

THE Louisville REPORT

The Constitution Town's Official Newsletter

PARK PAVILION RENTAL

Reservations to rent a City park pavilion are accepted after January 1st of the rental year, for reservations between May 1st and September 30th. All park reservation paperwork and payments are to be completed at City Hall, 215 S. Mill St. Any questions regarding pavilion rentals, please contact (330) 875-3434 Ext. 200.



Louisville's Aggregation Group has recently locked in a rate for natural gas at \$4.65 per mcf. (\$4.55 for seniors). Residents will be receiving a letter from Direct Energy within the coming weeks, if not already. This rate is effective from December 2013 thru November 2014. Any questions, please contact Direct Energy Customer Service at (866) 803-4618.

UTILITY PAYMENTS

Avoid late payments for water/sewer bills with Automatic Bank Draft. While the City of Louisville accepts cash, checks, money orders, Visa, MasterCard and Discover, Automatic Bank Draft (Direct Debit) can also be set up from your checking or savings account. With Direct Debit, you continue to receive a utility bill, and payment will be automatically drawn from your account prior to the due date. To sign up, complete a Direct Debit Authorization Form available at City Hall, or online at louisvilleohio.com, under City Government, Forms.

TRICK OR TREAT

Attention ghosts and goblins... the City of Louisville will hold Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 27th from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Everyone have a safe and fun Halloween!



POLICE NEWS

The Louisville Police Department offers home security inspections by a trained crime prevention specialist. The inspection will first identify security vulnerabilities in and around your home, and then you will be provided with recommendations for making your home more secure. If you are interested in having an inspection performed, please contact the Police Department at (330) 875-2871. There is no charge for this service.



Mark your calendars! On Saturday, October 26th, from 10:00am until 2:00pm, the Louisville Police Department will once again take part in the National Take Back Initiative. You can drive up, and anonymously drop off your unused or unwanted medications at the Police Department for secure and environmentally friendly disposal. There is also a permanent drop box in the lobby of the Police Department available year round. The Police Department is located at 1150 W. Main St.

TIME FOR TAXES

Thank you for your prompt assistance with submitting requested tax information! Over the past several months, the Tax Department has been working diligently to update its data base. During this time, we have been able to assist individuals with filing past-due tax returns, explained changes made to their tax returns, set up workable payment plans for tax obligations, contact landowners for tenant rosters, reconciled withholding accounts, and addressed compliance issues regarding the City's income tax. We greatly appreciate the timely responses from all those who have received a phone call, bill, letter, or email!

Third quarter estimates were mailed in September, and are due October 31st, 2013. Fourth quarter estimates will be mailed in December and are due January 31st, 2014. Should any taxpayer not understand if they need to pay quarterly estimates, or have a general question, please contact Tax Commissioner Laurie Arntz-Tournoux (Ext. 210), or Tax Agent Mary Howard (Ext. 207) at (330) 875-3434, Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.

The City of Louisville's website, www.louisvilleohio.com, is in the process of getting a new and updated look! Check it out for important news, contact information, relocation video and upcoming events in the City!

From The Mayor's Desk



I can hardly believe we are in the month of October! The City has had many activities going on including the Louisville Constitution Festival and Constitution Week. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank the Constitution Committee members as well as the countless volunteers that have made these events such a success again this year. There were a lot of hours in the planning of these events and they will soon begin the planning stages for next year.

Once again, we were thankful to have church and club volunteers do some much needed painting in the City parks. Volunteers from the New Pointe Church painted fencing and backstops at Aljancic and Wilson Parks. Volunteers from the Church of Christ and Christ United Methodist Church painted wood structures at the Rainbow Magical Playground at Metzger Park, while the Kiwanis Club replaced the small tops on the hand print columns (and will be doing the same on the large tops next year). We are very appreciative of all the volunteers who worked on these projects!

The flower beds at the entrances of the City, the parks, and on East Broad St. were beautiful again this year. A special "thank you" to the many hands that made them look so gorgeous!

With the holidays quickly approaching, here are some upcoming events you will want to mark on your calendar:

- **Tuesday, November 5th - Election Day**
- **Monday, November 11th - Community Veterans Program at Paradise United Church of Christ- 7:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 1st - Community Choir Christmas Concert at St. Louis Catholic Church- 3:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 1st - Light-up Louisville and Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the Juilliard Arts Center - 4:15 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 7th - YMCA Snowflake Auction- get your tickets early!**

I hope you have an opportunity to enjoy some of these upcoming activities, and please remember to shop Louisville during the holiday season!

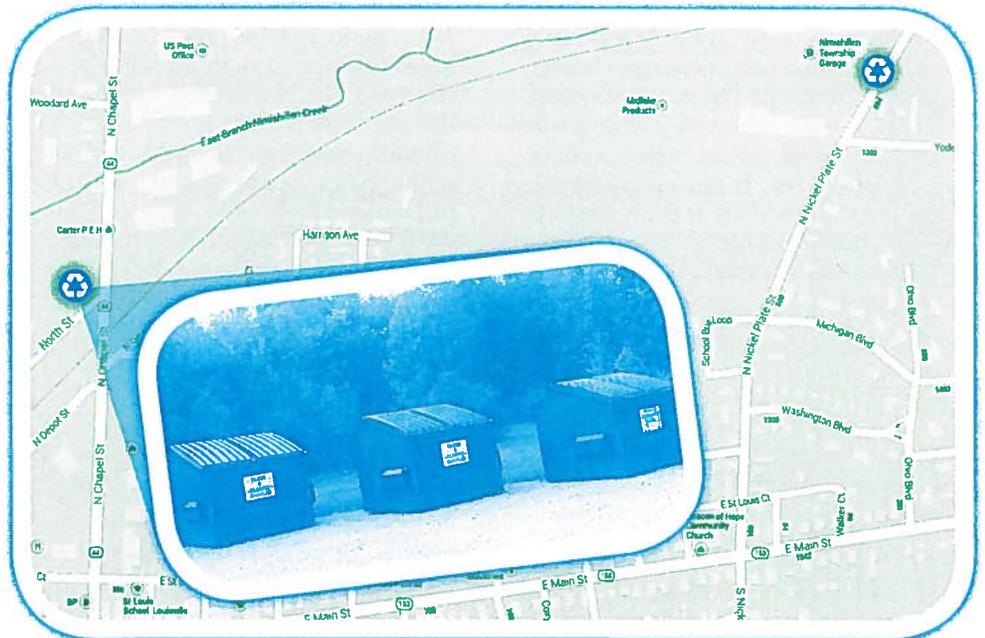
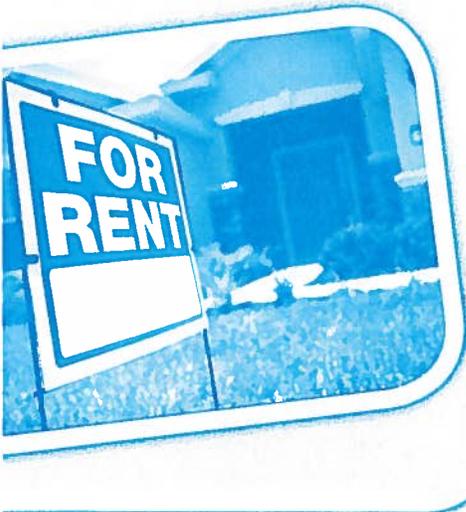
RECYCLING BINS RELOCATED

The recycle bins have found a permanent home at 621 N. Chapel St. (near the railroad tracks). Trees and landscaping will be added in order to complete this relocation project. Residents wanting to recycle plastic, glass, cardboard, paper, and/or metal products can utilize this drop off center location. For recycling of other materials or alternate locations, please contact the Joint Solid Waste Management District at (800) 678-9839 or visit their website at www.timetorecycle.org.

The yard waste drop off site is located at the Nimishillen Township Garage 4915 N. Nickelplate St. Residents are encouraged to dispose of lawn trimmings, small tree limbs, etc. at this location. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk.

RENTAL PROPERTY MUST BE REGISTERED

All rental property in the City of Louisville must be registered with the City. An annual \$15 fee is required for each rental unit. The exterior of each rental property is inspected annually and if the building inspector deems necessary, interior inspections will also be scheduled. Call 330-875-5644 for more information on our Rental Housing Program.



SNOW BIRDS

Don't forget to check in with the Water Department at City Hall at (330) 875-3434 Ext. 208 to have your water turned off for the winter. There is a form to be completed and water can be turned off while you're gone, so you won't be billed while you are away!



SNOW PARKING BAN

Parking on City streets is prohibited during a snow parking ban. The snow parking ban will automatically be in effect when snowfall reaches two inches. The parking ban will be removed by the City Manager through the media.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Monday, November 11, 2013 Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 28, 2013 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 29, 2013 Day after Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, December 25, 2013 Christmas Day
- Wednesday, January 1, 2014 New Year's Day
- Monday, January 20, 2014 Martin Luther King Day

PREVENT FUTURE FLOODING

The City is asking all property owners with either a drainage easement on their property, or living near a drainage easement, to please ensure these easements remain clear of all debris and excess vegetation, and refrain from filling or installing potential obstructions such as footbridges, culverts and sheds. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in helping to relieve future flooding problems in your neighborhood.

LEAVES AND STORM SEWERS DON'T MIX!

Leaves pose a potential problem for the City's storm sewer system. As leaves begin to fall, please do not blow or rake them into the streets where rain can wash them into the City's storm sewer system. If you live near a storm sewer catch basin, and it gets obstructed with leaves, please try to remove them so water can flow freely into the storm system and avoid flooding problems. If you notice a catch basin where the water does not drain away, please contact the Service Department (330) 875-5644 so the catch basin can be serviced.



SAFETY TIPS FOR FALL AND WINTER

- Have wood burners and fireplace chimneys checked and cleaned by a professional chimney sweeper
- Test all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working properly
- Have a professional service your furnace and replace the furnace filter regularly
- Make sure that portable electric heaters are kept 30" from any combustibles
- Never use your stove or oven to heat your home
- In the event of a power outage, never run your generator inside or close to any windows or doors

ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

All residents contemplating any type of construction are encouraged to contact the Zoning & Building Department at (330) 875-3321 Ext. 205 for specific information and to see if a permit is required.

The City of Louisville requires permits for the following items:

- New houses or garage/carport constructions, additions, or alterations
- Air conditioning and heating systems
- Siding or roofing
- Building demolition
- Sewer and water taps
- Digging in City right-of-ways
- Sign installation
- Electrical work
- Fences
- Swimming Pools
- Storage buildings or tool sheds
- Patios, patio covers, and decks
- Parking lots

The City zoning regulations require a zoning permit for construction in residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts. The City Building Department is in charge of inspections for the construction of one, two, and three family residential structures. Building permits for nonresidential structures are issued through the Stark County Building Department.

Top 10 Tips for a Safe Home

Please report suspicious activity, if it doesn't look quite right, it probably isn't. Dial 911, 330-875-1607 or the anonymous tip line at 330-875-7687 to have an officer respond.

1. Lock doors and windows
2. Crime-proof outside areas
3. Get to know your neighbors
4. Consider an alarm
5. Protect yourself with lock and key
6. Protect your home when traveling
7. Protect your valuables
8. Teach home safety to your kids
9. Have an emergency plan
10. Take a stand!



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City Council Meetings

October 21
November 4
November 18
December 2
December 16
January 6
February 3

City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Louisville Constitution Center, 1022 West Main Street. Meetings are open to the public.

Dates are subject to change.

Planning Commission & Board Of Zoning Appeals meetings are normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the Louisville Constitution Center, 1022 W. Main St.

City Hall Hours

Monday thru Friday - 8:30am to 5:00pm

Louisville City Departments Important Numbers

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance).....	911
City Hall - City Manager	875-3321
E M S, Fire Prevention (non-emergency)	875-2663
Police (non-emergency)	875-1607
Water Pollution Control Center	875-3161
Water Treatment Plant	875-9936
Service Department	875-2266
Planning and Development	875-3321
Income Tax & Utility Billing	875-3434
Building Inspector and Property Maintenance	875-3321
Emergency Water/Wastewater	875-5644
E-Mail (Finance).....	financedirector@louisvilleohio.org
E-Mail (City Manager).....	citymanager@louisvilleohio.org
E-Mail (City Clerk)	cityclerk@louisvilleohio.org
E-Mail (Law)	lawdirector@louisvilleohio.org
E-Mail (Planning).....	planning@louisvilleohio.org
E-Mail (Fire).....	firechief@louisvilleohio.org
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