

The Louisville REPORT

The Constitution Town's Official Newsletter

From the Mayor's Desk



The cool evenings and morning dew on the grass are telling us that Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming soon! The City had numerous fun-filled activities this summer including farmers markets, car shows, murals displayed on sidewalks and buildings, the Louisville Constitution Festival and Constitution Week festivities! The First Responders and Combat Veterans Processional and the honorary program held September 11, in Metzger Park were very uplifting. Many of our neighboring safety forces also took part in this memorable event. On behalf of the City, I want to thank the committee members and the many volunteers that made these events successful. There are many hours involved and the planning process will soon commence again for 2016!

Since the last newsletter, Louisville art students as well as a professional artist have on display 4' X 8' murals on the downtown sidewalks. Also, banner murals have been placed on our downtown buildings that will remain there for the next 2 years. Please visit the Art Gallery to see their new displays. The Community Banquet showcased two of five musical numbers that were written about Louisville, sung by the talented Ryan Humbert. These are all part of the "20/20 Vision for the Arts" in Louisville. It is exciting to see things happening that will entice people to come downtown. Let's keep things rolling!

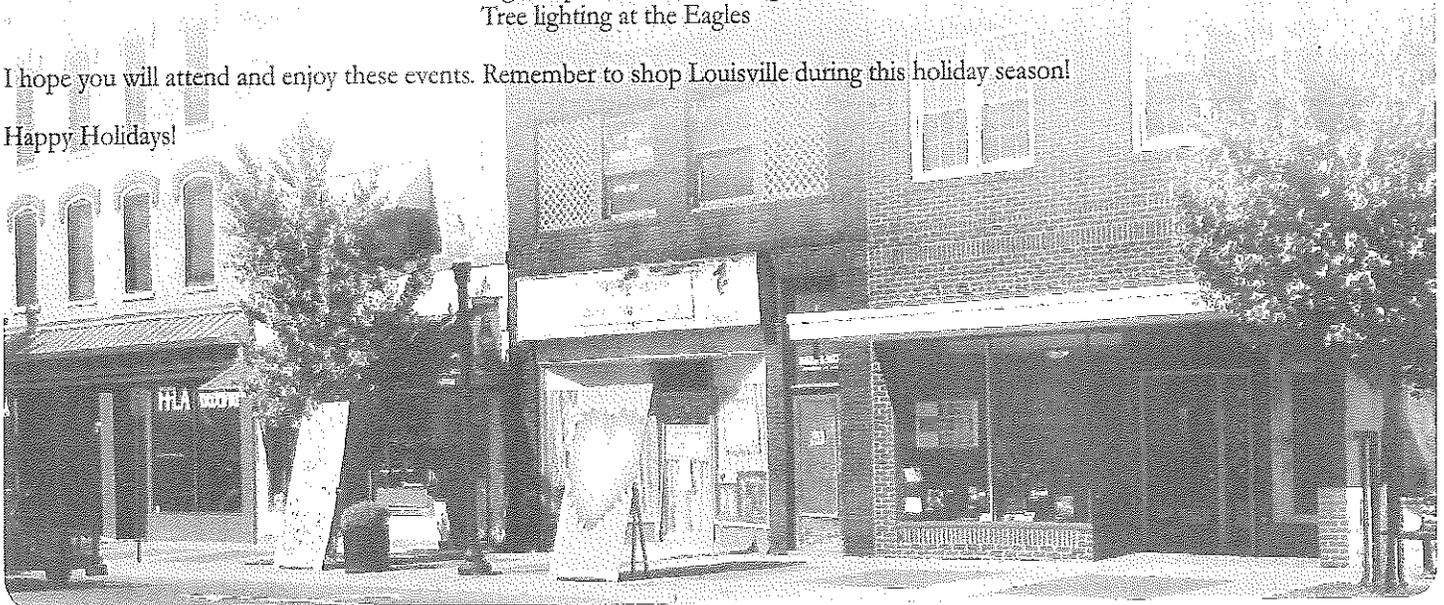
The flower beds at the entrances of the City and many of our parks are beautiful. Compliments to all community organizations and clubs involved. The Kiwanis have been busy repainting the Magical Rainbow Playground and doing some general maintenance. The brighter colors truly bring life to the Magical Rainbow! A special thank you to all these volunteers!

Here are a few upcoming events to mark on your calendars:

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| Saturday, October 31: | Trick or Treat from 5:00pm-7:00pm |
| Sunday, November 1: | Daylight Savings Time, set clocks back one hour |
| Tuesday, November 3: | Election Day |
| Wednesday, November 11: | Veteran's Day |
| Saturday, December 5: | YMCA Snowflake Auction at the LaPizzaria |
| Sunday, December 6: | Community Choir Concert at St. Louis Church, 2:00pm |
| | Light-Up Louisville with a special visit from Mr. & Mrs. Claus, 3:00-7:00pm |
| | Tree lighting at the Eagles |

I hope you will attend and enjoy these events. Remember to shop Louisville during this holiday season!

Happy Holidays!



Attention Snow Birds!

Don't forget to check in at City Hall or call (330) 875-3434 ext.208 to have your water turned off while away. There is a form to be completed so you won't be billed while away!



From the Police Department

Millions of people are affected by scam artists each year. Using phone, email, postal mail, and the internet they trick you into sending money or giving out your personal information. Do not become another statistic! Follow these 10 ways to avoid fraud according to the Federal Trade Commission.

1. Know who you are buying from or dealing with. Do an online search for the company name and website, and look for reviews. Also, find the seller's physical address (not a P.O. Box) and phone number.
2. Know that wiring money is like sending cash. Wiring money is nearly impossible to reverse the transaction or to trace the money.
3. Read your monthly statements. Account information can be stolen and then charges can add up in your name and account. If you see charges that you do not recognize or didn't authorize contact your bank, card issuer, or other creditor immediately.
4. After a disaster, give only to established charities. Non-established charities do not have the infrastructure to get help to affected areas or people. They may be collecting money to finance illegal activity. For more donating tips, check out consumer.ftc.gov
5. Talk to your doctor before you buy health products or treatments. Buy prescription drugs only from licensed U.S. pharmacies. Also research a product's claims and possible risks of side effects.
6. Remember there's no "sure thing" in investing. If you are contacted with low-risk, high-return investment opportunities, stay away! Report these immediately at ftc.gov.
7. Don't send money to someone that you don't know. It's best to do business with a company you know or trust. If purchasing through an online auction, use a payment option that provides protection, such as a credit card. If you think you've found a good deal, but aren't familiar with the company or product, check it out. Type the company or product name in a search engine followed by "review", "complaint" or "scam".
8. Don't agree to deposit a check and wire money back. Banks have to make funds from deposited checks available within days, but uncovering a fake check can take weeks.
9. Don't reply to messages asking for personal or financial information received from a message through email, a phone call, a text message, or an ad. Don't click on links or call phone numbers included in the message. It's called "phishing".
10. Don't play a foreign lottery. It's illegal. If you are told to pay the taxes, fees or custom duties to receive your prize, you haven't won anything. If you send money, you will lose it.

Snow and Ice Removal

During the winter season, the following Ordinance will be in effect regarding snow and ice placement:

No person shall throw, place or deposit, or permit to be thrown, placed or deposited, or permit to remain, in any manner whatsoever, any ice or snow on public land, lot easement, sidewalk, street, or street right of way, which originated on private property.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Leaves and Yard Waste Disposal

Leaves and other yard waste may be disposed of at the Nimishillen Township Garage located at 4915 N. Nickelplate Street. Residents are encouraged to dispose of leaves, lawn trimmings, small tree limbs, etc. at this location, which is open from dawn to dusk. If you are unsure of what is acceptable, visit www.timetorecycle.org for a list of acceptable items.

Snow Ban

Parking on City streets is strictly prohibited during snow bans in order for roadways to be cleared of snow and ice. When a snowfall amount of 2 inches is reached, an automatic snow ban is in effect. The snow ban will be terminated through the media, by the City Manager.

From the Income Tax Department

Tax Season is right around the corner! The Tax Office has been working over the past few months setting up payment plans on delinquent tax bills and filings. If you have received one of these notices and haven't replied, please do so immediately!

Quarterly estimates have also been mailed out. Please take advantage of our website at louisvilleohio.com to make a payment. As long as 90% of a taxpayer's liability before the end of the year, a penalty is not charged to the tax account.

Tax booklets will be mailed out in January of 2016. The 2016 tax form will reflect all required changes as applicable with Ohio Revised Code that will take effect on January 1, 2016. Please feel free to contact our office at that time with any questions or concerns.

Keep in mind, the Tax Department will complete the City's Tax Return at no charge. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am-5:00pm.



Trick or Treat

Attention ghouls and boys! The City of Louisville will have its annual Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00pm-7:00pm. Leave your porch lights on if you are participating, and be safe and mindful of the trick-or-treaters! Happy Halloween!

Holiday Schedule

The City of Louisville offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26, 2015

Day after Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27, 2015

Christmas

Friday, December 25, 2015

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 18, 2016

Presidents' Day

Monday, February 16, 2016



Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Contact the Stark County Board of Elections at (330) 451-VOTE (8683) to locate your polling station or for more information. The polls will be open from 6:30am-7:30pm. Exercise your Constitutional right and make your vote count!

Gas Aggregation

The City of Louisville is pleased to announce that Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. will be the chosen provider for natural gas. Louisville City's gas aggregation group will have a rate of \$3.69 Mcf beginning November 1, 2015 (December billing) through November of 2017. If you are currently enrolled with Direct Energy, you must call Constellation directly in order to change providers. Mailings will be sent soon with more information, so check your mailboxes from Constellation Energy Gas Choice.

From the Fire Department



CPR Classes

The Louisville Fire Department offers CPR classes every month. Courses offer certification/renewal for Healthcare Provider CPR and Heartsaver (nonmedical professionals) CPR. Each class is offered monthly. A minimum of 5 students are required; otherwise the class will be cancelled. The course fee is \$20.00 per student. Please contact the instructors at the Louisville Fire Department at (330) 875-2663, if interested or for more information.

American Red Cross Operation Save-A-Life

The Louisville Fire Department has proudly joined with the American Red Cross in their Operation Save-A-Life. The Red Cross is asking every household in America to join them in taking two simple steps that can save lives: check existing smoke alarms and practice fire drills at home. The Red Cross is donating smoke alarms which the Louisville Fire Department will install at no charge. During the installation of the smoke alarms, LFD will also review a home fire safety check list and provide pointers on home safety. If you or someone you know is in need of smoke alarm(s) please contact the Louisville Fire Department at (330) 875-2663.

From the Planning Department

The City of Louisville has been engaged in the process of completing a Comprehensive Plan which will identify areas for growth, prioritize projects and make recommendations on how to achieve identified goals over the next several years. The Plan is only as good as the information provided by participants. Several methods have been utilized to collect information, including public forums, focus groups, surveys and interviews with various groups and organizations within the Louisville community.

A nine-member committee has been busy analyzing collected data, discussing the results and formulating actions to incorporate into the Plan. The City would like to thank the following individuals for their commitment to the process and assistance in developing the Comprehensive Plan: Greg Anderson, Tom Ault, Jay Barton, Pat Fallot, Rick Flory, Rick Guiley, Cynthia Kerchner, Tom Pukys, William Ramage (Alternate) and Mark Sigler.

There is still time to participate and get your opinion heard, by completing a survey. The City encourages interested residents to complete the survey by visiting the City's website at louisvilleohio.com, or paper copies are available at City Hall.