

THE
Louisville

REPORT

The Constitution Town's Official Newsletter

From The Mayor's Desk

It is good to announce that there has been a lot of activity in Louisville since my report in the spring. We had an extremely hot summer and too little rain, but we managed to get through the problems and are moving on to the next season.



As you are all aware, the West Main Project is more than half way done. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter it will be complete and the orange barrels will disappear and the sod will be in place. The Tree Board is meeting regularly to decide on the type and number of trees to be replaced. Coming in from the west to the east, the improvement into the entrance of the City, in my opinion, has been well worth the wait. Our new "left turn lanes" are a welcomed change and will certainly help control the traffic through town.

Of course, our greatest news for the City is the addition of the Beck Industrial Park with the intended relocation of the Chesapeake Energy Regional Corporate Office. It will bring jobs and revenue to our community and Stark County. We will not see all of the benefits of this for approximately two years, but it will be a welcomed blessing to us. Many thanks to Bill Jeffries for continually working with them to make it all possible.

I continue to be proud of our many departments that help run the City efficiently. We have an excellent staff who continue to work hard to improve our services and answer many questions from our citizens regarding problems they have encountered.

For your information, the Fire/EMS Department, under Chief Lanzer, has 16 EMT's and 4 Paramedics with most of the activity being EMS calls. We have 25 firefighters that are paid "on call". Did you know that we have a second fire station? This station is located in Wilson Park and Fire Engine 13 and an ambulance are available at this location.

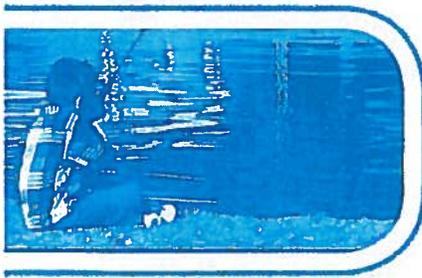
The Police Department continues to operate efficiently under Chief Turowski with 8 full time and 11 part time officers including 1 full time detective, 1 part time resource officer and 1 part time officer assigned to Metro Narcotics. We also have 1 canine, Havoc; that is an amazing dog!

We will begin a new program, Teen Court, in October in conjunction with the Stark County Family Court to hear misdemeanor cases. These teens will be judged by their peers who will come from Louisville and St. Thomas Aquinas High Schools.

The Service Department, consisting of 11 full time employees, makes sure that our roads are taken care of, maintains our parks and guarantees that our water is safe. Our water towers are continually maintained to keep our water fresh. They are currently painting them on the outside and our logos will be added. This is all under the supervision of Service Director Jim McBeath.

To prevent an EPA violation, we have constructed a new salt storage building that is large enough to store a year's supply of salt. It is located behind the Service Building. Take a look!

On behalf of the City, I want to thank all of the civic clubs, healthcare centers and residents that help year round to "clean up our City". It is a great community effort! I am available every Monday, 10:00am to 1:00pm at the Constitution Center or by phone at any other time, (330) 495-7219.



FISHING DERBY

The annual fishing derby will be held at Constitution Park on Saturday October 27, 2012 from 8:00am-11:00am for boys and girls ages 5-15yrs. Preregistration is required and registration forms are located at City Hall 215 South Mill St. Sign up now for this FREE event!



TRICK OR TREAT

The City of Louisville trick or treat will be held on Sunday October 28, 2012 from 3:00pm-5:00pm. Please remember, children should always go trick or treating accompanied by a responsible adult.

RECYCLING

Did you know the recycling center at 1150 West Main Street is open 24 hours a day? We accept paper & cardboard, metal & glass and #1 and #2 plastic. The recycling center is managed by the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne joint Solid Waste District, phone number 800-678-9839.

SNOW BIRDS

Don't forget to fill out a form (available at City Hall) or give us a call at (330) 875-3434 x208 to have your water turned off while you are away... Then you won't have a bill when you get back!

SNOW BAN

During a snow ban, parking on City streets is prohibited. When snowfall reaches 2 inches, a snow ban is automatically in effect. This enables city crews to remove snow more efficiently. The ban will be removed by the City Manager through the media.

FROM THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

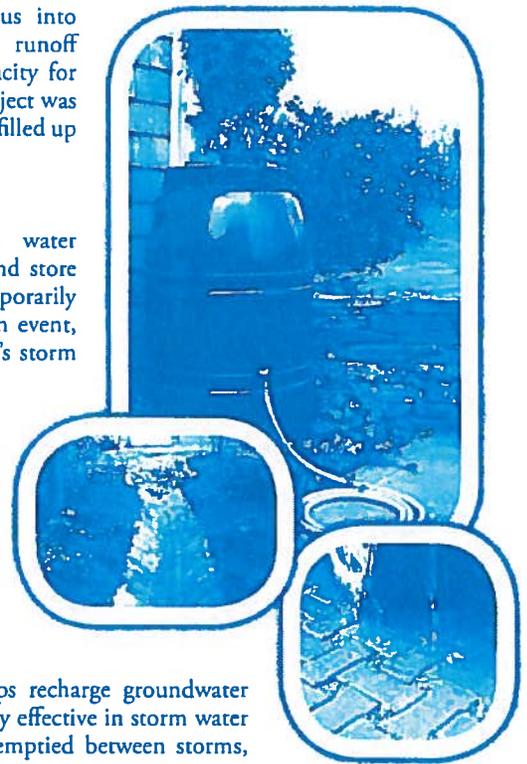
The Service Department would like to remind our citizens to keep fall leaves cleaned up to prevent blockage in our storm catch basins. This will help allow any rain water or snow melting to drain properly.

The new salt storage building brings us into compliance with the Ohio EPA storm runoff regulations and has enough storage capacity for an entire winter season. This building project was completed this summer and is ready to be filled up with salt for the winter months ahead.

RAIN BARRELS

Rain barrels are an effective storm water management tool. Rain barrels collect and store storm water runoff from rooftops. By temporarily holding storm water runoff during a rain event, you can help reduce runoff into the city's storm sewer system and help to reduce overflows into our creeks. Also, collected rain water can be used for irrigating lawns, gardens, window boxes, etc.

Rain barrels help reduce water pollution by reducing storm water runoff, which sometimes picks up pollutants in its path such as oil, grease and animal waste and transports these pollutants to the nearest creek or storm drain. Storing rainwater for garden and lawn use helps recharge groundwater naturally. Remember, rain barrels are only effective in storm water management when the stored water is emptied between storms, making room in the barrel for the next storm.



CLEAN WATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Storm Water Runoff Pollution

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams
- Reduce the amount of paved areas and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil
- Pick up after your pet

SEE IT, HEAR IT & REPORT IT!

The police department would like to remind and encourage citizens to contact us anytime they see questionable or suspicious activity. Citizen involvement helps ensure a safe Louisville community. Citizens can dial 911 or (330) 875-1607.

HELPING US IN AN EMERGENCY

A major issue for emergency personnel is finding addresses on homes and businesses. We find that some places have no address displayed or it is too small to be visible from the street. Address numbers should be at least 3" tall and reflective.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

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

- Monday, November 12, 2012 Veteran's Day
- Thursday, November 22, 2012 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday, November 23, 2012 Day after Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, December 25, 2012 Christmas Day
- Tuesday, January 1, 2013 New Year's Day
- Monday, January 21, 2013 Martin Luther King Day
- Monday, February 18, 2013 President's Day

DOES YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL SEEM HIGH?

Water consumption is billed for your previous 2 months of usage. Sewer is billed based on water consumption. If your bill seems high, you may have a leak! Here's what you can do BEFORE calling the Utility Department:

1. Take the tank lid off your toilet, drop in food coloring or stop by our office for dye strips. Once you put drops or strips in the tank, allow to sit for 15-20 minutes. If a toilet is leaking, the color will appear in the bowl. Our local hardware store carries all items to fix the insides of a toilet.
2. Read your main meter before leaving home for several hours; read the meter again when you return. If the meter has moved, this indicates water is moving through your plumbing and through the meter. Check ALL water sources for drips or leaks: faucets, toilets, sinks, washing machine, ice maker, dishwasher, hot water tank, water softener, garden hoses, sprinkler systems. Leaks do not go away – they get worse! It is imperative to address them immediately to avoid high bills.
3. Take a read of your inside meter (usually located by your main shut off valve). Write the numbers down, and whether it is a Sensus or Rockwell meter. Take a read of your outside meter (usually located by your outside faucet). Compare those 2 meter readings against each other, and your bill. For billing purpose, meters are read with an electronic wand, or manually on older meters. There are instances of wand misreads, which would generate an incorrect bill. Please notify us for a prompt correction.



We are available Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm to discuss your account and/or to review your consumption and billing history.

We look forward to serving you!

Utility Billing, Finance Department, 215 S. Mill Street • (330) 875-3434 x208

*****Don't wait until you have a leak to repair your shut off valve! A good rule is to rotate your water shut off valve at least twice per year- do it when you change your smoke detector batteries to keep your home safe in many ways. *****

PAYMENTS

When paying your Water/Sewer bill, please return the TOP portion of your bill, which notes your service address and account number, with your payment.

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

LOOK WHAT'S NEW!

The Louisville Fire Department and the American Legion Post 548 have just started a new program to assist EMS personnel with medical calls. We have purchased Vial of Life pouches which contain cards for people with medical conditions to fill out and place on the front of their refrigerator. This will help medical personnel obtain important information that will assist in the treatment of our patients. These pouches can be obtained at the Louisville Fire Department, 215 South Mill St.

Should you have any questions about fire safety or the fire department in general, please feel free to contact us (330) 875-2663.

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Lifesaving
Information for
Emergencies



TAX TIME

All city residents, who are at least 16 years old, gainfully employed, performing business in Louisville, or are landowners, are required to file an income tax return with the City of Louisville, regardless if tax is withheld from your paycheck during the year. According to Ohio law: if a taxpayer owes more than \$100 for a prior tax year, and anticipates owing this amount for the current year, then they must pay quarterly income tax estimates. Third Quarter Estimates are in the mail and due by October 31st. The City allows a credit of 60% on income taxes paid to other municipalities, up to 2%.

The City of Louisville strictly enforces all interest and penalties for non-payment or underpayment of estimates, and for failures to file returns. Income tax forms for Tax Year 2012 will be mailed in January, and are due by April 15th.

The Income Tax Administrator is available Monday-Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm,
Phone (330) 875-3434 x210
incometax@louisvilleohio.org



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City Council Meetings

October 15
 November 5
 November 19
 December 3
 December 17
 January 7
 February 4

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
E-Mail (Finance).....	financedirector@louisvilleohio.org
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