

The Louisville REPORT

THE CONSTITUTION TOWN'S OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



From the Mayor's Desk

It is nice to hear birds singing and to see sunlight in the morning. We have truly had a rough winter. I think our yards will all have snow mold, but hopefully with the rain and warm weather it will disappear quickly.

The City is seeing many positive things happening and we are excited about future opportunities as well. Our new coffee shop "Uptown Joe," has specialty coffee and baked goods, "Kate's Place" has delicious food that makes you want to come back for more. The Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce, City of Louisville and ArtsInStark have created the Art Gallery, and is truly a place you want to continually visit because you never know what you are going to see in there. There are plans for our Louisville artists to display their own art work.

There are a lot of events planned throughout the year that will encompass all ages. The Canton Concert Band, formerly known as the Canton Community Band, will once again be bringing music to Constitution Park on Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00pm. This concert is "free," however, they will accept any donations to help with expenses. Donations can be mailed to Sal Cammel at Canton Concert Band, 1914 West Tuscarawas St., Canton, Ohio 44708-4995. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets to the park and listen to the beautiful music.

The Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce is very busy planning events, including the new "Downtown Summer Series". The "Downtown Summer Series" will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning in May, and will include car cruise-in's and music-fests. On May 16th, the Chamber has a Car Cruise-In scheduled from noon to 3:00pm at the Foltz Center with a DJ, food, and door prizes!

The Festival Committee has been busy planning for the 2015 Louisville Constitution Festival in the Park, which will once again include "Rock the Park!" The dates are scheduled for September 11-13th. A special event is planned for Friday, September 11th honoring the First Responders, Police, Fire & Veterans. There will be a special concert featuring Ricky Lee and The Band America and fireworks to end the evening. Each evening will also include crafts, food vendors, pet parade, car show, rides and musical entertainment each evening. Something for everyone of all ages!

Constitution Week Events:

Sunday, September 13- Louisville Community Choir Concert at 2:00pm and Rock the Park at 5:00pm

Monday, September 14- Mayors Breakfast

Tuesday, September 15- Prince & Princess Pageant

Wednesday, September 16- Community Banquet

Thursday, September 17- Commemoration/Naturalization Ceremony & Queen's Pageant

Saturday, September 19- Music in Motion

Sunday, September 20- Constitution Festival Grand Parade



It is great to see so many community organizations working together.
We are Constitution Town and proud of it!

Spring Clean-Up

Louisville's Spring Clean Up is scheduled for Saturday, May 9th. Kimble Recycling & Disposal Inc. will be conducting the clean-up. All items will need to be at the curb prior to 6:00am on Saturday, May 9th.

- Items will not be collected along private drives or roads
- Containers must not weigh in excess of 50 pounds each
- Dirt, rocks or materials of this nature will not be hauled
- Tree limbs and brush must be in bundles not to exceed 5 feet in length nor weigh more than 50 pounds
- Appliances will be picked up (Freon must be removed if applicable)
- No tires or paint (visit: timetorecycle.org for disposal options)



From the Police Department



City-Wide Garage Sale

After the long winter we've had, it is time to clean out and clean up! Join in the City-Wide Garage Sale on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. The City of Louisville will provide local advertising. What's better than to clean up and earn a little extra cash?

Protect yourself from Identity Theft with these guidelines and tips from the Federal Trade Commission. Identity theft is a serious crime that can interfere with your finances, credit history and reputation. It is the result of someone stealing your personal information and using it without your permission.

Identity thieves might:

- Steal bills and documents with personal information from trash cans and dumpsters
- Work for agencies that have personal information and steal it from the job
- Trick you through phone calls or emails to reveal sensitive information
- Theft of your wallet, purse, mail, or other means to steal credit cards, driver's license, health insurance card, social security card, passport and other personal information items

From the Zoning and Building Department

The City of Louisville requires permits for the following items:

- New houses/garage construction and additions
- Storage buildings and tool sheds
- Swimming pools
- Patios, patio covers, decks and driveways
- Fences
- Air conditioning and heating systems
- Siding and roofing
- Sewer/water taps or water meters
- Digging in the right-of-way
- Signs
- Electrical work
- Building demolition
- Parking lots

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

Information regarding the City's Zoning & Building code may also be found at www.louisvilleohio.com, under Departments, Planning & Zoning.

Protect your Information

- Read your credit reports annually
- Thoroughly read through bank, credit card and account statements as well as the explanation of benefits from your health insurance provider. If there are errors or you do not receive them on time, contact that business
- Shred all personal, financial or medical information
- Do not respond to, and delete all email, text or phone messages that ask for personal information
- Create passwords that mix letters, numbers and symbols; Don't use the same password for multiple accounts
- Use websites that protect your information with encryption while shopping or banking online
- Use anti-virus and anti-spyware software, also have a firewall on your computer(s)
- Set your computer's operating system, web browser, and security system to automatically update

What to do if Your Identity is Stolen

1. Flag your Credit Reports: Call one of the three credit reporting companies and ask that a fraud alert be put on your credit report. That company then must call the other two to put the fraud alerts on your file.
Equifax: 1-800-525-6285
Experian: 1-888-397-3742
TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289
2. Order your Credit Reports
Read the reports carefully to make sure the information is correct. Order one from each company as they are slightly different. If there are any signs of fraud or mistakes immediately contact the credit reporting company.
3. Create an Identity Theft Report
This can help get fraudulent information removed from your credit report, get information about accounts falsely opened with your information and stop a company from collecting debts caused by the theft.



- Get an FTC Affidavit by filing a complaint with the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint or call 1-877-438-4338
- Take the FTC Affidavit to the local police and file a police report.
The FTC Affidavit and the police report comprise an Identity Theft Report.

PREVENT FUTURE FLOODING

The city is requesting all property owners with a drainage easement on their property, or who live near a drainage easement, to please ensure that 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 flooding problems in your neighborhood.

Pay Online

Pay with E-Check, Discover, Mastercard, & Visa

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Life can be a little simpler now by paying your utility bill and/or Louisville City Income Tax with the click of a button from home! Online payments can be set up at the City's website: www.louisvilleohio.com. The City of Louisville accepts E-checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover.

Grass & Weed Cutting

Grass cutting season is upon us once again, a great sign after the long winter months. Please remember to aim the grass clippings onto your property and not onto the street or sidewalk in order to keep our storm system clear. Also keep in mind that grass and weeds in excess of 9 inches in height are prohibited by City ordinance.

Mosquito Spraying

2015 Mosquito Spraying will again be conducted by the Stark County Health Department. When the sprayings are scheduled, the dates will be posted on the city website at louisvilleohio.com. Please direct questions to the Stark County Health Department at (330) 493-9904.



From the Fire Department



As of January 1, 2015, the Louisville Fire Department is now staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for immediate response to fire and EMS calls. Always dial 911 for an emergency! For non-emergency questions you may call the Fire Department at (330) 875-2663.

Recreational Fire Permits

Any outdoor open fire needs to have a recreational fire permit. To apply for a permit, contact the Fire Department at (330) 875-2663 or pickup an application at City Hall, 215 S. Mill Street between the hours of 8:30am-5:00pm Monday-Friday. A member of the Fire Department will then come out to inspect the site. A recreational fire must be at least 25 feet or more from any structure or combustible material; three feet or less in diameter; attended at all time; and extinguished when finished.



From the Income Tax Department

Reminder that tax time is here! It is mandatory for all City residents 16 years of age or older, regardless of where you are employed or whether your employer withholds city income tax to file a Louisville City tax return. We are here to help! Come into City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm and bring all applicable tax information including W2's, and the Finance Department will prepare and file your Louisville City taxes at no charge! The Income Tax Department can be reached at (330) 875-3434, Laurie ext. 210, or Mary ext. 207.

Income tax forms are available at City Hall or on the City's website: louisvilleohio.com, under Government, Forms.

Unclaimed \$\$\$

Are you one of the Ohioans that has unclaimed funds and money owed to you? You can search your name from the Ohio Division of Unclaimed Funds (com.ohio.gov/unfd), click on the Claimants tab and type your last name or business in the Treasure Hunt!

From the Planning Department

The City of Louisville will be completing a Community Development Plan over the next several months. The Plan will address existing and future land use, targeted areas for growth, an analysis of public infrastructure, transportation needs, open space needs and issues facing downtown. There will be many opportunities for Louisville residents to participate and provide input during the process. Look for notices announcing town hall meetings and other ways you can express your thoughts and opinions.

The City of Louisville is looking for residents to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Board of Building Appeals. There is currently one vacant spot on the Board of Zoning Appeals and two on the Board of Building Appeals. The boards meet as needed on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 pm. If you are interested in serving on either of the boards, contact Vince Marion at 330-875-3321 ext. 204 for further information.



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City Council Meetings

April 6	July 6
April 20	July 20
May 4	August 3
May 18	August 17
June 1	September 21
June 15	

Dates are subject to change. Media will be notified.

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

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

CITY HALL HOURS

Monday through Friday - 8:30am to 5:00pm
 The City of Louisville offices will be closed in observance of the following holidays:
 Memorial Day (Monday, May 25th)
 Independence Day (Observance Friday, July 3rd)
 Labor Day (Monday September 7th)

Louisville City Departments Important Numbers

Emergency (Police, Fire, Ambulance)	911
City Hall - City Manager	875-3321
EMS, 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 Bill	875-3434
Building Inspector & Property Maintenance.	875-3321
Emergency Water/Wastewater	875-5644
Email (Finance).	financedirector@louisvilleohio.org
Email (City Manager)	citymanager@louisvilleohio.org
Email (City Clerk).	cityclerk@louisvilleohio.org
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