

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Summer 2022

City
of TROTWOOD

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A Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald



Hello, Trotwood Family.

The summer is a time for fun and family, but also unfortunately a time when predators enter communities to take advantage of the unsuspecting. Please stay alert and report unsolicited contractors who are looking for work. Be sure to obtain from them the proper permit they should have already received from the City of Trotwood before you entertain signing and/or agreeing to any contract. By no means should you pay in advance for any services.

Also, watch your bank account as I recently had my bank account compromised but discovered it had been going on for some time due to the small amounts of money the scammer was taking from the account, until the amounts became more significant. This process is called “phishing”.

Continue to watch for growth that is happening in every area of our city. Nothing like this has happened in well over twenty-five years. We are building on E. Main Street, Moss Creek and Wolf Creek Run Estates and soon you will be hearing about the complete build of our Industrial Park.

I'd also like to thank Congressman Mike Turner for the \$2,000,000 he gave our community for the development of the Sears Building, after we only asked him for \$500,000. Now that's FAVOR.

Blessings family and be safe this summer.

**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 spring 2022 begins, I am excited to see flowers starting to bud, birds chirping, and kids playing outside in our wonderful community. I am proud of our hometown feeling and being part of a community where people respect and love each other. Then I think about the resiliency of our citizens and what we have been through, from the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes to the COVID-19 pandemic, and how we have come through these life changing events stronger than ever.

The City's fiscal state is financially sound, our development and infrastructure projects are moving forward as planned. For the last decade, this community has suffered the loss of businesses, jobs, and outside investments. However, your Mayor, City Council, and City Administration have been working extremely hard since coming into office in 2016 to redevelop, revitalize, and galvanize new investment in our community. It is our time.

We understand that in order for any community to survive, its citizens must have ample employment opportunities, and its government must be able to generate revenue to provide adequate public services. Economic development, if done effectively, works to provide job creation and investment within a community.

With your support and a committed city hall leadership, we are now seeing exciting growth in our commercial, residential, and industrial sectors; evident by the amount of bulldozers and new construction taking place along the Main Street Corridor, Wolf Creek Run and Moss Creek subdivisions where new homes are under development. Amazingly, new homes in Wolf Creek Run sold out earlier than anticipated!

Within the next several weeks, we will break ground in our industrial park for a business that ultimately will culminate in \$65 million dollars of new capital investments in our community, as well as bring living wage jobs that will help produce the disposable income our community needs to attract additional retail amenities that everyone wants like a grocery store.

Let's keep supporting our schools, churches, and small businesses, taking care of our properties, being engaged with each other, and staying committed to the City's mission- growing our community together. By these efforts, there is nothing anyone or anything can do to stop us!

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

Trotwood Adopts Juneteenth as Official Holiday

Juneteenth is now an official federal holiday. President Biden signed a bill on June 17, 2021, to establish **June 19 as Juneteenth- National Independence Day**, a US federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. Juneteenth is the first, additional federal holiday to be approved since Martin Luther King Jr. Day in 1983.

- It commemorates June 19, 1865: the day that Union Army Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, Texas, and told enslaved people of their emancipation. That day came more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863; even after Lincoln declared all enslaved people free on paper, that wasn't the practice in many places.
- Juneteenth is also known as Emancipation Day. People across the country celebrate with food and festivities, much like the Fourth of July.
- Despite being celebrated since 1865, it was only until 1980 that Texas became the first state to make Juneteenth a state holiday. The original observances included prayer meetings and the singing of spirituals; celebrants also wore new clothes to represent their newfound Freedom. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day, making it an annual tradition.



Juneteenth
Freedom Day

Council's Corner



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 Kelley Jr. on Emergency Preparedness

In reflecting back on the Memorial Day Tornado that hit our community over two years ago, we are proud of how our City responded to this EF4 Tornado. As we are currently at the end of our recovery, we want to commend our City Manager and City staff for the work they did in acquiring resources to help our Citizens during that time, especially those who were directly impacted by the Tornado. In the aftermath, as we look back on this disaster, we know that we are in need of emergency shelters in our community to provide immediate shelter and food along with other basic needs for families during times of an emergency such as this. We were blessed to partner with Corinthian Baptist Church, a Certified Red Cross Shelter to provide: shelter, food, toiletries, resources and counseling for our Trotwood residents. Under the Leadership of Rev. Dr. PE Henderson, his members worked tirelessly to see that family's needs were met. Bethesda Temple (Red Cross certified) under the Leadership of Pastor Craig S. High, later joined those relief efforts in providing shelter for our residents.

Our City is in need of churches in our community becoming 'Certified Shelters' as we prepare for future emergencies. Although we hope and pray that we would never have to experience that again, we know that the best City is a prepared city. Below is some information on how to become a 'Certified Red Cross Shelter'.

Shelter Fundamentals

Shelter Fundamentals is a basic level course that introduces the guidelines and procedures for setting up, running and closing a shelter during a disaster. Referencing shelter checklists, participants will work on a case study that takes them through four of the six phases of the Sheltering Cycle: Opening, Organizing, Operating and Closing. Shelter Fundamentals is available in two delivery formats, instructor-led and online. Both formats cover the same content. For more information regarding shelter fundamentals, please contact the Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org/> or 855-891-7325.



Everyone Is Welcome



Avoiding Code Enforcement

Tips for avoiding code enforcement:

- Mow and trim your lawn every two weeks (even along fence rows)
- Ensure all vehicles, RVs, boats, and trailers are appropriately licensed, operable, and parked in your driveway - there is no parking in the yard.
- Make sure trash, debris, brush, or rubbish is not gathering on your property
- Trash cans should not be in front of the home. Trash cans are to be stored at the side or rear of the home between pick-up days.
- Make sure gutters are not full of debris/ or falling

These tips are not a complete list of violations that the Code Enforcement Officer looks for, but these are the eye-catchers that cause them to stop and further investigate a property. All city codes and ordinances can be found at trotwood.org, “government”.

NEW REPORT A CONCERN FEATURE

Check out our new feature on the City Website

www.trotwood.org, “Report a Concern.” Reporting a concern in your neighborhood is simple. We will act as quickly as possible to address all concerns. You can also leave us a voicemail at **937-854-7222**.



ELECTRIC VEHICLE POPULARITY ON THE RISE

The Electric Vehicle (EV) Association has honored former Councilman Rap Hankins as the EV Champion for 2021. As a new EV owner, Mr. Hankins began to ask questions like: “How do I charge? Where do I charge? How far can I travel? Does the purchase of an EV truly reduce my carbon footprint?” Some of these questions were answered by the PlugShare app.

The PlugShare app shows a map of where EV chargers are located throughout the US and internationally. Hankins discovered the nearest chargers were in downtown Dayton and Huber Heights. As a proud Trotwood resident, he decided to take action.

Mr. Hankins expressed his concerns about the lack of charging infrastructure in Trotwood to staff and county commissioners. He is proud to announce that the new Montgomery County Court building (Western Division) and the Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Northwest Community Services Center, both on Main St., will be equipped with level 2 EV charging stations.

The City is working with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) to bring more charging stations of various sizes and strengths to locations throughout Trotwood.

Mr. Hankins and Drive Electric Dayton held an Earth Day event on April 22 at Trotwood-Madison High School; students learned about the history of EVs and the need for them to prepare to function in an electric-centric world. We have learned that EVs are cheaper to own (no oil changes, fewer brake-pad changes) and are extremely more environmentally friendly over time. The average cost of owning an EV is \$.02/mile vs. an ICE vehicle (internal combustion engine) at \$.06/mile. As gas prices continue to rise, we need alternatives in EVs that are more affordable, accessible, and reliable.

To be a desirable community, Trotwood must have a broad and reasonably priced electric charging network. We are all working on expanding charging networks that benefit everyone- no matter where we live, your gender, or race.

PREMIER COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HOMEFULL MOBILE GROCERY Visit Trotwood Community



Premier Community Health's Mobile Clinic Program and the Homefull Mobile Grocery are partnering to offer access to health care and groceries at the Trotwood Church of the Brethren, located at 208 E. Main St., Trotwood, OH. **The Homefull Mobile grocery will be at the Church every 1st and 3rd Friday with the Premier Community Health Mobile Clinic joining them on May 6th, June 17th, August 19th and October 21st, from 1pm to 4pm.**



Premier Community Health services include blood pressure and a non-fasting finger stick test to measure total cholesterol, HDL, blood glucose and hemoglobin A1C. Community members will also have the opportunity to meet with a lifestyle coach to have a tailored conversation regarding their screening values and discuss strategies on how to improve their health. All health services provided are free of cost. Registration is highly recommended; walk-ins will be

accepted upon availability. **To schedule an appointment, call 1 (866) 608-3463.** For Premier Community Health Mobile Clinic's complete schedule, visit www.premierhealth.com.

The Homefull Mobile Grocery is a full-service grocery store providing access to locally sourced fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as dairy items, meat, pantry staples, and household items. The mobile grocery is handicap-accessible and proudly visits the City of Trotwood each Friday. For the full Mobile Grocery schedule or to learn more about our complimentary Shuttle Service, please visit www.homefull.org/mobile-grocery.

SUMMER WATER SAFETY TIPS



Trotwood Fire & Rescue would like to remind the community to take safety precautions while in and around bodies of water this summer. Swimming and other water-related activities are popular during warm weather, but they can be very dangerous and even deadly if the proper precautions aren't taken. It's important to be cautious near any body of water and be sure children are properly supervised when around water.

- Never leave children unattended while in or near a pool, pond, creek, or lake and make sure they have an adult accompany them into the water. Young or inexperienced swimmers should always wear a life jacket or inflatable arm flotation devices.
- Ensure children stay away from pool drains, pipes, or other openings to avoid getting trapped or hurt.
- Set safety instructions and share them with family, friends, neighbors, and anyone near or using the pool. Advise children to stay away from pool deep ends and always walk, never run near the pool.
- Take a CPR course for adults and children to prepare for an emergency. Update skills regularly.
- Those 21 and older should drink responsibly if they choose to consume alcoholic beverages. Overindulging increases the risk of injuries or accidental drowning.
- Fasten a safety cover over the pool when it is not in use, and remove ladders to prevent access into the pool.
- Look for signs that say "No Swimming." If you see a warning, don't go into the water.
- Call 911 immediately if you think someone is drowning.
- Do not try to rescue someone from the water unless you are trained in water rescue.





Chad Downing

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TROTWOOD CIC RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE BY AUDITOR OF STATE AWARD



Joe Braden, the Western Division Regional Liaison for the Ohio Auditor of State presented the Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation with the “Auditor of State Award” for fiscal accounting in fiscal year 2020. The TCIC and the City of Trotwood have both been recognized by the Auditors office for this same award for excellence in financial management. This is an award given to a small percent of organizations, annually.

NEW INDUSTRIAL PARK DEVELOPMENT

The City of Trotwood is proud to be the home for a new, Class A, 200,000 square foot industrial building to be built in Trotwood's Industrial park by developer and partner GATED Properties Global. This new facility is the first phase of a larger industrial development with this partner to create opportunities for new businesses to locate their businesses in the city of Trotwood. Located behind A&B Auto and Slemker Auto near the intersection of Wolf Creek Pike and Olive Road, the facility is targeting completion by early 2023. This will be a nearly \$18,000,000 investment in the Trotwood community and will create new job opportunities as companies locate in this facility after its completion.



MVAH LEASING INFORMATION - TROTWOOD SENIOR LOFTS



MVAH Partners will be building a residential community in Trotwood that will provide up to 50 units for seniors ages 55 and older. Trotwood Senior Lofts is under construction at 702 E. Main St. If you are interested to be on the contact list, you can **email leasing@mvahpartners.com or call (513) 964-1143** and leave your name, number and email. **Please note that the MVAH leasing office will not reach out with more information until they are closer to leasing.** Residents are more than welcome to check the MVAH website to keep updated **mvahpartners.com**.

SIDE-LOT PROGRAM

Are you an owner occupant of a property adjacent to an abandoned or vacant lot? If you answered yes to this question and if you are interested in acquiring a vacant residential lot, please fill out the side-lot pre-application form available on the Trotwood CIC website at www.trotwoodcic.org (Under Services— Housing & Neighborhoods—Side lot Program). For more information, please call 937-854-7277. **Note: Not all lots will be eligible for acquisition.**

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 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 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.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation has launched an online Business Directory in partnership with the City and Trotwood Chamber of Commerce. Listing your business information in the online directory is free and available only to Trotwood Businesses. You can fill out the Trotwood Business Directory form on the TCIC website, at trotwoodcic.org/trotwood-business-directory. Your participation will help us help you promote your Trotwood business by driving traffic to your website and your door while helping our residents discover all the services accessible to them right here at home. For more information, please visit trotwoodcic.org or call 937-854-7277.

MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENTS

If you have driven down Main Street recently, you will have seen there is a lot of construction under way. The Courthouse is making significant progress, the Goodwill Easter Seals facility has broken ground, and so has the Trotwood Senior Lofts development. In addition to the already completed Library, all of this new development will result in over \$25 million of new investment on Main Street. We are working to continue this momentum of new development and investment in Main Street and throughout Trotwood.



**TROTWOOD COMMUNITY
IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION**

SUPPORTING TROTWOOD'S GROWTH

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City Council

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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

NEWSLETTER MAILING CHANGE

The Trotwood Community Connection Newsletter will no longer be delivered with your Trotwood Water/Utility Service Bill. City Newsletters will be delivered to Trotwood Residents as a separate mailing; this will allow for increased distribution to residents living in the community. Residents can expect to receive their Fall and Winter Newsletters no later than the second week of September and December. Residents can also view the digital version on the City Website at www.trotwood.org. Residents and businesses can be added to the newsletter mailing list by calling 937-854-7203 please leave a voice message with your name, phone number, email, and mailing address.

City Parks & Recreation Events

For complete information regarding events, contact
Charles Wheeler- Parks and Recreation Coordinator 937-854-7228,
visit the City Facebook Page or the City Website at
<https://trotwood.org/community/calendar/>

June

- **Citywide Garage Sale**
June 9 to June 12
- **Father's Day & Juneteenth Celebration**
June 18; TBA
- **937 DJ Showcase**
June 26; 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Madison Park- 301 S. Broadway

July

- **Trotwood Community Farmer's Market**
July 6th to September 28th;
Every Wednesday 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

August

- **Electronic Waste Week**
August 8 to August 12; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **Shred Day, Tire Recycling & Bulk Trash Drop-Off**
August 13; 9:00 am – 1:00 pm



Trotwood's Information Notification System

Residents Stay Informed & Connected by signing up for city notifications. Receive updates regarding emergencies, road closures, city events, etc.

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Scan the "QR code" below with your
smart phone / device camera to
register online.

