

APRIL 24, 2020



City Manager's Newsletter

BE SAFE!

May

CITY CALENDAR

- 4/24 ARBOR DAY
- 4/27 Special Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.
- 5/1 TEST SMOKE DETECTORS
- 5/1 TAWAWA PARK OPEN TO MOTOR VEHICLES (10:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.)
- 5/2 ALERT SYSTEM TEST
- 5/4 Recreation Board Meeting – CANCELLED
- 5/4 Council Workshop – CANCELLED
- 5/7 SIDNEY UTILITY BILLS DUE
- 5/7 Transit Advisory Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
- 5/10 MOTHER'S DAY



COVID-19 and City Parks

The COVID-19 pandemic has not only taken a toll on the local economy, but it will also have an impact on the city's Parks and Recreation Department and its programs this year.

The only summer recreation program being offered this year will be the food program. Since school was not in session to deliver the recreation program brochures and currently we are not aware of when the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) will lift the restrictions on the social gathering of more than 10 persons, no recreation programs were developed and the brochures were not printed. If the restrictions were to be lifted, we plan to promote a scaled down recreation program at the food sites.

Tawawa Park is scheduled to open to vehicular traffic at 10:00 am on May 1. Park patrons will notice some differences at the

park. First, the play areas will remain closed until the ODH lifts the closure orders.

Second, all but two picnic tables will be removed from the shelters until ODH rules allow gatherings. In addition, the city will not accept new shelter reservations until the ODH orders permit mass gatherings. Those with current reservations will be notified two weeks prior if their existing reservation is cancelled. Parks staff will maintain the existing reservations in the event that there is a change in the rules for public gatherings. Use of shelters will be on a first come-first served basis.

Despite all the cancellations and closures, residents are encouraged to continue using city parks for individual recreational activities. See the attached checklist for visiting parks and protecting yourself.

Council Workshops Cancelled

The May, June and July City Council Workshop meetings have been cancelled.

Council will conduct regular meetings each month on a schedule to be determined by the business that must be addressed.



Special City Council Meeting

Teleconference to be Conducted

A Special Meeting of the Sidney City Council will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In light of the recent order of Dr. Amy Acton, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, in conjunction with Governor Mike DeWine and guidelines issued by the Ohio Department of Health and the CDC regarding the coronavirus and the

prohibition on mass gatherings and stay-at-home orders, the meeting of City Council will be conducted by teleconference. The public may access the meeting by telephone, tablet, laptop or personal computer. Members of the public wishing to access the meeting may call 937-498-8148 in advance of the meeting for the meeting call-in number and access code.

An agenda outlining the business to be conducted during the special meeting will be available online the afternoon of Friday April 24, 2020. The public may access the agenda materials on the city's Documents on Demand website:
<https://sidneycityoh.documents-on-demand.com/>



Big Item Collection to Resume May 4

Return to Pre-Pandemic Service Levels

Earlier this month the city announced cancellation of large item collection in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the city has learned Republic Services will begin weekly pickup of large items, starting Monday, May 4. Big items will be picked up on the same day as residential solid waste.

Residents are reminded of the big item collection regulations:

- Large items include appliances, furniture, carpet and miscellaneous household items.
- Any upholstered furniture, mattresses or box springs must be completely encased in plastic wrap.
- Large item pick up excludes automobile parts, earthen materials, construction debris, explosives or hazardous /infectious waste of any kind.
- Carpet must be cut into four foot lengths, rolled and tied.

Residents are advised that only one large item per household will be collected per week.

Residents should refer to the city's Solid Waste website (<https://www.sidneyoh.com/274/Solid-Waste>) for guidelines on large item collection.

- Residents may dispose of one large item per week at no additional cost.



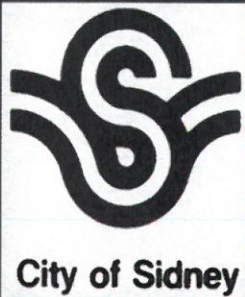
Weekly Yard Waste Collection to Begin

Service to Start Monday, May 4

Earlier this month the city announced cancellation of yard waste collection in April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Republic Services has announced they will begin weekly pickup of yard waste, starting Monday, May 4. Yard waste will be picked up on the same day as residential solid waste.

For those residents who may have biodegradable "kraft" yard waste bags that have been exposed to moisture, Republic Services cannot pick up the wet bags. Residents are advised to place the wet yard waste bags inside a garbage can or re-bag the yard waste.

Residents should refer to the city's Solid Waste website (<https://www.sidneyoh.com/274/Solid-Waste>) for guidelines on yard waste collection.



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How Can I Protect Myself and My Family?

Please review these facts about COVID-19 and the best ways to protect yourself and your family from the spread of the disease

- The Coronavirus is in the same family with the virus that causes the common cold.
- For the vast majority of the people who are positive for Coronavirus, they will only have the symptoms of a common cold. The people at the highest risk for complications are people over 60 and people who have other medical conditions such as diabetes, a heart condition or respiratory conditions.
- Practice social distancing, avoid crowds, avoid shaking hands and avoid touching your face, eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, a hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol can be a good substitute.
- If you are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 a test will not be helpful. COVID-19 can only be confirmed if a person is having symptoms. A test to "rule out" Coronavirus is not helpful if a person is not having symptoms.
- The symptoms of coronavirus may include fever, shortness of breath, cough.
- The incubation period for COVID-19 is 2-14 days.
- There is no treatment or cure for the Coronavirus because it is a virus (like a cold), only the symptoms are treated.
- If you need to go to your doctor, please call ahead and let them know you are coming so they can be prepared for your arrival.
- If you are in medical distress, call 911.

COVID-19 Checklist for Visiting State Parks and Other Recreation Areas Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends outdoor activity to stay physically and mentally healthy during the length of the Stay at Home order. Take the following precautions to keep yourself and others safe.

- ☒ Do not visit parks if you are sick or were recently exposed to COVID-19.
- ☒ Visit parks that are close to your home, refraining from travel that requires you to stop along the way or be in close contact with others.
- ☒ Check with the park in advance to be sure you know which areas or services are open, such as bathroom facilities, and bring what you need with you.
- ☒ If a parking lot is full, move on. Do not park in grass or on roadways.
- ☒ Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. Bring hand sanitizer to use if soap and water are not available.
- ☒ Even when outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others (social distancing). Do not visit crowded parks or crowded areas where you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from others at all times.
- ☒ Do not gather in groups.
- ☒ Share trails. Warn others of your presence as you pass; step aside to let others pass.
- ☒ Do not use playgrounds, which have been ordered closed in Ohio.
- ☒ Do not participate in organized or group activities or sports.
- ☒ Review guidance from the [National Recreation and Park Association](https://www.nps.gov/visiting/index.jsp).

Information on Ohio's state parks

- The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) has closed all state park lodges, visitor centers, campgrounds, cabins, golf courses, restrooms, shower houses, playgrounds, picnic shelters, fire towers, APV areas, horse camps, and state park marina buildings at all ODNR properties. Additionally, all naturalist programs, hikes, and special events at ODNR properties are suspended through May 15.
- Most public outdoor spaces at Ohio state parks, wildlife areas, forests, and nature preserves — including trails, dog parks, docks, fishing piers, and boat ramps — remain open. Hocking Hills State Park is closed.
- Visitors must practice social distancing at all open facilities.
- **State park restrooms are closed and visitors are asked to “carry in, carry out” all trash.**
- For questions regarding local facilities and reservations, please contact the local state park office. Contact information is available at ohiostateparks.gov.
- To reschedule or cancel current reservations, or to make new reservations, visit www.reserveohio.com or call 866-644-6727.
- For the latest information on ODNR Operations during the coronavirus outbreak, visit <http://ohiodnr.gov/odnr-operations-during-coronavirus-outbreak>.
- Visit <https://www.nps.gov/state/oh/index.htm> for information on national parks in Ohio.

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).


If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword “4HOPE” to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.

Additional Resources:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources: <http://ohiodnr.gov/>.

National Recreation and Park Association: <https://www.nrpa.org/>.

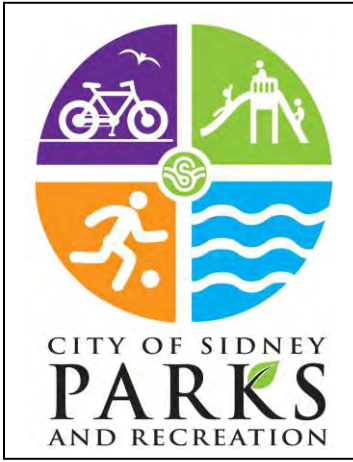


To: Mark Cundiff
From: Barbara Dulworth 
Re: Planning Commission meeting, April 20, 2020
Date: April 23, 2020

The following is a summary of actions taken by the Planning Commission at the meeting on April 20, 2020:

- M-20-01 Alley ROW vacation: The Commission resolved to recommend vacation 180 feet of the first north-south alley west of Highland Avenue.
- M-20-02 Spearman buffer & transition plan: The Commission resolved to approve the revised buffer and transition plan between 2234 Wapakoneta Ave and 2247 North Main Avenue as proposed.
- P-20-03 Cargill replat: The Commission resolved to recommend approval of a replat of nine parcels to create one new lot at 2400 Industrial Drive as submitted.
- P-20-05 Heritage Manor replat: The Commission resolved to recommend approval of a replat of two lots to create one new lot on Apache Drive as submitted.

Please let me know if you have any questions.



2020 Photo Contest

Sponsored by:

City of Sidney Parks and Recreation Department

To promote the interest in the city's parks and the great outdoors, the City of Sidney's Parks and Recreation Department is providing a great opportunity for all of you amateur photographers by promoting a photo contest. With well over 400 acres of parkland, you have the chance to spend time in Sidney's beautiful parks, while enjoying your favorite pastime.

Guidelines:

- Amateur photographers only (as a guideline, if you earn over \$2000.00 per year in photographic sales, please do not enter this contest)
- No employees or family members of the Recreation Board or City of Sidney are eligible to participate
- Only one photo per person per category (four total)
- Person entering the photo must be the photographer and must have rights to the photo
- All photos must be taken within the boundaries of City of Sidney owned park land
- Photos submitted become the property of the City of Sidney and can be used in promotional materials, the city calendar, local publications for articles relating to the City of Sidney and or its park system, on the city's social media, without fee or compensation.
- For a photo in which a person is recognizable, you must secure a model release from the subject. In the case of a minor, the subject's parent or guardian must sign such model release. Any such model release must be provided with the submitted photo. No photo in which a person is recognizable will be considered for award in the absence of such signed model release.
- Digital entries only (.jpg format, 300dpi)
- Only minimal photo alterations are allowed (cropping, red eye reduction and or adjustment of brightness, color and saturation)
- Do not break any laws or do anything unsafe when taking your photographs
- Do not photograph anything that is inappropriate, indecent or obscene
- No water marks or logos

Categories:

- **Wildlife** – Pictures of birds, wild animals, insects and other critters. No domestic animals.
- **Landscapes** – Pictures of the natural beauty in the city's parks and can include park structures
- **Flora** – Photos of plants, trees, flowers, etc., within the parks.
- **Adventure and outdoor recreation** – Photos of active recreation in the city parks: hiking, biking, running, soccer, baseball, football, boating/kayaking or fishing etc. Do not use photos that display people that are identifiable unless a Model Release for each identifiable person is completed

How to enter:

- Photos should be emailed to parks@sidneyoh.com and include a completed, scanned copy of the entry form. The photo file name should include SPRcontest_(category)_(subject)_(last name of photographer).
 - Example, SPRcontest_wildlife_Eagle_Kosar.jpg
- Photos are due September 7, 2020 by 4:00 PM

Display:

Winning photos will be displayed at city hall on various bulletin boards, in the Sidney Senior Center foyer and on the city's Facebook page.

Judging:

Photos will be judged by the City of Sidney's Recreation Board members. First, second and third place will be chosen in each category. The first place winners in each category will be judged to determine "best of show" for the entire contest.

ENTRY FORM

PHOTOGRAPHER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

PHONE

NAME OF PICTURE FILE - SPRcontest_____ .jpg

CATEGORY (please
check appropriate box)

WILDLIFE

LANDSCAPES

FLORA

**ADVENTURE AND
OUTDOOR
RECREATION**

DATE PHOTO TAKEN

PARK WHERE PHOTO
WAS TAKEN

I hereby represent that I have fully read the Guidelines that pertain to this contest; that I fully understand those Guidelines; that I have, and will continue to comply with those Guidelines: and, that I expressly intend to be legally bound by those Guidelines.

In executing and submitting this Application/Entry I do for myself, for my representatives, heirs, successors and assigns, hereby fully and forever release the City of Sidney, Ohio, its officials, employees, representatives and all others acting in concert with the City of Sidney, Ohio from any and all liability, injuries, loss and/or damage of any kind, nature or amount arising from my participation in this Contest and the acceptance and use/misuse of any prize.

Signature of applicant

Date

Signature of legal guardian required
for contest entry if applicant is a minor.

Date

City of Sidney Parks and Recreation Department
2020 Photo Contest

Model Release

I understand that I appear in a photograph or photographs taken by _____, and I give _____ permission to use my name and that photographic likeness in his or her entry to the City of Sidney Parks and Recreation 2017 Department Photo Contest. I also hereby give the City of Sidney and all others authorized by and/or acting in concert with, the City of Sidney, Ohio a royalty free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of that entry (including name and photographic likeness), in whole or part in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, advertising and promotion of the city and its social media, exhibition, and commercial products, including but not limited to publications. I understand that I shall not receive any compensation for these uses and that the City of Sidney, Ohio is under no obligation to use the entry in any way. I wave any claim or right of action out of the uses described in this release.

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

If Model is under 18: I, _____, am the parent/legal guardian of the individual named above, I have read the release and approve of its terms.

Print name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian: _____ Date _____

Sidney, OH 2020 Recycling and Waste Collection Calendar

*Please note, All Trash Collections will continue to be weekly



Holiday Week



"A" Week



"B" Week

January '20

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B	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February '20

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March '20

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June '20

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October '20

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December '20

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Ohio Attorney General's **Consumer Advocate Newsletter**

Keeping Consumers Safe and Informed



Consumer Advocate April 2020

AG Yost Warns of an Outbreak of Scams Related to Coronavirus

Fear and uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus pandemic could give rise to an outbreak of scams.

“COVID-19 is not the only thing we have to protect ourselves against,” Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said. “Thieves and crooks prey on fear and uncertainty. Ohioans need to inoculate themselves against an outbreak of scams with knowledge and good practices.”

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office has received a few calls from consumers reporting attempted scams related to COVID-19. One caller reported a twist on a recurring scam, the grandparent scam, where a scammer calls pretending to be the victim’s grandchild in need of money. In this twist, the scammer called saying he needed money to get home because he was delayed in Philadelphia due to the pandemic. With many young people coming home from spring break, these calls may increase. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be a relative in need of financial assistance, do the following:

- Confirm with another family member this person is out of town or in need of assistance.
- Confirm the caller is who they claim to be by calling them back at a phone number you know to be their number.
- Ask the caller something only they would know the answer to, such as the alleged caller’s birthday.

Follow these tips to avoid coronavirus-related scams in general:

- Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other expert sources with special advice or information about the coronavirus. Legitimate information is available for free on the [CDC’s website](https://www.cdc.gov).

- Ignore online advertisements promoting cures for the coronavirus. According to the Federal Trade Commission, “There currently are no vaccines, pills, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) online or in stores.”
- Research nonprofit organizations and crowdfunding campaigns before donating. A [database of registered charities](#) is available on the Ohio Attorney General’s website. Avoid groups that pressure you into donating and never donate via cash, gift cards, wire transfer or prepaid money card. These are the preferred payment methods of scammers.
- Be cautious of anyone going door to door offering coronavirus testing or temperature readings and requesting personal information. Call law enforcement immediately if you see a suspicious person. Never let strangers into your home.
- Beware of emails and other attempts to “phish” for your personal, financial and medical information. When in doubt, do not share. If the source claims to be your bank or a government agency, confirm they are legitimate by calling the organization at a phone number you have verified.
- When online, avoid clicking on unknown links or pop-ups and never download any suspicious email attachment. Doing so could infect your devices with malicious software designed to steal your personal information or lock your computer until you pay a ransom.

Consumers who suspect an unfair or deceptive sales practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General’s Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

Follow These Legitimate Resources for Accurate COVID-19 Updates

Knowing where to go to for legitimate, accurate information about the COVID-19 pandemic and related issues can be challenging. There are many sources of information – from social media and blogs to newspapers and television. The Ohio Attorney General’s Office offers these tips for Ohioans to stay up-to-date safely:

- For free, updated information about changes in the coronavirus pandemic, visit [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) website. Reliable information is also available from the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#). For updates closer to home, be sure to visit [Ohio’s own coronavirus website](#) through the Ohio Department of Health.
- With so many electronic devices in use by Ohioans, this is a great time to review cybersecurity tips, precautions and warnings. The National Cyber Security Alliance has launched a helpful resource, the [COVID-19 Security Resource Library](#), which has lots of information and links to

advice from organizations and agencies, such as the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

- For updates regarding federal tax filings and changes related to COVID-19, visit the [Internal Revenue Service's coronavirus webpage](#).
- The state of Ohio has extended unemployment benefits. To access or learn more about those benefits, visit the [Ohio Department of Job and Family Service's website](#).
- Check legitimate media and government sources for updates about federal government payments to Americans amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Don't fall for scams that target your personal information under the guise of issuing you a pandemic-related payment. The government will never ask for any upfront payment and will not call you to request Social Security, credit card or bank account numbers.

At the moment, many companies are adjusting their normal policies. Always check their official website for accurate updates. You should manually type the company's website address instead of clicking links in emails from unknown sources. The website addresses for most governments and charities end in .gov or .org.

For an email sent by a company, hovering your cursor over the sender's email address can reveal if the sender is not actually who they claim to be. If the end of the email address does not match the legitimate web address of the company, that is a red flag that the email might be from a scammer.

Consumers who suspect a scam or an unfair business practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.

Beware of Phony Work-From-Home Offers and Other Job-Related Scams

With the current economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, many Ohioans are looking for work and may be tempted with work-from-home employment offers. Watch out because some job offers are actually scams.

Examples of phony job opportunities may include:

- **Mystery shopping:** A job seeker finds an offer to make money as a secret shopper. The first assignment is to receive and deposit a check, and then wire-transfer a portion of the funds to "evaluate" the transfer service. In reality, the job seeker will be wiring his or her own money to a con artist who has sent the job seeker a bad check.

- **Package processing:** A job seeker finds an offer to work from home for a logistics company by receiving and shipping packages, but the company is bogus and the job seeker won't make any money.
- **Vehicle advertising:** An offer online claims individuals can make hundreds of dollars a week by wrapping their car in an advertisement for an energy drink or other product. The individuals are told they need to provide payment before the ads can be placed on their vehicles, but in truth it's all a scam.
- **Babysitting:** A babysitter receives an offer to work for a couple who has not yet moved into town. The couple supposedly needs the babysitter to check out their new apartment, so the couple sends the babysitter payment in advance. They ask the babysitter to deposit the payment, withdraw as much as possible, then purchase prepaid money cards and provide the couple with the cards' numbers so they can provide the money to a rental agent. In reality, there is no couple or babysitting job; it's all a scam.

Regardless of the pitch, many scams follow a similar pattern. First, the scam artist sends a realistic check and asks the victim to deposit it. Once the check is deposited (but before it has cleared), the victim is told to wire or otherwise send a portion of the funds to someone else, possibly out of the country. Later, after the victim has sent his or her own money, the victim finds out from the bank that the deposited check was a counterfeit.

To avoid scams, Attorney General Dave Yost encourages job seekers to research the companies offering the work by contacting the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the local Better Business Bureau. Job seekers also can use a search engine to look up reviews by searching the company's name along with terms such as "complaint," "scam," or "review."

Signs of a potential job scam include receiving a check before any work is performed, claims about making hundreds or thousands of dollars doing very little work, vague job descriptions, requests to wire transfer money or purchase prepaid money cards, and interviews conducted strictly through a messaging system.

In terms of job placement services, some are legitimate, but others misrepresent their services, promote outdated or fictitious job offerings, or charge high fees for services that never lead to a job.

When researching job placement firms, the [Federal Trade Commission](#) recommends that you:

- Reject any company that promises to get you a job.
- Be skeptical of companies that charge first, even if they guarantee refunds.
- Get a copy of the firm's contract and read it carefully before you pay any money.

- Understand the refund or cancellation policy.
- Get all verbal promises in writing.
- Avoid high-pressure sales pitches that require you to pay now.
- Don't trust a firm that is reluctant to answer your questions.

Also research the company's reputation with the [Ohio Attorney General's Office](#) and the [Better Business Bureau](#) before you sign a contract or make a payment.

Keep in mind that you can find many legitimate job postings for free. For example, state job listings are available at www.Ohio.gov and federal job posts can be found at www.usajobs.gov.

Check With Your Lender Before Taking out a High-Interest, Short-Term Loan

As a result of COVID-19, many Ohioans are now facing unemployment or uncertainty about the length of their employment. In this environment, some people may look to short-term loans to cover immediate expenses.

Generally, short-term loans are between \$100 and \$500. The interest rates for short-term loans are typically very high, so these types of loans can be hard to pay back immediately. Ohioans may struggle to pay off the balance while covering other expenses. If the loan is extended, consumers will likely be charged additional fees, resulting in higher amounts of money owed.

When considering a short-term loan:

- Shop around. Before doing business with a particular company, check for complaints filed against it with the [Ohio Attorney General's Office](#) and the [Better Business Bureau](#).
- Many lenders must be registered with the [Ohio Department of Commerce](#). Verify that a lender is properly registered or licensed.
- Read and understand the terms and conditions of the loan. Check the payback dates and find out if you can make partial payments or if the loan must be paid off in one payment.
- Make sure you understand all costs, including interest rates. Be especially aware of any extension fees if you are unable to repay the loan within the original time period.
- If you don't feel comfortable with the terms of a loan, walk away.

Also consider alternatives such as:

- Working with a nonprofit credit counseling agency
- Identifying unnecessary short-term expenses
- Going to a bank or credit union for a short-term loan
- Borrowing from friends or family members
- The business community is aware of the drastic change in many Ohioans' finances and may offer payment programs and deferrals of payment that have not been offered previously. Check with your lender (mortgage, landlord, utility, credit card, personal loan provider) for pandemic-related payment programs before taking out a high-interest, short-term loan.

If consumers are unable to pay a bill on time, they should contact the business or credit card company as soon as possible to ask if they offer hardship or forbearance plans due to COVID-19. If an arrangement has been made between the lender and the consumer related to COVID-19 hardships and the consumer pays in accordance with that arrangement, the lender cannot report such payments as being late to the credit reporting agencies.

At the request of consumers, a lender may be able to add a code to the consumer's account that indicates they have been affected by the pandemic. That circumstance will be noted on the consumer's credit report until the lender removes it. The presence of the code can help minimize the impact to the consumer's credit score. Consumers can also contact credit bureaus directly to dispute information or to add a statement to their credit report explaining that they have been impacted by COVID-19.

Small businesses are also being affected by COVID-19 and may need help paying bills. Small businesses should follow the same tips as above, but they should also be mindful of fake grants. Scammers may pretend to offer grants for an up-front price; never pay up-front to receive grants.

If you suspect a scam or an unfair business practice, report it to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.



AVOID COVID-19 SCAMS



REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD

If you believe you were a victim of a scam, call local law enforcement and file a complaint online or by phone:

National Center for Disaster Fraud
(NCDF): 1-866-720-5721
Disaster@leo.gov

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AVOID COVID-19 SCAMS

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) disease to steal money and personal information.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Hang up on robocalls

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam COVID-19 treatments to work-at-home schemes.

Verify information

Contact trusted sources to confirm information is correct. For the most up-to-date information about the COVID-19, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at www.cdc.gov

Or call the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

Know from whom you're buying. Sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't.

Don't click on links from sources you don't know

They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

Do your homework

Don't let anyone rush you into making a payment or donation. If someone wants a payment in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, be careful. These are the preferred payment methods of scammers .



GERMS are all around YOU!



Reduce the Spread of Germs! Do Not Forget to Wash Your Hands!



Step 1
Wet Hands



Step 2
Apply Soap



Step 3
Lather & Scrub
20 seconds



Step 4
Rinse Hands
20 seconds



Step 5
Turn Off Tap



Step 6
Dry Hands

To combat and prevent the spread of viruses, employees **MUST** wash their hands prior to going back to work.

Employees should wash their hands after sneezing, coughing, blowing their nose, and touching their face.

Employees should wash their hands prior to eating to prevent ingesting unwanted germs.



March 2020 Monthly Report



In March, personnel of the Sidney Department of Fire & Emergency Services responded to 237 EMS calls and 101 fire calls for a total of 338 calls compared to 337 calls in March 2019.

Personnel conducted in-house GMVEMS Protocol Testing, Fire: RIT/Save Your Own, and TRT boat operations training. Off-site training included two personnel attending a week long TRT class specializing in Rope Rescue in Washington Township. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, training at the end of this month was delayed so crews could focus on keeping up to date with the latest information as well as taking time to disinfect medics, supplies, etc.

The Fire Prevention Division performed 16 inspections including 5 annual inspections, 4 re-inspections and 1 foster care/adoption license inspection. The department handed out 1 smoke detector. There were also two Sidney High School students who job shadowed the FPO lieutenants.

Two fire investigations within the City were conducted at 117 Beech Street and 2563 North Main Avenue.

In March, FF Brian Lundy was promoted to Lieutenant, and will be the training officer for the department. Please help us in congratulating Lt. Lundy in his new position with Sidney Fire!

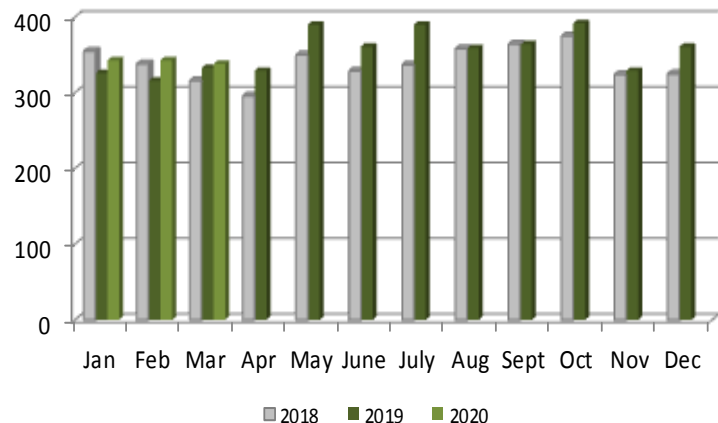


Bradley S. Jones
Chief

Chad A. Hollinger
Deputy Chief



Calls for Service Comparison



The mission of the Sidney Department of Fire & Emergency Services is to serve and protect the community by preventing loss of life and property through education and the utilization of a highly-trained and equipped work force.

Sidney Fire & Emergency Services

Monthly Activity Report

City Fire Calls		YTD		YTD		YTD	
<i>by Incident Type</i>		March	2020	March	2019	March	2018
Fires							
Building fire		4	8	5	6	0	5
Vehicle/transport vehicle fire		1	1	1	6	1	3
Outside rubbish, trash		2	2	1	2	1	2
Other		2	5	0	6	2	6
Hazardous conditions (no fire)		12	22	8	19	7	29
Service call		26	84	22	68	25	91
Good intent call		22	53	14	44	12	36
False alarm & False call		23	56	10	48	16	59
Special Incident Type		0	0	0	1	0	1
Total City Fires		92	231	61	200	64	232
Township Fires							
<i>by Incident Type</i>							
Fires							
Building fire		0	0	0	0	0	1
Vehicle fire		0	1	0	1	1	4
Outside rubbish, trash		0	0	0	1	0	0
Other		0	1	0	0	2	3
Hazardous conditions (no fire)		0	2	1	3	2	3
Service call		2	14	3	12	2	10
Good intent call		2	13	2	7	10	15
False alarm & False call		1	2	1	4	1	7
Total Township Fires		5	33	7	28	18	43
Mutual Aid (Fire)							
Mutual Aid Fire Calls		4	10	1	9	3	7
Total Fire Calls		101	274	69	237	85	282
EMS Calls							
City EMS Calls		197	612	213	601	188	597
Dorothy Love EMS Calls		19	60	29	69	20	70
Township EMS Calls		17	64	16	53	22	55
Mutual Aid EMS Calls		4	14	6	15	1	5
Total EMS Calls		237	750	264	738	231	727
Total Fire & EMS Calls		338	1024	333	975	316	1009

Sidney Fire & Emergency Services

Monthly Activity Report

Fire Loss	March	YTD 2020	March	YTD 2019	March	YTD 2018
Total City Loss	\$238,500.00	\$251,550.00	\$85,500.00	\$110,400.00	\$1,550.00	\$2,950.00
Total Township Loss	0.00	\$0.00	0.00	\$14,500.00	0.00	\$5,500.00
Total City/Twp Loss	\$238,500.00	\$251,550.00	\$85,500.00	\$124,900.00	\$1,550.00	\$8,450.00
Township Stats						
Township Fires and Non-EMS (non-City)						
Clinton (400-499)	4	18	6	24	10	26
Orange (500-575)	0	7	1	3	5	10
Franklin (600-675)	1	7	0	1	3	7
Washington (775)	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total Fires and Non-EMS	5	33	7	28	18	43
Township EMS (non-City)						
Clinton (400-499)	31	108	40	104	38	118
Orange (500-575)	4	13	4	12	3	4
Franklin (600-675)	1	3	1	6	1	2
Washington (775)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total EMS	36	124	45	122	42	125
Other Statistics						
Injuries:						
Civilian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Firefighters	0	0	0	1	0	0
City Fire investigations	2	4	2	2	0	1
County Fire investigations	0	2	0	2	1	3
Training Hours	117.15	899.66	103.30	937.75	273.00	1,475.15



Bradley S. Jones, Chief

Drop-Off Sites available for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Drop Offs are available by **Appointment Only**

Shelby County (Recycling Center)
1600 Riverside Drive (St. Rt. 47 E) Sid-

Call 800-553-6763 Ext 20
to schedule an appointment
from April to October

(Cancellations must be made
two business days in advance)

A minimum of a \$1.00 Per Pound Fee will
be charged for all HHW Items
and \$0.50 per Fluorescent Light Bulb

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

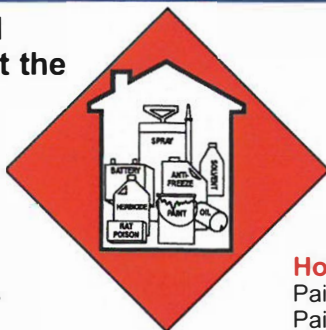


May 12, 10:00-2:00	July 21, 10:00-2:00
May 13, 12:00-3:00	July 22, 12:00-3:00
May 26, 10:00-2:00	August 4, 10:00-2:00
May 27, 12:00-3:00	August 5, 12:00-3:00
June 9, 10:00-2:00	August 18, 10:00-2:00
June 10, 12:00-3:00	August 19, 12:00-3:00
June 23, 10:00-2:00	September 1, 10:00-2:00
June 24, 12:00-3:00	September 2, 12:00-3:00
July 7, 10:00-2:00	September 15, 10:00-2:00
July 8, 12:00-3:00	September 16, 12:00-3:00
	September 29, 10:00-2:00
	September 30, 12:00-3:00
	October 13, 10:00-2:00
	October 14, 12:00-3:00

Visit Our Website at: www.ncowaste.org

The following is a list of Household Hazardous Waste items accepted at the collection sites.

Please have a list of all your HHW items that you will be bringing before you call so that proper time may be allowed for your appointment.



You will be required to sign a form stating that the items you have brought are from a residential household in Allen, Champaign, Hardin, Madison, Shelby or Union Counties.

Automotive Products

Lubricants
Batteries
Solvents
Cleaners
Gasoline
Kerosene
Antifreeze
Waste Oil
(< 5 gallons /container)

Hobby Products

Photographic Chemicals
Chemistry Kits
Pool Chemicals

Batteries

Rechargeable Batteries
Ni-Cd, NiMH, Lithium
Lead Acid Batteries (Vehicle)
(NO Charge for LAB's ONLY)
Alkaline-Discard in Trash

Cleaning Products

Household Cleaners
Oven Cleaners
Degreasers
Wood/Metal Polishes
Drain Cleaners
Bleach
Ammonia
Moth Balls
Shoe Polish

Garden Products

Fertilizers
Pesticides
Herbicides
Poisons
Other Garden
Chemicals
(No Farm Chemicals)

Mercury

Thermometers
Thermostats

Home Maintenance

Paint (latex* & oil)
Paint Strippers/Thinners
Lacquers Varnish
Sealants Stains
Turpentine
Wood Preservatives
Linseed Oil
Mineral Spirits
Glues Adhesives
Caulk Roof Coating
Asphalt Sealers
Cement Sealers

Pet Products

Flea Powders
Shampoos

Personal Care

Nail Polishes
Polish Removers
Hair Treatments
After Shaves
Perfumes

Other at No Charge

Old Fireworks
Ammunition

Fluorescent Bulbs

\$0.50 Per Bulb
Fluorescent Tubes
U Tubes
Circular Tubes
CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Lights)

Reminder: There is a \$1.00 per Pound Fee that will be charged for all HHW items.

Materials must be in their original containers and clearly marked for easy identification.

Anyone leaving items at the sites other than at their appointed time will be prosecuted for illegal dumping.

Please Note: This program is for Household Hazardous Waste ONLY.

By law we CANNOT accept Commercial, Industrial, Government, Medical, Church, Non-Profit, School or Farm/Ag Waste.

***How to Dispose of Latex Paint** **(Water Based Paint)**

Paint must be completely dried to a solid form and then it may be discarded with the household trash. Paint can be dried by removing the lid, and/or adding kitty litter, oil dry, sawdust, sand or a paint hardener to help dry the paint.

Please and Thank you!

- Don't dispose of materials into the storm sewer or septic system.
- Don't burn or bury leftover materials or containers.
- Don't mix materials together.

For additional information on proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste visit our website at www.ncowaste.org

Self-Monitor and Practice Social Distancing



Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever. Also watch for cough or trouble breathing.



Stay home and avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school for this 14-day period.



Do not take public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares.



Avoid crowded places (such as shopping centers and movie theaters) and limit activities in public.



Keep your distance from others (about 6 feet or 2 meters).



A call center to answer questions regarding COVID-19 is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and can be reached at **1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)**.

TAKE EVERYDAY PRECAUTIONS



WASH YOUR HANDS



DON'T TOUCH FACE



AVOID SICK PEOPLE

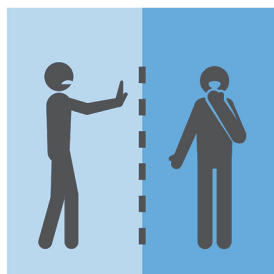
For more information and updates, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov
1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

There are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio.
Please continue to protect yourself from all
infectious diseases by using these precautions.

PREVENTION



STAY HOME
WHEN YOU ARE
SICK



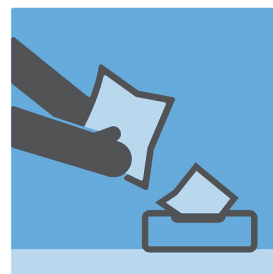
AVOID CONTACT
WITH PEOPLE
WHO ARE SICK



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP
AND EAT WELL-
BALANCED
MEALS



WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WATER AND SOAP
(20 SECONDS
OR LONGER)



DRY HANDS WITH
A CLEAN TOWEL
OR AIR DRY
YOUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH
WITH A TISSUE OR
SLEEVE WHEN
COUGHING OR SNEEZING



AVOID TOUCHING
YOUR EYES, NOSE,
OR MOUTH WITH
UNWASHED HANDS
OR AFTER
TOUCHING SURFACES



CLEAN AND DISINFECT
“HIGH-TOUCH”
SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING
YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD
HYGIENE HABITS

CLEAN ALL “HIGH-TOUCH” SURFACES EVERY DAY

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.



Report COVID-19 Fraud

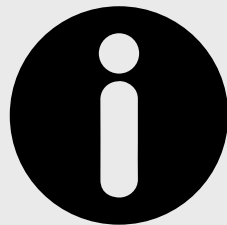
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Disaster@leo.gov

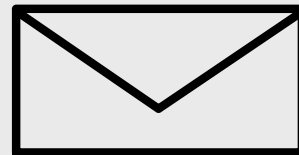
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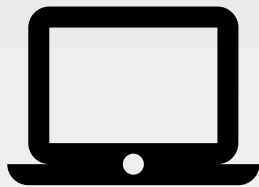
Ignore unsolicited offers for coronavirus cures, vaccines, pills, or treatment



Never share personal information with strangers



Never open emails or links from unknown sources



Have up-to-date anti-virus and anti-malware software protections on your devices



Beware of requests to send money in any form



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Kari Egbert

From: Business Help <BusinessHelp@development.ohio.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:32 PM
To: Kari Egbert
Subject: Economic Injury Disaster Loan Update

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has provided additional guidance regarding the \$10,000 forgivable loan advance in accordance with the CARES Act. To be eligible for the \$10,000 forgivable loan advance, businesses will need to complete the new application that launched March 30th even if they have already completed one of the prior versions of the application or if the business has already been declined for a loan.

Additional information is included in the communication below from the SBA.



We know you are facing challenging times in this current health crisis. The U.S. Small Business Administration is committed to help bring relief to small businesses and nonprofit organizations suffering because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the CARES Act, which provided additional assistance for small business owners and non-profits, including the opportunity to get **up to a \$10,000 Advance on an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)**. This **Advance** may be available even if your **EIDL** application was declined or is still pending, and **will be forgiven**.

If you wish to apply for the Advance on your EIDL, please visit www.SBA.gov/Disaster as soon as possible to fill out a new, streamlined application. In order to qualify for the Advance, you need to submit this new application even if you previously submitted an EIDL application. Applying for the Advance will not impact the status or slow your existing application.

Also, we encourage you to subscribe to our email updates via www.SBA.gov/Updates and follow us on Twitter at [@SBAgov](https://twitter.com/SBAgov) for the latest news on available SBA resources and services. If you need additional assistance, you can find your local SBA office and resource partners at www.SBA.gov/LocalAssistance. If you have questions, you may also call 1-800-659-2955.

THE HISTORIC SIDNEY THEATRE

RAISE THE ROOF FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS



VIRTUAL OPEN MIC NIGHT

A SHELBY COUNTY
DIGITAL VARIETY
SHOW



SATURDAYS AT 7 PM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK LIVE OR
WWW.SIDNEYTHEATRE.ORG

VIRTUAL OPEN MIC NIGHT

WHAT TYPES OF TALENT?

MUSICIANS, SINGERS, COMEDIANS, POETS,
AND MORE!

WHERE DO I SEND MY VIDEO?

ALL VIDEOS CAN BE PRIVATE MESSAGED TO
THE HISTORIC SIDNEY THEATRE FACEBOOK OR
INSTAGRAM. LINKS MAY ALSO BE EMAILED TO
OFFICE@SIDNEYTHEATRE.COM

RULES?

PLEASE KEEP ALL VIDEOS 5
MINUTES OR LESS AND FAMILY
FRIENDLY. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED
IF YOUR SUBMISSION IS CHOSEN
FOR THE WEEKS SHOW.

WHY?

TO CELEBRATE THE COMMUNITY
SPIRIT OF SIDNEY AND SHELBY
COUNTY THROUGH ART DURING
THESE DIFFICULT TIMES!

#INTHISTOGETHER

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Our mailing address is:

120 West Poplar Street
Sidney, Ohio 45365
937.498.1921

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS - SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



On March 17th, we will have a 7.3 mill emergency levy on the ballot. Sidney City School District's most vital need is stabilization to protect and continue the current level of programs and services.



Passage of this levy will help fund **day-to-day operations** of our schools—such as staffing, utilities, and supplies.



This operating levy would cost **\$23.32 a month** per \$109,500 appraised home.

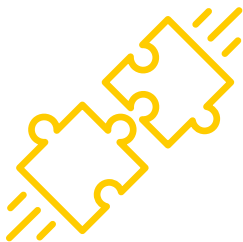
Paid for by Citizens for Sidney Schools;
Jayne Smith, Treasurer
584 E Hoewisher, Sidney OH



We have not passed a new local operating levy **since 2009** & state funding shows minimal growth.

Piqua	53.30
Vandalia	45.59
Troy	39.93
Sidney	32.12

Our **local combined effective millage** is the **lowest** among our like-sized peers.



Strong schools are piece of the puzzle to a **strong community**.

VOTING FOR THIS LEVY MEANS...



Voting to **continue** to offer excellent and varied curricular programs for the youth of our community.



Voting to provide learning experiences that will **prepare students for their future**.



Voting to provide needed **support** for school operations.

NOT VOTING FOR THIS LEVY MEANS...



Should this levy not pass, our district will have to reevaluate the current staff and programs to justify their necessity and make adjustments. Any cuts will have a direct impact on our students, classrooms, and community.

THREE WAYS TO VOTE



VOTE EARLY

February 19 - March 15
at the Shelby County
Board of Elections.



VOTE ABSENTEE

Request an absentee ballot.
<http://bit.ly/OHAbsentBallot>



IN PERSON

Vote in person on
election day (March 17) at
your polling location.

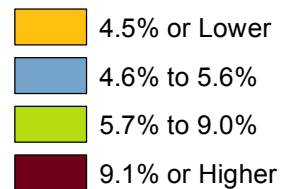
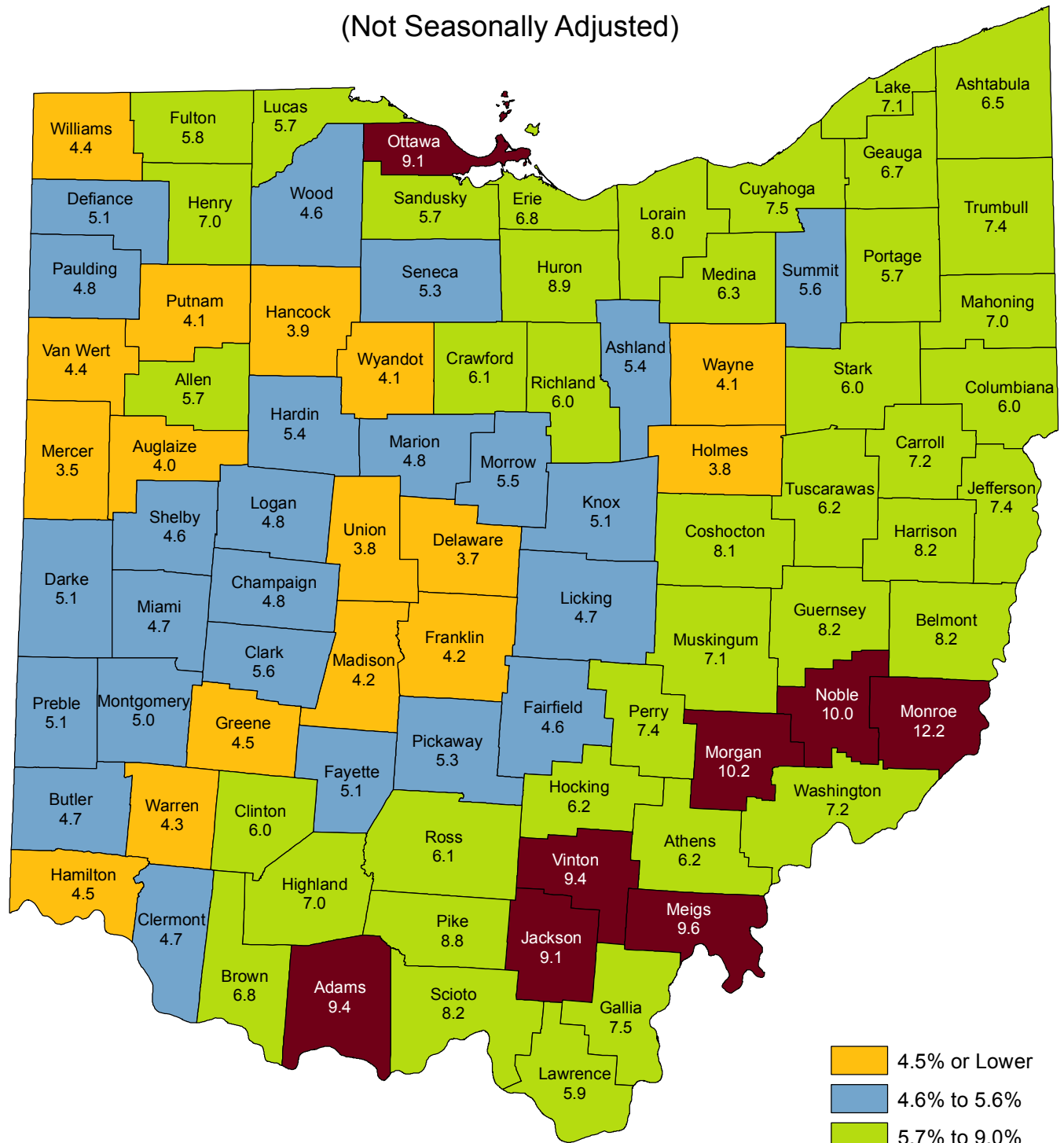
BE SURE YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE BEFORE FEB 18!

In person at the:
Shelby Co Board of Elections
230 E Court Street
Monday-Friday, 8:30A-4:00P

Register on-line at:
<https://olvr.ohiosos.gov/>
Check your registration record at:
<https://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov>

Ohio Unemployment Rates March 2020

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



March Unemployment Rates

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

United States 4.5%
Ohio 5.6%

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

Office of Workforce Development - Bureau of Labor Market Information

Mike DeWine, Governor

Kimberly Hall, Director

Shelby County United Way COVID-19 Update April 17, 2020

Shelby County United Way awards \$45,000.00 in emergency dollars: The Shelby County United Way awarded the Community Foundation \$10,000 to help start the Recovery 2020 Fund. This week we awarded Shelby County Job and Family Services \$20,000 to assist with their COVID 19 PRC dollars that assists income qualifying families with mortgage/rent and utility assistance (up to \$450.00 per family). Their fund started with \$49,000 and in three weeks had depleted over 70% of the fund. We awarded Agape \$5000 to assist in food delivery. We have a good food supply in Shelby County through the middle of May. Agape has been operating with no new income since the middle of March when they had to close their non-profit store. This funding will allow them to broker food for delivery in May and allow for enough food supply through the end of May and into June. We awarded Alpha Community Center \$5000 to assist with rent and utility assistance. They can help up to \$400 per person. They can help seniors and individuals and do not have the same family requirement as the PRC funding.

Weekly Unemployment:

Every Thursday the state provides the previous week ending new claims. We get county the county detail 5-6 days later. Shelby County started with 197 people claiming unemployment prior to the crisis in the middle of March. Since then we have **4,347** new claims in Shelby County. This does not count Honda that furloughed 8000 production/assembly associates starting Monday April 13th or the announcement Tuesday

night that Honda salaried staff will be furloughed through May 1 as well. That could be another 2000-3000 associates in Western Ohio. We, along with SSEP, the Chamber of Commerce, and other organizations are advocating for the re-opening of business activity in Western Ohio. Hopefully with the Governor's message yesterday, we start to see this happen.

Recovery Fund 2020:

Over \$65,000 has been raised towards the Recovery Fund 2020. To date, 4 grants totaling almost \$23,000 have been awarded to Wilson Health, Agape, SafeHaven, and R.A.K. Below are details on the fund and how to contribute.

We have partnered with the Community Foundation of Shelby County for a charitable fund, **Recovery Fund 2020**, that has been activated to assist with local needs as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. The fund supports organizations that provide direct social service in Shelby County. No funding is planned to go directly to individuals. We are regularly checking with local human service organizations to assess if they have financial resources to keep serving the changing needs in our community. Funding will be distributed based upon relevant and emerging data on our community's needs.

Ways to Give:

1. Credit Cards: Text "Shelby" to 40403 Choose "2020 Recovery Fund". Or through Community Foundation website: <https://commfoun.com/donate/>
2. If you have a Donor Advised Fund or Gift Account at the Community Foundation, make a grant request by emailing Jessica at jfortkamp@commfoun.com
3. Write a check payable to the Community Foundation of Shelby County. Please add "2020 Recovery Fund" on the memo line. Mail to:
Community Foundation of Shelby County
100 S Main Ave, Ste 202
Sidney, Ohio 45365-2771
Go to Community Foundation Website for more information:
<https://commfoun.com/giving/2020-recovery/>

Current organizations and services still operating at this time...

Agape Distribution: The food pantry is still operating normal business hours. Clients will now have curb side service versus going through the store. They will be asked to park in front of the store on Brooklyn and call 937-498-4368 to register. The food will be brought out to the car. In addition to their existing clients, Agape has provided certificates to the local school districts for their qualified students. Those families can also pull up curb side and call in and provide the certificate to the staff member. They are serving over 75 families a day. **Agape needs 8-12 volunteers daily.** Please call 937-498-4368 to volunteer.

Agape's mobile pantry is still open and will resume their monthly schedule.

- First Saturday of the Month: Port Jefferson 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Maplewood 12:30-3:30 pm
- Second Saturday of the Month: Botkins 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Anna 12:30 to 3:30 pm
- Third Saturday of the Month: Russia 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and Fort Loramie 12:30 to 2:30 pm

- Fourth Saturday of the Month: Lockington 9:00 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30-3:30 pm

Alpha Community Center and Holy Angels Soup Kitchen are preparing carry out lunches for pick up 11:30 am to 12:15 pm Monday through Friday. Alpha Community Center's emergency pantry is also open during the same time frame. They are serving over 90 people a day.

Sidney Salvation Army food pantry is open Monday thru Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. They will deliver food to shut ins by calling 492-5013.

FISH Pond Food pantry and prescription assistance is open 11:30 am - 2:30 pm Monday thru Friday and they are letting one person in at a time.

Shelby County Veteran Services is open normal business hours. Veteran's and their families needing food assistance can visit the office or call ahead to 498-7282. A staff member will bring the food out to the client.

Jackson Center Fish Pond Food Pantry will remain open normal hours on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Compassionate Care is operating normal business hours. Patients are to call the clinic to schedule an appointment, 492-9400. Screening questions will be asked. Medication can be picked up in the lobby.

The **Sidney-Shelby County YMCA** has opened a Pandemic Child Care Center for all Essential Workers. Interested families can call 937-492-9134. **The YMCA needs additional child care workers** to meet the Governor's mandate of 1 staff person per 6 children in separate areas.

Wilma Valentine Child Care has opened a Pandemic Child Care Center for Essential Workers. Interested families can call Nancy 937-658-6763. For more information Visit www.wvchildcare.com

Dolly Parton Imagination Library books are continuing to be mailed monthly. Please read with your children daily.

New Choices Domestic Violence Shelter is operating as normal 24 hours a day. They are still operating their hotline. Residents can call confidentially 937-498-7261.

Shelby County Victim Services is still operational and on call 24 hours a day for crisis situations.

Shelby County CASA is still operating normal office hours with a limited staff. Advocates are still following the case plan of the children served and in person visits are taking place as needed.

Sheriff STAR House is operating normal business hours, 24 hours a day and is close to full capacity.

Samaritan Works Sober Living Homes are operating normal business hours, 24 hours a day.

SafeHaven is delivering meals to their clients and calling their clients for wellness checks.

Clear Creek Farms group homes are operating 24 hours a day.

Catholic Social Services is continuing with their Senior Services, including PASSPORT, as well as Counseling and Parenting Services remotely through phone and video chat during normal 8:00 am - 5:00 pm business hours, 937-498-4593.

Due to a shortage of supplies, **Wilson Health** is accepting donations from the public and medical providers for needed supplies. They are currently accepting **face masks, gloves, gowns, face shields, hand sanitizers, wipes, and thermometers**. The main lobby (door 1) is the staging area for donation drop offs, 9:00 am-8:00 pm.

Please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov to learn more or call during the hours of 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, 833-427-5634.

Please share this resource. I have attached the 211 logo for you to use in social media and other electronic tools. The **211 helpline** is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide information and resources available in our community and the region.

The Shelby County United Way is committed to supporting our community and working with our community leaders during this crisis. We will fulfill our mission to continually identify, evaluate, and make possible the human services needed in our community.

Shelby County United Way essential staff will be working remotely and have access to email to respond to your needs. Please feel free to reach out as needed.

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Community Development Department

Weekly Permit Report

APRIL 16 THROUGH APRIL 22 2020

Residential Permits:**Permits issued**

HVAC.....	2
Temporary pool.....	1
Renovation.....	2
Electric/gas service.....	2

Contractors registered

City.....	6
County	4

Inspections completed

Framing.....	1
Deck.....	1
Final occupancy.....	2
Drywall	1
Footer/foundation.....	1
Pool.....	1
Grade & seed.....	1

Total active permits: 123**Total completed/finaled YTD: 57****Commercial Permits:****Site Plan Permits under review**

Veterans Services Garage: awaiting revisions from applicant

Cargill, Phase 1: staff reviewing

Site plan permits issued YTD

Building additions:	2
New building:	1
Other site improvements:	5

Other zoning permits issued YTD

Fence.....	9
Permanent sign.....	12
Temporary sign	4
Use compliance certificate (new business occupancy).....	6

Violations:

Junk/trash/litter.....41

High grass/unmanaged vegetation

2

Initial inspections.....44

Follow up inspections.24

Violations**corrected YTD:**

By City contractor.....53

By owner221

Other activity:

Permit applications, review, and inspections continued. Permit applications are being accepted via e-mail, mail, or drop-box at City Hall main entrance. Inspections are being completed remotely if possible (video or photo).

FY 2019 CDBG Allocation grant: Pre-application for I/I sanitary sewer lateral repair program is available for interested homeowners. Applications being accepted and reviewed.

FY 2019 CHIP (Community Housing Impact & Preservation) grant: Applications being accepted and reviewed.

Ohio Building: Drying and mold remediation in the basement is underway.

Vacant Property**Registration:**

Current registered:.....47

Current exemptions:14

Violation/not registered:41

Vacant properties demolished:12

What to do if you are sick with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

Stay home except to get medical care

You should restrict activities outside your home, except for getting medical care. Do not go to work, school, or public areas. Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home

People: As much as possible, you should stay in a specific room and away from other people in your home. Also, you should use a separate bathroom, if available.

Animals: Do not handle pets or other animals while sick. See [COVID-19 and Animals](#) for more information.

Call ahead before visiting your doctor

If you have a medical appointment, call the healthcare provider and tell them that you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the healthcare provider's office take steps to keep other people from getting infected or exposed.

Wear a facemask

You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) or pets and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then people who live with you should not stay in the same room with you, or they should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw used tissues in a lined trash can; immediately wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty.

Avoid sharing personal household items

You should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets in your home. After using these items, they should be washed thoroughly with soap and water.

Clean your hands often

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol, covering all surfaces of your hands and rubbing them together until they feel dry. Soap and water should be used preferentially if hands are visibly dirty. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe, according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

Monitor your symptoms

Seek prompt medical attention if your illness is worsening (e.g., difficulty breathing). **Before** seeking care, call your healthcare provider and tell them that you have, or are being evaluated for, COVID-19. Put on a facemask before you enter the facility. These steps will help the healthcare provider's office to keep other people in the office or waiting room from getting infected or exposed.

Ask your healthcare provider to call the local or state health department. Persons who are placed under active monitoring or facilitated self-monitoring should follow instructions provided by their local health department or occupational health professionals, as appropriate. When working with your local health department check their available hours.

If you have a medical emergency and need to call 911, notify the dispatch personnel that you have, or are being evaluated for COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive.

Discontinuing home isolation

Patients with confirmed COVID-19 should remain under home isolation precautions until the risk of secondary transmission to others is thought to be low. The decision to discontinue home isolation precautions should be made on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with healthcare providers and state and local health departments.



For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2020

CURRENT CITY PROJECTS

2016

Lime Lagoon Repair: Contractor continues hauling as weather permits; 94% complete.



2020

2019

2019 Sidewalk Program: 66% of invoices have been paid. Remaining invoices will be processed for the Auditor's Office.

Evergreen Dr. Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Milligan Construction to complete site restoration this week.

Kuther Road Lift Station Force Main Upgrade: Site restoration to be completed this week; punch list to be completed once asphalt plants open in May.

Downtown Storm Sewer Improvements Phase II: Punch list items underway; final paperwork forthcoming.

Linden/Forest Storm Sewer Improvement: RR permit is underway for removing & replacing existing headwall and energy diffuser. Quotes to be solicited.



Airport

Airport Rehab Taxiway A: Design complete; submitted to FAA for final approval.

Airport Taxiways & Aprons for Hangars: Design submitted for review.

Airport West Apron Development: Currently 3 plan holders; bid opening April 30th.

Lynn Street Storm Sewer Replacement: Milligan Construction to begin late April.

Railroad Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Asphalt patching when asphalt plant opens in May and site restoration will complete the project.

Cemetery/Ridgeway Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Site restoration will complete the project.

Adams/Lake Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Degen Excavating to begin project on May 4th.

Franklin/Clay Water Main & Sanitary Sewer Replacement: Design work continues.

New Street Water Main Replacement: Spearman Bros. to begin project week of May 4th.

2020 Sidewalk Program: Contract award to A to Z Maintenance continues; preconstruction teleconference meeting to be held. Property owners have until June 26th to complete their own if they choose.

2020 Street Resurfacing: Preconstruction meeting with Barrett Paving to be held mid-May prior to commencement.

2020 Curb & Gutter Replacement: D L Smith continues working in Fourth & Fairington areas.

SR 47 Speed Reduction: Awaiting final approval from ODOT to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph on SR 47 from Stolle Ave to Lester Ave.

WTP Dehumidifier: Slagle Mechanical expected to begin work in late May/early June.

WWTP Biosolids Pad: Contract executed; preconstruction conference with Milligan Construction to be coordinated by WWTP staff.

Service Center Boiler Replacement: Slagle Mechanical expected to begin work in mid-May.

WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2020

LPA (ODOT)

Zenas King Bridge PID 106696: Bridge restoration by Bach Steel continues; RG Zachrich is waiting on bridge delivery to install.

SR 47 Reconstruction (Fourth to Walnut Ave.) PID 104615: Outdoor Enterprise poured footers for walls and are completing drainage work; wall construction to begin next week. Inside lanes of SR 47 (Court) from Walnut to Fourth remain closed. *(see photos below)*

Court & West Traffic Signal: Safety study & request for safety funding submitted to ODOT for review.

2021

SR 47 Safety Improvements Phase IV (4th to I-75) PID 112179: Stage 1 plans underway and due June 4th.

2022

Sidney Station Safety Study: Safety study for traffic improvements under review by ODOT for safety funding consideration.



ODOT

Park Street Bridge over CSX RR PID 101705: Eagle Bridge has completed safety fence and approach paving; site restoration will complete the project.

PRIVATE DEVELOPMENTS

Emerson Climate Technologies Office Addition (Campbell Rd): Sanitary sewer & site work continue.

Emerson Climate Technologies Parking Lot Addition (N. Vandemark Rd): Site plan approved.

Hometown Investments (former 5/3 Bank, Ohio Ave.): Building renovations continue.

Industrial Recyclers Building Addition (Campbell Rd): Utility work & site grading continue; building steel is being erected.

Kettering Health Parking Lot Renovations (1103 Fairington): Site plan approved.

Marriott Towneplace (Folkerth Ave): Building construction underway.

Sidney Fuel Mart Rebuild (Court St): Project on hold; no work being done onsite.



COUNTY

Fair Rd. Bridge Replacement over CSX RR:
Final lift of asphalt pavement in spring.