

THE Louisville REPORT

The Constitution Town's Official Newsletter

SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for Friday May 10th and Saturday May 11th. All items will need to be at the curb by 6:00am on Friday morning. Items will not be collected along private drives or roads.

- **NO TIRES OR PAINT.** Contact Joint Solid Waste Management District (800) 678-9839 or visit www.timetorecycle.org for disposal options.
- Containers must not weigh more than 50 pounds each
- Dirt, rocks or materials of this nature will not be picked up
- Tree limbs and brush must be in bundles not exceeding 5 feet long nor weigh more than 50 pounds
- Appliances will be hauled (*Freon must be removed if applicable*)



GRASS & WEED CUTTING

Grass cutting season is here once again. Please remember to aim grass clippings onto your property and not onto the street or sidewalk. This will help to keep our storm system clear of grass debris which can cause localized flooding. Also keep in mind that City ordinances prohibit grass and weeds in excess of 9" in height.

POLICE NEWS

The Louisville Police Department will be moving to a new home in the near future. After renovations are completed, the station will be located at 1150 W. Main Street.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

May 24th & 25th

If you are planning on having a garage sale this year, consider May 24th or May 25th. The City will provide local advertising about the event in order to help make sales in the City a success!

GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Garage sale signs are only allowed at the actual site of the garage sale. City ordinances do not allow off premises signs. If an off premises sign is observed, the City's inspector will remove the sign. Thank you for helping keep Louisville safe, clean and clutter free!

CITY AUCTION

Kiko Auctions will be holding an auction at the Constitution Center 1022 W. Main St. on Saturday, May 18th. City items being auctioned include trucks, cars, furniture, electronics, excess equipment and lots of miscellaneous. Mark your calendars and look for more detailed information in the coming weeks.

RECYCLE

Louisville residents are encouraged to use the yard waste drop off site at the Nimishillen Township Garage 4915 N. Nickelplate to dispose of lawn trimmings, small tree limbs, etc. Hours of operation are from dawn to dusk.

Residents looking to recycle paper or cardboard products, metal, glass and plastics can utilize the drop off center located at the Louisville Service Center 1022 West Main St from 7am-5pm. For questions regarding recycling of other materials or alternate drop off site locations, please contact the Joint Solid Waste Management District at (800) 678-9839 or visit the website at www.timetorecycle.org.

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Filing a Louisville City Tax Return by April 15th is mandatory for all City residents who are 16 years of age and older, regardless of where you are employed or whether city income tax is withheld by your employer. We can help! Bring all W2s and other applicable tax information to City Hall Finance Department. We will prepare and file your City tax for you, at no charge!

If your employer does not withhold Louisville City Income Tax, and you owed/paid more than \$100 last year, you are required to pay quarterly estimates this year (due Apr 15, Jul 31, Oct 31, and Jan 31). Voucher coupons will be mailed to you in mid-June. If you have not received an estimate-voucher to remit with your quarterly estimate payment, please contact Laurie at the Income Tax Department (330) 875-3434 Ext. 210, or stop in during office hours Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.

Income tax forms can be picked up at City Hall and are also available on our website: www.louisvilleohio.com, under City Government, Forms.

From The Mayor's Desk



Finally, Spring has arrived and the grass is beginning to come to life and the birds are busy making their nests. At the same time, we notice the windows need washed and spring house cleaning must begin.

I hope everyone received a copy of the Louisville Today Community & Resource Guide that lets you know what is happening around the City, township and neighboring towns. If you would like a copy, please stop in at City Hall.

The Beck Industrial Commerce Center is continuing to show progress and soon you will be seeing the large Chesapeake Regional Headquarters building appear on the site. We will be dedicating the bridge and the road that will give quick access to Route 44.

As you may recall, the YMCA took over the City's Recreation Department and is currently having sign-ups for baseball and softball leagues. They have many activities going on year round for all ages. Please stop in and see what they have to offer!

The Canton Community Band will be presenting its Patriotic Concert in Constitution Park on June 26th at 7:00pm. The Community Choir has once again been invited to perform with the band to sing a patriotic song. This is a free concert that everyone can attend. Bring your lawn chairs, or a blanket and a picnic to enjoy during the performance!

Our many civic organizations have been planning activities in which you can participate. The Louisville-Nimishillen Historical Society has settled into its new home, at the old post office located at 504 E. Main St., and is open for you to visit and see the many interesting items about our area. You can also stop at the Friends of the Library and purchase some books during your visit.

The Louisville Chamber of Commerce has seen continual growth in memberships. It has many networking events planned in which all businesses can take part. On May 4th, the Chamber will hold a "Shred It" event from 11am-2pm in the Louisville Eagles parking lot. For Chamber members, the first five boxes will be free. Non-Chamber members and those with more than five boxes will be charged \$5 per box. Only copy paper sized boxes will be accepted, for more information contact the Chamber at (330) 875-7371. Watch the newspaper and your emails for other upcoming events.

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.



The Northeast Ohio Balloon Pilots Association (NOBPA) will once again have a hot air balloon club fly out at Metzger Park. The fly out will be on Wednesday, June 12th between 6-7pm. For more information about this event, please call (330) 413-5587.

The Juilliard Arts Center continues to offer many classes throughout the year for all ages. For a list of classes, please contact the Center at (330) 871-8380 or check its website www.juilliardcenter.com and/or Facebook page.

The Constitution Festival Committee has been busy planning the Festival in the Park, which will be held August 16th, 17th and 18th. There will be fireworks, local musical entertainment, crafts, food vendors, a pet parade, car show and rides. The Committee has set a budget for this year's event at \$25,000. Letters are being sent for potential sponsors, and fundraising events are being held to support this festival. If you would like to help the festival continue, please send donations to PO Box 70 Louisville, OH 44641 and make your check payable to: Louisville Constitution Committee. The festival has something for everybody of all ages!

This year's Constitution Week events will begin on Sunday September 15th with the Louisville Community Choir Concert. The following dates and events will complete the week's festivities:

- September 16th- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church
- September 17th- Commemoration/Naturalization Ceremony and the Style Show/Prince & Princess Contest
- September 18th- Community Banquet at Paradise United Church of Christ
- September 19th- Queen Pageant
- September 21st- Band Competition
- September 22nd- Grand Parade

Thanks to the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Town and Country Garden Clubs for the many things they do to make our City beautiful, as well as the Meal Center and the Louisville Food Bank for taking care of those who are in need of a warm meal and food items. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank the many volunteers who spend the time to make all of this happen.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

With the upcoming move of the Police Department to 1150 W. Main St, the Fire Department will now have space to spread out at City Hall. After a few cosmetic renovations, this move will provide Fire Department personnel with a safer and properly ventilated environment when working 16 hour shifts. This change will also require the garage bay area to use less heat in colder temperatures. The Fire Department will use the entrance facing Gorgas St as its main entry.

The Louisville Fire Department would like to wish Captain John Henkel the best of luck in his future endeavors, and to give him a sincere thank you for his many years of service to the Louisville community.

RECREATIONAL FIRE PERMITS

Recreational fire permits are required for any outdoor open fire. Contact the Fire Department at (330) 875-2663 to apply for a permit and a member of the Department will come by your address to inspect the site.

Some rules to keep you and the neighborhood safe are:

- All recreational fires shall be at least 25 feet or more from any structure or combustible material; three (3) feet or less in diameter; attended at all times; and extinguished when finished
- Any open burning that is offensive or objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions is prohibited and will be extinguished. Some method of extinguishment must be present throughout burning period (water hose, extinguisher, etc.).
- Only dry wood shall be used as fuel, no burning of paper, trash, garbage, or yard debris.
- Residents with current permits do not need to call ahead when having a fire.
- Failure to comply with ALL requirements for recreational fires WILL result in immediate forfeiture of the permit and the discontinuance of any other recreational fire at the address for the remainder of the year. Violation could result in being turned over to the Ohio EPA for further action.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT OUR LOCAL WATER

Storm water runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or water body. Anything that enters a storm sewer is then discharged untreated into the water bodies that we use for swimming, fishing, and that provide drinking water. Only 1% of our water is usable and drinkable water. We cannot afford to pollute and contaminate it.

- Use pesticides sparingly. Fertilize only as needed using natural, organic, or other slow release fertilizers.
- Reduce storm water runoff by directing downspouts and gutters to drain onto the lawn, plant beds, etc.
- Use mulch, bricks, gravel or other porous surfaces on driveways and walkways to decrease erosion.
- Go to a carwash or wash your car in the grass. Don't wash dirt and cleaners down the driveway into the storm drain.
- Properly dispose of leaves and grass clippings. Start a compost pile. Never use streams, creeks, or gutters to dispose of yard waste.
- Sweep the dirt and debris from your driveway and walkways back into the yard.
- Recycle all acceptable materials and use your garbage can for all other trash. Don't litter. It will eventually be washed to our creeks and rivers and pollute them.

Only Rain Down the Drain!



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 and water meters
- 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

- April 15
- May 6
- May 20
- June 3
- June 17
- July 1
- July 15

City Council meetings are normally held the first and third Monday 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... normally held on the 2nd Tuesday of the 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
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