



# CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER

## COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



### A Message from the Mayor...

**What a year it has been.** We've all been dealing with COVID-19 Pandemic for over four months now, including the many closures and reopenings of businesses throughout the nation. Now there is talk about a resurgence of the COVID-19 and the possible repeat of the same events happening all over again. When will it ever end? **The year 2020 was supposed to be a year that would go down in history for Canal Winchester**, with the 100th anniversary of the famed Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival with special entertainment and much more, but it won't happen this year. The Board of Directors of the festival recently announced the **Labor Day Festival has been canceled until 2021.**

**Earlier in the year, the Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest was put on hold until next year as well.** Both cited reasons tied to the COVID-19 Pandemic including sponsorships and entertainment commitments amongst others. Let's hope this all comes to an end soon so we can get back to some state of normalcy. Getting our kids back to school safely this fall is the number one goal of school districts throughout the state, including students of all four local school districts residing within the city of Canal Winchester. The kids need to get back to the environment they enjoy most, learning and being with their best friends.

Even though the two largest events in our city have been canceled, **the city is still planning to move forward with the July "Music in the Park"**. The July mini concert has always been our most popular and will once again feature the "Gas Pump Jockeys" and a small car show of up to 50 vehicles. **So, plan to come downtown to Stradley Park on July 17th from 6 to 9pm**, bring your lawn chairs and enjoy music from the 60's & 70's and vote for your favorite vehicle. **We do ask that everyone in attendance to please observe the social distancing requirements** as best you can and as set by the Ohio Department of Health and Franklin County Public Health. Masks may be mandatory at the time if the Franklin County Public Health Department makes them mandatory. Let's try to get a little sanity back into our lives. Hope to see you then!

Mayor Mike



### Tree Tip for Summer

Our Urban Forestry division reminds residents to give your trees a drink!  
Each day during summer, water newly planted trees with 1 bucket of water.

### Coming Soon...

Saturdays Farmers' Market  
(through Sept)

Jul 17 Music in the Park

Jul 16—19 Dr. Bender 5K  
(Virtual)

Aug 15 Movie in the Park

### DID YOU KNOW?



You can sign up for alerts & notifications, report problems or concerns, rent a facility, view council agendas & minutes, and much more on our website!



**Stay Connected & Engaged**

[Check website for additional dates](#)



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# COMPOSTING 101: Properly Managing Food & Yard Waste

## Why Should You Compost?

To put it simply, composting is cheap, easy, and rewarding. It takes food and yard waste, and turns it into rich, organic soil. Recycling food scraps and yard trimmings keeps them out of our waste footprint and allows landfills to last longer. Our friends at SWACO have done an amazing analysis of our current landfill. In Franklin County alone, over a million pounds of food waste enters the landfill every single day from residential and commercial sources. Without massive

### BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING

Healthy, fertile soil equals healthy, productive plants. So if you're looking to add some nourishment to your native landscaping, compost has numerous benefits for your garden:

- Reduces waste
- Improves soil structure
- Helps reduce stormwater runoff
- Improves plant growth
- Reduces need for chemical fertilizers
- Suppresses plant diseases and pests

changes, it's estimated our current landfill will be completely full in only 43 years. What does that mean for you? It means a new landfill will be necessary, which = \$\$\$, money. So, we really need to invest the time and effort into fixing this problem sooner rather than later.

## How Composting Works - Yes, you can do it!

If left alone, all organic material will eventually decompose. Composting is a natural process by which any organic material, such as food waste or lawn trimmings, is broken down by decomposing organisms such as bacteria, fungi, worms and sow bugs. These organisms need four elements to carry out their mission: nitrogen, carbon, water and air. Provide them with a diet of "green", moist materials rich in nitrogen (like grass clippings and kitchen scraps) and "brown", dry materials rich in carbon (like dried leaves, paper, and small twigs) and let nature take its course.



## City News & Events

### Music in the Park — July 17

The City of Canal Winchester invites you to enjoy a free summer concert, **Music in the Park, on July 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Stradley Park.** The event will feature classic rock favorites performed by the Gas Pump Jockeys and a classic car show sponsored by C-Town Cruisers. Car show registration is free, however, space is limited to 50 vehicles (registration will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the evening of the event). Car Show awards will include People's Choice, Mayor's Choice, Band's Choice, and Sponsor's Choice.

**COVID-19 Note:** Unlike outdoor concerts in previous years, concessions and hands-on children's activities will not be offered. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic and a lawn chair, and to follow recommended social distancing protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

### Movie in the Park — Aug 15

Destination: Canal Winchester, in cooperation with the City of Canal Winchester, will host a Drive-In style **Movie in the Park on August 15 at Hanners Park.** The movie, *Playing with Fire (2019)*, will begin at dusk. More details coming soon!

### Farmers' Market — Through Sept

Destination: Canal Winchester will host the Canal Winchester Farmers' Market runs Saturday morning through September (rain or shine) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

### Vacation Check Service

**Do your summer plans include a vacation?** Before leaving, consider filling out a *Vacation Check Request* form. Vacation property checks are a free service offered by the Fairfield County Sheriff. Gain piece of mind by having your property checked while you're away. For details, visit the Fairfield County Sheriff's website [sheriff.fairfield.oh.us/vacationcheck.htm](http://sheriff.fairfield.oh.us/vacationcheck.htm).

## Heat Safety for Older Adults

**Please make sure to check in on your elderly friends and neighbors during hot weather.** Older adults are at a greater risk for heat stroke and dehydration.

## City Phone Numbers

Main Number .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Council .....	614-837-7493
Clerk of Court .....	614-837-7691
Community Affairs .....	614-834-9915
Community Center.....	614-837-8276
Construction Services .....	614-834-5109
Development Department .....	614-837-1894
Finance Department .....	614-837-6937
Human Resources .....	614-834-5118
Mayor Michael Ebert .....	614-837-7493
Public Service Department .....	614-834-5100
	Water 614-837-5623
	<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>
	Streets, Lands, & Buildings 614-524-0163
	Urban Forestry 614-834-5110
	Waste Treatment 614-837-2254
	<b>After-Hours Phone 614-837-7478</b>
Utility Clerk .....	614-837-7716
Sheriff Substation .....	614-837-7478

For complete directory listings, visit [www.canalwinchesterohio.gov](http://www.canalwinchesterohio.gov)



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