



TROTWOOD
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COMMUNITY CONNECTION

SUMMER 2020

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Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald

Hello Trotwood Family,



Welcome to our New Normal. What a busy 2020 first quarter it has been. The recent Coronavirus Pandemic has changed our community and our world for many days to come.

By now, I know you've become accustomed to the importance of following national health guidelines of social distancing, a 20-second hand washing routine and limited gatherings of family/friends. All of this is designed to keep us safe.

For many of us the inability to work, the religious gathering restraints, cancelled graduation ceremonies and not being able to come and go as we once did have created an incomprehensible end to the winter season. This happening after tornadoes devastated our community on Memorial Day has added to our anxiety. However, I am reminded of an old saying, "This too shall pass."

The Coronavirus took us by storm and Governor DeWine's 'Stay at Home' orders made life as we knew it, a time of reflection, creativity and survival. Staying inside to insure the safety of each person and our families seemed intrusive. Nevertheless, it was and is necessary. We cannot underestimate the positive impact these orders have had on every Ohioan. It was our ability to follow orders that have kept our state safe. Our city council and staff have complied with all state regulations and are doing everything in our power to ensure you are served and protected.

As we move forward toward a gradual reopening of the state of Ohio, it will be our continued ability to adjust to yet another New Normal that proves how strong Ohioans are. When you add the Coronavirus to the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes and the Oregon District mass shooting, history will reflect how well we met the many challenges we've faced and how we've done it, together.

As the Mayor of Trotwood, I rate our community with an A+ !

(#TrotwoodStrong).

Sincerely,

Mary A. McDonald

Message From the City Manager

The month of April 2020 will forever be inscribed in our hearts and minds. The novel corona virus "COVID-19" has significantly impacted each and every one of our lives.

I know many of you are wondering what will happen to our community after enduring an F4 tornado, the Oregon District mass shooting, and now, this pandemic emergency. I can assure you that we are a resilient community and will recover stronger than ever. I have never been prouder of this community and how it supports one another and continues to be an engaged citizenry.

Although COVID-19 has ushered in a new normal or paradigm in how we conduct government business, our city council and administrative staff are committed to making sure you continue to have input and participate in the deliberation and decision-making process of the municipality.

Finally, as long as we stick together, practice social distancing protocols, and protect each other, we will win the war against this extraordinary crisis that we find ourselves in.

Sincerely,

Quincy E. Pope Sr.



2020 City Council Meeting & Workshop Dates

City Council Meetings are held on the **FIRST** Monday of the month at **6:30pm**. **Council Workshop Meetings** are held on the **THIRD** Monday of the month at **6:00pm**. Meetings are held at the Trotwood Community and Cultural Arts Center 4000 Lake Center Drive, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Community Events

For up to date event notifications please visit the City of Trotwood's website at www.trotwood.org and the Cities Facebook page.

City Parks & Recreation

With an abundance of caution, the City of Trotwood has opened our city parks as of June 1. As temperatures warm up, spending time outdoors can have a positive impact on our physical and mental well-being. However, at this time, we will not be taking reservations for our Pavilion or Shelters. In compliance with the Governor's orders, we urge citizens to keep crowds under the capacity of TEN. Contact sports, such as basketball, football, etc. should be limited at this time; for this reason, basketball courts and playground equipment will remain CLOSED. The City encourages citizens to continue practicing social distancing and wear a mask when in public settings.



Special Thank You, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation

The City of Trotwood would like to give the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation a huge thank you for their donation of medical masks to the Trotwood Police and Fire Departments. We are grateful for their donation and continued service to the City of Trotwood.



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Building in Wolf Creek Run Subdivision.



A flurry of building activities has been going on in the Wolf Creek Run Subdivision on Westbrook Rd, between Denlinger Rd and Salem Bend Rd, to rebuild homes that were damaged by the 2019 Memorial Day Tornado. It is exciting to see that new homes are being built in this neighborhood. D.R. Horton, an Indianapolis based developer, has been busy building new homes in Wolf Creek Run subdivision. D. R. Horton is committed to building homes in Trotwood due to Trotwood locational advantage to employment opportunities as well as extremely attractive land costs. Houses are available for sale in Wolf Creek Run Subdivision. Call D.R. Horton with questions at 513-297-3460.

The HomeOwnership Center

Available to Help Explore Your Options



The
HomeOwnership
Center

www.homeownershipdayton.org

In response to these difficult times the *HomeOwnership Center* wants to let you know that we are here to offer support and guidance. Has your income been impacted by COVID- 19? Are you having difficulty keeping up with your credit cards and loan payments? Are you uncertain if you can make your mortgage payment? Are you just not sure who to pay or how you will pay them? With support from the City Of Trotwood, the *HomeOwnership Center* has trained staff to help you think through your new income situation and help you explore options with your creditors and mortgage company. We are available to you by calling 937-853-1600. Please leave a voice-mail or email Jackie Easter at jeaster@hocgd.org and we will get back with you as soon as possible. While our offices are currently closed to visitors we can provide our full spectrum of services through phone appointments.

Grass Season is Here.

Mow your grass regularly

Failure to maintain your yard could be costly if the City has to cut the grass. National Inspection Corporation (NIC) has been contracted by the City to manage Property Maintenance Code Enforcement. NIC will pro-actively drive through neighborhoods and take complaints from resident to ensure compliance with the City's regulations. Residents should call or email Lisa Colwell with complaints **1-800-748-7704** or colwell@natinspect.com



Government Center Information

The City of Trotwood will reopen on June 1, 2020, under the following COVID-19 control measures:

- The government center offices will open from 8 a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- Visitors will be limited to the lobby area only and **MUST** make an appointment prior to arrival by calling 937-837-7771
- Visitors will maintain a minimum of six feet between each other.
- Hand sanitizing stations are placed in each lobby for visitors to wash hands.
- Because of limited space, there is a limit of no more than five (5) visitors in the government center.
- **From 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., only those 60 years or older or those with compromised health conditions are allowed by appointments.**
- The preferred method of paying utility bills will be online and/or the drop box located outside of the government center.
- Visitors to the government center offices will be requested to wear face masks.

All public meetings will be held by teleconference until further notice.

Income Tax Office Information

Please utilize the **Drop Box** available at 4 Strader Dr Trotwood, OH 45426 or access the cities **Tax Tool** by going to the city website.

In person tax help will be by appointment ONLY please call 937-837-3415.

Tax Due July 15

Congratulations



**Trotwood
Class of
2020**



YOU have the ability to shape the future of **Trotwood!**

It's NOT too late to be counted.

The 2020 Census has begun, and as of May 12th, 51.1% of Trotwood residents have responded. In the 2010 Census only, 61.7% of Trotwood residents responded.

When residents do not respond to the Census, the City loses investment dollars and opportunities. It is important to have every single citizen counted on behalf of the City of Trotwood.

Every Trotwood resident can help the City obtain more federal/state dollars by participating in the 2020 Census. Participating in the Census minimizes the need for the Census Bureau to go door to door throughout our community.

Please respond online at my2020census.gov, by calling 855-562-2020 or by mailing your application to U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233

CRA Tax Abatement Program

Now Available to All Trotwood Residents

The City of Trotwood has created a real estate tax abatement program to provide tax abatements on new improvement value to residents rebuilding from the 2019 Memorial Day Tornado. This abatement is only effective if residents see an increase in their taxes from improvements to their properties, as determined by the Montgomery County Auditor. If you are rebuilding from the Tornado and are interested in learning if you may be eligible to receive this abatement, please contact the Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation to learn more. Additionally, this program is eligible to residents not affected by the Tornado that are making improvements or are building a new home. Please contact Chad Downing, TCIC Executive Director at (937)854-7214 or visit www.trotwoodhousing.com

Energy Tax Credit:

Which Home Improvements Qualify?

Taxpayers who upgrade their homes to make use of renewable energy may be eligible for a tax credit to offset some of the costs. Through the 2019 tax year, the federal government offers the Non-business Energy Property Credit. The renewable energy tax credits are good through 2019 and then are reduced each year through the end of 2021. Claim the credits by filing Form 5695 with your tax return.

