

Trotwood Revives Community Farmers Market

The City of Trotwood Parks and Recreation department, in partnership with Central State University Extension's "Growing Communities" program has brought back to our community the Trotwood Community Farmers Market.

"Growing Communities" is a grant-funded program based in the Central State University Extension's Trotwood location at the Trotwood Community Cultural Arts Center, 4000 Lake Center Dr., that includes beginning farmer classes, incubator farms, and health/wellness programming.

Together the City and CSUE are dedicated to ensuring food insecurity is addressed along with meeting the health and wellness needs in our community. Our Mayor, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Council, and Staff are committed to meeting the challenges we face in our Community.

The Trotwood Community Farmers Market is held on Wednesdays at **721 E Main Street, (the corner of E. Main Street and Beardsley Road)**. Sales start at 3 p.m. and end at 7 p.m. The market began July 14, 2021 and will continue through September 29, 2021. We look to resume the Farmers Market in May 2022. Come out and support your local farmers.

Trotwood Parks and Recreation is seeking vendors for next season. Interested growers and producers should contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 937-854-7228.



City Parks & Recreation Events

- ◆ **Community Farmers Market**
Wednesdays through September 29,
3pm to 7pm; 721 E Main St
- ◆ **Fall Festival** hosted by
CSUE & The City of Trotwood
October 9, 1p-4p; Trotwood
Community and Cultural Arts Center
- ◆ **Veterans Day Recognition**
November 11, TBA

For current information regarding events and rentals please check the City Website and Facebook page.

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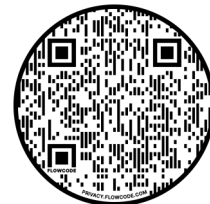
Sign up is easy by texting "alerts" to
937-563-4666

or

By going to the Cities website; click on
the pop-up "Receive Emergency Alerts"

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By scanning the "QR code" below with
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In a day and age where time is a precious commodity, the City of Trotwood understands one of its most valuable resources is residents who volunteer.

Not only does the City benefit from the efforts of volunteers, so do the volunteers. Volunteering allows people to utilize their talents and abilities and develop new skills, while providing a sense of contributing to their government. Volunteering provides the opportunity

VOLUNTEER

Opportunities

- Civil Service Commission
- Board of Tax Appeals and Utility Board of Appeals
- Tree Preservation Board
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Public Safety Committee
- PLANNING COMMISSION
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board
- Income Tax Review Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Hospitality Committee
- Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council

for residents to make new friendships and contacts and together gain ownership in the success of the community.

If you are a voting resident in the City of Trotwood and would like more information about volunteering, please contact Kara Landis, Clerk of Council, by calling 937-854-7212 or by e-mail to klandis@trotwood.org. You can also visit the City's website at www.trotwood.org.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

FALL 2021

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A Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald

Hello, Trotwood Family.

Summer season is coming to an end and teachers and students have returned to their classrooms. America is trying to reopen and return to its pre-pandemic ways; however, variants of the original virus are now a concern. As we attempt to balance this "new normal" we must continue to follow recommended practices in order to keep our community healthy and safe.

Our summer anti-litter campaign brought attention to the blight we were experiencing in our City and several volunteer citizens participated in clean-up events. Thank you for taking pride in our community and loving it as much as I do. Let's continue to encourage people not to litter and be an example for others to follow.

The upcoming November election is not far off. Each one of us has the opportunity to have our voice heard by voting, so be sure you are registered to vote by October 4, 2021. You may also want to consider voting early. Early voting allows you to exercise your right to vote yet avoid the crowds. Early in-person voting begins October 5, 2021 and runs through November 1, 2021 at the County Board of Elections. Your vote is critical in every election and always appreciated.

As the weather gets cooler and leaves start falling, we know change is happening. Fall is a transition season and a perfect time for so many exciting projects that continue to revitalize our community. Investments are being made for our future as the public and private sectors are working together to achieve great things.

May God bless you all as we stand together with resilience for our community.

Mary A. McDonald
Mayor, City of Trotwood

2021 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 matriculate through the summer months of 2021, the city's "Keep Trotwood Beautiful" campaign is in full swing. I am sure you have seen litter prevention specialists wearing bright green safety jackets picking up trash and debris along some of our main thoroughfares. We are committed to keeping our city clean and beautiful and ask for your help by reporting individuals littering or dumping to the Trotwood Police Department at (937) 837-7777.

This is our community and we have a strong history of community pride, which is the guiding force or cornerstone of progressive and evolving cities where people want to live, work, and play. We must hold ourselves, visitors, and guests accountable for keeping our community clean.

We will be hosting community cleanup days in our neighborhoods and provide opportunities for residents to dispose of big bulk items that are no longer needed. You will see our street sweepers in your neighborhoods helping to keep the streets clean, as well.

Finally, we all have emotional equity and an invested interest in keeping Trotwood beautiful. My hope is your vested interest and pride in your community will galvanize you to work with your local government to combat litter and dumping in our city.

Sincerely,

Quincy E. Pope Sr., M.P.A, CLEE, CPM, ICMA-CM

Trotwood City Manager



Firearm Safety for Families

Please use extra care and precautions whenever kids are in households where handguns and other firearms are present.

- Guns should be stored unloaded and in a locked location that is out of the reach and sight of children.
- All handguns and other firearms should be equipped with approved child-resistant gun locks.
- Ammunition should be stored in a separate locked location that is not accessible to children.
- Keys and lock combinations should be hidden and the locations never revealed in front of children.
- Whenever a handgun is not being stored, it should be on your person and in your immediate control at all times.
- If you have armed visitors, provide them with a locked place to store their firearm while they are in your home.
- Never leave guns on a nightstand, table or other place where a small child can gain access.

Talk to your kids and childcare providers to:

- Explain how a gun your child might see on TV or a video game is different from a gun in real life.
- Help choose programs, movies and video games that are non-violent. Talk to children about violence in television, movies and videogames and prompt them to discuss their feelings.
- Instruct your children to never touch a gun and to immediately tell you or another adult if they see one.
- Check with other parents to find out if they have a gun in their home before your children visit, and if so discuss with them these gun safety tips and practices.

Alarms Require Annual Permit

Just a friendly reminder... It is required by the City of Trotwood Code of Ordinances Section 707.10 and 707.03 that a permit be issued annually for alarm devices that are installed in all residents and businesses. The application form can be accessed free of charge for residents at the police station or at www.trotwood.org/police located under Police Required Permits.

If your property has an existing alarm, please fill out the application form and return it to the Trotwood Police Dept., 3035 Olive Road, Trotwood, OH 45426. Any questions concerning alarms and the required permit should contact the Trotwood Police Department 937-854-7200 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, Trotwood Police Department.

Fall Leaf Pick-Up

The City of Trotwood will be picking up leaves from curbsides this fall beginning Monday, October 18, 2021 and ending Friday, December 10, 2021. Residents may rake their leaves into piles on or near their curb. No sticks or other debris should be placed in the piles – **leaves only!** Parked cars should be moved in order for our trucks to have access to the leaf piles.

We have created a schedule that can be found on our website at www.trotwood.org under the "Public Works" section, which lists streets and the estimated pickup dates. If residents have leaves at their curbside on or after December 10th, they should assume that the City has completed this service. In that case, residents may bag their leaves for Rumpke to pickup. Residents should call Rumpke at 937-461-0004 to learn their pickup requirements.



Building A Sense of Community Begins By Being A Good Neighbor

A community can be defined as people with shared interests and values living in an expansive area. For you, a community could mean family and friends, neighbors, or people you know through social activities like school, sports, church, and work. While the social limits during the pandemic have caused many to feel a loss of community, there are plenty of ways to rebuild these connections. Being a good neighbor is one way to start rebuilding a sense of community within your neighborhood. Where neighbors share a sense of community, residents are more likely to feel safe and secure and have a lower fear of crime than where there is no sense of community. People living in neighborhoods with a sense of community feel healthier and happier about their lives and are more likely to participate in activities that strengthen the larger community.

Neighborliness is not a special talent, it is a decision! Anyone can be a good neighbor, it just takes a little initiative, and the rewards of being a good neighbor makes it worthwhile. Neighborhoods with a higher sense of community enjoy a higher quality of life. Being friendly is the first step to becoming a good neighbor; a wave, smile, and simple hello are sometimes all it takes to break the ice. Introduce yourself and other household members. You can't be a good neighbor if your neighbors don't know who you are. Introduce yourself to others when you move in and when new people join your neighborhood. Maybe you have lived in your neighborhood for years and never reached out to your neighbors or have lost touch with your neighbors; now is a perfect time to take the next step of becoming a good neighbor.

