



CHARDON Ohio

NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Spring/Summer 2020

Amid the COVID-19 outbreak, Square events through June have been cancelled. While it is not yet known if the remaining events will be held, you may find the most up to date information on the City's website if an event will be happening.

JULY 3

Chardon Area Fireworks
Chardon High School at dusk
(Rain date: July 5)

JULY 3

Chardon Tomorrow First Friday
Main Street Mini Golf
5-8 p.m.

JULY 4

Chardon Schools Foundation
Firecracker 5K Run
8-9 a.m.

JULY 4

Old Glory Day 1-4 p.m.

JULY 11

Dog Day of Summer | 2-4 p.m.

JULY 12

Chardon Chamber Classic
Car & Bike Show
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(Rain date: July 19)

JULY 18

Zucchini Festival | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.



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A LETTER TO THE CITY OF CHARDON RESIDENTS

The Responsible ReStartOhio Program released by Governor DeWine on Monday, April 27 states that all places of public amusement, including swimming pools and day camps, whether indoor or outdoor, remain closed per the existing Stay-At-Home Orders until the orders are amended or rescinded. The danger of COVID-19 still exists, social distancing is required, and large gatherings of more than 10 people are still prohibited.

As we look to an uncertain future with respect to this virus, the City must make decisions now. To keep staff, participants and residents safe and minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus, City Park and Recreation Programs are cancelled through June. This includes concerts-in-the-park, movies-in-the-park, day camp and other organized recreation activities. All playgrounds, turf fields, basketball, pickleball courts, skate park and picnic pavilions also remain closed. Additionally, I have made the difficult decision to close the pool for the summer season based on the current State of Ohio Stay-At-Home order and uncertainty of when those conditions will change, the abbreviated pool season, and the need for proper training of lifeguards.

All City rental facilities remain closed to the public until further notice. The Maple Highlands Trail, Buckeye Trail and the Chardon Living Memorial Park trail and open space remain open to the public. Everyone is encouraged to use the parks and paths but need to practice social distancing and good hygiene.

All activities and programs will be revisited after the State of Ohio provides additional written orders and guidance.

Stay well.

Sincerely,



Randal B. Sharpe, City Manager

COVID-19 CITY BUDGET IMPACTS

The 2020 budget is being revised due to the effects of the economic strain caused by the COVID-19 virus. The revision was reviewed by the Finance Committee on May 7 and then discussed with City Council at its May 14 meeting. As of this writing, revenues are expected to decline by about \$1.23 million in the General

Fund and the Water and Sewer Operating Funds. In order to address this shortfall, each department head reviewed the 2020 budget and made recommendations to reduce and defer expenditures. Immediate reductions are being implemented that, coupled with budgeted reserve balances,

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JULY 18

Movies on the Square: *Incredibles 2*
Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.)

AUGUST 2

Chardon Square Assoc. Arts Festival
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

AUGUST 4

National Night Out | 6-8 p.m.

AUGUST 6

Chardon Square Assoc. KidsFest
12-3 p.m.
Kid's Flea Market | 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

AUGUST 7

Chardon Tomorrow First Friday –
Flashback Friday | 5-8 p.m.

AUGUST 8

Chardon Tomorrow Brew Fest &
5K Run for Suds | 2-7 p.m.

AUGUST 15

Movies on the Square:
Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker
Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.)

SEPTEMBER 4

Chardon Tomorrow First Friday –
Friday Night Lights | 5-8 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 12

Chardon Tomorrow Community
Sidewalk & Garage Sale

SEPTEMBER 13

Chardon Square Assoc. Harvest
Handmade Market
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

OCTOBER 2

Chardon Tomorrow First Fridays –
History & Hauntings | 5-8 p.m.

OCTOBER 3

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

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)

All events held on Chardon Square
unless otherwise noted.

BUDGET IMPACTS, CONT'D

will eliminate the estimated revenue shortfalls. Nevertheless, additional budget items have been put on hold in the event that revenues decline by more than the estimated \$1.23 million. Furthermore, the City's Operating Reserve Fund has \$2.1 million that could be used to help fill revenue shortfalls. While the length and overall financial impact of COVID-19 is still unknown, we will continue to monitor the City's finances and adjust as needed.



CHARDON TOGETHER

The City of Chardon, Chardon Area Chamber of Commerce, and Chardon Tomorrow have teamed up with Company 119 to create a COVID-19 website and Facebook page for the community. Not only does the website have all the links to local, state, and federal resources for the pandemic, but Chardon Together will be a place to share uplifting stories about the community and its residents. In addition, it will be a virtual community gathering place for local business owners and restaurateurs to share their stories and specials for their businesses. It will be a one-stop for information regarding all the events that residents enjoy in the City all year long. The intent is for this website to be continued long after the pandemic is over. The City would like to thank everyone involved with the website especially Company 119 for their dedication to the community and its residents. The link to the website is www.chardontogether.com.

WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBER



Heather Means was elected to City Council for a 4-year term that began January 1, 2020.

Ms. Means has lived in the City for 12 years and has two daughters,

Hannah and Olivia. She is the manager of the American Cancer Society Discovery Shop in Chardon and teaches at Lakeland Community College. She is also a member of and past president of the Chardon Square Association.

Ms. Means is currently serving on the City's Safety Committee, Park and Recreation Board and is the Chair of the Economic Development Committee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The City of Chardon has openings on the Park And Recreation Board, Board Of Ethics Review, Audit Committee, Board of Income Tax Review, Housing Council, and Tax Incentive Review Council.

To be eligible to serve, an individual must be a registered voter and a resident of the City of Chardon. Anyone interested in serving in one of these positions should submit a letter of interest to the office of the Clerk of Council, Amy Day located at 111 Water Street or email aday@chardon.cc.

Please note, these are voluntary positions.



2020 RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE BRUSH COLLECTION

First Monday of Each Month (May through October)

The City of Chardon Public Service Department will continue to provide a residential neighborhood curbside brush collection program this year. Collections will be on the first Monday of each month May 4 through October 5.

City staff will begin the collection process after 7 a.m. on Monday and will continue until brush on all public streets has been collected.



REGULATIONS

- All material **MUST** be set in the tree lawn or as close as possible to the roadside or drive apron the Sunday night before collection day. **PLEASE**, not sooner than one week before collection. Avoid placing brush material in ditches.
- Branch lengths should not exceed 5-feet long. Branches can be no larger than 6-inches in diameter.
- The brush should **NOT** be tied or bundled, as it will be chipped at the curb.
- No leaves, grass clippings, vines or other yard waste will be collected.
- No brush with nails, wire, etc. will be collected.
- No treated or synthetic lumber.
- Stumps and roots will **NOT** be collected.

Please note that this program is strictly intended for the removal of brush from trees in residential areas and is not intended for felled trees of any sort, landscape clean-up material or tree trimmings from private contractors.

Since this is a City funded program, we ask that others from outside the City not be invited to bring brush for collection.

NEW RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

Park Avenue MEWS / Thistle Creek / Brooks Meadows

Triban Investments LLC has received Preliminary Plan approval from Planning Commission to construct a 21-unit single family attached dwelling development. The townhome development will include seven, three-unit buildings along the future extension of Maple Highlands Bike Trail.

501 CW LLC has received Concept Plan and PRD re-zoning for Thistle Creek subdivision. The 31 unit single family detached dwelling subdivision will be located on the north side of North Hambden Street. Amenities will include nearly 50% preserved open space with walking trails and exercise stations in the woods.

Sommers Development Group LLC has received Concept Plan and PRD re-zoning for Brooks Meadows subdivision. The 90-unit single family detached dwelling subdivision is located on the east side of South Street. The subdivision will be located behind Shiffler Equipment and adjacent to Woods of Burlington subdivision and Mapleview Country Villa. The development will include walking trails, playground and picnic pavilion.

All three developments are expected to break ground in either 2020 or 2021.

Welcome NEW BUSINESSES

Chardon Integrated Wellness Center Therapy Office

320 Center Street
Medical / Massage

Advanced Cardiovascular of Chardon

531 Fifth Avenue
Medical Office

Scott Lynch Law 103 South Street, Suite #2 Attorney

Goodwill
Retail
425 Water Street

Pet Wants Chardon 209 Center Street Pet Food Store

7 Ladies Tea Parlor
Restaurant
107 Center Street

Randau Motors
Motor Vehicle Sales
211 Cherry Avenue

NEW LOCATIONS

**American Cancer Society
Discovery Shop**
540 Water Street

Memories and Moments Travel
213 Main Street

**Chardon Area
Chamber of Commerce**
213 Main Street

Chardon Tomorrow
213 Main Street





GEAUGA LYRIC THEATER GUILD CLOSES ITS CURTAINS AFTER 66 YEAR RUN

On April 7, the City of Chardon was notified of the dissolution of the Geauga Lyric Theater Guild board and the consequential closing of the organization. The Guild was a long-term tenant of the City.

A statement posted on the GLTG social media accounts cited both financial reasons and obstacles related to the COVID-19 crisis:

"The board has labored to save the organization over the last four months since learning the full scope of the issues and debt burden that we uncovered in January," their statement to the community read, referring to some staff moves made earlier this year. "But in the end, our efforts could not overcome those challenges as well as recent circumstances. The cancellation of the remainder of our 2020 season and our educational programs due to the COVID-19 outbreak and the state of Ohio's mass gathering ban has left the board without options."

In response, Chardon City Council has created an ad-hoc committee of three members to determine both short and long-term planning on how to reopen the theater and utilize the space at 106 Water Street. Members of the committee include Debra Chuha, Andrew Blakely and Heather Means.

Since the announcement, many local residents and professional music and arts organizations have reached out to the city expressing their support and interest in being part of the future endeavors of the theater space.

The city is hopeful that once the current health crisis has abated, the theater space will once again be utilized for live performances and educational classes. Notice of the ad-hoc committee meetings will be posted on the City's website. Public participation is welcome and encouraged.

2020 Concerts IN THE Park

June concerts and movies have been cancelled due to COVID-19. We are cautiously optimistic that the remainder of the concerts will be held. Please visit the City's website, www.chardon.cc, for the most up to date information on the status of concerts and movies.

TENTATIVE CONCERTS

July 3 Chardon Polka Band *Polka/Variety*

July 10 Sloppy Joe Band *Classic Rock/Blues*

July 17 Jimmy Jack Band
90s Pop/Rock/Country

July 24 Liverpool Lads
Beatles

July 31 The Pop Tarts
60s Girl Groups

August 7 Abbey Rodeo *60s*

August 14 The Collage *Dance Party*

August 21 Rocker & The Black Jack Gypsies
Rock & Retro
Presented by Chardon Square Association

August 28 Jayson and the Mean Eyed Cats
Presented by Chardon Square Association

September 4 No Moss *Variety*
Presented by Chardon Square Association

All Friday night concerts are performed on the bandstand (weather permitting) located on Chardon Square at 7 p.m.





2020 ORANGE BARREL UPDATE

Beginning in the late spring or early summer, work is anticipated to begin on the HILLTOP and CYNTHIA DRIVES PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. The project's intent is to reconstruct and resurface the unimproved section of Hilltop Drive from Irma Drive heading west and also Cynthia Drive from Crickett Drive to Hilltop Drive.

This \$325,000 infrastructure project consists of repairing and resurfacing two lanes of pavement on both streets. Drainage improvements will include the reconstruction of catch basins and/or inlets, cleaning and the replacement of certain drive culverts with approximately 800 feet of storm conduit planned on replacement.

Soon after the start of the Hilltop and Cynthia Drive project, this year's STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM will begin. The planned work includes "mill & fill" pavement repairs on Goodrich Court, North Hambden Street and Grant Street. Parker Court, Industrial Parkway, Park Drive and Battles Court will all receive pavement repairs as needed and then be topped with a pre-coated aggregate double chip seal with fog coating. This year the City will allocate \$239,500 towards sub-contracted street maintenance projects.

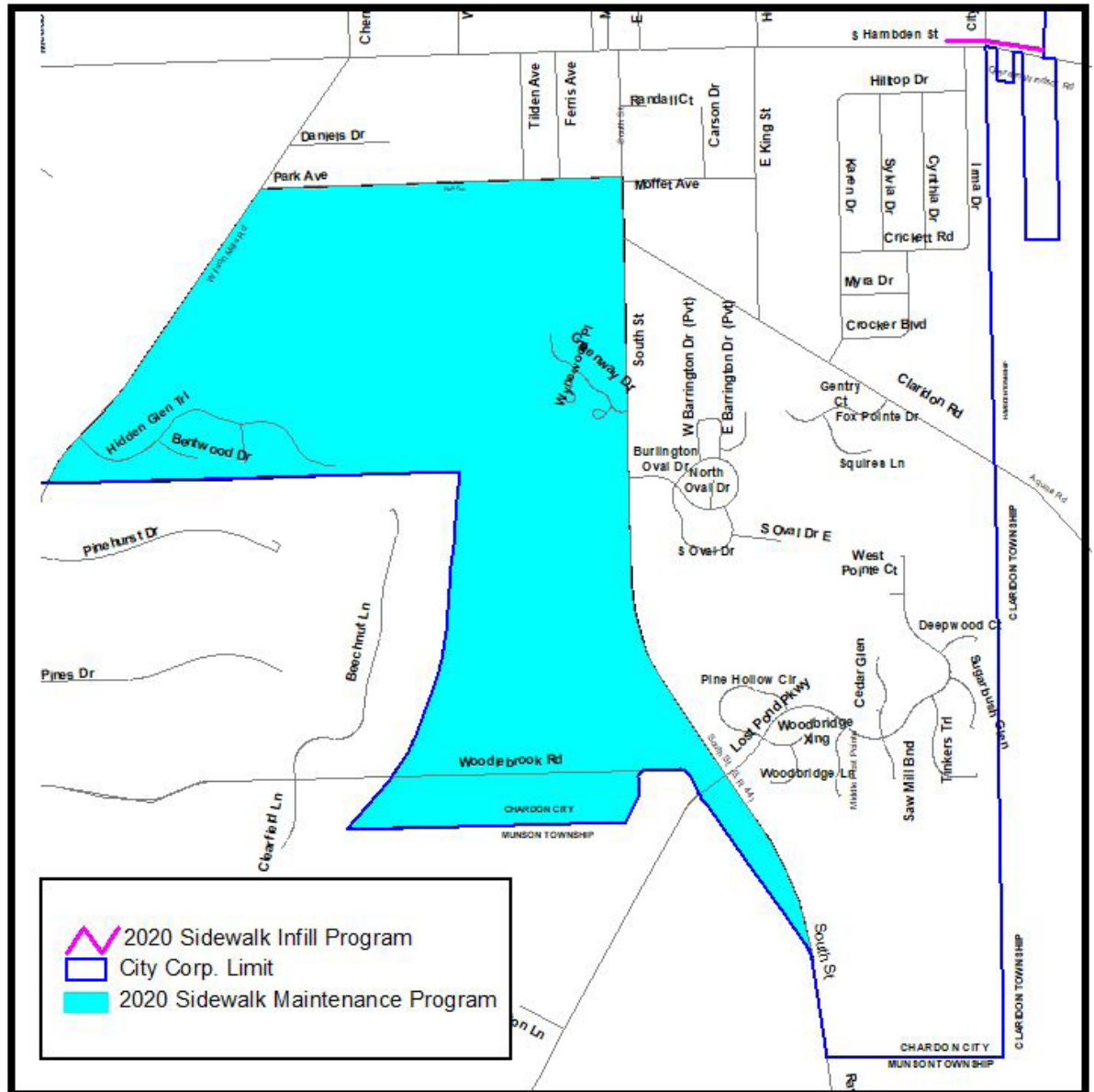
Finally, City staff has begun and will continue to self-perform berm and minor ditching on the following streets: Allynd Boulevard, Basquin Drive, Chardon Avenue, Downing Drive and Woodiebrook Road.

The SIDEWALK INFILL and CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM work will focus on constructing approximately 600-feet of new sidewalk along the south side of South Hambden Street from Mel Harder Park headed west to the existing walk west of Irma Drive.

Along with sidewalk infill comes Round #7 of the SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE PROGRAM. This year's focus will include the State Route 44 culvert

abutments at 401 South street and all of the existing sidewalk on the east side of South Street from Park Avenue to the 300 block of South Street. Also included is the south side of Park Avenue from South Street to Wilson Mills Road, Wilson Mills, Woodiebrook and Hidden Glen subdivision. These two sidewalk projects will be bid and run concurrently and will be finished mid-October.

As always, the City will do its best to keep you informed on project start dates and progress, via updates on social media and on the City's web page. You can also sign up for text or email updates by going to www.chardon.cc and clicking on the "Notify Me" icon on the City's Home Page. Should you have specific questions about any of this year's projects please feel free to contact Public Service Director, Paul Hornyak, at (440) 286-2655.





2020 SCRAP TIRE DROPOFF



The City of Chardon, with financial assistance from the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, will again provide City residents the opportunity to dispose of scrap tires. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 27 from 8 a.m.-Noon. Scrap tires without rims, can be dropped off at the City's Service Garage, 499 North Hambden Street. Please bring your Ohio driver's license or state identification card to show proof of residency.

Recycled tires can be used for:

- Tire-derived fuel
- Rubberized Asphalt
- Flooring Surfaces
- Outdoor Recreation Surfaces
- Railroad Ties



MEL HARDER PARK PHASE II

The City of Chardon has selected Woodford Excavating to construct Phase II of Mel Harder Park. Woodford had the low bid of \$323,661, which was 29.5 percent under the engineer's estimate of \$459,400. Phase II will bring exciting additions to the park. Plans are to extend the driveway and create two more parking areas, comprising 62 spaces; a walking trail throughout the entire park and a 360-foot by 225-foot multipurpose field. The construction start date will be determined once the area is dry enough to start construction.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The City of Chardon's Water Department has released its 2019 Consumer Confidence Report. To review your water's quality, visit the link at: www.chardon.cc/waterreport2019.

If you do not have access to the internet, please call (440) 286-2655 for the report to be mailed to your home.





TRAIL CONNECTION TO OPEN IN 2020

The Maple Highlands Trail is a 12.4-mile long linear park that utilizes sections of the abandoned Baltimore & Ohio Railroad corridor. Phase II of the Maple Highlands Trail is approximately 0.86 miles long and extends from Water Street down to SR 44. Construction is expected to begin as soon as possible and its opening planned shortly thereafter. It will complete the missing section of the Geauga County Maple Highlands Trail network through the City of Chardon.

Phase II of the trail will be very similar to the trail constructed in Phase I. An ADA compliant 10-foot paved trail that meets all ODOT/AASHTO standards, as required by the federal funding source. A trailhead will be constructed on city-owned property along the trail alignment just north of Park Avenue. A public restroom, drinking fountain and ample parking is included as part of the trailhead design. Decorative trail crossings are planned at Park Avenue and SR 44. A side trail will be constructed leading to *Hanging Rock* where an Ohio Historical Marker will be erected with the inscription: "Near this location on May 15, 1823, the first murder trial in Geauga County concluded with the public execution of Benjamin Wright, Jr. On February 1, 1823 Wright stabbed Zophar Warner over a financial dispute, wounding him mortally ..." This point of interest along the trail will also include a decorative node and sandstone seatwall.

The completion of this remaining trail section in the City marks a milestone for the entire region and will enable residents and visitors to explore our area's natural beauty and our history.



SOLICITOR'S PERMIT



The City of Chardon requires any person or organization that is planning to conduct door-to-door canvassing or soliciting at private residences within the City of Chardon, for the purpose of selling a good or service, obtain a Canvassing/Solicitation Permit. The permit does not provide permission to solicit where notice of No Solicitation or No Trespass has been provided by the property owner. To include your address on the no solicitation list if you do not wish to have solicitors or peddlers at your home, send an e-mail to aday@chardon.cc with your name and street address, and the subject line "No Solicitation List" or download a No Solicitation form from the City website and mail the completed form to the City of Chardon Manager's Office, 111 Water Street, Chardon, OH 44024. This list will be given to licensed solicitors and peddlers with their permits.

Solicitors are provided with a no contact list of residents who have requested not to be contacted by canvassers, or solicitors. Persons failing to obtain a Solicitor's permit could be charged with a misdemeanor of the third degree, which could include a period of incarceration of up to 60 days in jail, and up to a \$500.00.

Solicitors going door-to-door should have their permits visible so that residents know that they are registered with the City. If a solicitor comes to your door without a badge, please notify the police department so that they may investigate.

The City of Chardon

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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.

STAY CONNECTED!

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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