



TROTWOOD
◆ GROWING TOGETHER ◆

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

WINTER 2019

Message From the Trotwood Mayor, Mary A. McDonald



Greetings Family,

Last year at this time, I was able to greet you with the joy of the season and with positive information regarding our new library, the Western Division of the Montgomery County Municipal Courts' upcoming move back to Trotwood and our holiday giving/celebration activities. This year is quite different, as you all know. To say that we have had a challenging year is an understatement. However, we remain Trotwood Strong no matter what!

Despite the devastation created by the tornadoes, the City of Trotwood has continued to display a giving attitude. We were especially proud of the Trotwood community for their support of "The Holiday Help Out," hosted by WROU 92.1 personality Faith Daniels. This year's campaign was extra special as we provided holiday cheer to families hit by the tornadoes; select families received Thanksgiving baskets, from the donations provided. The remainder of the donations were given to The Good Neighbor House to service any needed family throughout Montgomery County. Also, the Trotwood Disaster Relief Fund distributed \$50,000 to 175 Trotwood families who suffered from the tornadoes. What a blessing for all.

And finally, The City of Trotwood's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 4:00pm located on the Trotwood Government Center Courtyard at 3035 Olive Rd. Please come out and join us for the kick off of the holiday season with many family friendly festivities including the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Claus, gifts, caroling and pictures around our Christmas tree.

We are accomplishing great things here in our city. I'm looking forward to many more great days to celebrate with you as we continue "Growing Together."

Sincerely,
Mary A. McDonald,
Mayor of Trotwood

Message From the City Manager



In the aftermath of the Memorial Day Tornadoes, our community is well positioned for long-term recovery and rebuilding. Fifty two new residential houses are being built in the Wolf Creek Run subdivision by DR Horton, the largest builder in the United States by volume since 2002.

Westbrook Village Apartments are well on the way to reopening soon. The owners have invested millions of dollars in rebuilding these multi-family units and things are going well.

Tornado resistant homes are being built in the Sycamore Wood neighborhood by GF Bailey, a developer in the Dayton area. We have excellent momentum looking forward to 2020, and committed to continuing to meet with other developers to meet our housing needs.

It is important to our community to have new rooftops being built, in light of the financial implications of the devastating tornadoes that reduced our overall taxable property value by \$18,430,000. This equates to approximately \$151,000 in loss property tax revenue, according to Montgomery Auditor Karl Keith, which helps provide service to our citizens. Similarly, our school district will lose roughly \$320,000 in tax receipts.

Finally, as we prepare for winter, skilled volunteer groups have come into the community to assist people in need with roofing, rebuilding, and securing damaged properties for winter. We thank each of these groups for their kind hearts and service.

As we continue to rebuild this wonderful community, I want to wish everyone peace, health, and happiness in the coming new year.

Sincerely,
Quincy E. Pope Sr.,
City Manager City of Trotwood

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. If you're going through hell, keep going. Never, never, never give up."

– Winston Churchill

EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN TROTWOOD?

Visit Trotwood.org for all events and updates

Thurs. December 5 TROTWOOD FIRE & RESCUE HISTORY MEETING

Station 72 | 5469 Little Richmond Rd.
6:30 PM

Trotwood Fire & Rescue is interested in preserving its history. Our community has seen many changes over the years and the fire department is no different. We would like to ask for your help, if you're a past member, or have old photos, stories, or anything that would contribute to the process, please join us! Both current and past members will be there to start working on the department's timeline.

Sat. December 7 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

Government building | 3035 Olive Rd.
4 – 5 PM

Please join us for holiday music, cookies, hot chocolate, lighting ceremony, pictures with Santa, and much more!

Fri. December 20 HOLIDAY LIGHT CONTEST DEADLINE

QUESTIONS ABOUT EVENTS?

Please contact Ciara Lewis:

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2020 Census: "Every Person Counts"

Every ten years, "The Census Bureau collects data about the economy and the people living in the United States from many different sources" (United States Census Bureau, 2016). Collecting

up-to-date population data gives developers a true representation of our community and is an essential and useful way to plan for the needs of any growing city. An accurate census helps ensure fair representation at all levels of government and to help with funding.

It is very important that families are included in Hard to Count Areas, especially those affected by the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes. We need your support in reaching out to those families so they are counted as Trotwood citizens. For those who are temporarily displaced and are planning on coming back to the City of Trotwood, they can be counted also. The census itself is one of the single most important economic drivers for any community; it tells retailers and other businesses about our purchasing power.

We need every Trotwood citizen to complete the census; our future depends on it!

Meeting with Trotwood High School Students



On October 29th and October 31st, City Manager and Deputy City Manager spoke with four government classes of juniors and seniors at Trotwood Madison High School to discuss the Trotwood 2030 Vision Survey that they completed in their class.

We greatly appreciate their government teachers for allowing us this opportunity to talk to the students about the importance of their voices being heard in the community as well how they can engage in the community as residents in Trotwood.

Trotwood Future Summit City of Trotwood Strategic Planning Project

The Trotwood Organizational Strategic Plan initiative has been running since April and now the Organizational Strategic Action Plan is available to guide Trotwood towards 2030.

Join us to learn about these strategic initiatives and how you can help shape Trotwood's future!

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Trotwood Community Cultural Arts Center
4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood

10:00am Social

10:30am Presentation, Q & A

11:00am Next Steps

11:15am Visit strategic pillar information tables

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE PROJECT

<http://lab.future-iq.com/city-of-trotwood-strategic-planning-project>

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WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Trotwood Fire & Rescue would like to remind residents to stay safe.

To aid in their response efforts, the TF&R is asking residents to please:

- Clear snow from around fire hydrants to allow the fire fighters better access.
- Clear a path to your front door.
- Make sure your house address numbers remain visible and are not blocked by snow.
- When driving, make sure to leave room for emergency vehicles to pass-go right for sirens and lights.
- Check on elderly friends and neighbors and lend them a hand.
- Dress appropriately when outside – add layers of clothing.
- Have a winter emergency kit inside your car including: jumper cables, wiper fluid, first aid kit, blanket, gloves, flashlight/flares, and some salt or kitty litter for traction.
- Only shovel snow if you are medically and physically able.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a silent, deadly killer claiming about 1,000 lives each year in the United States. Such common items as automotive exhaust, home heating systems and obstructed chimneys can produce the colorless, odorless gas. The gas can also be produced by poorly vented generators, kerosene heaters, gas grills and other items used for cooking and heating when used improperly during the winter months.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include sleepiness, headaches and dizziness. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, ventilate the area and call 911.

Finally, as in every season:

- Make sure to have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times.
- Know when and how to call for help.
- Remember to practice your home escape plan.
- **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY IF A FIRE OCCURS!!!**