

# CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

### A Message from the Mayor



Once again, here we are staring at the winter months already and hoping it doesn't repeat the freeze we had in December of last year - that was a chiller! Well anyway, before we get that far, there are going to be several activities in our Historic Downtown and around.

The **Veterans Day Celebration** is coming up on November 11<sup>th</sup> in the Stradley Park Greenspace under the tent. We'll start the day with a free breakfast for veterans at the Community Center beginning at 8:00 AM. Then at approximately 10 AM, the Veterans will parade E. Waterloo Street towards S. High Street, then to the tent in the park where the Veterans Day ceremony will begin. Let's have a huge crowd on hand for our veterans and show them a true Canal Winchester honor!

Speaking of our Veterans, I hope you have all seen the new **Hometown Hero banners** on the downtown street lamp posts. Better hurry as they will be removed after Veterans Day for Christmas decorations. We look forward to continuing this program next year.

Just a few weeks after the Veterans Celebration, the City and Destination: Canal Winchester will host **Christmas in the Village** on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is a long-standing Christmas season tradition and only gets better with every year that passes. Make your way downtown to the festivities and to see Santa. Hours each night are from 6 PM to 9 PM. "Santa Claus is coming to town" each night at 6 pm on a firetruck escort, and other vehicles will join in during the light parade on Saturday.

Don't forget to drop off your letters to Santa in **Santa's mailbox** at the front entrance of City Hall at 45 E. Waterloo Street. Santa's mailbox will be accepting letters from November 20<sup>th</sup> through December 17<sup>th</sup>, giving Santa time to make all those toys.

Before signing out I want to give an update on activities at McGill Park. The **three-season shelter house** is now under construction. Footers and the foundation are complete, rough in of electric and plumbing are complete, and it's starting to take shape. The original bid for construction of the **pickleball courts** only resulted in one bid and it was extremely high. We rebid the project and received three competitive bids. We hope to have this to Council soon for construction to take place in the spring of 2024.

That about does it for 2023! I want to wish every one of you a happy Thanksgiving, a very merry holiday season, and a happy New Year, in what I still believe to be **"the Greatest Little City in Ohio"**.

*Mike Ebert*  
Mayor Mike Ebert

**Rumpke Holiday Collection:**

**Thanksgiving**

Pick up delayed to Friday 11/24

**Christmas**

Pick up delayed to Friday 12/29

**New Years Day**

Pick up delayed to Friday 1/5

### Important Dates

<b>NOV 6</b>	City Council Meeting	<b>DEC 9</b>	Destination: CW Reindeer Games
<b>NOV 7</b>	Election Day	<b>DEC 15</b>	Family Game Night
<b>NOV 10</b>	City Offices Closed—Veterans Day (Observed)	<b>DEC 18</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>NOV 11</b>	Veterans Day Celebration	<b>DEC 25</b>	City Offices Closed—Christmas
<b>NOV 20</b>	City Council Meeting	<b>JAN 1</b>	City Offices Closed—New Years Day
<b>NOV 23-24</b>	City Offices Closed—Thanksgiving	<b>JAN 2</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>DEC 1-2</b>	Christmas in the Village	<b>JAN 15</b>	City Offices Closed—MLK Day
<b>DEC 4</b>	City Council Meeting	<b>JAN 16</b>	City Council Meeting
<b>DEC 9</b>	Breakfast with Santa		



**CW Winter Farmers Market**

Jan 6 Feb 3  
Mar 2 Apr 6  
9 AM - Noon

CW Methodist Church  
(15 W. Columbus)

# City News

## Bed Tax Grant Program—November 30<sup>th</sup> Application Deadline

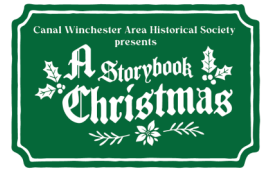
The City of Canal Winchester is now accepting applications for its 2024 Bed Tax Grant program. The grant program is open to nonprofits and private organizations located within the City of Canal Winchester to help fund projects that will enhance Canal Winchester for residents and/or visitors to the community. Grants are funded with the hotel/motel tax revenue collected by the City of Canal Winchester. Applications are available online. For complete details, visit our website or call 614-837-6937.

## Christmas in the Village — December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 - 9 PM

Christmas in the Village is back and better than ever! Enjoy your favorite activities like the gingerbread house competition, craft bazaar, and ceremonial tree lighting. Find Santa in the Interurban Depot, and be sure to check out the iceless skating rink in the greenspace—free for all visitors! The Brockstrong Holiday Lights Parade will be on Saturday before the festivities begin. The Canal Winchester Area Historical Society will also have activities at the historical complex as part of their *Storybook Christmas* celebration. Visit the city website for all the details!

## Breakfast with Santa—December 9<sup>th</sup>

Santa is coming to Canal Winchester...for breakfast! We will be hosting two Breakfast with Santa sessions on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (8:30—10:00 AM and 10:30 AM—Noon). Tickets are \$5 for adults and children (children under 1 eat free), and all proceeds benefit the Canal Winchester Human Services Adopt-A-Family program. Only 100 tickets will be sold for each session, with sales opening on the city website on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.



Canal Winchester Area Historical Society will host *A Storybook Christmas* with “**The Grinch**” themed activities at the **Train Depot** during Christmas in the Village. Visit [cwhistory.org](http://cwhistory.org) for more information!



Destination: Canal Winchester will host **Reindeer Games** on Saturday, December 9!

Put on your favorite holiday costume or sweater and head downtown for **free food, drink discounts, a chance to win prizes, and plenty of fun!** Visit [destinationcw.org](http://destinationcw.org) for more information and to register.

## Check Out What’s Happening in the Community Center!



### Franklin County Public Health Immunization Clinics

November 16, January 19, and February 16 from 9 AM—2 PM

**\*\*By Appointment Only!** Contact FCPH at (614) 525-3719 to schedule your appointment



### Yoga Flow for All Levels

Wednesday evenings from 7—8 PM  
\$5 per person



### Cardio Drumming

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5—6 PM  
Free!



### Family Game Night—Holiday Edition!

Friday, December 15 from 6—8 PM

Grab the family and head to the center for a **FREE** family game night! Bring your own game or choose from one of the many available at the center. We'll also have special holiday crafts! Dinner, snacks, and beverages will be provided. Guests that join us in their holiday attire will be entered to win a prize!

Interested in joining us? Let us know! RSVP is not required but will help inform us of food counts.

Call the Community Center at 614-837-8276 to RSVP.



Thank you to everyone that purchased pumpkins through **Pumpkins Helping People**. This year, the group was able to donate **\$5,710** to CW Human Services and the Bloom Carroll Pantry Mission! Look for their sale to open again next September.

### Did You Know...

The City has a **Transportation Thoroughfare Plan**? This plan, which was established in December of 2021, is intended to serve as a planning tool and guide for City officials regarding transportation policy and investments. The purpose of the plan is to create a vision of the future transportation network by assessing travel demand and establishing a functional hierarchy of roadways that promote local and regional connectivity, support economic development, and provide appropriate capacity. Review the plan on the Public Service page of our website!



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