



CHARDON *Ohio*

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall/Winter 2021

SEPTEMBER 25

Trash Day

OCTOBER 2

Fall Fest

(Rain date October 3)

7-9 p.m.

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Festivities

5:30-7:30 p.m. Trick-or-Treat

7:30 p.m. Parade followed by
cider and donuts (Sponsored by
the Police Department)

NOVEMBER 2

Election Day

Please exercise your right to vote!

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Memorial Service

11 a.m. on the Square

NOVEMBER 25

Trot to Stop Trafficking 5K Race &
2 Mile Walk

8:30 a.m. on the Square

NOVEMBER 27

Shop Small Saturday

Chardon Tomorrow

Support & celebrate our local businesses
10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DECEMBER 2

Christmas Lighting Program

Activities begin at 6:30 p.m.

Lighting begins at 7 p.m.



ISSUE ON THE BALLOT – FIRE AND AMBULANCE LEVY

In 2012, voters approved a 4-mill fire and ambulance renewal levy that has not changed since 2004, and an additional 1-mill levy. In November, voters will be asked to renew these 5 mills and to pass an additional 2 mills. The term of the levy will be for three years. The additional 2 mills will cost \$70 per year or \$5.84 per month for owners of a single-family home with a property value of \$100,000.

Since the last levy increase was approved in 2012, the following has been accomplished:

- Continuation of 24-hour firefighter/ paramedic staffing of five on duty.
- Staffing at the Chardon Fire Department which includes 38 Paramedics, the most in Geauga County.
- Continuation of staffing to handle multiple calls at one time.
- Addition of a full-time Fire Prevention and Inspection Officer.
- Replacement of a 1999 Rescue Squad in 2014, a 2007 Rescue Squad in 2019, and a 1999 Engine in 2016.
- After a grading by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) in July of 2020, the City's Class 4 rating was improved to a Class 3 rating. This rating helps keep insurance rates low for homeowners and businesses.

Emergency Services that will be supported by the renewal of the levy include:

- Replacement of a 2013 rescue squad in 2024.
- Continuation of 24-hour Firefighter / Paramedic protection.
- Addition of one part-time position from 6 a.m. till 6 p.m. in each of the next three years, to help combat peak emergency call times and overlapping incidents.
- Continuation of children's fire safety education in the schools.
- Continuation of fire prevention and inspection services, including plan review for new buildings and businesses, and home inspections for adoption services.
- Fire extinguisher training for business employees.
- CPR and first aid training for the public.
- Replacement of firefighter turnout gear.
- Continued excellence in emergency vehicle maintenance.
- Continued firefighter and paramedic training.

As you consider this levy, please keep in mind the following facts:

- Income from the levy can only be used to support fire and rescue services.
- Fire and emergency rescue services are not supported by the City's income tax revenue.
- The Chardon Fire Department continues to seek alternative funding in order to keep taxpayer cost down through local, state, and federal grants.
- If the issue fails, the City will have no levy funding for fire and rescue services.

If you have any questions about this levy, please contact the City Manager at (440) 286-2600.



WELCOME NEW CITY EMPLOYEES

Kelly Mansi – Kelly started working in the Police Prosecutor’s Office in December of 2020. She has previous experience in small claims, civil, traffic and criminal case file management having worked for the Willoughby Municipal Court before taking time off to raise her family. She is a resident of Mentor, Ohio.



Adam Moody – Adam joined the City as a Maintenance Worker in the Streets Division of Public Service in March of this year. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and comes to us from Deerfield AG Services where he was a grain facility superintendent. He has recently relocated back to the area to be nearer to his family in Windsor, Ohio.



Megan Carney – Megan is the newest member of the City of Chardon Police force and was officially sworn in as a police officer in May of 2021. She is a graduate of Euclid High School and attended both Cleveland State and the Lakeland Police Academy and is certified as a peace officer in the State of Ohio. She formerly worked for both the Mentor-on-the-Lake and Eastlake Police Departments.



Brian Johnson – Brian joined the Recreation Department team as a part-time Property Maintenance Worker to help out with the increased operational needs due the Maple Highlands Trail and the Mel Harder Park expansion. Brian is currently a student at Lakeland Community College and plans to transfer to Cleveland State to pursue a degree in Computer Science.



George Sindelar – “Geo” as he likes to be called was hired as a Maintenance Worker in the Water/Wastewater Division of Public Service in May of 2021. He is a resident of Huntsburg Twp. and has many years of experience in truck driving and material handling having worked for companies such as Van Ness Stone, Cole’s Septic Service and Kineticco.



Cynthia Gandolf – Cynthia was hired as the part-time Victim Advocate in July. She has past experience working in administrative positions in the legal and medical environments and is also fluent in both Malay and Indian languages. She currently resides in Hambden Twp.

We are so glad to have them all onboard as team members for the City of Chardon!

CHANGES TO THE CITY’S NOVEMBER 2021 BALLOT

When voters close the curtain to the voting booths this November, they will likely notice that their ballots look different from previous elections. The changes are the consequence of several amendments to the City Charter which took place in 2018 and 2019.

The November 2, 2021 General Election will be the first time that City voters have the opportunity to independently vote for the City Mayor. The City Mayor is a member of City Council who presides over the legislative body, and serves as the official head of the municipality for all ceremonial purposes, for military defense purposes, and by the Courts for the purpose of serving civil process. The Mayor does not have any veto authority over the acts of Council. Under the City Charter, the executive authority of the City rests with the City Manager.

Historically, the City Council has self-selected the Mayor by majority vote among the members of the legislative body. The 2018 and 2019 amendments to the Charter now give the electors the opportunity to select the Mayor. The executive authority remains with the City Manager.

Just like every other member of Council, the elected Mayor will serve a four-year term of office. In addition to selecting the Mayor, voters will have the opportunity to elect three members of City Council to a four-year term.

Electors should be mindful of these changes when it comes time to cast their votes this November.

Welcomes NEW BUSINESSES

My Town Nutrition
301 Center Street
Smoothie Shop

Living Water Church
319 Water Street
Church

Hair Space Salon
602 South Street
Hair Salon

Solid Rock on Which We Stand
831 South Street
Personal Service

Impact Church
100 Parker Court
Church

Canfield House
112 South Street
Bed & Breakfast

Dinner Bell
540 Water Street
Food Service

Chauby Art Studio
602 South Street
Art Studio

Lowe, Scott, and Fischer
115 Main Street
Legal Office

Five Below
255 Meadowlands Drive
Retail





COMING SOON

STARBUCKS



A significant change to the commercial landscape has been taking place at the corner of Cherry Avenue and Center Street over the past six months. The former site of a dilapidated barn and single-family residence which have both been raised, will be the new home of Starbucks. The coffee house is slated to be open by the end of September 2021 at 255 Center Street.

REDWOOD APARTMENTS



Construction of utilities has begun on a new 91-unit, single-family attached dwelling apartment complex on Seventh Avenue. The complex will consist of 91 two-bedroom units with two car attached garages. The market rate development should have units available for lease by summer 2022 with the entire project being completed in early to mid-2023.

THISTLE CREEK SUBDIVISION



Construction of underground utilities and roadways has begun at the new 31-unit single-family residence subdivision on North Hambden Street near King Kone. The utilities, which include an upgraded water main along North Hambden Street, should be completed this fall with home construction beginning in late 2021 or early 2022.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$350 billion in funding for state and local governments. The City of Chardon will receive a total of \$540,411 in ARPA funding, half in 2021 and half in 2022. Eligible uses of these funds include:

- Revenue replacement for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic, relative to revenues collected in the most recent fiscal year prior to the pandemic;
- COVID-19 expenditures or negative economic impacts of COVID-19, including assistance to small businesses, households, and hard-hit industries, and economic recovery;
- Premium pay for essential workers; and
- Investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.

Restrictions on the uses of these funds include:

- Funds allocated to states cannot be used to directly or indirectly offset tax reductions or delay a tax or tax increase;
- Funds cannot be deposited into any pension fund; and
- Funding must be spent by the end of calendar year 2024.

City staff is in the process of reviewing eligible uses relative to the needs of Chardon. Based on the primary purpose for these funds, City staff will seek counsel and feedback from the Mayor, Chair of the Finance Committee, and Chair of the Economic Development Committee, prior to presenting an official plan to City Council for further discussion and consideration.

SNOW REMOVAL

With the approach of winter, please remember that it is a property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear. The City will continue to pass through the community with the sidewalk plow as a service to residents.

City employees cannot clear driveways "filled-in" by the sidewalk plow. Keeping the sidewalk clear of snow on both sides of the driveway will help prevent this situation.

Please inform anyone removing snow from your property that City code prohibits pushing snow into the street. Persons who push snow into or across the street hamper the efforts of the road crew, cause driveway aprons to be filled-in by the City plows, and risk being cited for a violation.

FALL/WINTER RECREATION

Registration is now open for the City's fall and winter recreation programs!

Check out the new programs for adults and children at www.chardon.cc/recreation.



'21-'22	GEAUGA THEATER MAIN STAGE SEASON WWW.GEAUGA.THEATER 
SEP.	BACK TO THE 80s
OCT.	MONSTER BASH
DEC.	HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR
MAR.	THRIVE LOVES BROADWAY A MUSICAL REVUE
MAY	THRIVE'S Cinderella
JUL.	JUKEBOX JAM!



THRIVE'S 2021-2022 MAINSTAGE SEASON PRODUCTIONS

Thrive Performing & Visual Arts is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides opportunities to individuals of all ages in the performing and visual arts and strengthens communities by creating and producing excellent live and recorded entertainment – fostering partnerships and providing educational opportunities. Thrive immerses its participants in a one-of-a-kind experience and brand. The organization enriches area cultures and economies by partnering students, community members, business owners and performing arts professionals.

For more information on Thrive's performances visit www.thrivepro.org

TRASH DAY COLLECTION REGULATIONS

The City's RESIDENTIAL curbside trash collection will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Since this is a City program, we ask that friends or relatives from outside the City not be invited to bring trash for collection.

Waste Management WILL enter private streets: Burlington Oval, Burlington Green, Bridgewater Village, Village Square and Colonial Park Condominiums. Residents may put out items at the same location as their regular trash pickup location. Waste Management will not enter onto commercial properties.

To have items removed, residents MUST comply with the following regulations:

- All items must be as close to the curb as possible by 6 a.m. the morning of September 25.
- No loose items. Everything must be boxed, bundled or bagged.
- Appliances with Freon must have Freon removed and tagged.
- Lumber is to be cut and bundled in 48" lengths, 40 pounds maximum and no nails.
- Carpet is to be cut, rolled and bundled in 36" lengths, 40 pounds maximum.
- Windows, glass and mirrors must be less than 3'x4' in size and taped/cardboarded. It will be left if it is not properly secured.
- Mattresses and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- All items must be able to be carried by two men.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Appliances with Freon not removed
- Tires
- Dehumidifiers (unless inspected)

- Air conditioners
 - Household garbage – food waste
 - Dead animals
 - Hazardous materials
 - Paints/paint cans/solvents
 - Entire basketball hoops
 - Propane/gas tanks
 - Car parts/engines/batteries
 - Dirt/rocks/sod/concrete/bricks and blocks
 - Brush/yard waste
 - Ashes
 - Items over 5' long/3' wide/3' high – weighing over 100 pounds
- Items from the unacceptable list that are found on the curb will not be picked up.

ATTENTION City Residents age 60 & over: Limited assistance is available to place trash out for collection. Please contact the Geauga County Department on Aging at (440) 279-2130.



UPDATES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE



The quantity of work in the final year of the SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM is considerably less than years past with only 800-square feet of walk planned for removal and replacement on Wilson Mills Road and Water Street from Cherry Avenue to both corporate limits.

The City's SIDEWALK & INFILL PLAN for 2021 will focus on constructing approximately 5,895 square feet of new sidewalk and ADA curb ramps along Washington Street and 5th Avenue.

In August of this year four bids were received and opened for both programs and the \$89,983 project was awarded to DPD Construction and Engineering of Kirtland, Ohio. This work is required to be completed by mid-October.

The CHARDON AVENUE and CANFIELD ROAD PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT that started in the spring will soon be wrapping up. Work completed to date includes the removal of the existing 4-inch and 6-inch cast iron water mains and replacement with the new 8-inch ductile iron water main along with new hydrants and 3/4-inch copper service connections to residents. The existing sanitary sewer has been rehabilitated, which included the repair & relining or replacement of the existing 8-inch and 10-inch sewer mains, the existing manholes and new service laterals. Storm sewer improvements included the installation of 12-inch and 18-inch storm sewers, curb inlets and manholes.

With the underground work completed in mid-August, construction crews began to focus on new curbs and concrete drive aprons only where new curbing was installed. Presently, crews are working to finish full pavement removal and replacement on Chardon Avenue and will be mobilizing over to Canfield Drive.

During the last week in September and finishing in early October, Canfield Drive will receive base pavement repairs as needed and a complete 3-inch resurfacing from North Street to the Maple Hill Subdivision. In addition, there will be the installation of aggregate drains at certain locations along the roadway for subsurface drainage with roadside ditch cleaning and re-grading as necessary. The original contract price with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. for all of the work to be performed on Chardon Avenue and Canfield Drive was \$1,374,914.38.

Please feel free to contact Paul Hornyak, Director of Public Service, for further details: (440) 286-2655.

LEAF COLLECTION

As in past years the City is conducting a roadside leaf collection program. Leaf collection begins in the fall and continues through December 1 or until weather no longer permits. Those leaves not collected this fall will be collected next spring (typically scheduled for the second week in April).

GUIDELINES:

- Leaves should be raked close to the curb but not onto the street, in long narrow rows.
- If you have a ditch in front of your house the leaves should be raked onto the edge of the road or the drive apron. Do not rake leaves into the ditch, or place a top drainage grates and refrain from blocking drive culverts.
- Do not put leaves in bags or put tarps on leaves.
- Do not mix brush, sticks or ornamental grass with the leaves as this will plug the leaf vacuum.
- No other yard waste will be collected at this time.
- No rocks, cinder blocks or metal objects should be mixed with the leaves. These items will cause damage to the equipment.
- Leaves should be free of pet waste or other forms of municipal trash.

By following these simple guidelines, leaf collection will be expedited, allowing City staff to make more frequent and additional trips around town to collect your next batch of leaves.

Please feel free to contact the Public Service office at (440) 286-2655 for further clarification on this service.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Chardon Parks and Recreation would like to recognize and thank the following companies for maintaining flower beds within the City.

Painter L/S – Theater Beds

Mapledale Landscape – Center Street Trail Node

Earth Concepts LLC – Water Street Trail Node



Car Show



Old Glory Day





National Night Out



Fires Department



IN ACTION!



The City of Chardon



VOTE!

November 2



PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CHARDON, OH
PERMIT #24

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. located at 111 Water Street. Watch replays on demand at www.chardon.cc.

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Planning & Zoning	286-2654	Public Service	286-2655
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