



Olmsted Falls City News

Where history lives and grows

March 2017

Message from Mayor Ann Marie Donegan

Dear Olmsted Falls Residents and Business Partners,

In this, our first newsletter of 2017, I'd like to reflect on the accomplishments of 2016, and look ahead to the excitement that lies before us.

Here you'll find information about 2016 projects completed and other forthcoming projects for 2017. You'll also read about how Olmsted Falls continues to do more with less, thanks to our numerous, successful grant applications. And, you'll find out about some new and exciting business happenings and get information on services available. We'll bring you up-to-date on general news that affects all of us, too. We've included a Senior Activities insert and a 2017 Olmsted Falls Events listing so that you don't miss a thing in the upcoming months!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support at the polls on November 8th. The renewal of our fire levy will allow us to continue to provide you with the paramedic and fire safety services that you're accustomed to, and the passage of the four Charter amendments will bring greater efficiency to our operations. All of these issues passed receiving 57-percent or more of the vote. Thanks to all of you who took the time to vote. I'm happy to report that the City will not have any financial issues on the ballot in 2017.

Our City Council continues to work together to support issues that provide residents with the quality of life they deserve. New Councilmen Kyle Miller, Paul Stibich and Jim Haviland stepped into the fold in January 2016 and have proven to be intelligent, dedicated officials.

My friends, Olmsted Falls is blooming and as mayor, it is my privilege and honor to have the opportunity to talk about our recent accomplishments and chart out the challenges and opportunities for the future.



You're invited to visit during one of my Town Hall meetings, listed on the enclosed Events schedule, and discuss whatever is most important to you. I welcome your questions, concerns and input.

News You Can Use

Two New Centers in Our Community

Olmsted Falls completed our new Senior Center, Jenkins Place, which was officially opened on St. Patrick's Day 2016. This beautiful 3,000-square-foot space in City Hall's "west-wing" was completed with a \$150,000 Community Development Block Grant, which is a federally-funded, competitive grant program offered through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development.

Furnishings for the Center, including appliances, tables, chairs and televisions, were purchased with a \$10,000 grant from the Harding Family Charitable Trust that is a foundation for charitable giving set up by lifetime Olmsted Falls' residents Clara and Amelia Harding.

Finally, Olmsted Recreation was awarded \$60,000 for three years of senior programming at the new Jenkins Place by Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services. We were able

to retain much of the charm of our 100-year-old building by refinishing the original hardwoods and terrazzo flooring and exposing the interior brick and terracotta block walls. We also incorporated oak shelving from our old library building. This space is anything but institutional! If you're a senior in the community, I urge you to visit the Jenkins Place and involve yourself in our many offerings.

A schedule of activities has been included with this newsletter and updates can be found on our Web site, www.olmstedfalls.org, as well. An elevator makes the space accessible for all.

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Seniors are enjoying Wii bowling at the new Jenkins Place.

Many of you have been to our new Municipal Service Center that opened in June. This project was the culmination of over a year-and-a-half of planning and will greatly improve the City's ability to provide services to residents in every corner of the community. The Center is operating out of 9274 Columbia Road behind the Olmsted Falls Fire Station. Our Building Department is at this new location as well.

These two projects provide Olmsted Falls with new and much needed space and will allow us to afford services to the community for generations to come. I am willing to be bold enough to say that these projects undertaken by the City of Olmsted Falls during my first three years in office will be extremely important to our future growth.

Parking and Streets

Also completed in 2016 was the replacement of the municipal parking lot next to the Charles A. Harding Memorial Covered Bridge in downtown. With the help of a \$138,000 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Grant, the parking lot was totally upgraded with new pavement, some of which is permeable, a rain garden, and soon-to-come new lighting. Ward 3 councilwoman, Terry Duncan also initiated the planting of a Monarch butterfly garden on the parameter of this parking lot (Read more ahead). All in all, it's a huge improvement for our north end, where our downtown business district meets our beautiful David Fortier Park.

With regard to street maintenance, each year we choose the streets in greatest need of resurfacing and replacement, as our limited budget dictates what we'll be able to accomplish. Roadways completed in 2016 include Magnolia, Holton, Taylor, Wilson and parts of Lewis and Sprague. We spent approximately \$350,000 improving these streets and, of course, roadway improvement is an annual project, as we attempt to keep all our streets in the best condition possible. Roads that will be seeing improvements in 2017 will be determined this spring.

Having an impact on our community currently is the replacement of the Bagley Road Bridge between Columbia and Usher Roads. The replacement of this bridge and the culverts under it is a County project and will allow for a better flow of Plum Creek north, particularly during times of heavy rain. While the County had sole discretion on when and how this project would take place, we were able to negotiate some significant improvements to areas around the project.

Sidewalk replacement on Brookside Drive and new asphalt pavement on Mapleway Drive and Bagley Road were completed by the County at no cost to us. Additionally, the design of the new bridge is one that will enhance this westerly entrance into our downtown by incorporating lighting, brick parapets and entryway signage that was not originally proposed. Thanks to Service Director Joe Borczuch and Planning Commission Chair Brett Iafigliola for working to forcefully address these improvements with the County. Work should be completed by June of this year. Although this project is a significant inconvenience for all traversing our town, the finished product will be something that we can be proud of for years to come.

Sanitary Sewers

In 2017, we will be seeing the start of the Phase V sewer project at the north end of our town. This, our final sewer project, will bring sanitary sewers to approximately 320 residents. The work has been bid out and will have a spring construction start. We anticipate that the total project will take about two years to complete.

This is a collaborative funding effort that includes the Ohio Public Works Commission, Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works, Cleveland Water Department, and local participation. We are ready to move forward with this massive and complex project. Orchestrating the various funding sources has been an arduous task, but it was a necessary process through which we were able to obtain close to \$7,000,000 to put toward the project cost.

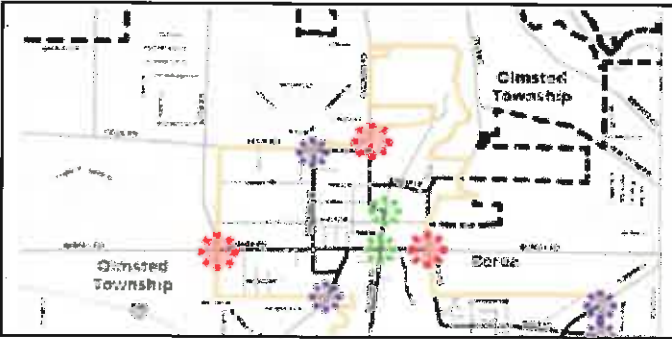
Turnpike Projects

We'll also be seeing the long-awaited noise mitigation walls that will be constructed along the turnpike behind 46 homes on Redwood Drive. This project is the result of a successful grant application to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Ohio Turnpike Commission. ODOT will begin constructing the project in March and it will be completed by October, 2017. This project will be done in phases and will take place in multiple communities along the turnpike, so if you see work start then stop, it's because that phase of work is being done in another community as a part of this larger project.

Additionally, the Ohio Turnpike Commission will be replacing the deck of the Turnpike Bridge on Columbia Road south of Bagley Road. This project is slated to commence after the completion of the school year. Like the Bagley Road Bridge project, it will, unfortunately, close Columbia Road for approximately three months. And, like the Bagley Road Bridge project, the timing and conditions of this bridge replacement are out of our hands. However, we have elected to improve the aesthetics of the new bridge by upgrading the interior sides of the bridge to better reflect the aesthetics of Olmsted Falls. Like our Columbia Road underpass landscape improvements, this upgrade is meant to bring more aesthetic enhancements to the south end of town. We realize that this road closure will be a huge inconvenience to many, but rest assured that we will do everything in our power to route traffic through the detours safely and keep access to businesses on Columbia Road maintained and clearly indicated. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Master Plan and Strategic Plan

Early in 2016, you received an overview of our Master Plan project. That plan was formally adopted by Council in June. In an effort to keep the goals of our Master Plan in sight, City Administration took some time in 2016 to compile their own Strategic Plan with broadly defined goals for the shorter-term future.



Covering the areas of finance, economic development, downtown and the south end, parks and infrastructure, personnel, organization structure, and community, the staff worked together with help from Cleveland State University's Levin College of Urban Affairs to structure a document that works with our Master Plan, and will guide us in our daily efforts to make Olmsted Falls the best place for all of us to live, work, and enjoy. As a third piece of the puzzle, Juniper CRE Solutions recently completed a highest-and-best-use study for four city-owned properties. This study will help us target businesses that are best-suited and most likely to thrive in these four areas. Finally, City Council has adopted new zoning for properties that were previously in the MUPD Mixed Use Planned Development District, which includes most of the properties in the Columbia Road corridor. This new zoning is known as the MUTND Mixed Use Traditional Neighborhood District. The new MUTND regulations

are intended to implement recommendations contained in the City's new Master Plan, including the use of traditional neighborhood development techniques and the interconnection of neighborhoods with an expanding downtown. Similar to the old regulations, the new regulations require a planned development approach and continue to maintain the D-1 Single Family District as the underlying standard until a development plan is approved. It is anticipated that the new regulations will enhance the value and land use potential of all of the properties in the district while eliminating impediments and protecting adjacent properties.



Monarch Butterfly Pledge

A contribution by Councilwoman Terry Duncan

Mayor Ann Marie Donegan and the members of Olmsted Falls City Council have joined dozens of cities nationwide in signing the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, which was launched last year to encourage cities to create pollinator habitat. June 10, 2016 was the Mayor's Monarch Pledge Day in Olmsted Falls. Volunteers gathered near the Dan Waugh Nature Trail at the newly renovated parking lot on Main Street to add a pollinator garden designed to serve as a way station for the Monarch butterfly, which has seen a 90-percent decline in population. Plantings of native nectar and host plants will provide not only a habitat for pollinators, but a low-maintenance garden for the Service Department at the south entrance of David Fortier Park.

According to the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, pollinators provide one out of three bites of food we eat each day. Increasing the number of pollinator-friendly gardens and landscapes will help revive the health of bees, butterflies, birds, bats and other pollinators across the country. We need homeowners to help uphold the pledge by establishing pollinator gardens here in Olmsted Falls. The National Wildlife Federation offers guidance on how to garden for wildlife, including a new tool that identifies native plants by zip code, at www.nwf.org/nwfgarden.

Heritage Home Program

Once again, the City of Olmsted Falls has elected to participate in the Heritage Home Program for calendar year 2017. The program is a specialized home maintenance and rehabilitation program that is administered by the Cleveland Restoration Society for homes that are 50-years or older. If your home falls into this category, you have access to free technical assistance and low-interest financing to cover project costs. The City of Olmsted Falls is hosting an area-wide informational meeting about the Heritage Home Program at Olmsted Falls City Hall on Thursday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. Please plan on attending to learn details of the program and how they can benefit you specifically. To find out more, call 216.426.3116 or visit www.heritagehomeprogram.org.

Southwest Regional Dispatch

As you are likely aware, the City of Olmsted Falls remains engaged with the cities of Strongsville, Berea, and North Royalton in providing our residents dispatch services through Southwest Regional Dispatch. This regional dispatch center provides excellent service to our community. With the continued technical advances in 911, all dispatchers are trained through Cuyahoga Community College and are able to communicate pre-arrival instructions and talk you through your emergency until help arrives.

Additionally, taking part in this collaborative effort has saved the City of Olmsted Falls approximately \$80,000 per year, resulting in significant savings for a city the size of Olmsted Falls.

DARE to Talk About It

In 2016, Olmsted Falls hosted our first "Dare to Talk About It" event. This was a community discussion on heroin abuse. In 2012, the Center for Disease Control declared heroin abuse a public health crisis. Speakers at this event included Dr. Joan Papp M.D., Rob Brandt, Thom Walter, and D.A.R.E. officer Robert Swope.

"Dare to Talk About It" led to more events informing the public on the dangers of drug abuse. Dr. Papp and Olmsted Falls PD collaborated to host NARCAN training. Through this training, residents were instructed on the signs of overdose, performing rescue breathing, calling EMS, and administering Narcan, a drug that reverses an overdose caused by opioids.

The continued teamwork between residents and our community leaders will promote a safer and healthier Olmsted Falls community. To learn more about Narcan or how to stop heroin abuse, you can visit <http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/vipp/drug/projectdawn.aspx>.

Staffing Highlights

This past year, three individuals joined Olmsted Falls' administrative staff, three were promoted and one achieved a designation that will be of great value to our City.

Bill Traine, chief of police and assistant safety director

Chad Gluss, *promoted*, fire chief

Joelle McNea, recreation coordinator for seniors and youth

Steve Vogel, Safebuilt building official

Sergeant Odis Rogers, *promoted* deputy chief of police

Gary Kopchak, property maintenance inspector, *promoted to full-time*

Gerry Peters, service department manager, *achieved ISA Certified Arborist designation*



**Chief of Police,
Bill Traine**



**Fire Chief,
Chad Gluss**



**property maintenance
inspector,
Gary Kopchak**

Calling for EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE is as EASY AS 1,2,3 ...

1. Calling from your landline telephone - DIAL 911

Dialing 911 from your landline telephone directly connects you to an emergency dispatcher at the Southwest Emergency Communications Center. If you are experiencing or witnessing any fire, medical or police emergency, your 911 call will be answered by a live emergency dispatcher (now trained to provide emergency medical support over the telephone when necessary) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

2. Calling from your cell/mobile - DIAL 911

When dialing 911 from a cellular/mobile phone, regardless of your location within Cuyahoga County, the call will be answered by Cuyahoga Emergency Communications System (CECOMS) operators. Your cell/mobile calls will then be forwarded to the appropriate dispatch center. Even if your cell/mobile call is placed from Olmsted Falls, this call still requires a transfer to the Southwest Emergency Communications Center. Once you are connected with this dispatch center, you will be asked again the nature of the call.

3. For non-emergency calls from landline or cell/mobile Non-emergency urgent calls are defined as a administrative in nature: Police or Fire reports and to reach a particular officer.

Olmsted Falls Police Department Administrative Line (440) 235-3145

Olmsted Falls Fire Department Administrative Line (440) 235-3238

Please program your phones with the new numbers. Time matters in an emergency, so please educate everyone in your family on the new improved emergency system and contact information!

If in doubt always call 911! Thank you, again, for your cooperation in making our community a safe place to live.

**Citizen of the Year
Phil Moody,
Shaker's MarketPlace**

This past October, at our annual Falls Day in the Park event, Phil Moody was named Citizen of the Year by the Olmsted Falls Parks and Recreation Board.



The award is presented to an outstanding Olmsted Falls resident. Phil was nominated by City Hall administration and was confirmed by Parks and Recreation Board members. He lives in Olmsted Falls with his wife, Mary Jo, is the owner of Shaker's MarketPlace in Olmsted Township, and has been an active member and/or supporter of the Olmsted Chamber of Commerce, Olmsted Falls Kiwanis Club, Christians in Action, Olmsted Falls Blue Ribbon Marketing and Economic Development Committee, the Olmsted Falls City Schools, and his church.

Phil's volunteer work in local groups and help to the community are just part of his character; a part that we've been benefitting from for nearly 18 years! Congratulations, Phil, and sincere thanks for your giving community spirit!

Waste Collection

Cuyahoga County will continue to collect refuse fees in 2017 through your property tax invoice. The rate for 2017 will be \$184.80, however, those residents who receive the Homestead Exemption will be charged the discounted rate of \$157.20 per year.

If you have any questions, call the Olmsted Falls Finance Department at 440.235.5550.

Simple Recycling will continue to collect (free of charge) your household items and clothing that are beyond "donation-worthy." Just put those badly worn items in the green bags provided or in boxes marked with green Simple Recycling labels and place them out alongside your garbage container on collection day.

Additional bags and labels are available at City Hall or the Building Department on Columbia.

Olmsted Chamber of Commerce

Businessmen and women in Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township and the surrounding areas are invited to join the Olmsted Chamber of Commerce. Joining our local Chamber is a great way to meet fellow business people and make lasting connections for your business, particularly if you have an in-home business. Networking with this group can be both helpful and enjoyable.

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Location and time vary. Please visit the Olmsted Chamber of Commerce website at www.olmstedchamber.org to join and get information about events and benefits that are available to you as an Olmsted Chamber member.

Businesses Come Together

When business owners in our downtown commercial district first started meeting early in 2015, they were interested in more than just improving business.



From the start, they wanted to make our downtown a more vibrant place that invites people from near and far to enjoy shopping, dining and recreational time. After all, many owners chose to locate their businesses in the district because of its distinctive nature and its potential as a lively neighborhood.

A concerted effort to make a vibrant downtown was then established and, in 2016, Downtown Olmsted Falls was born. While previous efforts had been made to promote segments of business, this group effort represents the first district-wide partnership dedicated to strengthening the downtown for the long term.

And, it is doing so in a way that celebrates the heritage of the City in addition to employing contemporary "best practices" seen in other revitalized historic downtowns where the blend of old and new stimulates social vibrancy. The Olmsted Chamber of Commerce, Grand Pacific Junction, and the City of Olmsted Falls each have a dedicated liaison who serves as a non-voting member of the Board to offer their support, ideas and opportunities to engage their members.

We're so pleased that this group of talented, enthusiastic business people have come together to promote our wonderful National Register Historic District downtown with its unique shops, distinctive eateries, exceptional services, and beautiful architecture. Look for this group to bring new vibrancy to downtown Olmsted Falls. Check out their plans and visit them online at www.downtownolmstedfalls.com and on social media.

Railroad Update

In March of 2014, our administration began taking a different approach with regard to the railroad blockages and requested that the police department issue tickets for blocked crossing for every incident over five minutes.

This was a huge shift in policy and resulted in the railroad companies being fined significantly. Later that year, we met with Senator Tom Patton, CSX, and Norfolk Southern to discuss these citations and fines, etc. At that time, we began logging delays in police and fire services due to blocked crossings or slow trains.

In response to receiving numerous complaints of rail blockages and horn blowing in early spring of 2016, we created a tracking system that documented all rail events in our community, including blockages and horn blowing.

The City of Olmsted Falls now has an updated procedure and format in place to capture this information readily.

Regarding horn blowing, we prepared a filing with the Federal Rail Administration whose Regional Grade Crossing Manager contacted both CSX and Norfolk Southern to inform them of their noncompliance and instructed them to cease blowing horns in the established Olmsted Falls Quiet Zones.

Finally, the Ohio Rail Commission is working with City officials to create the first public notification project and to identify funding for this pilot program. The goal of the pilot notification project is electronic signage that will alert the public of a stopped train and direct traffic to alternative routes.

We continue to track data and meet with the railroads in an effort to offer some relief to the residents from ongoing problems the City experiences with multiple rail lines running through our community.

A special thanks to all Olmsted Falls residents that are helping us capture and document infractions by the railroads. The City of Olmsted Falls understands that a healthy rail system is good for the economy but there must be balance. Public safety and quality of life issues must be a factor when determining that balance.

Grants

A strategy that we continue to pursue aggressively is applying for grant funding in order to assist the City in essentially doing more with less.

Grants we received in 2014 range from equipment, roadways, senior services and programming, sound barriers, municipal parking areas, road improvements, and planning for the City's future.

Total received in 2014 \$1,831,740

Grants we received in 2015 range from abating nuisances, EMS/fire department equipment and training, sanitary sewer projects, road and water line improvements.

Total received in 2015 \$4,832,868

In 2016, the City received grants for Jenkins Place improvements, Community Paramedicine, senior services, recycling, and repairs for the Harding Bridge.

Recycling	\$ 3,000
Harding Trust - Furniture	10,000
1st ever- NOACA grants x 2	244,000
Fire - BWC	18,525
County Road	10,000
LGIP - Community Paramedicine	50,000
EMS - Training	3,500
Senior Services	40,000
Solid Waste - Recycling Signs	500
Harding Trust - Covered Bridge Roof	25,000
Purple Hearts - Wounded Warriors	1,000
EMS	2,500

Total Received in 2016 \$408,025*

***(some grants remain outstanding)**

In 2017, the City received a grant from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for Phase 5 in the amount of \$600,000.

Brief Financial Update

The City of Olmsted Falls is currently in the process of an audit and will be producing an annual report for 2016 this summer. Please look for the report in your mailbox later this year.

The City of Olmsted Falls continued to maintain a strong General Fund balance at December 31, 2016. In fact with a total balance of \$1,514,535.38, this amount represents a balance of 30-percent of the annual expenses or a 111 days' worth of reserves. Most Cities are fortunate if they can maintain a 90-day General fund reserve.

In 2016, the City was notified that it would receive multiple grants for the Phase V sewer project. This project has been in the planning stages for almost a decade, but is finally going to become a reality with construction beginning in 2017 and anticipated to be completed in 2018.

The City paid off the Fire Station Construction notes that were originally issued in 1998 as authorized by the residents to fund the building of the Fire Station on Columbia Road. By paying off these notes residents' tax rates have been reduced with the Property Tax Bills that were mailed out in December 2016.

The City of Olmsted Falls received an unqualified Audit Opinion for fiscal 2015 record keeping. This is the first time the City has obtained an annual audit as previously the City would undergo a biannual audit. The change was made to make the results of the audit more valuable to both the residents and the administration.

Five Year History of Income Tax Collections General Fund

2015	\$2,682,990
2014	\$2,688,507
2013	\$2,627,625
2012	\$2,590,483
2011	\$2,419,835

City of Olmsted Falls Top 10 Income Tax Payers in 2015

1. Evergreen Packaging (formerly Blue Ridge)
2. Olmsted Falls Board of Education
3. First Source Employee Management
4. City of Olmsted Falls
5. Columbia Building Products
6. Kemper House of Olmsted Falls
7. Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office
8. St. Mary of the Falls Church
9. Olmsted Falls Erecting
10. Myers and Lasch, Inc.

Where the Money Comes From-All Funds...

Two-year revenue summary by type:

Revenue	2015	2014
Income Taxes	\$3,059,894	\$3,133,889
Property Taxes	1,726,666	1,764,837
Intergovernmental	1,150,575	1,169,280
Charges for Services	1,156,352	1,534,747
Licenses and Permits	253,279	180,126
Fines and Forfeitures	100,552	99,931
Special Assessments	428,301	439,513
Investment Income	2,974	608
Contributions and Donations	0	320
All Other Revenues	55,878	72,542
Total Revenues	\$7,934,471	\$8,395,793

Where the Money Goes-All Funds...

Two-year revenue expenditure by type:

Expenditure	2015	2014
General Government	\$1,436,677	\$1,231,886
Public Safety	2,858,296	3,280,634
Physical Environment	539,602	328,010
Transportation	1,176,011	940,515
Basic Utility Services	442,164	321,604
Public Health	511,271	542,391
Park and Recreation	95,850	100,193
Debt Service	556,574	496,234
Capital Outlay	1,469,344	406,992
Total Expenditures	\$9,085,789	\$7,648,459



CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS

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Your Elected Officials For 2017

Ann Marie Donegan	Mayor	440-235-5550	amdonegan@olmstedfalls.org
Linda Garrity	Council President	440-427-0445	lgarrity@olmstedfalls.org
Jim Haviland	Council ProTem	440-241-8615	jhaviland@olmstedfalls.org
Bob Sculac	Council at Large	440-235-2060	bsculac@olmstedfalls.org
Edward Gorski	Council Ward 1	440-235-5550	egorski@olmstedfalls.org
Paul Stibich	Council Ward 2	440-263-0851	pstibich@olmstedfalls.org
Terry Duncan	Council Ward 3	440-235-5990	tduncan@olmstedfalls.org
Kyle Miller	Council Ward 4	440-508-6472	kmiller@olmstedfalls.org
Mike Gallagher	Cuyahoga County Council-District 5	216-698-2015	mjgallagher@cuyahogacounty.us
Tom Patton	State Rep. Ohio District 7	614-466-4895	thomas.patton@ohiohouse.gov
Matt Dolan	State Senator Ohio District 24	614-466-8056	dolan@ohiosenate.gov
Jim Renacci	Congressman 16th District	330-334-0400	renacci@house.gov



CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS

2017 EVENT CALENDAR

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EVENT	DAY/DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Annual Open House	Sun, 3/19/17	O.F. City Hall	1-3 pm
Senior Health and Wellness	Fri, 3/31/17	O.F. City Hall	11-2 pm
Heritage Home Program meeting	Thurs, 4/6/17	O.F. City Hall	6:30 pm
Mayor Donegan's One:One	Thurs, 4/27/17	O.F. City Hall	6:00 pm
Spring Shredding Event	Sat, 5/6/17	Falls/Lenox School	9-noon
Mayor Donegan's Town Hall Meeting	Wed, 5/17/17	O.F. City Hall	11-noon, 2-3 pm & 7-8 pm
Memorial Day Parade	Mon, 5/29/17	Downtown/Village Green	9:30 am
Evening in the Falls-KIDS' NIGHT OUT	Thurs, 6/8/17	Downtown O.F.	6-9 pm
Vintage Market Place	Sun, 6/25/17	Downtown O.F.	Noon-5 pm
Music in the Park 	Sun, 6/25/17	East River Park-Lewis Rd.	6-8 pm
July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social	Tue, 7/4/17	Downtown/Village Green	11:30 am
Evening in the Falls-COUNTRY WESTERN NIGHT	Thurs, 7/13/17	Downtown O.F.	6-9 pm
Berea Fine Arts-Art on the Bridge	Sat, 7/22/17	Covered Bridge	10-5 pm
Vintage Market Place	Sun, 7/30/17	Downtown O.F.	Noon-5 pm
Music in the Park 	Sun, 7/30/17	East River Park-Lewis Rd.	6-8 pm
26th Annual OLMSTED HERITAGE DAYS PARADE	Thur, 8/3	Thru town to Downtown	6:30 pm
26th Annual OLMSTED HERITAGE DAYS	Thur, 8/3-8/6	Downtown O.F.	Daily
Evening in the Falls-SUMMER SWANSONG	Thur, 8/10/17	Downtown O.F.	6-9 pm
Movie in the Park	Sat, TBA	East River Park-Lewis Rd.	Sunset
Mayor Donegan's Town Hall Meeting	Wed, 8/16/17	O.F. City Hall	11-noon, 7-8 pm
Music in the Park 	Sun, 8/27/17	East River Park-Lewis Rd.	6-8 pm
Vintage Market Place	Sun, 8/27/17	Downtown O.F.	Noon-5 pm
Autumn Shredding Event	Sat, 9/16/17	Falls/Lenox School	9-noon
Vintage Market Place	Sun, 9/24/17	Downtown O.F.	Noon-5 pm
Mayor Donegan's One:One	Thurs, 9/28/17	O.F. City Hall	6:00 pm
Falls Day in the Park	Sun, 10/1/17	East River Park-Lewis Rd.	1-4 pm
Mayor Donegan's Town Hall Meeting	Wed, 10/18/17	O.F. City Hall	11-noon, 2-3 pm & 7-8 pm
Halloween Trick-or-Treat	Tue, 10/31/17	Throughout O.F.	6-8 pm
Veterans' Day Ceremony	Sat, 11/11/17	Chestnut Grove Cemetery	11:00 am
Mayor Donegan's One:One	Thurs, 11/16/17	O.F. City Hall	6:00 pm
Christmas Tree Lighting	Sun, 12/3/17	Village Green	5:00 pm

Location: Olmsted Falls City Hall; East River/Village Green; Downtown Olmsted Falls; Other

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CABLE TELEVISION IN OLMSTED FALLS

The City of Olmsted Falls has, in past months, received numerous complaints regarding Cox Communication's increased rates for cable television and have met with Cox to discuss this issue. We also receive many comments regarding the lack of competition for cable in our community. Also asked about frequently is the franchise agreement the City has with Cox.

Since the law in Ohio was changed by the Ohio legislature in 2007 in SB 117, Cable TV companies (called "Video Service Providers" or "VSP") now have to deal only with the State of Ohio Department of Commerce and obtain a video service license from the Department. This 2007 law, in effect, supplanted the "local cable TV Franchise Agreements" that individual cities across the state had with cable TV providers. No longer do local cities have leverage with cable companies on areas of franchise fees, local channels, customer service or complaints—The Ohio Department of Commerce is the entity with legal authority when it comes to cable TV/Video Service Providers. Complaints should be directed to the Ohio Department of Commerce.

We also want residents to understand that, while we continue to have discussions with both AT&T and WOW, cable providers make a great investment in infrastructure in order to provide cable to any given community. When choosing where to do this, they consider their "return on investment;" in other words, how many billing customers they will gain.

Unfortunately, at this time, both AT&T and WOW have elected to concentrate their efforts in larger communities. We do, however, continue dialogue with both companies in an effort to provide options for our residents.

SHREDDING OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, May 6th at
Falls Lenox parking lot
9 am-noon

Saturday, September 16th at
Falls Lenox parking lot
9 am-noon



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ReadyNotify 

ReadyNotify is an emergency notification system used by Cuyahoga County and participating municipalities to issue notifications to the public. Olmsted Falls is a participating community.

If you haven't already signed up, go to <https://ready.cuyahogacounty.us> and register to receive voice, text or email notifications about everything you need to know regarding our community.

BEREA ANIMAL RESCUE

is sponsoring a
**Vaccination Clinic &
Microchip Day**

at
Olmsted Falls City Hall
26100 Bagley Road
on

Saturday, April 22nd
from 11 am – 3 pm

- Combo vaccine rates
 - Microchips \$25 for dogs & cats
 - Licensed Veterinarian onsite
 - Free dog washes from Pet Valu
 - Cats in carriers-dogs on leashes
- PLEASE

For more information, please call
Berea ARF at 440-234-2034



March 2017

Jenkins Place Senior Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Key Sign up Required (#)</p>		<p>1 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Out to lunch (#) Polaris Mise En Place</p>	<p>2 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Olmsted Fall Library (#) 12:00 Adult Coloring</p>	<p>3 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 11:00 Scrabble 12 pm Snacks / Movie</p>
<p>6 9:30 Puzzle 10:30 Arts & Crafts (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>7 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 11:00 am – 3:00 pm (#) AARP Smart Driver Safety Class</p>	<p>8 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 1:00 Watercolor Class (#)</p>	<p>9 9:30 Pancake Breakfast (#) 12 pm Volunteer Meeting</p>	<p>10 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 11:30 Learn How to Quilt (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>
<p>13 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>14 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 12pm Senior Quick Tips (#) <i>All O.F. Library books need to be returned</i></p>	<p>15 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm St. Patrick's (#) Day Party & 1st year Anniversary for the Jenkins Place Senior Center</p>	<p>16 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Scrabble 12 pm Snacks / Movie <i>New arrival of O.F. Library books</i></p>	<p>17 </p>
<p>20 Spring begins 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 11:00 Checkers 12 pm Pot Luck Lunch (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>21 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 12:00 Out to the Movies at Regal Middleburg Heights (#)</p>	<p>22 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>23 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Scrabble 12 pm Snacks / Movie</p>	<p>24 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 12 pm Pool / Billiards 12 pm Birthday (#) Celebrations</p>
<p>27 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 12:00 Health Review (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>28 9:30 Mary Lou's Exercise 10:00 Wii Bowling 11:30 Senior Update Meeting & Lunch (#)</p>	<p>29 8:30 am Mall walking at Great Northern Mall 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>	<p>30 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Scrabble 12 pm Newsletter Volunteer & Lunch (#)</p>	<p>31 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Olmsted Community Senior Health & Wellness Fair</p>

April 2017

Jenkins Place Senior Center

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3 9:30 Puzzle 10:30 Arts & Crafts (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards 1:00 Adult Coloring</p>	<p>4 School Librarian Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 12 pm Out to Lunch at The Colony Dining Room at BW (#)</p>	<p>5 Deep Dish Pizza Day 9:30 Puzzle 9:30 Pancake Breakfast (#) 11:00 Speaker Ashley Hartman from BW "Gambling Awareness" 12 pm Volunteer Meeting</p>	<p>6 Sorry Charlie Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Olmsted Fall Library (#) 1:00 Snacks / Movie "Deepwater Horizon"</p>	<p>7 No Housework Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 12 pm Lunch & Learn (#) "Titanic"</p>
<p>10 Siblings day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 12 pm Pool / Billiards 1:00 Adult Coloring</p>	<p>11 Passover Begins 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 12pm Senior Quick Tips (#)</p>	<p>12 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Panel Discussion (#) 1:00 Watercolor Class (#)</p>	<p>13 Scrabble Day 9:30 Pancake Breakfast (#) 12 pm Volunteer Meeting 1:30 Scrabble <i>All O.F. Library books need to be returned</i></p>	<p>14 Good Friday 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 11:30 Learn How to Quilt (#) 12 pm Pool / Billiards</p>
<p>17 Tax Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 12 pm Pool / Billiards 1:00 Adult Coloring</p>	<p>18 Animal Crackers Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Wii Bowling 12 pm Lunch & Learn (#) on "Brainercize"</p>	<p>19 Hanging Out Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Pool/ Billiards <i>New arrival of O.F. Library books</i></p>	<p>20 Look-A-Like Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Scrabble 12 pm Snacks / Movie "Inferno"</p>	<p>21 9:30 – 4:00 Lolly the Trolley Trip</p>
<p>24 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Exercise Class 11:00 Checkers 12:00 Health Review (#) 1:00 Pool / Billiards 1:00 Adult Coloring</p>	<p>25 9:30 Puzzle 9:30 Mary Lou's Exercise 10:00 Wii Bowling 11:30 Senior Update Meeting & Lunch (#)</p>	<p>26 Pretzel Day 8:30 Mall walking at Great Northern Mall 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Chair Exercise 12 pm Pool / Billiards 1:00 Watercolor Class (#)</p>	<p>27 9:30 Puzzle 10:00 Scrabble 12 pm Newsletter Volunteer & Lunch (#)</p>	<p>28 Superhero Day 9:30 Puzzle 10:15 Chair Yoga 12 pm Speaker (#) Marlene Kurz, LPCC-S from Oakview</p>



The Olmsted Recreation Office is located at:
Olmsted Falls City Administration Building
26100 Bagley Road, Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

Joelle McNea
Recreation Coordinator
Office Phone: 440-427-2519

The City of Olmsted Falls is pleased to announce that **OLMSTED RECREATION** is now officially the sole programming and administrative responsibility of the city of Olmsted Falls. Expect to see some exciting changes, including expansion of recreational and senior programming as the past test pilot project moves into a full service recreational department. **OLMSTED RECREATION** will be serving the needs of Olmsted region's youth and residents. We also continue to have discussions with the YMCA of Greater Cleveland regarding activities for the community.

SENIOR PROGRAMMING

OLMSTED COMMUNITY

SENIOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Friday, March 31, 2017 from 11:00 am-2:00 pm
Jenkins Place Senior Center @ Olmsted Falls City
Hall, 26100 Bagley Road

Free Health Screenings · Free Refreshments ·
Free gift for first 100 visitors

Learn about services available from
professionals in your community.

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JOIN US ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21st for a

LOLLY THE TROLLEY TOUR OF LAKEVIEW CEMETERY AND LITTLE ITALY

Take the narrated tour and visit some of
Lakeview's most famous residents! Then it's off
to Little Italy for lunch "on the Hill" followed by
time to explore the area's
galleries, bakeries and unique shops.

Trip cost is \$65 per person. Seating is limited.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Currently reviewing programming with YMCA of
Greater Cleveland. Stayed tuned for more news.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

BULLDOG SUMMER ART CAMP

at

PINOT'S PALETTE

Located at 8051 Columbia Road
10, one-hour classes over two weeks

Weekdays from July 10th – July 22nd

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

\$50 per student for Olmsted Falls residents

\$55 per student for non-residents

BULLDOG FLAG FOOTBALL

Season runs from

September 9th - October 21st

Kindergarten through 6th Grade

Teams will hold some practice
sessions before the season begins

\$60 per player for Olmsted Falls residents

\$70 per player for non-residents

Olmsted Community Baseball & Softball Commission
(OCBSC) is a non-profit organization that provides
opportunities for baseball, softball & t-ball to the
Olmsted Community. Participating in OCBSC are
several member organizations:

- Olmsted Community Summer League (OCSL) -
Open - recreation baseball, softball and t-ball
opportunities for all children ages 4 through 18
register at OlmstedCC.com by March 31st to
guarantee registration and avoid a late fee
- Olmsted Girls Fast Pitch Association (OGFPA) -
Closed for 2017
- Olmsted Travel Baseball Association (OTBA) -
Closed for 2017

For more info about upcoming baseball/softball clinics
and other programs offered by OCBSC, check the
"Programs" area of the OlmstedCC.com website.