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# Your Community News

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## Growth, Community, and Momentum in Canal Fulton

**Alyssa Bettis**, *Economic Development Director*

As the Economic Development Director and Clerk of Council for the City of Canal Fulton, along with my service as a Schalmo Family YMCA Board Member and Annual Campaign Co-Chair, Secretary of the Canal Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, Secretary of the Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association, Vice President of the Community Improvement Corporation, I have the opportunity to work closely with many of the organizations and initiatives that shape our community.

With that visibility also comes conversation, and at times, misunderstanding - about what economic development is and how decisions are made. My role is to serve as a liaison and resource for businesses, residents, and developers, helping guide ideas, provide information, and support opportunities that align with our community's future.

It is important to note that development decisions are not made by me. They are thoughtfully considered and decided by our elected officials as well as Planning Commission, who I believe do an excellent job listening to the needs and concerns of our community. That structure exists for a reason, and it ensures transparency, accountability, and balanced decision-making.

These roles provide a front-row seat to the progress happening throughout Canal Fulton -from supporting small business growth and downtown revitalization to strengthening our nonprofits and community organizations. I've also had the privilege of leading initiatives that shape how we present ourselves, including the rebranding of our city logo, the launch of our new city website, and even bringing the Mini St. Helena into the Hall of Fame Parade.

### Growth Downtown

Historic Downtown Canal Fulton continues to thrive as new businesses, community-driven events, and strong partnerships fuel ongoing economic growth and vibrancy.

We are excited to welcome Cozy Cottage to its new location in the heart of our historic downtown. This charming addition brings a unique shopping experience that complements the character and walkability of our downtown district. Alongside this opening, we are also pleased to welcome Kinfolk Candle Company, adding another locally rooted, artisan-focused business to our growing downtown business community. These new establishments reflect the continued demand for small business development and the appeal of Canal Fulton as a destination for both residents and visitors.

Community events remain a driving force behind our economic success. The recent Melted on the Canal event, hosted by the Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association, was an overwhelming success. Tasting tickets for the May 16th event sold out within the first week—a clear indicator of strong community engagement and regional interest. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Historic Downtown Business Association, participating vendors, and the community members who supported this event. For those who missed out, there is always next year as this signature event continues to grow.

Looking ahead, we have several exciting opportunities to engage with and support our local economy. On June 25, the Canal Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Non-Profit Exhibit at Canal Creative, providing a platform for local organizations to connect with the community and showcase their missions and impact.

Be sure to join us for Olde Canal Days, July 9-11, as we celebrate America 250 together in Historic Downtown Canal Fulton. This beloved annual festival continues to draw visitors from across the region and plays a key role in supporting our local businesses and community spirit.

Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association brings back another community event: Create on the Canal on August 8th. Stay tuned for more



information or follow HDCFEVENTS on Facebook for all the latest happenings in the historic downtown.

Additionally, we encourage everyone to mark their calendars for the Mayor's Cup Golf Outing on September 18. This annual event not only brings together business and community leaders but also supports scholarships for Northwest High School seniors and contributes to community improvement initiatives.

Through continued collaboration between the City, the Chamber, the Historic Downtown Business Association, and our local businesses, Canal Fulton remains committed to fostering a strong, vibrant, and sustainable local economy.

### Schalmo Family YMCA Annual Campaign Exceeds Goal

The Schalmo Family YMCA has once again demonstrated the strength and generosity of our community, raising \$107,012.37 for its Annual Campaign about 124% of its \$87,000 goal.

There were a total of 223 donors including 68 Champions donors who pledged to donate \$1,000 or more to the campaign.

This achievement places our small-town YMCA first among all YMCAs in Central Stark County, a testament to the unwavering support from local residents, businesses, and community leaders who believe in the YMCA's mission.

Funds raised through the Annual Campaign directly support individuals and families who may not otherwise have access to YMCA programs and services. These dollars ensure that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Through financial assistance, the YMCA is able to provide access to:

- Youth development programs, including sports leagues, swim lessons, and childcare
- Health and wellness opportunities for adults and seniors, promoting active and healthy lifestyles
- Summer camps and after-school programs that offer safe, structured environments for children
- Community-building initiatives that foster connection, mentorship, and personal growth

For many families, this support is life-changing providing children with opportunities to learn and grow, offering working parents reliable childcare, and ensuring seniors remain active and engaged.

This remarkable accomplishment reflects not only the success of a campaign, but the heart of a community committed to lifting one another up. The Schalmo Family YMCA continues to be a cornerstone of Canal Fulton, strengthening lives and building a healthier, more connected community for all.

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# CITY OF CANAL FULTON

## Celebrating 100 Years: Rotary Club of Canal Fulton Marks a Century of Service

The Rotary Club of Canal Fulton is celebrating an incredible milestone -100 years of service, leadership, and community impact. This June, the club will host a free community celebration at Community Park, inviting residents, families, and friends to come together and honor a century of giving back.



Rotary Club of Canal Fulton  
**CANAL FULTON ROTARY**  
**100 YEAR CELEBRATION**  
FREE ADMISSION

**SATURDAY**  
**13 JUNE**  
3 - 9PM  
(CONCERT 6 - 9PM)

Day Full of Games, Inflatables, Live Music from La-Flavour, Cruise-In, Food Trucks & More! Free Admission!

CRUISE-IN  
LIVE MUSIC - LA FLAVOUR  
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INFLATABLES & GAMES

SCHALMO FAMILY YMCA CANAL FULTON  
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Parking at Northwest Senior Center

VISIT FACEBOOK: ROTARY CLUB OF CANAL FULTON FOR INFO

For generations, Rotary has played a quiet but powerful role in shaping the fabric of Canal Fulton. Built on the principle of "Service Above Self," Rotary members are local leaders, professionals, and volunteers who are committed to strengthening the community through service, collaboration, and philanthropy.

The impact of the Canal Fulton Rotary Club can be seen across the community from youth programs and scholarships to events that bring residents together. Signature initiatives such as the other of All Races-continue to promote health, engagement, and local pride, while also raising funds that are reinvested directly back into the community.

Beyond local efforts, Rotary's reach extends globally, supporting causes such as disease prevention, clean water access, education, and peacebuilding. Yet, it is the local impact that resonates most deeply -neighbors helping neighbors, businesses supporting families, and volunteers creating opportunities for future generations.

As Canal Fulton continues to grow and evolve, the Rotary Club remains a cornerstone organization-quietly driving progress, supporting those in need, and fostering a strong sense of community.

We invite everyone to join in celebrating this historic milestone at Community Park and to recognize the lasting legacy of service that has helped make Canal Fulton the vibrant, connected community it is today.

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## Art, Awareness, and Community: Mural Unveiling and Tarrah's Torch Initiative

Historic Downtown Canal Fulton continues to showcase how art, community, and purpose can come together to create something truly meaningful. During this year's Melted on the Canal event, hosted by the historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association, attendees not only enjoyed a sold-out day of local food and vendors, but also witnessed the unveiling of a new downtown mural... a powerful tribute rooted in community, inclusion, and connection.



The mural was created to honor the legacy of Tarrah Hale and carries a message that reflects the heart of the project: *Different Paths. Shared Journey*. This visual addition to our historic downtown is more than public art-it is a symbol of unity and a reminder of the diverse experiences that make our community stronger. The unveiling also marked the introduction of Tarrah's Torch Foundation, a community-driven initiative inspired by Tarrah Hale's passion for inclusion and support. The foundation focuses on raising awareness and providing support for individuals and families impacted by autism, helping to ensure that all members of our community feel seen, supported, and empowered.

Proceeds and donations connected to this effort will support the foundation as well as autism-related initiatives, extending the impact far beyond the mural itself. What began as a public art project has grown into a lasting movement centered on compassion, advocacy, and community support.

Through initiatives like this, the Historic Downtown Canal Fulton Business Association is helping shape a downtown that is not only vibrant and economically strong, but also inclusive, thoughtful, and deeply connected.



**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](mailto:rep50@ohiohouse.gov) or by phone at 614.466.9078 with any questions or concerns.

*Matt Kishman*

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## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR JOSEPH SCHULTZ

Well, it looks like you're stuck with me for at least another year and a half. My campaign to be a Stark County Commissioner came up well short. Most people describe it as a loss, but I believe, it was a great opportunity to share all of the great things that are happening in Canal Fulton with the rest of Stark County. My goal was to have a greater voice in correcting the failing process of property tax reappraisals. When the schools, cities, villages, county, or townships ask for a new levy to support their needs, they say it will cost us so much per one hundred thousand dollars of appraised value of our property. We use that number to determine our ability to support and budget for the increase. The problem comes every three years after that when they reappraise our properties and the original commitment goes up. My goal was to eliminate that process (smaller government) and keep the appraised value where it is today until we sell our property and establish a new true value in money for the property moving forward. The amount the buyer pays would then be set for them until they

sell the property. The only way our property taxes could increase is if a new levy is passed. Even then, the taxes would be based on our current appraised amount and never increase without our vote.

Another benefit would be to actually incentivize us to improve our properties without facing an increase in appraised value and taxes. I compare the current system to investing in a 401K. When do you get taxed on it? When you sell your investment. The government still gets their money, they just have to wait until we sell. I could go on and on, but it's time to move on. Please understand, I will continue to fight to eliminate the reappraisal process, other states do it. I think Ohio can do it better. Having a microphone that speaks for 373,771 people in Stark County would have been louder than the one I have for the 5,411 people of Canal Fulton. But rest assured, I will continue to speak for everyone that I represent.

I have the love of Jesus Christ in my heart and I love all of you who have given me the opportunity to serve as your mayor. And I will never count that as a loss.



## Teach Me How To Dora! (not to be confused with the explorer)

A Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area or DORA is a specifically designated area that allows patrons over the age of 21 to purchase alcoholic beverages from an establishment and carry them in an open container within a clearly defined area within the City.

### WHERE TO PURCHASE:

- Warehouse on the Canal
- The Barrel Room on Canal
- Miller-Doan Tavern
- VFW Post 9795
- Canal Boat Lounge
- Dragonfly Winery

Shops that allow you to bring a DORA cup in will have a sticker on their window or door. Shops that do not allow DORA cups will be marked accordingly.

*Most importantly... Have fun and drink responsibly!*



## Canal Fulton Public Library Summer 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

#### JUNE:

- Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, June 2-30 | 10-10:20 a.m.
- Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, June 3-24 | 11-11:30 a.m.
- Wonderful World of Bubbles Ages 3-12 | Thursday, June 4 | 1-2 p.m.
- Adopt a Dinosaur Ages 3-12 | Friday, June 5 | 11-12 p.m.
- Photo Coasters Ages 3-12 | Tuesday, June 9 | 6-7 p.m.
- Kids' Cookbook Club Ages 6-12 | Wednesday, June 10 | 1-2 p.m.
- Kids' Pokemon Club Ages 6-12 | Thursday, June 11 | 6-7 p.m.
- Giggle and Grow Ages 3-5 | Friday, June 12 | 12-12:40 p.m.
- Tea Rex Party Ages 2-5 | Wednesday, June 17 | 2-3 p.m.
- Akron Zoomobile Ages 3-12 | Thursday, June 18 | 6-7 p.m.
- Sock Hop Ages 0-12 | Friday, June 19 | 11-12 p.m.
- King Tut Masks Ages 6-12 | Friday, June 19 | 3-4 p.m.
- Craft Time: Sarcophagi and Cat Mummies Ages 3-12 | Wednesday, June 24 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Family Story Night: Dinos Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, June 24 | 6-7 p.m.
- Dig Into Reading with Magic! Ages 3-12 | Thursday, June 25 | 1-2 p.m.
- Prehistoric Night Lights Ages 6-12 | Thursday, June 25 | 6-7 p.m.
- Kid Chill Skills Ages 3-7 | Friday, June 26 | 10-11 a.m.

#### JULY:

- Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, July 2-30 | 10-10:20 a.m.
- Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, July 1-29 | 11-11:30 a.m.
- Dino Gem Art Ages 6-12 | Wednesday, July 1 | 2-3 p.m.
- Happy Birthday, America! Ages 3-12 | Thursday, July 2 | 2-3 p.m.
- Ancient Art: Greek-Inspired Clay Creations Ages 6-12 | Thursday, July 2 | 6-7 p.m.
- Penelope Rex Party Ages 2-5 | Friday, July 3 | 12-1 p.m.
- Craft Time: Geodes Ages 3-12 | Wednesday, July 8 | 12:30-1:30 p.m.
- Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show Ages 6-12 | Thursday, July 9 | 1-2 p.m.
- Making Papyrus Ages 6-12 | Friday, July 10 | 10-11 a.m.
- Kids' Cookbook Book Club Ages 6-12 | Wednesday, July 15 | 1-2 p.m.
- Jurassic Slime Ages 6-12 | Thursday, July 16 | 6-7 p.m.
- Edible Archeology Ages 3-12 | Friday, July 17 | 11-12 a.m.
- Lego & NERF Challenge Ages 6-12 | Wednesday, July 22 | 2-3 p.m.
- Danny Go Dance Party Ages 3-12 | Thursday, July 23 | 12-1 p.m.
- Jurassic Escape Room Ages 6-12 | Thursday, July 23 | 6-7 p.m.
- Dino Play Time Ages 2-5 | Friday, July 24 | 11-12 p.m.
- Kids' Pokemon Club Ages 6-12 | Friday, July 24 | 3-4 p.m.
- Dino Dig Ages 6-12 | Wednesday, July 29 | 1-2 p.m.
- Family Story Night: Flintstones Ages birth-12 | Wednesday, July 29 | 6-7 p.m.
- Switch & Race! Ages 6-12 | Thursday, July 30 | 6-7 p.m.

#### AUGUST:

- Kindermusik Ages 0-2 | Every Tuesday, August 4-25 | 10-10:45 a.m.
- Kindermusik Ages 3-5 | Every Tuesday, August 4-25 | 11-11:45 a.m.

#### SEPTEMBER:

- Tots and Tales Ages birth-2 | Every Tuesday & Thursday, September 1-29 | 10-10:20 a.m.
- Feed Me a Story Ages 3-5 | Every Wednesday, September 2-30 | 11-11:30 a.m.

### ADULT AND TEEN SERVICES DEPARTMENT EVENTS

#### JUNE:

- Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
- Teen Triassic Tote Bags: Tuesday, June 2nd | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Friends Count Needlecraft Club: Wednesday, June 3rd | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Fort Laurens and the Revolutionary War: Saturday, June 6th | 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- Music Jam Session: Monday June 8th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Garden Books Adult Craft: Monday, June 8th | 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Dino Nuggie Plushies: Tuesday, June 9th | 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Teen Survive Extinction Adventure Game: Tuesday, June 16th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion: Tuesday, June 16th | 6-7 p.m.
- Friends Count Needlecraft Club: Saturday, June 20th | 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Abraham Lincoln: A New Birth of Freedom: Saturday, June 20th | 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Teen Dig Pit with Archeology, Can You Dig It?: Tuesday, June 23rd | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Teen Movie Night: Tuesday, June 30th | 5:00-7:30 p.m.

#### JULY:

- Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
- Music Jam Session: Monday, July 6th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Memory Trinket Dish Adult Craft: Monday, July 6th | 6:00 p.m.
- Teen Dinosaur Terrariums: Tuesday, July 7th | 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Creating Memory Snapshots: Monday, July 13th | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- The Pharaoh's Tomb – A Virtual Escape Room Experience for Teens and Adults: Tuesday July 14th | 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Teen Polymer Pinch Pots: Tuesday, July 21st | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion: Tuesday, July 21st | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- A Story of Love and War Author Book Discussion: Monday, July 27th | 6:00 p.m.
- A Founding Fathers Musical Sing-along: Tuesday, July 28th | 4:30-7:30 p.m.

#### AUGUST:

- Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
- Music Jam Session: Monday, August 3rd | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Author Fair: Saturday, August 15th | 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion: Tuesday, August 18th | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER:

- Tech Tuesdays: Every Tuesday, call for appointment
- Music Jam Session: Monday, September 14th | 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Third Tuesday Book Discussion: Tuesday, September 15th | 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tunes by the Towpath Mark Alan Wade, Hammered Dulcimer: Tuesday, September 22nd | 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

# CITY OF CANAL FULTON



**Kate Lama**  
Zoning Inspector

Hello, I'm Kate Lama, your Zoning Inspector for the City of Canal Fulton. I'm dedicated to helping keep our community safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone who calls it home. Zoning regulations are one of the ways we protect property values and preserve the character of our neighborhoods so they remain enjoyable for all residents.

**A Friendly Reminder for Residents**

From time to time, you may notice zoning inspections taking place around the city. These are routine and are simply part of my effort to help keep neighborhoods looking their best and in line with city guidelines.

**Here are a few helpful things to keep in mind:**

- **Zoning Certificates:** Planning a new project like a shed, fence, deck, or exterior update? You may need a zoning certificate before getting started. This helps make sure everything meets local guidelines and prevents any surprises later on.
- **Property Maintenance:** Keeping grass and weeds trimmed not only meets city standards, but also helps your property—and your neighborhood—look its best.
- **Basketball Hoops and Obstructions:** To help keep everyone safe, please avoid placing portable basketball hoops or similar items in streets or public right-of-ways, where they can create hazards for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians.

**What This Means for You**

As these standards are applied across the community, you may notice small changes over time. These efforts are all about maintaining a safe, attractive, and consistent environment for everyone who lives here.

**I'm Here to Help**

I know zoning rules can sometimes feel confusing, and I'm here to make them easier to understand. If you have questions about permits, requirements, or a project you're considering, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the Zoning Office. I'm happy to guide you through the process.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Canal Fulton a great place to live. Working together, we can keep our community clean, safe, and welcoming for all.

**Echoes OF SUMMER**  
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June 19  
Rockhouse

June 26  
China Grove

July 17  
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July 31  
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August 7  
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August 14  
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#### Community Partner- \$1500

- ✓ Sponsorship recognition for: Mayor's Cup Golf Outing, DORA Boat Ride
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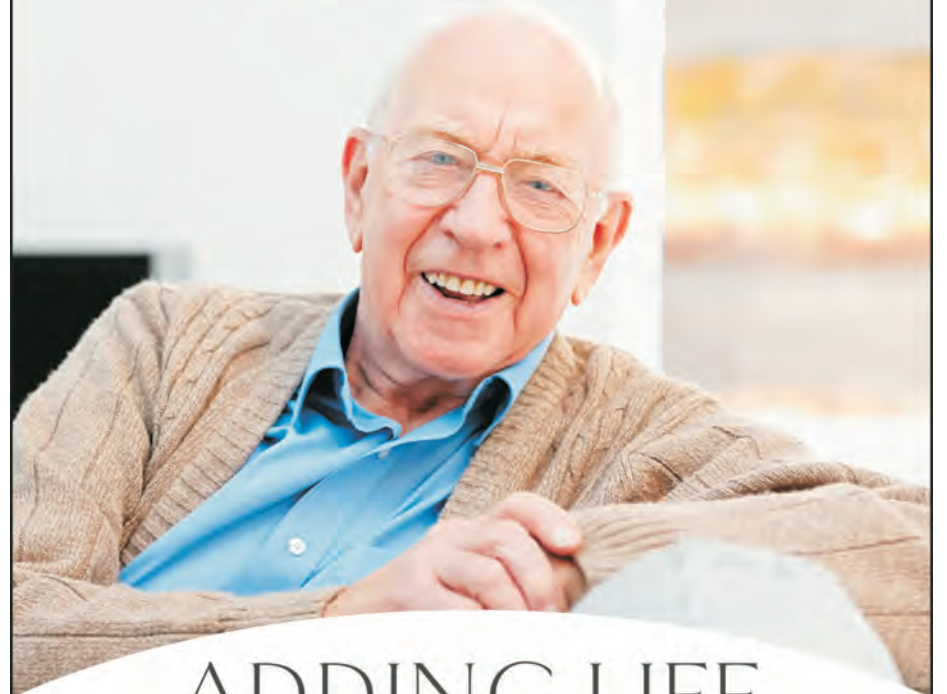
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## Keith Blowers Trustee Talk: Warmer days are here

330-904-9319

Spring is here! I think we're all ready to get back outside and enjoy it. With that in mind, we're excited to host our **4th Annual Community Day at the park on June 13th!**

This event has been a big hit every year and truly offers something for everyone. Join us starting at 5pm for bounce houses, face painting, kids' activities, food, touch-a-truck, and more from local organizations. We'll wrap up the evening with a showing of Zootopia 3 on a giant inflatable screen at 9pm. Best of all it's completely free! Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

We continue to make improvements to our township park and facilities. Thanks to a grant from the state capital budget, we have been able to add lighting to our courts, and it would be hard to miss our new sign! The grant and project were headed up by Mr. Roseman and completed using local trade and labor putting state tax dollars back into our community.

With the new lighting, **summer park hours will now be 5am-midnight**, with shorter hours in the winter. The lights are on timers to conserve energy and will only operate during park hours. We'll also be posting updated park rules to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

One important reminder: wheeled items are not permitted in the park, especially

on the walking path. This includes bikes, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, and similar items. We've seen several minor injuries related to these, so we appreciate your help keeping everyone safe.

Also, don't forget the pavilion and kitchen are available to rent for your events. Contact the township office for details.

As we head into spring and summer, here are a few friendly reminders:

- Please keep lawns mowed, weeds under control, and properties free of excess debris
- Many outdoor projects (pools, decks, garages, sheds, certain play sets, signs, home businesses, etc.) require permits
- Be mindful of drainage. Avoid directing water toward roads or neighboring properties

Permits are usually quick and easy. If you're unsure, just give us a call, we're happy to help.

We wish everyone a great spring and summer! As always, we enjoy hearing from you, so don't hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or comments. Public meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month at 5:30pm. For more information, visit [Lawrencetwp-oh.org](http://Lawrencetwp-oh.org) or call 330-854-3830.



## Douglas Swartz Trustee Talk: Oath of Office

330-705-1457

I remember the first time I raised my right hand and took an oath. It was 1995. I had just become a police officer. I said the words the way everyone does with purpose and determination. But the truth is, I wasn't prepared to fully understand what I had just committed to. So, I took it upon myself to learn.

What I came to understand is that an oath is not just a formality. It is one of the oldest promises a person can make. For thousands of years, societies have relied on oaths when trust mattered most. When there were no body-worn cameras, no recordings, and no way to prove what was true except a person's word. In ancient Greece and Rome, oaths were sworn before communities and tied directly to a person's honor. In early English law, entire cases could hinge on whether someone's sworn word could be trusted.

That history carried forward into our American government. Our Founders required an oath of office, not to a king, not to a party, not to a person, but to the Constitution itself. They understood that power, if left unchecked, will always try to justify itself. The oath is what stands in the way of that. It draws a clear line: you serve the law; you don't become it.

Since that first day in 1995, I've taken the oath many times, through promotions to lieutenant in 2009 and police chief in 2012, through my appointment as a township trustee, and again in 2024 when I was elected to serve Lawrence Township. If you add in the times I've raised my right hand in a courtroom and sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, I've lost count.

Those courtroom oaths are different. They apply to a moment. You swear that what you say is true, and the consequences for getting it wrong are immediate and serious. The oath of office is different; it doesn't end when you lower your hand. It stays with you. It applies to every decision you make, especially the ones that are very difficult in nature. One governs your words. The other reveals your character.

One of the things I value most about being a township trustee is that it is non-partisan. In a time when so much of government is defined by party lines, township government still operates the way local government was intended to operate, which is focused on roads, safety, services, and the day-to-day needs of the community. There are no party labels next to our names when we sit down to make decisions. That matters significantly. The oath I took was not to a party, or an ideology. It was to the Constitution and to the people we serve. That removes the excuse to make decisions based on politics and puts the responsibility exactly where it belongs: on doing what is right.

There is one line in the oath that stands above the rest for me: *"I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of the office of Township Trustee."*

It is a simple sentence, but it is where the oath becomes meaningful for me. To serve faithfully means showing up with purpose and consistency. It means doing the work whether it is visible or not. It means taking the time to understand issues before making decisions and resisting the urge to take shortcuts when something becomes difficult. Faithfulness is not about recognition or getting re-elected; it is about responsibility.

Honesty is where the oath gets tested. Not just honesty in what you say, but honesty in how you think. It means not shaping facts to fit a preferred outcome. It means being transparent in how decisions are made. It means being willing to admit when you are wrong or when you do not have all the answers. Those are not easy things to do in public service. But without them, the oath becomes nothing more than words.

The oath does not say to do what is popular. It does not say to do what is easy. It says to discharge the duties of the office. For a township trustee, those duties are defined by law. That means acting within the authority given to the office,

managing public resources responsibly, and making decisions based on what serves the township, not personal or political interests. The office defines the duty. The oath demands that you carry it out.

There are times in public service when decisions must be made that are not easy, not popular, and not fully understood from the outside. In those moments, the oath matters most. It becomes the standard you fall back on, the reminder that your responsibility is not to comfort or convenience, but to faithfully and honestly carry out the duties of the office you were entrusted with.

After all these years, I see it clearly. The oath is not something that I raised my hand and took in 1995, or 2009, or 2012, or even 2024. It is something I am expected to uphold every single day. I am grateful to the residents of Lawrence Township for the opportunity to serve. It is an honor to have been elected and entrusted with this responsibility, and I do not take that lightly.

It is equally an honor to serve as the police liaison, working alongside the dedicated men and women of our police department. I have spent my career in law enforcement, and I understand the commitment it takes to do that job well. Representing them, supporting them, and helping ensure they have the proper tools and equipment to do their jobs safely is what they deserve and is something I take very seriously.

In the end, every decision I make comes back to the same place, the oath I took, and the responsibility that comes with it.

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# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



## Patricia Boser Trustee Talk: Roads, Water and Drainage (707) 592-4250

Lawrence Township aims to keep roads safe, accessible, and well-maintained for the future. In recent years, this goal has not been fully met—not due to our skilled staff, but because two years passed without chip-and-seal work. My objective is to use the budget as efficiently as possible for road upkeep. We currently plan to chip and seal seven roads and all township parking lots except the park. We're developing a clear strategy for where we want our roads in three to five years. Completing projects ahead of schedule is ideal. Emergencies are always prioritized. The following roads are scheduled for chip and seal treatment: Arcadia Street from SR #21 to Deerfield Avenue; Beaumont Avenue from Forty Corners to Orrville Street, from Beaumont Avenue to the Orrville township line, and from Beaumont Avenue to the end; Forty Corners (Orrville Street to SR #21), Forty Corners (SR #21 to township line), and Leaver Avenue.

### Commitment Moving Forward

I promise that every year I serve on the board, road resurfacing will remain a top priority in the months that allow it. We will work diligently to ensure Lawrence Township roads are consistently improved and maintained.

### Water Issues and Drainage Laws

I want to discuss some water concerns. This spring has been unusually wet, and all that water eventually flows toward the Ohio River. Our responsibility is to keep the roads clear of water to ensure safety. Sometimes, it can be confusing to know which roads the township manages; residents often call to report issues, only to learn that the road belongs to the County or the State even the City of Canal Fulton. This doesn't mean you shouldn't report what you see; we will notify the county or state if necessary.

### Ohio Drainage Laws and Reasonable Use Doctrine

The Ohio Drainage Laws generally address drainage rights and runoff issues. The "reasonable use doctrine," frequently applied by the Ohio Supreme Court, grants broad latitude in interpreting individual rights related to drainage. According to this doctrine: "A possessor of land is not unqualifiedly privileged to deal with surface water as he pleases, nor is he absolutely prohibited from interfering with the natural flow of surface waters to the detriment of others. Each possessor is legally privileged to make reasonable use of his/her land, even though the flow

of surface waters is altered thereby and causes some harm to others. He incurs liability only when his harmful interference with flow of the surface water is unreasonable." See *McGlashan v. Spade Rockledge Terrace Condo Dev. Corp.*, 62 Ohio St. 2d55, 402 N.E.2d 1196.

### Summary of Drainage Rights and Responsibilities

- Landowners are entitled to reasonable use of the water that crosses their land if it is returned to its natural water course. This includes ponding water for personal use or making drainage improvements to protect structures.
- Landowners are generally required to accept water that flows onto their property in a natural water course, provided no additional water from another watershed has been added.
- Subsurface drainage installed for more than 21 years is considered a natural water course. 7-Year Rule (ORC6131.59): If a ditch, drain or watercourse has been established and used for seven years or more, it is considered a public watercourse, regardless of any initial errors or defects in its construction.
- Landowners must outlet a natural water course onto their downstream neighbor at the same location as the water left the property before any development.
- Changing the flow of water—such as its volume, direction, or velocity—in a way that causes damage to an upstream neighbor may result in legal liability for damages.

Lawrence Township is typically not a party to water rights or drainage problems between neighbors and cannot mediate disputes. The township's only involvement is we can occasionally provide limited advice to landowners who voluntarily wish to improve drainage on their own property.

Various laws restrict the township's ability to take action, making it difficult to resolve issues without significant liability concerns. I frequently hear dissatisfaction when the township must decline requests. This is not due to unwillingness to address problems, but rather because of the liability associated with these responsibilities.

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# LAWRENCE 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.

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.

## Ticked off about Ticks? By Tim Dietz

Source: *Conservation News, Stark Soil & Water Conservation District*

Was it me, or did the ticks seem really bad last summer? Last year I found ticks in areas that normally would have been a tick-free zone. I found ticks on the dogs, in the yard, in the garden, in the house, in the car, and even on my body. Even with typical treatments, I still found them in more than average places and quantities. Well, if you agree with those statements, you're not alone. These are more than mere observations; there is actual data to support these claims. It seems that 2025 had a record year for reports of Lyme disease caused by tick bites. According to the website from the Ohio Department of Health, Stark County leads all 88 counties in Ohio for reported cases of Lyme disease in humans. In a study from 2015-2024 there were nominal cases recorded, but the documented numbers in 2025 were 18 times higher than those recorded cases in just that one year alone. What happened to cause those numbers to increase so drastically?

The answer to that question can be found in a few factors. One being the last few winters have been mild from the previous years. Interestingly enough, it's not the winter temperatures that keep ticks away as one would think. It has more to do with animal migration. Ticks are little hitchhikers, and they latch onto animals that come up from the warmer southern states. Animals such as deer, mice, migratory birds, and other mammals.



When the winter temperatures are warmer, these animals migrate further into the northern states, and the ticks expand their range into previously unaffected areas. Combine that with last year's extended rainy wet season, and it created a suitable environment for ticks to invade these areas and thrive. Unfortunately for us, ticks can tolerate colder temperatures. They can survive the winter temperatures on their journey north. The other downside for us is they thrive in warm moist conditions. Therefore, once they get here, they set up camp so to speak. From the reports on Lyme disease cases, it shows that ticks aren't coming to our area, they're already here. We're in what is called an "established" county where ticks are here and thriving. Having said that, we should be more aware of this situation and try to prevent the contraction of tick-borne diseases.

There are some things we can do to address this situation. The winter storms of January have already helped with slowing animals coming here during the chilled winter months. However, there are some other things we can do to safeguard our homes when spring arrives. Create barriers between wooded areas and the house by using gravel or wood chips. You can also spray the perimeter with cedar oils. Start planting herbs and flowers that have a strong scent like lavender, rosemary, or mint. Also plant lemongrass, marigolds or chrysanthemums. Ticks and mosquitos are repulsed by anything strong scented like that. It interferes with their sense of smell for food tracking. For dogs and companion animals, use topical medicines. For us humans, use defense sprays that include DEET as an ingredient. Also, you can spray your shoes and clothes with Permethrin as a deterrent. These tips should help. Also, in preparation, create a tick removal kit. This would include a tick removal device such as sharp-nosed tweezers, a magnifying glass, a flashlight, alcohol swabs, and a plastic bag. An important sidenote is to not squeeze the body of the tick after it has become embedded, as it can cause pathogens to be injected into your body through the saliva of the tick. After removal, place the tick between folds of tape, or into a baggie. Don't crush the tick, or flush down the toilet. Please go online for other tips and tricks on ticks. We shouldn't fear the outdoors once we prepare for it. The more we know about our planet, the better steward we can be.

## SERVING LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP



### ADMINISTRATIVE HOURS:

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Lawrence Township Fire Dept.	330-854-2456 Non-Emergency
North Lawrence Vol. Fire Dept.	330-832-6347 Non-Emergency

## Hello Lawrence Township neighbors

Most of my business comes from friends, past clients, and people right here in our community—and I'm incredibly grateful for that.

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# LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP

## ZONING DEPARTMENT NEWS



**Zoning Inspector Bill Hostler**  
330-854-7118

### Introducing Our New IworQ Zoning Software

Lawrence Township is pleased to announce the implementation of our new IworQ zoning software, an important step forward in improving efficiency, transparency, and communication between the Township and our residents.

One of the key benefits of this new system is enhanced citizen engagement. Residents now have the ability to easily submit nuisance complaints directly through the online platform. Whether it's concerns about high grass and weeds, property maintenance, or other zoning-related issues, the process is designed to be simple, accessible, and convenient.

When submitting a nuisance complaint, residents are encouraged to provide complete and accurate information, including their name and contact details. By doing so, the system will automatically generate a case number for the request. This case number allows residents to track the status and progress of their complaint from submission through resolution, providing greater visibility and peace of mind.



This new feature represents a significant improvement over previous methods, offering a more streamlined approach to communication and follow-up. It also helps Township staff respond more efficiently by ensuring that all necessary information is available from the outset.

Lawrence Township remains committed to serving our community with transparency and responsiveness. We encourage all residents to take advantage of this new tool and stay engaged in helping us maintain the quality and safety of our neighborhoods.

*For more information or to submit a request, please visit the Township's website.*

### Information Regarding Health-Related Complaints

Lawrence Township residents are advised of an important update regarding the handling of certain nuisance and health-related complaints.

As of February, the Township Zoning Department has been directed to forward specific types of complaints directly to the Stark County Health Department. These include issues involving:

- Accumulations of solid waste (household garbage, food waste, etc.)
- Swimming pools or containers with stagnant water
- Any conditions that may serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes

To ensure the most prompt and effective response, residents are encouraged to submit these complaints directly to the Stark County Health Department. Please note that filing a complaint with the Health Department requires completion of a form that includes your name and address. This direct approach is the fastest way to have your concern addressed.

The Stark County Health Department is located at 7235 Whipple Ave NW, North Canton, Ohio. Online complaint forms are also available at [starkhealth.org](http://starkhealth.org) for your convenience.

For residents who wish to remain anonymous, complaints may still be submitted to the Lawrence Township Zoning Department. Zoning staff will then forward the information to the Stark County Health Department on your behalf. However, please be aware that anonymous complaints must first be verified before action can be taken, which may result in a longer response time.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work together to maintain a clean, safe, and healthy community.



## POLICE DEPT. 330-854-2096



We should all enjoy the summer months, but we should also remember a few summer crime prevention tips:

#### VEHICLES

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended with its windows down or doors unlocked
- Always secure your vehicle, even at home!
- If your vehicle is parked outside overnight, be sure to keep it in a lighted area as a deterrent
- Make sure all valuables are out of sight or removed from your vehicle
- Do not leave children or pets left unattended in vehicles

#### VACATION WATCH

- If you are going out of town, you can notify the Police Department and set up a vacation watch
- Make sure your home is locked up and secure
- Stop your mail or have family/friends retrieve it for you
- Set a light on a timer inside of your home to create the appearance of activity
- Exterior motion sensor lighting can aid in deterring crime
- Keep valuables away from public view through a window etc.
- Place valuables in a safe if possible
- Do not post your vacation plans on social media

#### BIKE RIDING

- Check your bike to make sure the tires are inflated and the brakes are working
- Put reflectors on the front and back of your bike
- Wear your safety helmet and pads for protection
- If you ride on the street, keep to the right and follow all traffic signs
- Be on the lookout for traffic, yield to vehicles and signal when turning
- Use the crosswalks and yield to pedestrians
- If you must cross at an intersection, look both ways and walk your bike to the other side
- When you park your bike, make sure you lock it up

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Chief Shawn Yerian • 330-854-2456**

### Community Outreach & Engagement

Over the past several months, our department has been proud to connect directly with residents through presentations at the Rotary Club of Canal Fulton, the Canal Fulton Lions Club, the Canal Fulton Public Library, and the Northwest Stark Senior Citizens Center. These opportunities allow us to share important safety information, discuss fire department operations, and answer questions from the community we serve.



**Firework Safety:** We want to remind residents to celebrate safely when using fireworks this season. Fireworks can cause serious injuries and fires if not handled properly. Taking a few simple precautions can make all the difference.

- Attend public displays when possible
  - Keep a hose or bucket of water nearby
  - Never allow children to handle fireworks
  - Use only in open areas away from structures
  - Soak used fireworks before disposal
- Under Ohio Revised Code 3743.45, consumer fireworks may be discharged on approved summer dates between 4PM and 11PM, with an extended time of 4PM to 11:59 PM on July 4.

- Memorial Day Weekend (Sat.-Sun.) + Memorial Day
- Juneteenth (June 19)
- July 3, July 4, and July 5
- Labor Day Weekend (Sat.-Sun.) + Labor Day



**Safety Town 2026 • August 3-7 | 6:00-8:30 PM**  
(The Fire Department speaking will be on August 5th)

Northwest Safety Town is a one-week program designed to introduce kindergarten students to safety awareness in a fun, interactive environment. Each evening includes group safety lessons, songs, pedal-car driving through the "town," and other hands-on activities that help children build lifelong safety habits.

Registration and volunteer opportunities will be posted in the first week of June, with online registration and payment available again this year.

Follow along for updates on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/SafetyTownCanalFulton](https://www.facebook.com/SafetyTownCanalFulton)

Our goal is simple: Community risk reduction through education, awareness, and engagement. By meeting residents where they are, we can better prepare our community to prevent emergencies, respond appropriately when they occur, and ultimately reduce risk across Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township. We appreciate the continued support and partnership of these organizations in strengthening public safety.

**Grill Safety:** Grilling is a great way to enjoy the summer, but it also presents a significant fire risk when not done properly. Taking a few simple precautions can help prevent fires and keep your family and home safe.

- Keep grills at least 10 ft. away from homes, decks, & structures
- Never use grills indoors or inside garages
- Check propane tanks and connections for leaks before use
- Keep a fire extinguisher or water source nearby while grilling

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**CLEAN GRILL BEFORE AND AFTER COOKING TO PREVENT GREASE BUILD UP.**

**KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS AT LEAST 3 FEET AWAY FROM THE GRILLING AREA. CHILDREN SHOULD NEVER PLAY NEAR GRILLS OR PROPANE CYLINDERS.**

**PROPANE AND CHARCOAL GRILLS SHOULD ONLY BE USED OUTDOORS.**

**NEVER LEAVE A GRILL UNATTENDED WHILE COOKING.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [WWW.NFPA.ORG/](http://WWW.NFPA.ORG/)

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## NORTH LAWRENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT



The North Lawrence Fire Department is proud to share some exciting updates with our community as we head into the summer months. So far this year, NLFD has welcomed **six new members to our ranks**. These additions strengthen our department and help us continue providing reliable, high-quality emergency services to our residents.

In addition, we have **increased our daily staffing levels by adding a third on-duty member**. This enhancement improves our response capabilities and ensures we are better equipped to serve the community when emergencies arise.

We are also excited to announce that we will soon be placing a new **Command/Search and Rescue truck into service**. These new resources will expand our operational capabilities and support both emergency response and specialized rescue situations.

As always, the safety of our community remains our top priority. With summer approaching, we encourage everyone to stay mindful of fire safety, enjoy outdoor activities responsibly, and look out for one another.



*We hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!*

## ROAD DEPT. NEWS

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



**Welcome summer!** The warm weather is here, and we will be very busy replacing failed culvert crossings on the following roads: Forty Corners, Beaumont, Johnston, Weygandt, McCue and Alabama. Be prepared for road closures and detours.

We will also be spot paving and berming roads for this year and next year's chip and seal. Please remember to pay attention while driving in these work zones and give our road crew plenty of room to work.

### MOWING

With the warm weather, the mowing season comes. Please remember, it is illegal to blow your grass clippings onto the roadways.

### Safety Hazard

Wet or dry grass clippings reduce traction on the road. These grass clippings act like ice for motorcycles and bicycles. This can cause serious accidents and even fatalities.

### Environmental

Grass clippings get into storm drains clogging pipes, causing water pollution and causing flooding during heavy rains.

### Road Maintenance

Grass clippings can cause weeds to sprout along curbs and impact the road drainage.

### Liability

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# VILLAGE OF CLINTON

## A MESSAGE FROM Mayor William (Bud) McDaniel

[mayor@clintonoh.gov](mailto:mayor@clintonoh.gov)



250 years. That may seem like a long time to us, or a short time to countries that have been around much longer. Many of you may remember our 200th anniversary, or Bicentennial for those around in 1976. There was great celebration, fireworks, and patriotic colors on everything. Many people may not remember that we were just two years out of a very long, unpopular, war in Vietnam. We had a better sense of freedom and peace that was fresh in our minds. This year, as we celebrate our 250th, I hope that we can still reflect on the freedoms that we have by

living in the United States of America. The same freedoms that our founders envisioned in that hot Pennsylvania state house that is now known as Independence Hall. Windows closed as well as the shades pulled. They were under tyranny and willing to fight for freedom. We are free and can celebrate this event with parties, picnics, and baseball. There is a lot planned for July 5th in Warwick Park this year as we recognize this great event. I hope all of you can join us. Keep an eye out on Facebook as the schedule is lining up.

As for the Village of Clinton, we have several major events in the works. Although, neither will start this year, but the funding will. On Friday, August 21st, I, along with those who wish to join me, will meet US Congresswoman Emilia Sykes at the Village Hall to accept a check for \$1.55 million to assist with the redoing of Clinton Road. It has been a long time since this has been completely blacktopped and now we are improving the base on the edges, placing, or strengthening the culverts for drainage, and putting on a new surface. The actual project may not get completed until 2027, but the funding is a very important step to get us started. Another project that has come back around is a public sewer through Clinton. This time, we are looking to combine the efforts of several communities and bring the price down to each resident so there is minimal cost. Although, there are a lot of details to be worked out, we are, again, starting with the funding. US Congresswoman Emilia Sykes has placed \$12 million in the budget that we are hoping to get passed this fall for the current sewer project. While we may or may not get the entire amount, we will also seek state and local funding to make up the difference. What this means to Clinton, is more opportunity to open up downtown businesses. We will also be able to get better services to places with failing septic tanks and not a lot of land to put a new one on. There is also talk of water coming with this.

Please tune in to our council meetings on Facebook and see what transpires with this project and other events and progress in our village to keep it a great place to live.

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The Village of Clinton is preparing to celebrate America's 250th anniversary with a community-wide event planned for Sunday, July 5, 2026, at Warwick Park. The celebration is being organized by the Village of Clinton Community Development Committee and is intended to bring residents, families, and visitors together for a day focused on community, country, and small-town tradition.

Organizers say the goal is not simply to hold an event, but to create an experience that reminds people of simpler times and the strong sense of connection that small communities are known for. The event is expected to feature a variety of family-friendly activities throughout the day, along with food vendors, community participation, entertainment, and patriotic elements celebrating the nation's historic milestone.

Organizers say that while the America 250 celebration is unique because of the nation's historic anniversary, they also hope the event can help re-establish the type of annual small-town community gathering that residents look forward to year after year, much like Clinton's Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and Applefest traditions. "Clinton has a deep sense of history and tradition," said Councilperson Tom Knepper, Chair of the Community Development Committee. "This celebration is an opportunity to bring people together, celebrate our country's 250th anniversary, and showcase the community spirit that continues to make small-town America special."

Planning for the event is ongoing, and additional announcements regarding activities, sponsorship opportunities, volunteer involvement, and event details are expected in the coming months.

## The Historical Society's Annual Applefest



The third Sunday in September, is Applefest, in the Village of Clinton. **This year Applefest falls on Sunday, September 20th.** Festivities begin at 12 p.m. and run until 4 p.m. The Village of Clinton Historical Society members work hard to put together its yearly apple celebration. You are invited to tantalize your taste buds with all the delicious apple treats. There will be apple dumplings, apple fritters, apple pie, and apple cider. As well as some yummy food, served by the Clinton Firefighter's Association. As always, there will be live entertainment, a variety of interesting vendors and more.

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

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

The 5th Annual Applefest Cruise-In will run the entire time of the festival. Those individuals owning Vintage/Classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles are asked to enter Main Street at the intersection of Main and Fulton. You will be parked in order of arrival. Dash magnets will be given to the first 25 cars to arrive.

No registration necessary, it is truly a cruise-in. For more information contact Marissa Gensimore at [mgensimore9@gmail.com](mailto:mgensimore9@gmail.com)

## To Have, or Not to Have a Rain Garden (A Message from Administration)

In the Winter 2025 edition of Your Community Newsletter, we introduced the Village of Clinton's Storm Water Management Plan and this year's theme: "On the Road to Clean Water." The goal is simple: helping protect local water quality by reducing pollutants that can mix with storm water runoff before entering the village's storm drainage system, including ditches, gutters, curbs, catch basins, and storm drains.

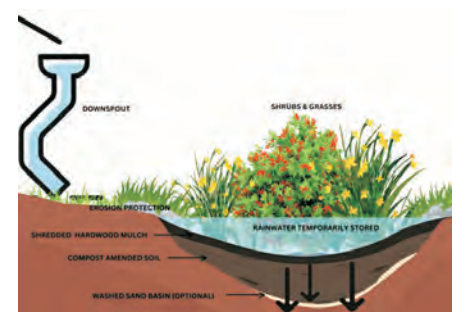
So why consider a rain garden, and how does it help? Rain gardens are attractive landscaped areas designed to collect and filter rainwater runoff from surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, and sidewalks. Typically planted with deep-rooted native perennials that thrive in wet conditions, rain gardens are built in shallow depressions that allow water to soak naturally into the ground rather than flowing directly into storm drains and waterways. In addition to helping improve water quality, rain gardens can:

- Reduce localized flooding and drainage issues
- Help filter pollutants before they reach streams and lakes
- Recharge groundwater supplies
- Provide food and habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife
- Add natural beauty to homes and neighborhoods

As communities continue to develop, more hard surfaces such as roads, driveways, and rooftops are created. These surfaces prevent rainwater from naturally soaking into the soil, increasing storm water runoff and the likelihood of pollutants entering nearby waterways untreated.

This type of pollution is known as nonpoint source pollution and can include fertilizers, pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings, and other yard debris. Small efforts at home can make a meaningful difference in reducing these pollutants.

For residents interested in creating their own rain garden, there are many online resources available to help get started. Some basic recommendations include selecting a sunny location at least 10-15 feet away from your home's foundation, creating a shallow basin approximately 6-12 inches deep, improving soil drainage as needed, and choosing native plants with deep root systems. A rain garden can be both a rewarding landscaping project and a simple way to help protect our local environment for future generations.



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