

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

A Message from the Mayor...



For the first time in years, we had a pretty normal spring and early summer here in Canal Winchester. No tornado warnings, no severe thunderstorms, very little lightning – just warm days and nights with a few cooler days and nights scattered in between. Almost ideal! Well, almost...

For the first time in several years, we were able to have the May Music in the Park without a weather disruption or cancellation. On the other hand, the June event with “Waterloo 5” was cancelled due to forecasted tornadoes and a severe weather threat, which never did materialize. Moving onward, we are getting ready for the July 16th Music in the Park and Cruise-In Car Show. Bring your classic car or show car and listen to the great sounds of “The Gas Pump Jockeys”.

Under normal circumstances, this would be our final Music in the Park. However, “Waterloo 5” has agreed to come back to perform on August 27th from 6-9 PM. Let’s give them a huge show of support and appreciation for coming back!

Another event coming up quickly is the John Bender 5K Classic on Saturday, July 17th. For more information on the 5K, go to drbender5k.com.

With the cancellation of the Labor Day Festival, a new event is being hosted by the CW Labor Day committee. Hometown Day will be held on Saturday, September 4th from noon-10 PM, with a parade kicking things off at 11 AM. This event will be reminiscent of the one-day festivals held in the ‘50s and ‘60s. The committee is planning for food vendors, Joy Unspeakable the Living Statue, COSI exhibits, children’s games, and various forms of stage entertainment. Stay tuned for more information to follow on Facebook and local media. For parade information, email gibbons.66@osu.edu.

If you haven’t noticed yet, after a long COVID-19 delay, the new Hampton Inn & Suites at 700 W. Waterloo Street is now open for business. If you have relatives coming in for the holidays, make your reservations soon as I’m sure they will fill up quickly. Local Cantina plans for an opening day later this month. Chipotle will begin construction soon of a new restaurant at Meijer Dr. and Diley Rd. The new location will feature a “Chipotlane”, a drive-thru lane dedicated to pick-up orders. Smoothie King on W. Waterloo Street is looking to open this fall, perhaps as early as October. WellNow Urgent Care will share a portion of the building and plans to open about the same time.

Phase I construction of McGill Park is underway, which includes an entrance drive and parking, four full-sized soccer fields, playgrounds, shelter houses, a trail to the covered bridge on Washington Street, pickleball courts, basketball courts, sand volleyball, and more. We anticipate Phase I to be completed in the spring of 2022. Construction is also underway for the new City Municipal Building, Council Chambers, and Community Center. We are hoping for a move in date of late this year or early 2022.

A lot is happening in our city and will continue to do so for months to come as we strive to be “The Greatest Little City in Ohio”.

Mayor Mike



DID YOU KNOW...

The Canal Winchester Pool offers discounted mid-season memberships after July 5! Reduced pricing can be found on the city website.

Important Dates

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| July 9 Movie in the Park—Onward | Aug 16 City Council |
| July 10 Scrap Tire Drive | Aug 27 Music in the Park |
| July 16 Music in the Park and Cruise-In Car Show | Aug 30 Committee of the Whole/Public Meeting |
| July 17 Dr. Bender 5K | Sept 4 CW Hometown Day |
| Aug 2 City Council | Sept 6 City Offices Closed—Labor Day |
| Aug 13 Movie in the Park—The Little Rascals | Sept 7 City Council |



CW Farmers Market
Saturdays through Sept.
9 AM - Noon
Historical Complex

All events are tentative and subject to change. Visit the city website for more details and event listings.

New Developments Coming to Canal Winchester

There are several new companies beginning operations in Canal Winchester in the coming months. In addition to providing hundreds of new jobs to the area, they will also generate significant income for the city through local income taxes collections—the city's single largest funding source. Below are the companies that have recently begun operations or leased space in the City. All of these companies are currently hiring.

Chadwell Supply — www.chadwellsupply.com

Covetrus — www.covetrus.com

DHL (Carhartt e-commerce) — www.dhl.com

Kenco Group — www.kencogroup.com

Pitney Bowes — www.pitneybowes.com/us

DID YOU KNOW...

Rumpke has collected nearly **300 TONS** of recyclable material from CW residents so far this year! Keep up the good work!



Sign Up for City Alerts

CW alert system is your go-to source for need-to-know information! Sign up to receive text or email alerts related to public safety, water/sewer, traffic, cancellations, closures, and more!

NEW: Sign up to receive a reminder 1 week before utility payments are due!

www.canalwinchesterohio.gov

City Buildings and Meetings Reopen to the Public

Community Center

Did you hear—the Community Center (22 S. Trine Street) has reopened! Whether you are looking for a space to rent or an afternoon BINGO game, we've got you covered! Check out the city website for details on scheduled programming and facility rentals.

Municipal Building

The Municipal Building at 36 S. High Street has reopened to the public. Residents are welcome to stop by during business hours (8 AM—4:30 PM) to pay utility bills, drop off permits, or speak with city staff.

City Council

The public is once again invited to attend City Council meetings in person at Town Hall (10 N. High Street). Public comments may be given in person or submitted through the city website. Meetings will continue to be streamed online.

Boards & Commission Meetings

Although most of the board and commission meetings did not limit public attendance during the pandemic, some minor changes—like meeting location—were made to safely allow for the meetings to happen. These meetings have now returned to normal operations. Review the city website for more details on attending these sessions.

Staff and visitors are asked to follow current CDC guidelines while in city buildings. At this time, that means unvaccinated individuals are asked to wear a mask and practice social distancing. Capacity will also be limited at each facility. Thank you for helping to keep our city safe.

Summer Tips

Vacation Check Service



Do your summer plans include a vacation? Before leaving, consider filling out a Vacation Check Request form, a free service offered by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Gain piece of mind by having your property checked while you're away. For details, visit the Fairfield County Sheriff's website sheriff.fairfield.oh.us.

Heat Safety for Older Adults



Be sure to check on your elderly friends and neighbors during the hot weather. Older adults are at a greater risk for heat stroke and dehydration.

Tree Care



Our Division of Urban Forestry reminds residents to give your trees a drink! Each day during the summer, water newly planted trees with 1 bucket of water.

Mow High and Let it Lie



During the warm months, it's best to mow grass to 3-4" to preserve moisture and out-compete weeds. After mowing, avoid blowing grass clippings into the streets and gutter pans where storm drains can get clogged. Instead, leave grass clippings on your lawn to recycle nutrients!

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