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A Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald **Hello, Trotwood Family.**

The Trotwood City Council and staff are so excited with the progress on Main St. in our city. Much of the work of our development partners is now in full effect. With your help and support, this spring and summer, you will witness some of the greatest development to our city in well over 25 years. This kind of development only happens when the formula for success is being realized by investors. We are experiencing a renaissance of becoming a more viable community where investors see the opportunity to offer services and receive great return for their investment.

Together with the assistance of some community partners and staff, the city clean up initiative last year, made our city a cleaner, more attractive place to live, work and play. We want to keep the momentum going and we can do this with your continued support.

Every year the spring brings opportunities for ideas of improvement to our homes. You will find that in most areas of the city our home values are on the rise. We are one of the best communities for financial increase in the county. This again, is the sign of a growing community on the rise.

However, please be careful of unsolicited contractors who may call you. Contractors who enter our city must register at the city offices prior to going out into our community. We require this to protect you and to ensure our staff are aware of who is visiting our community and contacting citizens.

Please enjoy the spring in your homes, the parks, and all public venues. A community like Trotwood has a lot to offer its citizens and trust me, the very best is yet to come.

Mary A. McDonald
Mayor, City of Trotwood

2022 City Council Meetings

City Council Meetings are held on the **FIRST** Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Trotwood Community and Cultural Arts Center, 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45426, unless indicated otherwise.

Please visit the City's website at www.trotwood.org each month for current in-person attendance guidelines. Details on how to watch meetings via live-stream are posted on the website prior to each meeting. Recordings of past meetings can be found on the City's website.



Message From the City Manager, Quincy E. Pope Sr.

As we move into the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2022, the City of Trotwood remains resilient. I know many of us suffer fatigue from the COVID-19 pandemic, but I want to thank our public safety personnel, healthcare professionals, our teachers, and all those who continue to operate their businesses during these very challenging times. Although the pandemic continues to linger, the City of Trotwood's fiscal state remains good and our development and infrastructure projects are moving forward. Because our City Council and City Administration remain committed to being good stewards of your tax paying dollars, utilizing sound budget techniques and conservative spending, we are able to provide quality municipal services to our residents and keep the city operating.

As city manager of this great city with a history of community pride, I was so excited the City was recognized by the State of Ohio for excellence in financial reporting, transparency, and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Based on these practices, we received, for the second consecutive year the "Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction" from Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber.

Finally, we have built a strong competent team here at the Trotwood government center to provide the best service we can to you. We can't predict the future of the pandemic crisis, but what I do know is when Trotwood faces challenges together, we can conquer anything.

Let's continue to help each other, be safe, and move our community forward.

**Quincy E. Pope Sr., M.P.A,
C.P.M., ICMA-CM, CLEE
Trotwood City Manager**

Trotwood Voters Determine Funding on May 3, 2022 Ballot

Trotwood City Council and staff has determined it necessary to ask for an increase in annual revenues for the purpose of providing additional funding for the installation/improvements of street paving, roadways, curbs and gutters, striping, crosswalks, (ADA)-compliant ramps, etc. Therefore, the May 3, 2022 ballot will include a provision asking for a temporary 0.5% income tax increase for working persons in the City. If approved by voters, this would last for 5 years.

The City currently relies on one street levy that generates a little more than \$200,000 annually to help address these roadway-related expenses of the City. However, at today's costs, the annual funds generated by this one street levy are not enough to address all of the City's road-related needs.

We have heard complaints from concerned citizens who want the City's roadways improved more quickly. Additional funding is needed in order to address more streets each year. Please watch the City's website and Facebook page for upcoming informational meetings regarding this topic.



City Charter– Section 10-8 PUBLICATIONS; Public Notice Postings

In November 2021, Trotwood residents approved amendments to the City Charter, including enacting Section 10-8: PUBLICATIONS. This new section allows the City to publish legislation, public hearing notices, and all other matters and events requiring publication by the City, by two of the three following methods:

- 1) By publication on the City's website for a period of time not less than one week;
- 2) By posting the item to be published in not less than three (3) public places for a period of time not less than one week; or
- 3) By publishing the item in a newspaper of general circulation.

During their January 2022 Regular Meeting, City Council determined the three (3) public places to be:

- **Trotwood Government Center,**
3035 Olive Road, Trotwood, Ohio 45426
- **Dayton Metro Library – Trotwood Branch,**
855 East Main Street, Trotwood, Ohio 45426
- **United States Post Office – Trotwood**
34 Beardsley Road, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Be sure to go to the Publications page on the City's website, visit one of the designated public places, or refer to a newspaper of general circulation for details on matters and events requiring publication.

Council's Corner

The Council Corner is a new section in the City Newsletter that gives Council members an opportunity to address events & trends that are happening in wards, the community, or even the world. Please tune in to these discussions and feel free to provide comments to the authors. They look forward to hearing from you—just call 937-854-7212.



Robert Kelley Jr.
Council Member
At Large



Rhonda C. Finley
Council Member
At Large



Bettye L. Gales
Council Member
Ward 1



Yvette F. Page
Vice Mayor
Ward 2



Ronald Vaughn
Council Member
Ward 3



Tyna Brown
Council Member
Ward 4

Council Member Finley on Why Voting Is So Important

Many of us come from a legacy of people that had to sacrifice everything for us to have the right to vote—they marched, they were beaten, imprisoned and some even gave up their lives. They fought to get for you and me the right to vote. That is why we should not take our voting rights for granted. If we don't vote, we are ignoring history and giving away the future.

Voting is a privilege, it's a right and it is your responsibility to ensure your voice is heard. Your vote matters. Think about it. If it didn't matter, why are people trying to take it away? Why are people working so hard to change the rules of engagement that allows everyone the opportunity to vote? Why does the "goal post" keep moving once we have mastered the art of exercising our right to vote?

The simple answer: There are some who do not want to see change at the top, who are frightened by diversity at the table, who are not interested in allowing others the same opportunity to prosper. There are individuals who want to maintain exclusive power by silencing your voice. You vote is power—power that gives you the right to decide how much you make, what kind of healthcare you have, where you can live, what schools you can attend.

We live in a democracy that is driven by the vote, and it's driven by the right that we have to choose people to represent us and move our government forward. In local and national elections, lawmakers are elected who make laws, policies, and appointments that will have effects for years to come.

At the end of the day, we may not control how often the voting rules change to discourage participation, but we can control the power of our vote. We hold the power to shape our future for generations to come. So, as we continue to march forward, we must always remember change can only happen when you take that march to the ballot box. One vote, your vote, does matter.

For more information, visit the

National Archives: Woman Suffrage and the 19th Amendment. www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=63

National Archives: Voting Rights Act. www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?doc=100

For more history and background on the Constitution's creation, read [**A More Perfect Union: The Creation of the U.S. Constitution**](#) at the National Archives' new [**Charters of Freedom**](#) site.

Code Enforcement Officer, Randal Browning



Randall has lived in Trotwood eleven years. He grew up outside Bloomington, IN. Randall served as the Community Manager for Voyager Village Mobile Home Community for nine years, where he gained great experience on how to keep a community clean and beautiful. After working in the mobile home industry for 25 years, Randall decided to make a career change. He joined the City of Trotwood Utilities team in March 2020 and was promoted to Code Enforcement Officer in January 2022.

Randall is eager to take on the role of Code Enforcement Officer, and with a little clean-up and teamwork, he knows Trotwood will be an even more beautiful place to live. He is here to serve you and hopes that you will help him in revitalizing Trotwood. If he happens to knock on your door, he is there to enlist your help in beautifying our community!

Randall can be reached at 937-854-7222 or via at rbrowning@trotwood.org.

PROPER MAINTENANCE



IMPROPER MAINTENANCE



Friendly Reminder: Cut Your Grass Section 905.03 – NOTICE TO CUT

The City of Trotwood would cause a Notice to appear in a newspaper of General Circulation to be published on or about **MARCH 15**, of each calendar year informing the Property Owners within the City of Trotwood of the requirements contained in Section 905.01 and 905.02.

- 1) All properties within the City of Trotwood must be maintained in accordance with Section 905.01 the City of Trotwood Code of Ordinances, which prohibits grass or weed of a height of eight inches or greater.
- 2) All property owners shall trim trees and shrubbery so a clear height of twelve feet (12') between the lowest branches and the street or sidewalk is maintained.
- 3) Should the owner of the property fail to comply with Sections 905.01 and 905.02, the City will cause the weeds/grass or trees/shrubbery to be cut at the owner's expense.
- 4) The City will notify the owners of the property to pay the cost of the required cutting within five (5) days.
- 5) Should the owner fail to make the payment to the City within the timeframe specified, the City will place a lien on the property for the amount owed in accordance with O.R.C. 731.54.
- 6) Contact phone number for the appropriate City Department is **937-854-7222**.

“ Coming Soon”

A new way to report concerns



City of Trotwood Income Tax Deadline April 18, 2022

The City of Trotwood has a MANDATORY filing requirement. The income tax rate of 2.25% applies to ALL who live, work, operate a business within, or do business within the City of Trotwood. Income tax returns are required for: ALL residents (regardless of income), businesses (including nonresident businesses and self-employed individuals who work in Trotwood), owners of rental property, and any other person required to file and pay the municipal tax determined by the Income Tax Ordinance. Trotwood's Income Tax office is located at **4 Strader Drive, Trotwood, Ohio, 45426**.

Due to COVID-19, the income tax lobby is closed; however, a new service window has been installed for safety and convenience. Service window hours are **Monday thru Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**; appointments are recommended. Please call **937-837-3415** for appointment requests and questions. Residents and businesses are encouraged to utilize the City's online tax tool to file their city income taxes by going to the City's web page, clicking on services, selecting income tax, and then *tax tool*. Residents and businesses can also use the Income Tax Drop-Box, and a staff member will complete the return then follow up with an appointment. Extended hours and Saturday appointments will be available in April.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

The City of Trotwood is seeking a full-time Deputy Fire Chief. This position works under the general guidance and direction of the Fire Chief and is second in command of the Trotwood Fire Department.

Application forms and job descriptions are available online: www.trotwood.org/human-resources. Applications may also be printed and returned to the Trotwood Government Center, ATTN: HR Department, 3035 Olive Road, Trotwood, OH 45426. The closing date to apply is COB, Friday, March 11, 2022.

The City of Trotwood is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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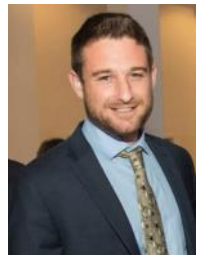
Call us at
937.960.4050
to schedule an appointment!

FiveRiversHealthCenters.org



Chad Downing

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TROTWOOD BUSINESS DIRECTORY

If you are a small business owner in Trotwood, please sign up and make your business apart of this impactful initiative. You can fill out the Trotwood Business Directory form on the TCIC website, at trotwoodcic.org (under Resources and Trotwood Business Directory) or call **937-854-7277** and a member of our staff will assist you in filling out the form over the phone.

Benefit of filling out the Trotwood Business Directory: Your business information will be advertised on the Trotwood CIC website under the Business Directory section. Information such as hours of operation and a link to your web page to direct consumers to view your website.



RESOURCES FOR SMALL START UP BUSINESSES AND ECONOMIC SUPPORT

- The Entrepreneurs' Center/Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) tecdayton.com
- Ohio Business Resource Connection ohio.gov/business/resources
- Business Help Ohio businesshelp.ohio.gov
- Greater West Dayton Incubator thegwdi.com
- The Entrepreneur's Connection, The Entrepreneurs Marketplace, The Entrepreneurs Shoppe daytonpowerhouse.com

JOB/CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN TROTWOOD

- Korrekt Plumbing <https://www.korrektplumbing.com/about-us/careers/>
- Auto-Valve Inc. <https://www.autovalve.com/>
- City of Trotwood <https://trotwood.org/human-resources/employment/>
- Friendship Village https://fvd Dayton.candidatecare.jobs/job_positions/browse
- Robinson's Janitorial Services <https://www.lrjanitors.com/employment>
- Specialty Machine <https://www.specialtymachinesinc.com/careers/>

You can also search for job openings in the Trotwood location on indeed, ZipRecruiter and LinkedIn, to name a few.



The Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) conducts Economic, Community, and Housing Development activities on behalf of and in cooperation with the City of Trotwood. Whether you are seeking to develop in Trotwood, locate or grow your business, or rehabilitate a residential property, the TCIC may be able to support you.

DONATE YOUR UNWANTED PROPERTY TO TCIC

For real estate property owners in Trotwood with property that they no longer need or is a burden to the owner, donating to the **Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation (TCIC)** is an option to consider. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the TCIC can accept donations and provide owners with a tax benefit. Depending on the status of your property, there are several options for donation. The TCIC will take ownership and maintain the property until redevelopment can occur in the future. Please note that not every property will qualify for donation.

To learn more, please contact **Chad Downing**, at 937-854-7277 or email at cdowning@trotwoodcic.org



SIDE-LOT PROGRAM

If you are interested in acquiring a vacant residential lot that is currently owned by the City of Trotwood, please fill out the Side-lot pre-application form on the TCIC website at www.trotwoodcic.org (Under Services - Housing & Neighborhoods - Side-lot Program).

For more information, please call 937-854-7277.

JOIN THE TROTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Trotwood Chamber's mission is to work with businesses, government, the non-profit sector and individuals to build a positive economic environment to ensure and enhance quality of life in Trotwood and the region. Reasons to belong to Trotwood Chamber are:

1. **Visibility providing the ability to be recognized by other businesses and community leaders**
2. **Networking opportunities**
3. **Substantial savings at Office Depot, and benefits such as worker's compensation, credit card processing, planned Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and ID protection.**



**Congratulations to the Trotwood
Chamber of Commerce new president,
Deborah A. Smith.**



CIC STAFF & CONTACT

Follow us on 

Chad Downing: TCIC Executive Director: 937-854-7214; cdowningcic@trotwood.org

Gwendolyn Fou: Assistant to the TCIC Executive Director: 937-854-7277; gfou@trotwood.org

Volunteers Are A Valuable Resource

The City of Trotwood understands one of its most valuable resources is residents who volunteer. Not only does the City thrive from the extra support volunteers provide, but volunteering also yields many benefits including strengthening the connection between residents and the City. Volunteering promotes personal growth and helps you gain valuable experience. Volunteering also positively effects both mental and physical health; increases self-confidence and fosters good physical health. Ultimately it provides us an opportunity to engage and gain ownership in the success of our community. If you would like more information about opportunities to volunteer, contact Cheryl Wheeler, Assistant to the City Manager, by calling **937-854-7215** or by e-mail to cwheeler@trotwood.org. You can also visit the City's website at www.trotwood.org.



COMMUNITY
**GARAGE
SALE**

Save the Date:
June 9th – June 12th, 2022

All participants will be added to a directory and listed on the City's website Facebook page.

Garage Sale application's / permit's are available at
trotwood.org/planning-development/zoning-permits-applications/
or

By picking up an application / permit from the
Trotwood Government Building, 3035 Olive Rd.

Free At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits

The federal government's website to order at-home rapid COVID-19 test kits launched in January 2022. The U.S. Postal Service will send four free COVID-19 test kits to each U.S. residential address. The website says, "every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home tests; the tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days." Order your test kits now, so you have them when you need them. To order your four free COVID-19 at-home test kits, visit www.usps.com/covidtest enter your name, address, and email.

Trotwood Fire & Rescue will install a smoke and carbon monoxide detector in a City of Trotwood resident's home free of charge!



**SPRING FORWARD
ONE HOUR**
Daylight Savings Time
March 13, 2022

SPRING FORWARD SAFELY:
This is also a good time
to test your smoke alarms
and change replaceable
batteries, if needed.



A properly installed and maintained smoke detector save lives and protect against injury and loss due to fire. The fire death rate in homes with working smoke detectors is 51% less than the rate for homes without this protection.

To schedule an appointment for a free smoke and/or carbon monoxide detector install, please call the Trotwood Fire & Rescue Department at **937-854-7270**

For current information regarding events and rentals, please visit the City website at www.trotwood.org or the city Facebook page.

City Council-

For City Council Contact :

Kara Landis– Clerk	937-854-7212
Mayor Mary McDonald	
Vice-Mayor Yvette Page	Ward 2
Betty Gales	Ward 1
Ron Vaughn	Ward 3
Tyna Brown	Ward 4
Rhonda Finley	At-Large
Robert Kelley Jr.	At-Large

City Services-

City Manager	937-854-7215
Code Enforcement	937-854-7222
Economic Development	937-854-7277
Fire Administration	937-854-7270
Income Tax	937-837-3415
Parks & Recreation	937-854-7228
Planning & Development	937-854-7227
Police Administration	937-854-7204
Public Works	937-837-1702
Utility Billing	937-854-7220

City of Trotwood Holidays

City Offices Closed

Memorial Day-

Monday, May 30, 2022

Juneteenth-

Monday, June 20, 2022

Independence Day-

Monday, July 4, 2022

Labor Day-

Monday, September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving & Day After-

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Friday, November 25, 2022

Christmas-

Monday, December 26, 2022

New Years-

Monday, January 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr.-

Monday, January 16, 2023