

THE
Louisville

REPORT

The Constitution Town's Official Newsletter



From The Mayor's Desk

We are continuing to see new businesses come into our City and hopeful that some of them will be part of the Beck Industrial Park. The excitement surrounding the activity out there is beyond explanation.

Council spent some amount of time working on the "sign ordinances" and has brought them into the 21st century. This was long overdue as changes continue to take place all around us.

Also, the Architect Design and Review Board was organized and they created a district which will require additional paperwork to be approved when improvements are being made to the structures in the district. The map showing the boundary lines is available at City Hall. The City was also granted a Historical District and we hope that we can begin to bring our downtown area back to life.

There are a lot of events planned throughout the year that will encompass all ages. The Juilliard Arts Center will be offering classes and for a list of those please contact the Center at 330-871-8380 or check the Website. They also have tentative plans for future events- concerts, movies, Make It and Take It for Mother's Day and Father's Day, possible tea, garden show, and a craft show. All this information will be published as it happens.

Once again the Canton Community Band will be bringing music at Constitution Park on Wednesday, June 27th at 7:00 p.m. The Louisville Community Choir again will be performing with the band. So bring your lawn chairs or blankets to the park and listen to the beautiful music. In case of rain the program will be held in Constitution Center.

The Festival Committee has been busy planning the Festival in the Park, which will once again include "Rock the Park" and feature well known artists from the secular music world. The dates are scheduled for August 17,18, and 19th. There will be fireworks, musical entertainment each evening, crafts, food vendors, pet parade, car show, and rides. Something for every one of all ages!

This year's Constitution Week events will begin on September 16th with the Louisville Community Choir Concert; September 17th will be the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church and Commemoration/Naturalization Ceremony; September 18 the Style Show/Prince and Princess Contest, September 19th the Community Banquet will be held again at Paradise Church, September 20 will see the Queen Pageant; September 22 , the Band Competition and September 23rd the Grand Parade. Mark your calendars now for all these events.

Just a reminder that, when you are walking your dogs or cats, please have a plastic bag with you to clean up after the pet. There is an ordinance in place and a fine could be charged if you are seen leaving the site of the "dirty deed". Children playing soccer and people walking or riding bikes do not want to deal with this!

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

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.



MOWING

Contrary to popular belief, setting your mower at a very low height can actually increase weeds by exposing the soil surface to sunlight and removing stored nutrients in leaf blades. Cool weather grasses, such as bluegrass, ryegrass and fescues, should maintain a height of 2.5 to 3.5 inches. Also, think about skipping the loud, carbon-intensive, gas-powered mower for an electric or human-powered alternative.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Maintaining a low crime rate requires the involvement of concerned citizens and a willingness to get involved. See it, hear it, report it! 330-875-1607. Reminder: The year-round curfew for those under the age of 18 is 10:00 P.M., seven days a week.

LIKE TO WALK?

Many people enjoy walking the trails of Metzger Park, some for fun and some for exercise. If you're interested in monitoring the length of your walks, visit the website (www.louisvilleohio.com/city-departments/parks) for mileage on seven different routes through Metzger Park and the Nickelplate Trail.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES MAY 25TH & 26TH

If you're planning a garage sale this year, consider having it May 25th or 26th. The City will run advertisements about the event inviting bargain hunters from all over into Louisville to help make your sale a success!

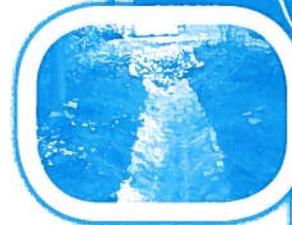
GARAGE SALE SIGNS

Garage sale signs are allowed only at the site of a garage sale. City ordinances do not allow off premises signs. These signs can create litter and visual clutter. When off premises signs are observed, the City's inspector will remove the signs. Please help us keep Louisville safe and clean.



STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS IN RESIDENTIAL LANDSCAPING

- Rain Barrels - You can collect rainwater from rooftops in mosquito proof containers. The water can be used later on lawn or garden areas.
- Rain Gardens and Grassy Swales - Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rainwater to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains.
- Vegetated Filter Strips - Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants that stormwater picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.
- Permeable Pavement - Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water. Permeable pavement systems allow rain and snowmelt to soak through, decreasing stormwater runoff.



2012 MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Stark County Health Department will again be doing the City's mosquito control. Due to the early spring, we have already been in touch with the Health Department and requested two additional applications for 2012. Once scheduled, a list of spraying dates will be posted to the City's website (www.louisvilleohio.org/community/city-news). Questions should be directed to the Health Department at 330-493-9904.

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 no longer 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 a \$100 fine (COL 521.12)



SPRING CLEAN-UP

Spring Clean-up is scheduled for May 11th. Have all of your items at the curb by 6am on May 11. Items will not be collected along private drives or roads.

- NO TIRES OR PAINT. Contact Joint Solid Waste Management District 1-800-678-9839 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 where applicable).



DEALING WITH LEFTOVER PAINT

Donate leftover paint to theatrical groups, community service organizations, friends or relatives.

To dispose of quantities of paint greater than 1 inch left in container:

- Place in a well-ventilated area that is protected from children and pets.
- Add cat litter or sawdust and stir every couple of days.

For smaller quantities of paint:

- Remove the lid and allow the liquids to evaporate in a well-ventilated area that is protected from children and pets.

When completely dry, discard with regular trash. Leave the lid off so the trash company can see that the paint is hardened.



BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

All residents and businesses contemplating any type of construction should contact the Planning Department at 330-875-3321 Ext. 205 before beginning a project. The following activities require permits: House and garage construction, additions and alterations, Fences, Swimming Pools, Sheds and accessory structures, Patios and covers, Decks, Parking Lots, Air Conditioning and Heating, Siding, Roofing, Sewer and Water taps, Signs, Electric, Commercial construction, Demolition, and Digging in the right-of-way.

Failure to obtain the proper permit(s) in advance of work will result in work stoppage and double charge on fees.



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City Council Meetings

May 7
May 21
June 4
June 18
July 2
July 16
August 6
August 20

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 - 8:30 to 5:00

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
Parks Department	875-4961
Maintenance Superintendent	875-2266
Service Department	875-2266
Planning and Development	875-3321
Income Tax & Utility Billing	875-3434
Building Inspector and Property Maintenance	875-5644
Emergency Water/Wastewater	875-5644
E-Mail (Finance).....	financedirector@louisvilleohio.org
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