, and Roll,” knowing two ways out of every room, and understanding the dangers of fire, we help build lifelong safety habits that protect not only our children but the entire community.



Fall Open Burning Regulations & Safety Reminder

As fall cleanup begins, the Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton Fire Department would like to remind residents of important open burning regulations in effect during the fall months. Under Ohio Revised Code 1503.18, open burning is prohibited in unincorporated areas during October and November between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., as enforced by the Ohio Division of Forestry. In addition, the Ohio EPA regulates open burning to protect air quality, and local governments or fire departments may also have additional restrictions in place. Because individuals can be held liable for damages caused by fires they ignite, residents are strongly encouraged to check with the fire department before starting any burn. A reminder of how dangerous open burning can be occurred in 2013, when a woods fire spread into a vehicle on Erie Avenue, causing significant damage. Safer alternatives such as composting or mulching yard waste are recommended to reduce risk. By following these rules and choosing safe disposal methods, we can all help protect our community this fall.



Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries Sunday, November 2, 2025

The Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton Fire Department is proud to partner with the American Red Cross to remind residents that when you change your clocks on Sunday, November 2, 2025, you should also change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms are a critical part of home fire safety, giving you and your family the time needed to escape in an emergency. If you need assistance changing batteries—or if you do not have smoke alarms in your home—please contact the fire department. Our crews can provide help with installation, battery replacement, and ensuring your alarms are properly placed and working. Together, we can keep every household in our community safe.



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The Lawrence Township Administration Office has green reflective blank signs and house numbers for sale. You will receive one blank sign and enough numbers for both sides of the sign for \$30.00. The blank signs and numbers are no longer sold separately. It is very important to make sure your house number is visible day and night so that emergency personnel can find you.

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(330) 854-3830

ROAD DEPT.

Supt: Mark Sibila
330-854-3494



SUMMER RECAP

It is hard to believe that summer is coming to a close. A look back, we resurfaced 7.16 miles of road and replaced numerous failing culver pipes across township roads. We did the township roadside mowing and sprayed for mosquitos.

WINTER REMINDERS

As summer comes to an end and the fall and winter months are upon us, we will start our annual maintenance of vehicles to ensure we have minimal breakdowns in the winter months. As we prepare for winter, trees that overhang the roadway will be cut back to ensure that our trucks do not hit these and it allows sunlight to get to the road which helps with snow melt. Please remove basketball hoops from the roadways and cul-de-sacs for the winter months. Remember, do not park on the streets in inclement weather to allow crews to clear roadways in an efficient and safe manner.



Please be patient with us as we clear the ice and snow from the roads this winter. Give the snowplow drivers plenty of room and keep a safe distance behind the trucks.

MAILBOXES

This is a good time to check your mailboxes and posts before the snow flies. Make sure they are in good condition. If the snowplow drives by and your mailbox falls over from the weight of the snow, the township is NOT responsible.

Have a safe fall and winter season.



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