



CHARDON *Ohio*

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall/Winter 2019

SEPTEMBER 28

Trash Day

OCTOBER 5

Fall Fest
(Rain date October 6)
7-9 p.m.

OCTOBER 31

Halloween Festivities
5:30-7:30 p.m. Trick-or-Treat
7:30 p.m. Parade followed by
cider and donuts (Sponsored by
the Police Department)

NOVEMBER 5

Election Day
Please exercise your right to vote!

NOVEMBER 11

Veterans Day Memorial Service
11 a.m. on the Square

NOVEMBER 28

Trot to Stop Trafficking 5K Race
8:30 a.m. on the Square

NOVEMBER 30

Shop Small Saturday
Chardon Tomorrow
Support & celebrate our local businesses
10 a.m.-4 p.m.



STOP POURING MONEY DOWN THE DRAIN!

Save time and money with these convenient water
and sewer bill payment options

1. FREE AUTOMATIC PAYMENT (ACH)

Customers may opt to have the monthly payment deducted from their checking or savings account on the bill due date. Please visit the City's website at chardon.cc or call (440) 286-2949 to obtain the form to sign up for the Automatic Payment option. You will continue to receive a monthly paper bill or e-bill so that you know the amount that will be deducted from your checking or savings account that month.

2. FREE FROM YOUR ONLINE BANKING SITE

Most banks do not charge for making online payments. Just be sure to include your water/sewer account number when submitting online payments from your banking website. The City recently upgraded the billing system so that payments made from online banking are processed electronically into the City's account, similar to Option 1 above. Once you authorize the payment from your banking website, the City should receive the payment within one to three business days.

3. FOR A NOMINAL CONVENIENCE FEE, USE CHARDON.CC

After creating an online account at chardon.cc (see below), you can easily submit credit/debit card or electronic check payments for a nominal convenience fee (about 3% of your payment amount). The convenience fee is paid to the third-party payment processor.



Eliminate paper bills by signing up for E-Billing!

At no cost, you can create an online account at chardon.cc by clicking the "Online Bill Pay" tab on the left hand side. You can then sign up for e-billing to receive your water/sewer bill via email. This process allows for expedited delivery of your bill, as well as the reduction of paper waste. In addition, the online system allows you the added convenience of viewing your account balance and water usage history.

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DECEMBER 5

Christmas Lighting Program
Activities begin at 6:30 p.m.
Lighting begins at 7 p.m.



DECEMBER 13

Fire & Ice Tower Lighting,
Reindeer & Ice Carving
Chardon Tomorrow
5-8 p.m.



CITY EMPLOYEE NEWS



ADAM ROGERS

With the retirement of Joe Rodriguez in May, the City hired Adam Rogers as the City's new Parks and Recreation Director. Adam obtained his Bachelors of Science in Leisure Studies with a concentration in Sports Management from Kent State University. He has served as a Recreation Specialist for Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation in North Carolina, as Program Coordinator for the Willoughby Parks and Recreation Department and as the Athletics/Special Events Coordinator for the Westlake Recreation Department.

Best wishes to Mr. Rodriguez in his retirement and best of luck to Mr. Rogers in his new position.



CHUCK TKACH

With the retirement of Gary Stevenson in July, the City hired Chuck Tkach as Zoning Inspector in the Community Development Department. Most recently, Mr. Tkach served as the Director of Business Process Management for Crown Castle. He has experience in several areas that will benefit the City,

including project management, engineering, customer service and construction management.

Best wishes to Mr. Tkach in his new position and best of luck to Mr. Stevenson in his retirement.



BENJAMIN CHOJNACKI

James Gillette has announced his retirement after more than 24 years as the City's Law Director and Police Prosecutor. Ben Chojnacki will succeed Mr. Gillette as Law Director. He is also an associate in Walter | Haverfield's Public Law, Litigation and Sports Law groups. Mr. Chojnacki has previously served as

Assistant Law Director for the Village of Hunting Valley and Orange Village and currently represents the Villages of Cuyahoga Heights and Lakemore. Mr. Chojnacki has an extensive background and has counseled municipalities, public entities, and private corporations on all aspects of public law.

Welcome to Mr. Chojnacki and best wishes to Mr. Gillette in his retirement.



STEVE PATTON

Steve Patton has been selected to take on the Police Prosecutor responsibilities resulting from Mr. Gillette's retirement. Mr. Patton has served as Assistant Police Prosecutor for the City since June 2015 and will retain this title while taking on the additional responsibilities. Mr. Patton will continue his private practice work at

Patton & Lee, LLC in Chagrin Falls while serving the City. The City looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Patton.

NOACA WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT

The City of Chardon has helped the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) to develop a new regional Water Quality Management Plan as required under Section 208 of the federal Clean Water Act. This plan is commonly referred to as the region's 208 Plan.

NOACA's current 208 Plan, Clean Water 2000, has not been comprehensively updated in nearly 20 years. NOACA staff would like to hear from environmentally active citizens, particularly those concerned with water issues; property owners; and developers directly impacted by changes to sanitary sewer plans. There are two opportunities to provide your input:

1. NOACA will co-host a Geauga County 208 Plan meeting with County Commissioners on September 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Geauga County Offices Building #8, 470 Center Street, Chardon, OH; and
2. NOACA staff have developed an online questionnaire to help gather additional input for the new 208 Plan. The questionnaire should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Respondents will remain anonymous. NOACA staff will use your feedback from the public meeting and questionnaire to ensure its 208 Plan addresses important issues that affect you. Please contact the City Manager's Office at (440) 286-2600 if you are interested in receiving a link to complete the questionnaire.

Welcomes
NEW BUSINESSES

<p>Polished! Salon & Boutique 111 South Street <i>Hair & Nail Salon</i></p> <p>Gordmans 540 Water Street <i>Department Store</i></p>	<p>Cost Cutters 255 Meadowlands Drive <i>Hair Salon</i></p> <p>Four Seasons Construction & Roofing 554 Water Street <i>Home Improvement Contractor</i></p>
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NEW LOCATION

DiFranco Insurance
102 E. Park Street





TRASH DAY COLLECTION REGULATIONS

The City's RESIDENTIAL curbside trash collection will be held on Saturday, September 28, 2019. Since this is a City program, we ask that friends or relatives from outside the City not be invited to bring trash for collection.

NEW! Waste Management WILL enter these private streets: Burlington Oval, Burlington Green, Bridgewater Village, Village Square and Colonial Park Condominiums. Residents may put out items at the same location as their regular trash pickup location. Waste Management will not enter onto commercial properties.

To have items removed, residents MUST comply with the following regulations:

- All items must be as close to the curb as possible by 6 a.m. the morning of September 28.
- No loose items. Everything must be boxed, bundled or bagged.
- Appliances with Freon must have Freon removed and tagged.
- Lumber is to be cut and bundled in 48' lengths, 40 pounds maximum and no nails.
- Carpet is to be cut, rolled and bundled in 36' lengths, 40 pounds maximum.
- Windows, glass and mirrors must be less than 3'x4' in size and taped/cardboarded. If not properly secured, it will be left.
- Mattresses and cloth furniture must be wrapped in plastic.
- All items must be within reason that two (2) men can carry.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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| • Appliances with Freon not removed | • Propane/gas tanks |
| • Tires | • Car parts/engines/batteries |
| • Household garbage – food waste | • Dirt/rocks/sod/concrete/bricks and blocks |
| • Dead animals | • Brush/yard waste |
| • Hazardous materials | • Ashes |
| • Paints/solvents | • Items over 5' long/3' wide/3' high – weighing over 100 pounds |

If any of the unacceptable items listed are found to be on the curb, they will be left.

ATTENTION City Residents age 60 & over: Limited assistance is available to place trash out for collection. Please contact the Geauga County Department on Aging at (440) 279-2130.

HALLOWEEN 2019



Halloween activities in the City will begin with Trick-or-Treating from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October, 31 (rain or shine). The Halloween parade on the Square starts at 7:30 p.m. followed by cider and doughnuts provided by the Chardon Police Department. Thanks to the Chardon Square Association for their assistance with this event.

PARKS AND RECREATION EXPANDS PROGRAMMING

Are you looking for something new? Chardon Parks and Recreation is offering 16 new programs for people of all ages. Some of the new programs include Academy Basketball, Adult Softball, Art Classes, Martial Arts, School's Out Camp and Essential Oils 101. For a complete list of all of our programs please visit chardon.cc/19fallwinter to download our brochure.

INTRO TO ARCHERY



The sport of archery requires precision, control, focus, physical ability and determination. Top athletes train daily, and for hours at a time, but even recreational archery can carry huge benefits to your health. Whether practiced indoors or out, competitively or socially – and despite often being perceived as stationary – archery gets you active, burning calories and in a better state of mind.

Register online at (<https://chardon.recdesk.com/Community/Program>) for our Introduction to Archery Program.

SCHOOL'S OUT CAMP

Children will spend their days at the Chalet doing various activities with our experienced counselors. Participants will enjoy arts and crafts, games and more! Also, please dress for the weather because we will be going outside (weather permitting). Before-care and after-care are provided at no additional charge.

AGES: 6-13

DATES: November 27,
December 23-January 3
(except for December 25
and January 1),
March 23-27

TIME: 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Camp activities run
from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

FEE: \$30 per day

LOCATION:

Chalet Building | 220 Basquin Drive

INSTRUCTORS: Chardon Day Camp Staff



LEAF COLLECTION

As in past years, the City is conducting a roadside leaf collection program. Weather permitting, the collection will continue until December 1. Those leaves not collected this fall will be collected next spring. Residents wanting to make sure leaves are removed from their property this fall may want to contact local nurseries to see if leaves can be delivered to them for disposal.

SNOW REMOVAL

With the approach of winter, please remember that it is a property owner's responsibility to keep their sidewalks clear. The City will continue to pass through the community with the sidewalk plow as a service to residents.

City employees cannot clear driveways "filled-in" by the sidewalk plow. Keeping the sidewalk clear of snow on both sides of the driveway will help prevent this situation.

Please inform anyone removing snow from your property that City code prohibits pushing snow into the street. Persons who push snow into or across the street hamper the efforts of the road crew, cause driveway aprons to be filled-in by the City plows, and risk being cited for a violation.

SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM UPDATE

With Round #6 of the 2019 Sidewalk Maintenance Program completed, it will soon be time to start the seventh round of the eight-year program, identified as the "2020" section on the Sidewalk Maintenance Map. This past year nearly 2,600 square feet of city sidewalk along South Street, The Woods of Burlington and Fox Point was repaired or replaced. Nearly 3,500 square feet planned for the next portion of the program in Hidden Glen and Wilson Mills areas.

Earlier this year, property owners who have sidewalk slabs in need of corrective action in the 2020 section of the map, received via USPS Certified Mail a Notification and Inspection Report for their particular parcel. If there is an X on your sidewalk and you did not receive a notification letter, call (440) 286-2656 for information. As was the case last year, property owners have the opportunity to complete these repairs themselves or wait for the City's contractor to replace the identified slabs.

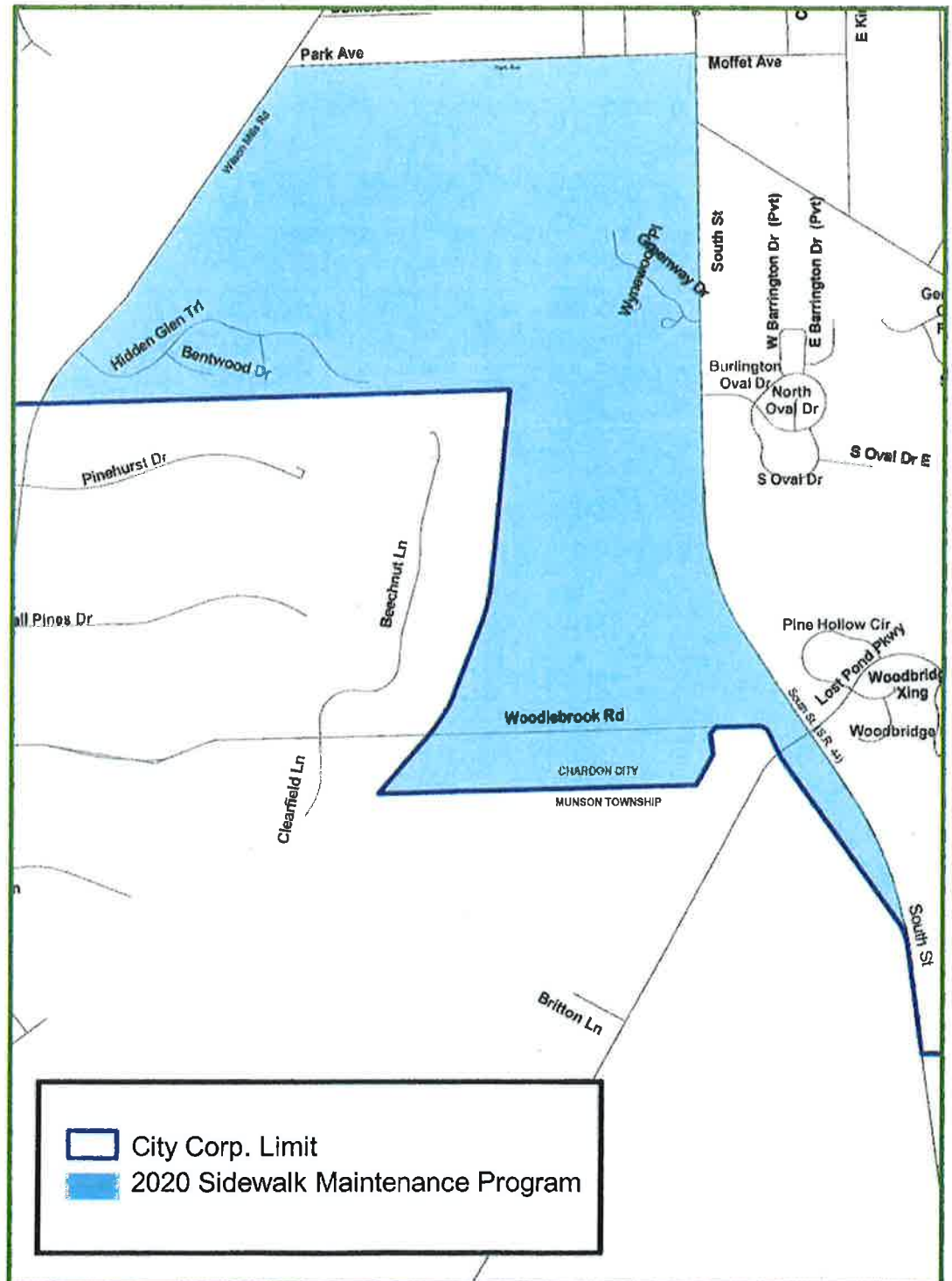
Please note: Property owners have until May 31, 2020 to obtain a sidewalk permit and complete all work. Re-inspections can be scheduled by calling (440) 286-2656. (A copy of the permit application is included in the notification packet.)

Other milestone dates for this upcoming year's program are:

- First inspections for the 2020 Round #7 portion of the program completed May 2019
- Notice of sidewalk deficiency mailed to property owners by the end of August 2019
 - Property owners are encouraged to call to clarify questions on the inspection quantity or criteria
- Deadline for permit and self-repair is May 31, 2020 (this allows for over 270+ days to complete self-repair)
- Bids received by the City for the 2020 section and contract award in July/August 2020
- City contract for 2020 Round #7 sidewalk replacement: Council to award in August/September of 2020
 - Work to begin on or about September 2020
 - Completed by October 15, 2020

- Invoices mailed to property owners for Round #7 in February/ March, 2021
 - Property owners have 30 days to pay invoice from date of receipt
- Property owner's time frame to "mitigate discrepancies" in invoice amount: March & April

Please feel free to contact Paul Hornyak, Director of Public Service, for further details: (440) 286-2655.



The City of Chardon



VOTE!

November 5




PRESORTED
STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CHARDON, OH
PERMIT #24


CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. located at 111 Water Street. Watch replays on demand at www.chardon.cc.

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facebook.com/chardonpolice

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Administration	286-2600	Finance	286-2470
Water & Sewer	286-2657	Police (non-emergency)	286-6123
Planning & Zoning	286-2654	Public Service	286-2655
Streets	286-2656	EMERGENCY	911