

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



A Message from the Mayor...

Well summer is gone and our Street Department is getting ready for another Ohio winter. Some are saying it's going to be a rough one and others say not so much. Either way, the mowers are being cleaned and put away until next spring and our plow trucks are being prepped for what could be a long winter. Our new salt barn is stocked with over 800 tons of road salt which is the most we have ever stocked at one time and we still have room for another 300 tons or more.

The Street Department crews put in a lot of hours day and night in the winter months working hard to keep our streets as clean as they possibly can. As a reminder to everyone, during a snow event we strive to keep all streets clear but our first emphasis is on our major streets: Gender Rd., Groveport Rd., Waterloo St., Washington St., Columbus St., High St., Dietz Dr., etc. Housing subdivision streets, secondary streets, cul-de-sacs and alley-ways will be cleared only after the major streets are completed or near completion and always as soon as we can. The winter weather, with freezing and thawing snow, causes potholes. We strive to keep potholes repaired on our city streets but they seem to sometimes appear out of nowhere. If you see a pothole that has not been repaired on one of our city streets, please let us know and we will get it repaired as quickly as we can. The street Department phone number can be found on the back page of this newsletter. If no one answers, please leave a message; they are probably out filling potholes. To help in the pothole battle, we are currently looking to invest in a machine that will not only help us keep potholes in check, but also help us with general pavement repairs as well. We hope to have this machine soon.

On another note, some of you may be wondering about BrewDog and what's going on there. It seems there has been some delay in getting brewing equipment from Germany to Canal Winchester and that has postponed the total project a little. But things are looking up. BrewDog reports they anticipate brewery production to begin in December and the Tap Room and Restaurant to open to the public in the February-March time frame. I'm sure all of Central Ohio will be there for the opening.

Once again, Canal Winchester participated in the National Prescription Drug Take Back Day event on October 22nd. While I don't have the total take for the October date as of this publication, I can tell you we have taken in over 300,000 unwanted and unused prescription pills since we joined this program in 2010. It makes you wonder where all of these pills were going before we started this. What I do know is that we've kept 300,000 pills from being flushed into our streams.

The annual Historical Society's Ghost Tour was a huge success with over 250 people taking the tour. Tours were also given of the Train Station, Prentiss School and the O.P. Chaney Mill. If you want to do something historical, become a member of the Canal Winchester Area Historical Society; you will become part of our history.

Don't forget, Christmas in the Village is coming to the streets of our historic downtown on December 2nd & 3rd. Come on out and experience what it's like to celebrate a good old-fashioned Christmas in small-town America. The week after Santa is in town for that, he returns on December 10th for Breakfast with Santa at the Community Center! **As always I want you to know that every employee and myself here at the City of Canal Winchester want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season!**

Mayor Mike Ebert

Christmas in the Village Dec 2 & 3

Canal Winchester's annual storybook Christmas celebration will be held in the city's historic downtown on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 3rd from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Activities include: Visit with Santa, Children's Games, Business Bazaar, Ice Sculptures, Hayrides, Caroling, Gingerbread House Contest, Children's Crafts, and Children's Train Rides. Many downtown businesses will also offer specials and activities!

Visit the city's website, canalwinchesterohio.gov, for additional information about Christmas in the Village.

Breakfast with Santa Dec 10

Santa Claus is coming to town...for breakfast! On Dec. 10th, Canal Winchester will host its annual Breakfast with Santa at the Community Center located at 22 S. Trine St.

Two sessions will be available (8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to Noon). Only 75 tickets are available for each session. Each \$5 ticket will admit one adult or child (children under one year free) for a French toast sticks and sausage breakfast.

Tickets go on sale November 7th, available at the city's municipal building between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Roman's Pizza will have tickets available evenings/weekends. Children will also receive a gift bag and visit with Santa. Please bring a camera for pictures with Santa!



All proceeds from Breakfast with Santa benefit Canal Winchester Human Services' Adopt-A-Family program.

Coming Soon...

Nov 24 & 25 City offices closed

Dec 10 Breakfast with Santa

Dec 2 & 3 Christmas in the Village

Dec 26 City offices closed

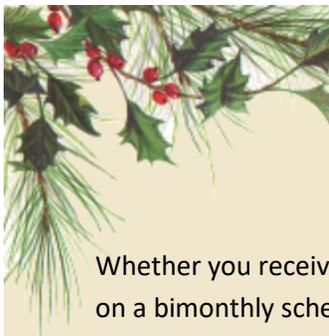
Jan 2 City offices closed

Check website for additional dates

Happy Holidays



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GO GREEN with E-bills!

Did you know you can request to have your utility bill emailed to you? With our updated system, you can also access your account history online and view your current balance due, usage graphs, payment history, and more!

Whether you receive your bill electronically or in the mail, bills are sent to residents on a bimonthly schedule and are due in February, April, June, August, October and December.

To ensure bills are mailed or emailed to the appropriate resident/address, please notify the Utility Billing Clerk of any physical address changes and make changes to your email address on file as soon as possible.

The city's water distribution system consists of over 40 miles of water mains, 3 water towers and over 2,600 service connections.

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CW Celebrates Veterans

The City of Canal Winchester, with Canal Winchester Senior Citizens, Inc. and VFW Post 10523 hosted a Veterans Celebration in downtown Canal Winchester on November 12th. Veterans were treated to a free pancake breakfast at the Frances Steube Community Center before marching to Stradley Place, where a ceremony was held to honor their service to our country. Councilwoman and Vietnam veteran Bobbi Mershon shared a keynote address to inspire the crowd. Throughout November, photos of veterans will appear on honorary window exhibits within the downtown area.

Record Crowds for Ghost Tour

The 11th annual Historic Ghost Tour, presented by the Canal Winchester Lions and Canal Winchester Area Historical Society, was held in October. Hundreds of guests were entertained by actors portraying people from Canal Winchester's past as they enjoyed the walking tour in historic downtown Canal Winchester.

Recreational Equipment

Residents are reminded that the parking of recreational equipment is not permitted on any street within Canal Winchester, other than for the purpose of loading or unloading. Storage of recreational equipment, such as boats, trailers, and motor homes, requires adherence to the city property maintenance codes. For storage guidelines and code details, contact Planning & Zoning Administrator Andrew Moore at 614-837-7501.

Residential Leaf Pickup

The city's annual Leaf Pickup continues through Friday, December 2nd. Leaf piles must be placed along the street. Residents are reminded that leaf piles may contain leaves only, as sticks, grass trimmings and other yard waste can cause damage to leaf collection equipment. Regular yard waste will continue to be picked up by Waste Management during scheduled collection.

Bed Tax Grant

The City of Canal Winchester is now accepting applications for its 2017 Transient Occupancy Tax (Bed Tax) Grant program. The grant program is open to public agencies, non-profits, or 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. Grant applications are available online and at the city's municipal building. **Submission deadline is Nov. 30th.** For complete details, visit the city's website or call 614-837-6937.

Did you know?

Canal Winchester's Mayor's Court is held the first and third Thursday of each month. Mayor's Court hears misdemeanor offenses occurring within the city's corporation limits. The Mayor's Court Clerk, under the supervision of the Finance Director, is responsible for the collection of fines and fees and maintenance of traffic and criminal citations. To learn more about Mayor's Court, visit our website.

Protect Your Pipes This Season

Before you head out to warmer climates this winter, have you thought about the water lines in your home? **Residents who will be traveling for prolonged periods during the cold season are reminded that you may request to have the water shut off at the curb box outside of the home.** This service is provided as a courtesy. Upon your return, simply call during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday) and the water department will get your service back on as quickly as possible. To contact the city's water department, call 614-837-5623. Proper planning can help prevent winter utility disasters such as busted pipes.

City Phone Numbers

Main Number	614-837-7493
Clerk of Council	614-837-7493
Clerk of Court	614-837-7691
Community Affairs/Community Center	614-837-8276
Construction Services	614-834-5109
Development Department	614-837-1894
Finance Department	614-837-6937
Human Resources	614-834-5118
Mayor Michael Ebert	614-837-7493
Public Service Department	614-834-5100
Water 614-837-5623	
After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478	
Streets, Lands, & Buildings 614-524-0163	
Urban Forestry 614-834-5110	
Waste Treatment 614-837-2254	
After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478	
Utility Clerk	614-837-7716
Sheriff Substation	614-837-7478

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