

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Mayor...

Happy Spring, Canal Winchester!

This spring is one we have all enjoyed, with some cool days and nights, mixed in between days in the 70s and even a few 80 degree days. That is true, old-fashioned Ohio spring weather!

With warmer weather brings out more cars, pedestrians, bikers, and golf carts, all enjoying the downtown businesses and sights-and-sounds of Canal Winchester. I want to remind everyone that golf carts are permitted to operate on streets with a maximum speed limit of 25 MPH. Driving a golf cart on trails or bike paths is not permitted. I want to remind you, too, that the extension of Bigerton Bend to Gender Road last year now allows for golf carts to travel to the Waterloo Crossing (Walmart) and Winchester Square (Kroger, Home Depot) shopping centers via private drives and 25 MPH streets. Later this summer, golf carts will be able to travel further west on Waterloo St. to as far as Cemetery Rd. Watch for the new speed limit change soon!

Have you noticed that construction has begun on Phase I of McGill Park? Utility installation has started and will soon be followed by the construction of trails connecting the covered bridge, soccer fields, playgrounds, parking lots, three-season shelter house, and open shelter house—and this is just Phase I!

A few city events are coming up soon starting May 21st with the “Touch-A-Truck” night at Music in the Park, featuring live music by **The Usual Suspects & Repeat Offenders**. This is always a fun event for the kids as it gives them an up close

and personal look at some of their favorite trucks and special interest vehicles. Next up will be Music in the Park on June 18th featuring local favorite **Waterloo 5** and Touch-A-Tractor. Then on July 16th, everyone’s favorite band, **The Gas Pump Jockeys**, will return for a record 14th season with sounds of the ‘60s and ‘70s. **“Big Dawg”** Shaun Sanders will be hosting the annual Cruise-In Car Show. Trophies will be awarded, including “People’s Choice”, so come on out and vote for your favorite! All three events run from 6-9 PM in Stradley Place. Let’s get out of the house and enjoy the fun because it’s about time!

The annual **Kris Sims Memorial Spaghetti Dinner** will be held on Wednesday, May 19th at the Community Center. This is a Relay For Life fundraising event. Council members and I will be serving dinner from 5:30—8 PM. Cost is \$5 for kids under 10 and \$10 for adults, plus tips. In addition to the 50/50 raffle, we will be raffling off a handmade quilt. The event is sponsored by city employees through their kind donations of time and money. All proceeds from the dinner and raffles will go to the American Cancer Society.

It’s back! Yes, the city pool will be reopening on May 28th. This year the pool will take on a different feel from past seasons with social distancing and other COVID restrictions. For more information about the pool opening, visit the city website.

I hope everyone gets out to enjoy the spring and summer in **“The Greatest Little City in Ohio”**.

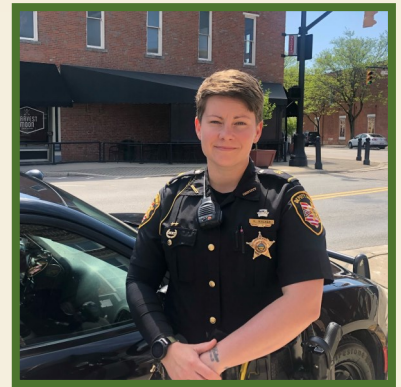
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Sheriff’s Spotlight: Sergeant Kelly Walker

There’s a new sergeant in town! Introducing Sgt. Kelly Walker of Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office. Sgt. Walker began overseeing the Canal Winchester substation on April 26th, but this is not her first gig in CW—some of you may recognize her from her time spent here as a deputy from 2013-2019.

Sgt. Walker has been with the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office since August 2011. During that time, she has served as a member of the SWAT team for 4 years, and as an instructor for less-lethal weapons and munitions, as well as a firearms instructor. Prior to joining the Sheriff’s Office, Sgt. Walker served in the Ohio Army National Guard for 9 years and was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

When asked what she is most looking forward to about being back in Canal Winchester, Sgt. Walker said, “I always liked how the community embraced us [Sheriff’s Office]”. Be sure to give Sgt. Kelly Walker a warm, CW welcome when you see her around town!



Important Dates

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| May 15 Destination: CW Art Stroll* | June 7 City Council |
| May 17 City Council | June 18 Music in the Park: Touch-A-Tractor* |
| May 19 Kris Sims Memorial Relay for Life Dinner* | June 21 City Council |
| May 21 Music in the Park: Touch-A-Truck* | July 5 City offices closed—Independence Day |
| May 28 CW Pool opens for the season* | July 6 City Council |
| May 31 City offices closed—Memorial Day | July 9 Movie in the Park* |
| June 1 Committee of the Whole | July 16 Music in the Park: Cruise-In Car Show* |

**Tentative and subject to change. Visit our website for more details and event listings.*



CW Farmers Market
Saturdays May 29 - Sept. 24
9 AM - Noon
Historical Complex

City of Canal Winchester
36 S. High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110



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Summer Mowing Tips

Blowing grass clippings into the streets and gutter pans can clog storm drains and cause flooding.

Instead, discharge the mower's grass clippings onto the lawn. This summer, remember: it's best to Mow High and Let It Lie.



On a similar note...

The city has received a handful of complaints recently regarding overgrown shrubbery along sidewalks making it difficult for residents to pass by. Unfortunately, most of these complaints were about private residences where the city has limited control. As you begin your summer yardwork, let this serve as a reminder to keep public walkways clear for our neighbors to pass through safely.

NEW: City Council Meeting Highlights

In an effort to provide clear, factual information in a timely manner, the City is piloting a new form of communication. We will be sharing highlights from City Council Meetings the morning after a council session on the City website and social media. These highlights will include summaries from work session, full council, and any public hearings/meetings that take place. They will not replace formal minutes.

Sign up to receive these updates and other alerts directly to your phone or email!
Visit our website—www.CanalWinchesterOhio.gov



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Canal Winchester Pool Opens May 28

The City is thrilled to welcome guests back to the pool this summer! Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, pool capacity will be limited for the 2021 season. Memberships and single-admission passes will be available, as well as rental opportunities. Those wishing to visit the pool will be required to have daily reservations; absolutely no walk-up reservations will be permitted. Concessions and other pool amenities will also be limited.

To learn more, purchase memberships, or make reservations, visit our website
www.canalwinchesterohio.gov



DID YOU KNOW...

Only female mosquitos bite!

The city contracts with Franklin County Public Health to manage mosquitos in our community.
Visit www.myfcp.org for more information.

Together we can fight COVID-19.



The COVID-19 vaccine is now more widely available and there is no shortage. Ohioans can visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to look for open appointments, or call 833-4-ASK-ODH to book an appointment over the phone.

New Tenant Moves into Canal Crossing

The first tenant has been confirmed for the Canal Crossing development on Bixby Road! Pitney Bowes, a third-party logistics company, will be moving into a portion of the space at 6111 Bixby Rd. They will be distributing fashion merchandise out of this location, focusing on order and return processing. Pitney Bowes intends to hire 115 people with an annual payroll of \$4.26 million, and a total investment in the project of \$20 million. The group hopes to be operational in the building by mid-summer.

This is a great start for the new development, and hopefully the first of many tenants that we will be welcoming to Canal Winchester this year.

Columbus Metropolitan Library Summer Reading Program Returns!



Mark your calendars for the annual Summer Reading Challenge – **May 29-July 31**. Everyone who signs up will be mailed a Game Board with activities and a book they choose. Track your daily reading online to be entered into raffles for prizes.

The nine-week program is free through the Columbus Metropolitan Library.

Visit columbuslibrary.org for more information.

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