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LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



Keith Blowers Trustee Talk: Looking at the year ahead

330-904-9319

It's hard to believe we're already welcoming 2026. It seems like just yesterday there were concerns about Y2K though that may be showing my age a bit! As we begin the new year, I wanted to share a few updates and reflections with our community.

First, I would like to sincerely thank Sean Roseman for his service as a township trustee. Sean was a valued team member who generously contributed his time and resources to many community efforts, including park projects, Community Day, and even snow plowing when needed. He will certainly be missed. At the same time, we are pleased to welcome Patricia Boser to the team. We value fresh perspectives and new ideas and look forward to the contributions she will bring to Lawrence Township.

By the time you read this, we will be well into winter, so I'd like to take a moment to talk about road maintenance. With our current staffing levels, it takes approximately three hours for each plow truck to complete its assigned route. Main roads must be prioritized to keep traffic moving safely, which means side streets may take longer to clear, especially during heavy snowfall. Extremely cold temperatures can also reduce the effectiveness of salt. We are actively evaluating ways to improve service, but our options are

limited due to budget constraints following the failure of recent road levies. Reviewing and planning for the road department budget will be a key focus this year. We understand that no one enjoys the idea of higher taxes, but there is always a balance between service levels and cost. We truly welcome community input as we consider the path forward.

On a different note, I'd like to touch briefly on zoning. I mentioned some zoning information in the previous newsletter; however, we are seeing more questions related to short-term rentals such as Airbnb and Vrbo. At this time, short-term rentals are not permitted in residentially zoned areas. Due to their short-term and for-profit nature, they are considered a business use rather than a single-family residence. If you have questions or would like clarification, please feel free to contact Bill in our zoning office.

On behalf of my family and Lawrence Township, I wish you all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2026. Each new day brings opportunity, and we are grateful to share this community with you.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns at kblowers@lawrencetwp-oh.org or through the township office at www.lawrencetwp-oh.org.



Douglas Swartz Trustee Talk: Property Valuations

330-705-1457

Many residents have recently seen an increase in their monthly property taxes following the county's latest property reappraisal. In Ohio, counties are required to conduct a full property reappraisal every six years, with a value update performed at the three-year mark in between. These reappraisals are intended to reflect current market conditions, which means that when property values rise, often due to housing demand, inflation, or neighborhood sales, assessed values can increase even if no changes were made to the home itself.

While the county determines property values, property tax bills are made up of several components. The largest portion typically goes to local school districts, followed by county services, with a smaller portion supporting township operations. Although property values may increase after a reappraisal, tax rates themselves are set separately and can vary based on voter-approved levies and budgetary needs.

As trustees, we do not control property valuations, but we are directly responsible for how township tax dollars are spent. We understand how

impactful these increases can be; many of us have experienced them personally, which is why fiscal responsibility remains a top priority. Trustees regularly review budgets, expenditures, and long-term financial planning and continue to remind all administrative heads of the importance of careful spending, efficiency, and accountability. Our goal is to ensure that township funds are used wisely and provide meaningful value to the community.

Residents who believe their property valuation does not accurately reflect market conditions may explore the county's appeal process during the designated appeal period. We also encourage residents to stay engaged by attending trustee meetings, reviewing public financial information, and sharing questions or concerns.

As we move into the new year, we wish everyone a healthy, safe, and prosperous year ahead and look forward to continuing to serve our community with transparency, responsibility, and respect for the tax dollars entrusted to us.



Credit Cards Now Accepted

The Lawrence Township Administration Office now has a credit card reader to provide a convenient, efficient and secure way to collect payments for permits, fees and other township services. Implementing this credit card reader will modernize township operations and increase payment flexibility for the whole township.

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WELCOMING A NEW TRUSTEE



Patricia Boser Trustee Talk

I am grateful and honored to accept the position of Lawrence Township Trustee.

I truly appreciate the trust shown by electing me to this position. I take this responsibility to heart and will work hard to

ensure every voice is heard. My role is simple: to listen, serve, and work to keep our township safe, thriving, and welcoming. From maintaining roads and supporting local services to planning for the future, every decision I make will focus on what's best for our residents.

Thank you for this

opportunity – I look forward to working with Trustees Keith Blowers and Doug Swartz, together to make our community stronger than ever. I encourage open communication and welcome your ideas and feedback. I can be reached at 707-592-4250.

Our collective involvement is what shapes Lawrence Township into a place we are proud to call home. Whether addressing challenges or celebrating successes, I am committed to transparency, accountability, and unity among us all. Together, let's build on our shared values and ensure that every decision we make supports a brighter future for every resident of our township.



2026 Trustee Meeting Schedule

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.

January 5, 20 (Tues)	5:30 p.m.
February 2, 17 (Tues)	5:30 p.m.
March 2, 16	5:30 p.m.
April 6, 20	5:30 p.m.
May 4, 18	5:30 p.m.
June 1, 15	5:30 p.m.
July 1, 15	5:30 p.m.
August 3, 17	5:30 p.m.
September 8 (Tues), 21	5:30 p.m.
October 5, 19	5:30 p.m.
November 2, 16	5:30 p.m.
December 7	5:30 p.m.

DON'T CATCH THE FLU!

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times, can lead to death. Every year on average in the United States 5% to 20% of the population gets the flu, more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and about 36,000 people die from the flu. People usually become infected by touching something an infected person has touched and then touch their mouth, nose, or eyes.



It is time for everyone to do some personal hygiene practices, so you don't catch the flu. One of the most important things that a person can do to keep from getting sick is to wash their hands. It is most important to wash your hands:

- Before, during and after you prepare food.
- Before you eat, and after you use the bathroom.
- After handling animals or animal waste.
- When your hands are dirty, and more frequently when someone is sick.
- It is important to correctly wash your hands. First, wet your hands and apply liquid or clean bar soap to the hands. Place the bar soap on rack and allow it to drain. Next, rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue for 10 to 15 seconds or about the length of a little tune, such as the birthday or A, B, C song. The action helps dislodge and remove germs.
- Rinse well and dry your hands.

Source: Stark County Health Department



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Monday - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Closed Friday

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Wintery Weather Reminders

By the time this article is read, we will be dealing with winter weather and road conditions. Just as a reminder, take your time and drive slowly and carefully during and after a snowstorm. Our road department does a great job of cleaning the roads as fast as possible. Leave plenty of room between you and other vehicles to make sure you have enough stopping distance. If you are in an accident, normally the safest place is to stay in your car. Call the local police department or call 911 and report the accident.

If you live in an allotment, the township issues parking bans during heavy snowstorms. When the snow exceeds 2 inches, make sure all parked vehicles are off the roadway. This allows the road department to clear the road more quickly. The township, the road department and the police department will post parking bans on our Facebook pages as a reminder. If you do not follow us yet, they are a good resource for updates in the township.



THANK YOU

THANK YOU to our residents who voted in November's election and especially those who voted to support the Lawrence Township Police Department. I know no one likes to pay more taxes. The levy replacement will allow us to continue to provide the services we have had over the past many years.

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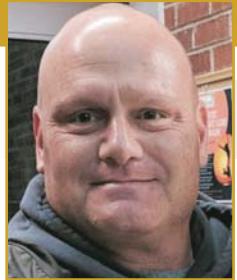
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ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Zoning Inspector Bill Hostler
330-854-7118

Fence Permit Fee Effective January 1, 2026

Believe it or not, spring is just around the corner, and now is the time to start thinking about those upcoming spring projects. Lawrence Township would like to remind residents of the township that effective January 1, 2026, the township will begin charging a \$10.00 fee for fence permits.

The fence permit process helps ensure that fences are installed in compliance with township zoning regulations, including property line setbacks, height restrictions, and visibility requirements. This process is especially important to prevent fences from being installed within road rights-of-way or on neighboring properties, which can lead to costly legal issues, required removals, and disputes between neighbors. Fence-related disputes have become an increasing issue in Lawrence Township over the past several years, making proper permitting more important than ever.

In addition, fences installed within road rights-of-way or too close to intersections can limit visibility for motorists, creating hazardous conditions that increase the risk of serious traffic accidents. Proper review through the permit process helps protect both property owners and the traveling public.

The new fee will help offset the administrative costs associated with reviewing applications and conducting inspections, while also helping protect residents from unintended violations and long-term expenses.

Residents planning to install, replace, or modify a fence on their property are required to obtain a fence permit prior to construction. Applications may be submitted through the Zoning Office, and township staff are available to answer questions or assist residents with the process.

Lawrence Township appreciates your cooperation as we work to protect property rights, public safety, and orderly development within the community.

Zoning Department to Launch New User-Friendly Zoning Software

The Lawrence Township Zoning Department is pleased to announce that we will soon be implementing a new zoning software system designed to better serve our residents and businesses.

This upgraded system will provide a more user-friendly and efficient way to apply for zoning permits online. Residents will be able to submit applications electronically; upload required documents and track the status of their permits from start to finish, all in one convenient place. The goal is to simplify the process, reduce paperwork, and improve communication between applicants and the Zoning Department.

In addition to permit applications, the new software will enhance how nuisance complaints are submitted and tracked. Residents will be able to report zoning-related concerns more easily, and the system will allow for improved tracking and follow-up to ensure issues are addressed in a timely and transparent manner.

This new technology will also help the Zoning Department manage records more efficiently, improve response times, and provide greater accountability. Overall, the software will allow staff to better serve the community while making zoning processes clearer and more accessible for everyone.

Additional information, including instructions and links to the new system, will be shared once the software goes live. We appreciate your patience during this transition and look forward to offering a more streamlined and user-friendly experience for Lawrence Township residents.

For additional information or to obtain a permit application, please contact the Lawrence Township Zoning Office at 330-854-7118 or whostler@lawrencetwp-oh.org.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Chief Shawn Yerian
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A message from Chief Yerian

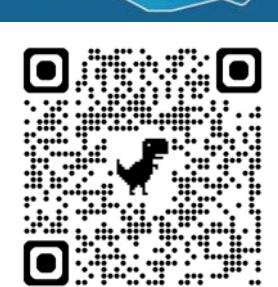
In 2025, the Canal Fulton-Lawrence Township Fire Department continued to meet the growing needs of our community with professionalism and dedication. Our combined fire and EMS crews responded to 1,743 dispatched incidents, up from 1,699 in 2024, a 2.6% increase, averaging 5 calls per day.

Looking at the bigger picture, emergency dispatches across the City of Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township have increased 40.8% over the past decade, rising from 1,238 incidents in 2015 to 1,743 in 2025.

To keep pace with this sustained growth and ensure high-quality care when seconds matter, the department has increased staffing and continued the transition to full-time Advanced Life Support (ALS) paramedic coverage, strengthening 24/7 emergency medical response.

As call volume rises, our commitment to safety, service, and readiness remains unwavering. I am proud of our firefighters and paramedics for answering the call and grateful to our community for the continued trust and support as we head into a safe and strong 2026.

To learn more, scan the QR code



Burn Ban

No open burning during the months of March, April, May, October and November between the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Ohio Spring Burn Ban Reminder

Spring also brings an increased wildfire risk. Ohio law prohibits most open burning in unincorporated areas during the spring season.

2026 Spring Burn Ban Details:

- March 1 - May 31 • 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Burning of yard waste, trash, and debris is prohibited

This seasonal ban helps reduce grass and brush fires caused by dry vegetation and windy conditions. Always check local ordinances for additional restrictions.

Smoke Alarm Installations and Senior Assistance Program

We are proud to partner with the American Red Cross to improve home fire safety throughout our community.

- Fire Department personnel install free smoke alarms
- Firefighters assist elderly residents with smoke alarm battery replacement
- Fire safety education and escape planning provided during visits

Home fires occur daily, and families may have as little as two minutes to escape. Working smoke alarms and education save lives.

To request smoke alarm installation or senior assistance, please call 330-453-0146 or 330-854-2456.



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Fire Explorer & Summer Student Intern Program

Are you a high school or college student interested in the fire service? The Canal Fulton Fire Explorer / Summer Student Intern Program offers students a unique opportunity to shadow firefighters, gain hands-on experience, and receive free training while continuing their education.

Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 16 years of age
- American Heart Association BLS - Basic Life Support certification
- Participation agreement through BSA Exploring Post 1854
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Commitment to professionalism and learning



For complete information and application procedures, please scan the QR code



Reflective Address Signs Save Time & Lives

Lawrence Township offers reflective address signs and numbers through the Township Administrative Office. These signs help fire, EMS, and law enforcement locate homes faster, especially at night or in rural areas.

How to Get One:

- Contact the Lawrence Township Administrative Office
- Purchase a reflective sign and number kit
- Payment accepted by exact cash or check

Clearly marked addresses can make a critical difference during emergencies.



To learn more, scan the QR code

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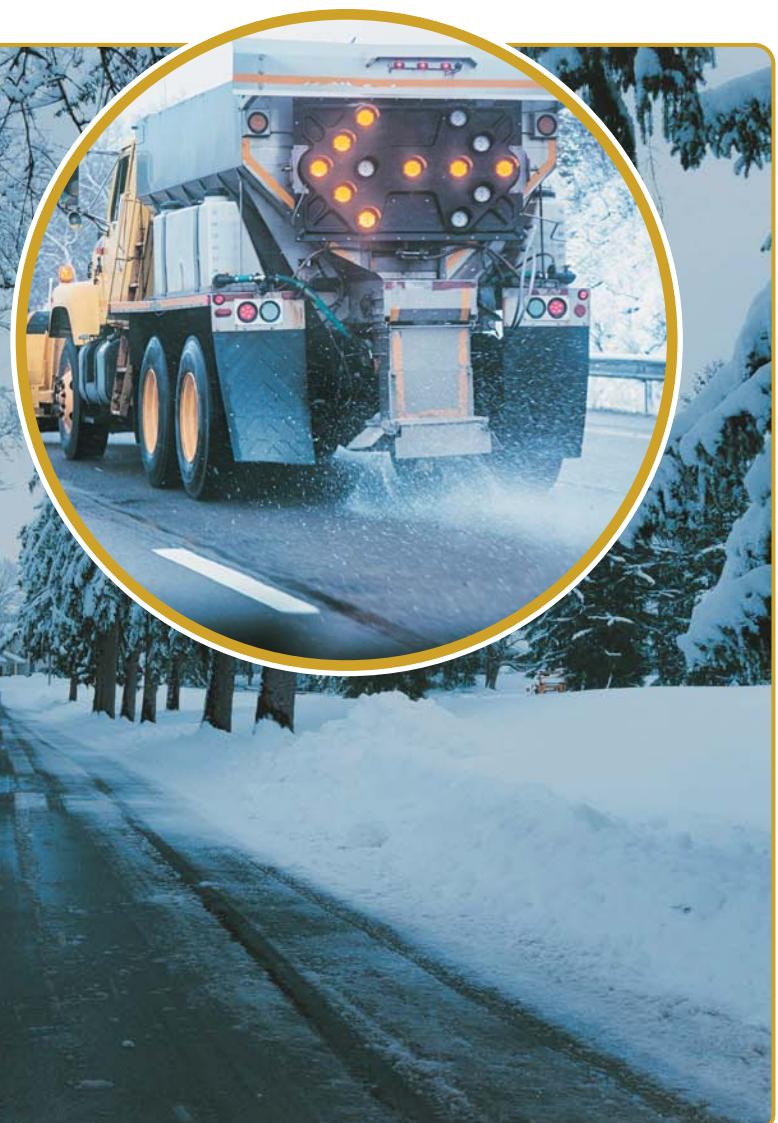


ROAD DEPARTMENT NEWS

Supt: Mark Sibila • 330-854-3494

Winter Road Reminders

As winter is upon us, I would like to talk a little bit about salt. Salt that is spread onto icy roadways does not melt instantly. Instead, it combines with a thin layer of water which creates a salt brine that continues to melt the surrounding ice. However, salt becomes less effective at very low temperatures. Salt works best above 15 degrees Fahrenheit. Also, I would like to remind everyone that when snow exceeds 2 inches, snow bans are in effect. Please have vehicles removed from streets to allow our road crews to safely and efficiently clear the snow and to salt properly.



Hello community members,

It is my honor to be your Ohio State Representative.

Please feel free to contact me anytime via email at rep50@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at 614.466.9078 with any questions or concerns.

Matt Kishman

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A MESSAGE FROM Fire Chief Wayne Conroy

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The year of 2025 was our busiest to date with a total of 303 calls for service.

The state of Ohio has seasonal burn bands that go into effect in March and last until the end of May 2026. Please scan the QR code for more information.



Sunday March 18th 2026 clocks spring forward, be sure to change your batteries in your smoke detectors when you change your clocks, smoke detectors save lives.

With the change of seasons come a change in weather, please be careful during severe weather. The village hall is a point of refuge and has power during periods we lose power through the village for residents who need it.

Coming in May the Fire Department will be participating in the Memorial day parade. This parade is a silent parade to show our respect to the heroes that have fallen. The Fire apparatus also does not participate in throwing candy out during this parade, we do this for safety reasons.

A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel

mayor@clintonoh.gov



As we start the new year with cold weather, we hope it will be warmer by the time this is published. One of the items that I have been onboard with is what has been referred to as the middle mile fiber project. This is a fiber ring that will connect every city, village, and township in Summit County to the Fairlawn Gig and will offer services that we may choose to connect to at a fairly reasonable cost. The fiber and the installation is free to the village and will connect to our village hall. As of this writing, most of the fiber has been placed. You may have seen it in the village, already as it is coming down Nimisila into the village from New Franklin. Along with this, a company called Lumos is looking to bring fiber internet to the home in Clinton. That is every home. It will be good competition for what we currently have available, and give us a choice in how we get online. I also, imagine that it will bring prices down for everyone in the village.

Another issue is what was once declared dead a few years ago, but is much needed. We have met with Summit County and Emelia Sykes office regarding paving Clinton road and also public sewer. With the amount of work that is going on to bring businesses back to our downtown, it is imperative that we have public sewer as the cost of commercial septic systems will keep them from starting up. A few years ago, we had a plan in place, but the cost of a processing plant put a stop to that. We are \$7.5 million short of achieving that goal and our budget cannot come up with that much money. However, federal and state grants could go a long way into bringing the inevitable back to us. If you ever wanted to write your congressman or congresswoman, in this case, now is the time to do it. Let her know how important these two items are to our village and our growth.

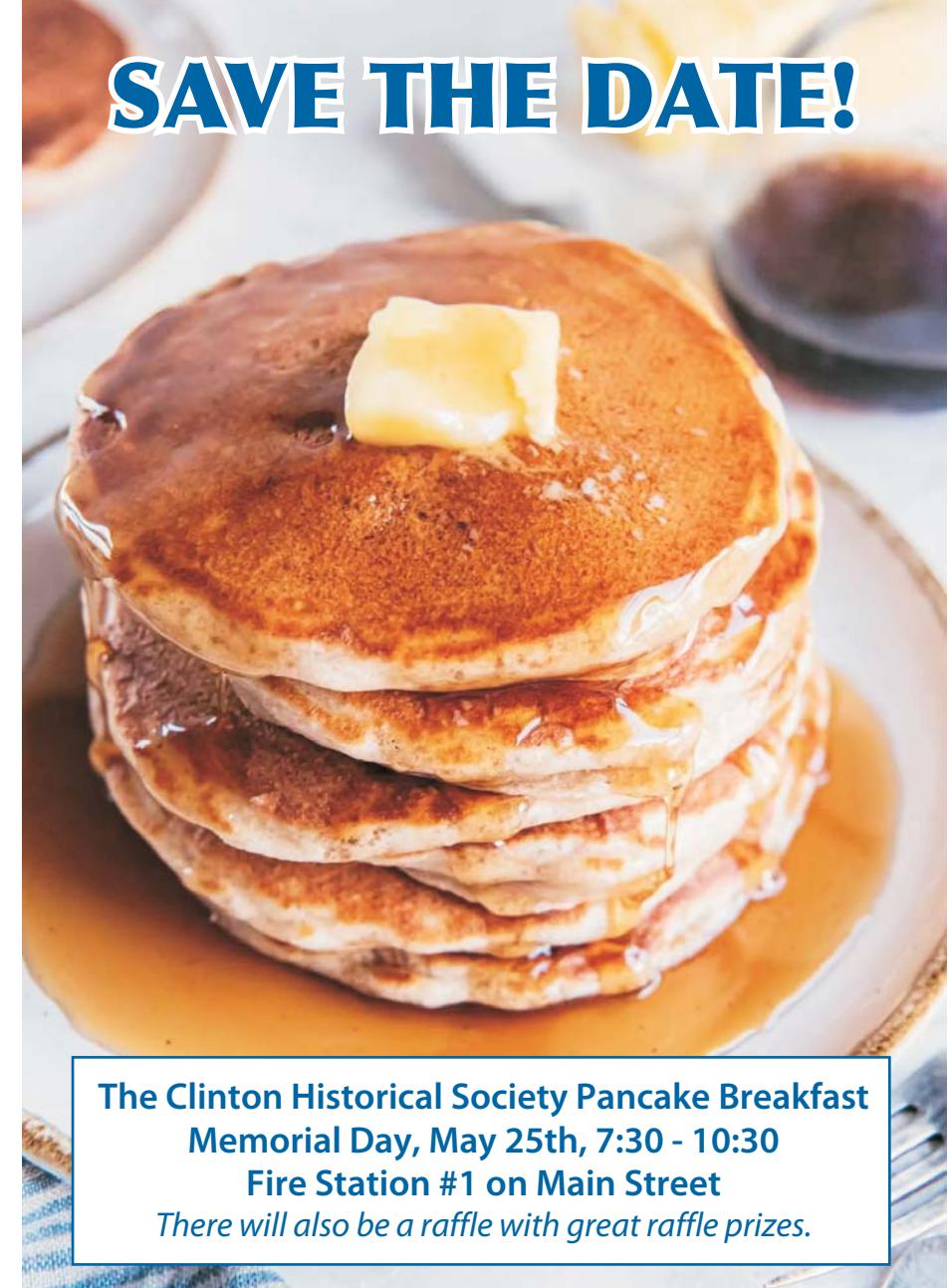
Don't forget the start of summer with our Memorial day parade. Memorial day starts with a pancake breakfast, then a parade that starts from Orchard Hill church and then goes into town, wraps around downtown and ends at the cemetery. There is a short memorial there, then you have the rest of the day to visit our town or the Ohio Veterans Memorial park across the street before heading off to another parade, or your favorite family cookout.

Op-Ed

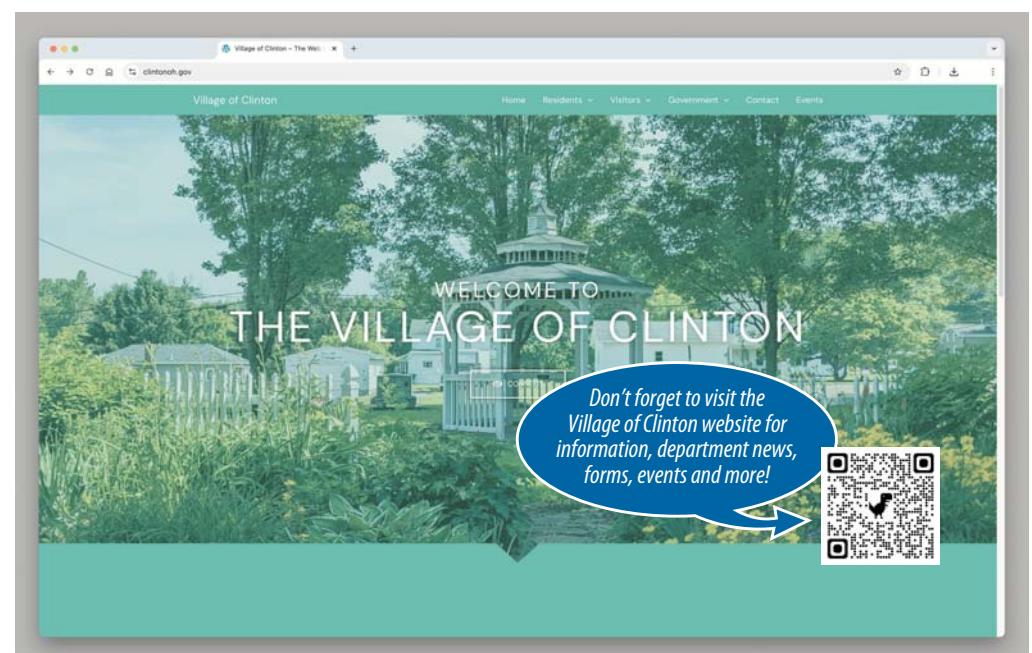


As the weather gets nicer and we recover from the winter blahs, remember that Clinton has a lot to offer its visitors and residents. We have a cemetery, several parks, a veterans park, a hike and bike trail, our own historical society that opens the building a few times throughout the year, and 6 churches as well as a campground. As you walk through the cemetery, you will see the gravestones of some of our early settlers that date back to the early 1800's. Warwick park has playground equipment that is great for those with young kids that need to expend some energy in the great outdoors. The veterans park is a memorial to those that have fallen in battle from Ohio and is considered the number one memorial in Ohio to visit. Our hike and bike trail can take you all the way to Cleveland, or if you choose to go south on it, Cincinnati may be your destination. Don't forget that we are very close to the southern border of a national park. Just ride north on the towpath trail, and you will be in the Cuyahoga Valley National park. I write this as someone who grew up in this part of Ohio and often forget what great resources are here for us to enjoy. Summit County can also boast of great places to visit outside of Clinton with Stan Hywet hall, the Akron Zoo, many county parks in the system to also hike on. The Perkins Mansion and John Brown house are also a short drive away. As your family comes to visit this year, you will have plenty of options to keep them busy. Enjoy our village and county this spring.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Clinton Historical Society Pancake Breakfast
Memorial Day, May 25th, 7:30 - 10:30
Fire Station #1 on Main Street
There will also be a raffle with great raffle prizes.



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FROM THE DESK OF **MAYOR JOSEPH SCHULTZ**

Hopefully, you read my last Community News article about our priority to provide Police, Fire/EMS, Street, Water, and Sewer services to our citizens. Over the next three articles I want to discuss other services that are not priorities to everyone as are the BIG "5". This issue deals with public transportation. I know it is not something most of us think about on a regular basis. But for our neighbors who no longer are able to drive, it is a lifeline to travel to the places many of us take for granted. We just jump in the car and go to the grocery store, dentist or doctor's appointments, post office, YMCA, library, bank, restaurant, or community event whenever we have the need. Inability to drive leaves our neighbors with a tremendous sense of isolation and loneliness. HELP is on the way.

Over the last couple of months, I have been meeting with the staff of SARTA (Stark Area Regional Transit Authority) to develop a pilot program for smaller communities that are outside of their fixed route services. Beginning February 9, 2026, they will be offering expanded services for two services; one to citizens of Canal Fulton and another to Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton addresses. The first Pilot program is Community Coach. It will be available every Thursday beginning February 12, 2026. Route times and pick up locations may be adjusted to accommodate respondents.

Essentially this is how it will work. The SARTA Coach will begin picking up passengers around 9:00-10:00 AM by taking a route on Beverly through Autumn Meadow to Colonial, Redwing, Basswood, Longview and then to Kroft Commons and Chapel Hill. The passengers will then be delivered to the Northwest Stark Senior Center for a day full of fun playing BINGO, eating lunch and enjoying human interactions. The SARTA Coach will then follow the same route between 10:00-11:00 AM. This time the passengers will be delivered to the Wal-Mart in Massillon to shop for and purchase needed

food, prescription and other essentials. The Coach will wait on them to shop for about 60-90 minutes and return them to their homes. Subsequently, the coach will return to the Senior Center and pick up our BINGO players and return them to their homes. The round-trip costs for either of these two destinations is \$1.50. Reach out to Clayton Popik at 330.477.2782 EXT. 503 or email him at cpopik@SARTAonline.com if you do not live on the proposed route. As of now we have not heard from anyone on Waterside, Heritage, Cathedral or Colony streets, but that could be an area for us to include.

The second pilot program is SARTA D2D (Destination to Destination). This program is for anyone with a Canal Fulton address regardless of whether or not you live in the city. This service is an extension of the SARTA Proline Plus Service. However, with that service only people with qualifying disabilities could schedule rides. We are making it available to everyone with a Canal Fulton address. Think of it as a very inexpensive UBER service. Here's how it works: Book your reservation 1-4 days in advance—first come first served, shared ride (meaning other stops and passengers will be served). Round trip cost is \$12 per person. For example, my wife and I want to go to the Hartville Kitchen for two hours of dining and shopping. We will book our trip for Friday February 20th from noon to 2:00 PM. I'll make my reservation on Monday, February 16th and know that I'm confirmed for the trip. SARTA D2D will pick us up within a 30-minute range to allow for destination travel and other stops. We will go eat lunch and do our shopping and be returned to Canal Fulton that afternoon. All of us can use the service Monday thru Friday from 6AM until 8PM to go anywhere in Stark County for appointments, shopping and entertainment. All SARTA Coaches are equipped with ramps and accommodate one to two wheelchair passengers.

I want to acknowledge and thank the SARTA staff (Director Ralph Lee, Clayton Popik and Mark Finnicum) for listening to me and understanding and sharing my passion for the people in our community. And as always, all glory, praise and honor to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



Canal Fulton Public Library Winter & Spring 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

February:

Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, February 3-26 | 10-10:20 a.m.
 Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, February 4-25 | 11-11:30 a.m.
 Abstract Adventures Grades K-5 | Thursday, February 5 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Blind Taste Test: Chocolates Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, February 10 | 6-7 pm
 Cricut & Create: Conversation Heart Box Grades K-5 | Thursday, February 12 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Kids' Pokemon Club Grades K-5 | Thursday, February 19 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Family Art: Winter Wonderland Families with children ages 3-12 | Friday, February 20 | 5-6 p.m.
 Family Story Night: Book Character Celebration Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, February 25 | 6-7 p.m.
 Coding with Ozobots Grades K-5 | Thursday, February 26 | 6-6:45 p.m.

March:

Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, March 3-31 | 10-10:20 a.m.
 Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, March 4-25 | 11-11:30 a.m.
 Trivia Night for Kids Grades K-5 | Thursday, March 5 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Cricut & Create: Shamrock Glasses Grades K-5 | Thursday, March 12 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Kids' Pokemon Club: Battle Academy Edition Grades K-5 | Thursday, March 19 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Multicultural Art Night: Brazil All ages | Friday, March 20 | 5-6 p.m.
 Egg Dyeing Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, March 24 | 6-7 p.m.
 Family Story Night: Mythical Creature Mixer Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, March 25 | 6-7 p.m.
 Origami for Beginners Grades K-5 | Thursday, March 26 | 6-6:45 p.m.

April:

Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, April 2-30 | 10-10:20 a.m.
 Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, April 1-29 | 11-11:30 a.m.
 Cricut & Craft: Carrot Candy Boxes Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 2 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Gardening Fun Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, April 7 | 6-7 p.m.
 Butter Making Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 9 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Sprout Houses Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 16 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Kids' Pokemon Club: Battle Academy Edition Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 23 | 6-6:45 p.m.
 Family Art Night: Spring Is In the Air Families with children ages 3-12 | Friday, April 24 | 5-6 p.m.
 Family Story Night: Dance Party Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, April 29 | 6-7 p.m.
 Game On! Let's Learn Queah Grades K-5 | Thursday, April 30 | 6-6:45 p.m.

ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS

February:

Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
 Winter Reading Challenge | January 2nd through February 28th
 Music Jam Session Monday, February 2nd | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Teens Advisory Board (TAB) Ages 13-18: Tuesday February 3rd | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 String Art Heart Tuesday, February 3rd | 6:00 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Wednesday, February 4th 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Chocolate Tasting for Adults: Saturday, February 7th | 1:00-2:00 p.m.
 The Best of Grandpa's Cheese Barn Tasting Monday, February 9th | 6:00 p.m.
 Teens Game Cafe Wednesday, February 11th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Chair Yoga: A Supportive Off-the-Ground Practice Monday, February 16th | 3:00 p.m.
 Teens Manga Cafe Tuesday, February 17th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, February 17th | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Saturday, February 21st | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 Moved by History | Saturday, February 21st, 1:00 PM
 AI Basics Monday, February 23rd | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Teens Craft Cinema Tuesday, February 24th | 5:00-7:00 p.m.
 LEGO Program for Adults Saturday, February 28th | 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

March:

Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
 Music Jam Session Monday, March 2nd | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Teens Advisory Board (TAB) Ages 13-18: Tuesday, March 3rd | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Wednesday, March 4th 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Cooking by the Book Saturday, March 7th | 1:00 p.m.
 Tunes by the Towpath Tuesday, March 10th | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Haunted Ireland Saturday, March 14th | 1:00-2:30 p.m.
 Teens Game Cafe Tuesday, March 17th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, March 17th | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Saturday, March 21st | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 Teens Manga Cafe Tuesday, March 24th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Teens Craft Cinema Tuesday, March 31st | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

April:

Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
 KPop & Cake Pops Saturday, April 4th | 12:00-4:00 p.m.
 Music Jam Session Monday, April 6th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Teens Advisory Board (TAB) Ages 13-18: Tuesday, April 7th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Saturday, April 11th | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
 Moved by History Saturday, April 11 | 1:00 p.m.
 Teens Game Cafe Tuesday, April 14th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Teens Manga Cafe Tuesday, April 21st | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, April 21st | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 Friends Count Needlecraft Club Wednesday, April 22nd | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
 Teens Craft Cinema Tuesday, April 28th | 5:00-7:00 p.m.

May:

Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
 Cooking by the Book Saturday, May 2nd | 1:00 p.m.
 Music Jam Session Monday, May 4th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Tunes by the Towpath Tuesday, April 5th | 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Third Tuesday Book Discussion Tuesday, May 19th | 6-7 p.m.



City of Canal Fulton

Welcome!

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

I hope that everyone's 2026 is off to a great start! We accomplished so much in 2025, it will be hard to replicate the success that we had in Canal Fulton. The west side water tower project was finally completed, the Locust Street water line replacement, sidewalks, and repaving project was started, and a new Historic District Downtown Business Group began holding events to bring more people into town. These are just a few of the great things we achieved, and we hope to build on that success in the coming years.

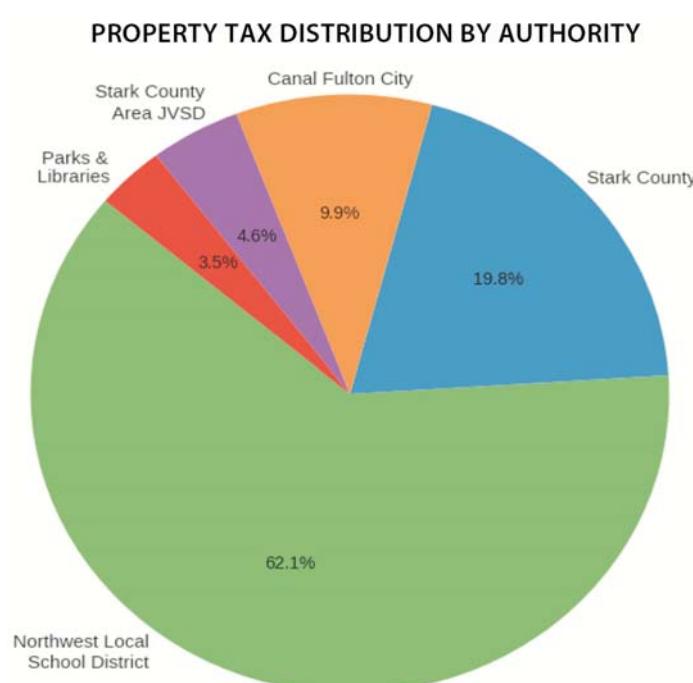
There is one major change within the City that I would like to address. For at least the past 15 years, the City has been trying to update its Zoning Code. Several different drafts were started, but roadblocks always came up to prevent their implementation. In 2021, the City contracted with Bill Funk to give us a fresh start on a code. Once he finished, Zoning Inspector John Vandenberg, Law Director Alex McCallion, and the Planning Commission spent the last couple of years making sure that his new code was tailored to fit the needs of Canal Fulton. Finally, in December of 2025, this new code was passed by City Council, and took effect on January 1, 2026.

What does this mean for our residents? In my opinion, the largest change comes in the form of Code Enforcement. For years, if a property was found to be in violation of our code, the City would send letters to the property owners. If those letters were ignored, the only recourse was to file an injunction in the Court of Common Pleas. This solution was expensive, time-consuming, and often felt more punitive than it needed to be. The City would have to make difficult decisions about which properties to sue. Under the new Code, the City will have the ability to levy its own fines, rather than relying on a judge to administer them. This should allow us to expedite the process to ensure that properties are all playing by the same rules.

Unfortunately, we will be asking a new Zoning Inspector to administer this new Zoning Code. John Vandenberg has found new employment and is leaving us (stop me if you've heard me say that before). We wish him the best of luck, and he will be missed. We are in the process of hiring a new Zoning Inspector, and we are confident that the team we have in City Hall will continue to work together to make Canal Fulton a great place to live and visit.

Where Your Property Taxes Go in Canal Fulton

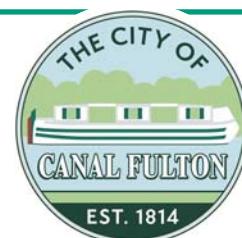
Property taxes are one of the primary ways local services are funded, but many residents are surprised to learn how those dollars are actually distributed. For a typical Canal Fulton resident, property taxes are shared among several local and county entities, with the largest portion supporting our schools.



Why This Matters

Understanding where your property tax dollars go helps provide transparency and clarity about how local services are funded. While the City of Canal Fulton is responsible for many visible services residents rely on daily, the City receives a relatively small portion of the overall property tax bill.

We are committed to using every dollar responsibly to maintain services, invest in infrastructure, and plan for the long-term health of our community.



4.6%

Stark County
Joint Vocational
School District
(JVSD)

These funds support career and technical education programs that prepare students for skilled trades and workforce careers.

62.1%

Northwest Local
School District

The majority of your property tax supports local public schools, funding teachers, classrooms, transportation, facilities, and educational programs.

19.8%

Stark County

County funds support services such as courts, public safety, human services, elections, and county infrastructure.

9.9%

City of Canal Fulton

Less than ten cents of every property tax dollar comes directly to the City. These funds help support essential services such as police and fire protection, street maintenance, parks, facilities, planning, economic development, and day-to-day city operations.

Complete breakdown of property tax distribution

STARK COUNTY 19.82%

NORTHWEST LSD (STARK CO.) 62.14%

CANAL FULTON CITY 9.93%

STARK COUNTY AREA JVSD 4.60%

STARK CO. PARK DISTRICT 1.21%

CANAL FULTON LIB SRV-EXC WAYNE CO 1.14%

CANAL FULTON LIBRARY DISTRICT 1.14%



Learn more at: realestate.starkcountyohio.gov

CITY OF CANAL FULTON



Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association: Alyssa Bettis

Economic Development Director

The Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association (HDCF) was formed with a simple but powerful purpose: to support and strengthen the historic downtown district while fostering better communication, collaboration, and connectivity among local businesses and the broader community.

HDCF began as a grassroots effort led by downtown business owners and volunteers who recognized that a thriving historic district depends not only on individual success, but on collective action. By working together, HDCF aims to preserve the unique character of Downtown Canal Fulton while helping businesses adapt, grow, and remain competitive in an evolving economic landscape.

At its core, HDCF serves as a bridge connecting business owners with one another, coordinating shared goals, and creating a unified voice for downtown interests. Through regular communication, shared promotion, and collaborative planning, the organization helps ensure that businesses are informed, engaged, and supported.

A Commitment to Community and Collaboration

Downtown Canal Fulton is more than a commercial district; it is a gathering place for residents, visitors, and entrepreneurs. HDCF is committed to enhancing this sense of place by encouraging participation, involvement, and visibility for downtown businesses. Membership in the association allows businesses to take an active role in shaping downtown initiatives, contribute ideas, and participate in decision-making that directly impacts the district.

In addition to membership, HDCF offers sponsorship opportunities for individuals and businesses who want to support downtown events, programming, and improvement efforts. Sponsorships play a critical role in funding initiatives that increase foot traffic, promote local businesses, and enhance the overall downtown experience while also providing recognition and visibility for sponsors who invest in the community.

Leadership Rooted in Local Experience

During its start-up phase, HDCF is guided by an interim board made up of respected local business and community leaders who bring diverse experience and a shared commitment to Canal Fulton's success:

- Leslie Wyman, President, The Historic Pink House
- Nicole Hatfield, President-Elect, The Hatfield Group / Howard Hanna
- Alyssa Bettis, Secretary, City of Canal Fulton
- Ann Doan Conkle, Treasurer, Miller-Doan Tavern / Isagenix

Together, this leadership team provides strategic direction, financial stewardship, and organizational structure while ensuring that HDCF remains aligned with the needs of downtown businesses and the community at large.

2026 HDCF SPONSORSHIPS & MEMBERSHIPS

PARTNER WITH US TO SUPPORT EVENTS, BEAUTIFICATION AND THE VITALITY OF HISTORIC DOWNTOWN CANAL FULTON

Sponsorships

Memberships

 Uptown Business Partner \$50	 HDCF Business Partner \$100	 Historic Friend \$250	 Towpath Partner \$500	 Canal Champion \$1000
✓ Company Promo ✓ Mixers ✓ Recognition in HDCF business group ✓ Early access ✓ Promotions shared	✓ Company Promo ✓ Mixers ✓ Recognition in HDCF business group ✓ Early access ✓ Promotions shared ✓ Voting rights ✓ Meetings ✓ Collaboration ✓ Complementary Vendor Booth	✓ Recognition on event marketing & social media ✓ Mixers ✓ Early access	✓ Logo on event marketing ✓ Social Media Recognition ✓ Mixers ✓ Vendor/booth discount ✓ Early access ✓ Self-Made Promo Video	✓ Prominent Logo on ALL event marketing ✓ Top Sponsor of one event ✓ Social Media Spotlight ✓ Mixers ✓ Complementary Vendor booth ✓ Early access ✓ Logo & Name on Website ✓ Speaking Opportunity ✓ On-Site Video Production by HDCF

Looking Ahead

As HDCF continues to grow, its focus remains clear: preserving the historic charm of Downtown Canal Fulton while strengthening business communication, increasing collaboration, and building momentum for sustainable economic vitality. By bringing people together around shared goals, HDCF is helping to ensure that downtown remains a vibrant, welcoming destination today and for generations to come.

Different roles. Same goal. A strong, connected Historic Downtown Canal Fulton.

2026 Events & Meetings

MAY 16

MELTED ON THE CANAL

AUG 8

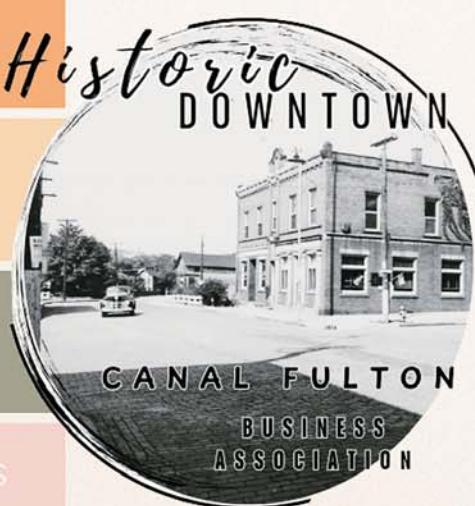
CREATE ON THE CANAL

OCT 10

FALL FESTIVAL
Canal-o-Ween

DEC 5

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS
Christmas on the Canal



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JAN 20

MEMBER MEETING
12PM City Hall

*Open to Members and those considering membership

MAY 19

MEMBER MIXER
SPRING SOCIAL
4PM Miller Doan Tavern

AUG 18

MEMBER MEETING
12PM City Hall

NOV 17

MEMBER MEETING
4PM City Hall

DEC TBD

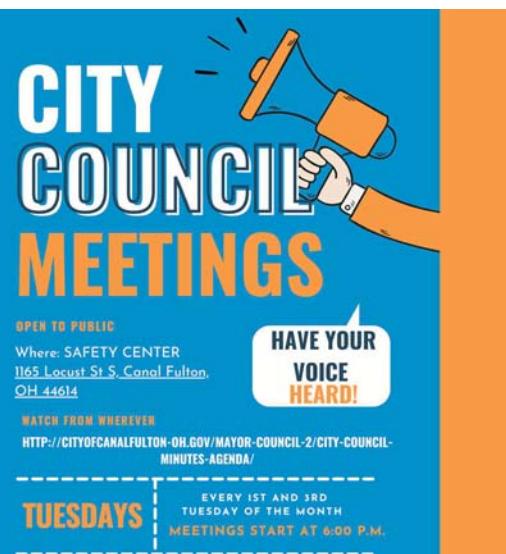
MEMBER MIXER
HOLIDAY PARTY

Board meetings held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon

Welcome 2026 City Council Members



(Left to right) Council President Jeanann VanDenberg, Joseph Powers, Greg Dakters, Mayor Joseph Schultz, Congresswoman Emilia Sykes, Mark Cozy, James Kiefer, Council Vice President Scott Svab



PLEASE VISIT WWW.CITYOFCANALFULTON-OH.GOV FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

CITY OF CANAL FULTON



Area Chamber of Commerce

FEB 26TH
11:30 AM

Off Site Networking Luncheon
YMCA Rotary Room
Speaker: CF Rotary

MARCH
26TH
11:30 AM

Networking Luncheon
Elmridge Event Center
Speaker: Richard Regula

APRIL
23RD
7:30 AM

Off Site Networking Breakfast
Canal Fulton Library
Speaker: Canal Fulton Library



STAY CONNECTED

Scan QR Code for easy registration and a full list of upcoming events!

CANALFULTONCHAMBER.WILDAPRICOT.ORG

Sign up for Alerts

This service allows you to sign up to get emergency and community alerts via text message, email, and/or voice call. You can also choose the alerts you want to be contacted about including: Weather Warnings, Boil Alerts, Community Events, Detours, Law Enforcement Warnings, Leaf Pickup, Missing Persons, Parking Bans, Street Closures, Water Breaks,

This is a free service provided by the City of Canal Fulton however, normal message fees from your provider may apply. To receive text messages to your cell phone, your cell phone must have text messaging capabilities. Notifications are dependent upon external providers and receipt of notifications by the intended recipient cannot be guaranteed.

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.

*Message and Data rates may apply.



Annual Campaign 2026

GIVE ONLINE

YMCASTARK.ORG/GIVE



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GIVING LEVELS

With your investment in the YMCA, we are able to strengthen our community for youth, adults, seniors and families through memberships, programs and activities that focus on spirit, mind and body.

**CHAMPION CIRCLE
\$5,000 & ABOVE**

- 4 Recognition Banners prominently placed in the branches of your choice
- Invitation for 8 to the YMCA Impact Breakfast
- Recognition on our website
- Recognition on the Lobby TVs and Equipment Screens
- Impact tour of a program/branch of your choice
- Social Media Shut out

**CHAMPION PACESETTER
\$3,000**

- 3 Recognition Banners at the branches of your choice
- Name &/or Logo on banner
- Invitation for 6 to the YMCA Impact Breakfast
- Recognition on the website
- Name &/or Logo on lobby TVs

**CHAMPION PARTNER
\$1,500**

- 2 Recognition Banners at the branches of your choice
- Name &/or Logo on banner
- Invitation for 4 to the YMCA Impact Breakfast
- Recognition on the website

**CHAMPION
\$1,000**

- Recognition Banner at the branch of your choice
- Invitation for 2 to the YMCA Impact Breakfast
- Recognition on the website

YMCA OF CENTRAL STARK COUNTY | YMCASTARK.ORG



SUSTAINING DONOR

A sustaining monthly gift automatically renews each month through our monthly draft or online program until you decide to end your donation. A seemingly small monthly donation adds up to a big yearly impact in your community

GIVE ONLINE: YMCASTARK.ORG/GIVE

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- *Show your support for your community!*
- *Best advertising in town!*

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