

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Fall 2022

City
of TROTWOOD

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A Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald

Hello, Trotwood Family.

One of the most important rights American's have is the right to vote. Voting is a right made possible by the U.S. Constitution. It is a fundamental principle and all Americans deserve the equal opportunity to have their voice heard. Unfortunately, many citizens choose not to exercise their right to vote, giving up an opportunity to express their opinion. I often hear "all elections are local" and indeed they are.

The law does not require citizens to vote; it is not mandatory. However, each one of us has a responsibility to our country and our community. Exercising our right to vote empowers us to both participate in government and speak on the issues that impact our daily lives. This November, we will have several issues to consider; issues that will impact us and our families in positive ways.

One issue on the November ballot will be the question of an additional 0.5% temporary income tax for the installation and/or improvements of the City's deteriorating roadways. This would NOT be a property tax, it would be an income tax, which is the most equitable way to collect the additional funding needed because it applies only to those working within the City of Trotwood, including non-residents who commute for work. In fact, past research shows that approximately 75% of the City's income tax receipts are collected from non-resident workers. Section 184.03 of the Trotwood Income Tax Code lists examples of exempt income and I encourage you to check with your financial advisor if you have any questions about how an income tax would affect you.

Also on the ballot will be a question on Electric Aggregation and a question on Natural Gas Aggregation. Aggregation programs would allow the City to bundle consumer accounts together in order to have greater negotiating power and receive competitive rates from a provider. The City introduced aggregation in 2016; however, voters were not as familiar with aggregation at that time. With utility rates on the rise, aggregation would allow the City to act as an aggregator in order to promote savings for residents.

I ask that you exercise your right to vote this November and consider supporting these issues on the ballot as each one was designed to make life better for everyone in our community. Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022, and the deadline to register to vote is Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

May God bless you all.

Mary A. McDonald
Mayor, City of Trotwood



2022 City Council Meetings

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

Please visit the City's website at www.trotwood.org each month for current in-person attendance guidelines. Details on how to watch meetings via live-stream are posted on the website prior to each meeting. Recordings of past meetings can be found on the City's website.



Message From the City Manager, Quincy E. Pope Sr.

I want to take a moment to discuss some very important issues that will be on the November ballot. First, there will be a 0.5% temporary income tax increase on the ballot to address our neighborhood streets. Many of you have complained for years to our Mayor, City Council, and City Administration about the condition of our neighborhood streets. We have over 411 lane miles of streets and thoroughfares in this city, which is the 2nd largest city in Montgomery County, Ohio and 4th in population. To resurface and pave one mile of roadway, costs roughly \$200,000. Furthermore, 2/3 or 66% of our roadways are rated fair or poor. Keeping our infrastructure upgraded and improved is vital to the city's economic prosperity and will help improve our property values. Again, this would be a temporary increase and raising the income tax percentage impacts **EARNED INCOME** only such as wages, rental or self-employment. **Seniors or those with only pension, social security, retirement checks, dividend interest and capital gains will not be affected.** Furthermore, it is important to note: **This is not a property tax.**

Secondly, I know many of you are aware of AES formerly known as Dayton Power and Light's plan to increase electric rates from \$.048 per kWh all the way up to \$.109 per kWh for the next year. This could cost some of you an extra \$100 a month on your electric bills. Therefore, the city is placing electric and gas aggregation issues on the November ballot. Our hope is to provide you with an opportunity to lower your electric and gas rates through government aggregation, which is an easy effective way for a large group of consumers to gain buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electric/natural gas from a retail generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission.

Voting for aggregation does not mean you have to participate. If you already have chosen an alternate supplier and aggregation of electric and gas is approved by voters, you can stay with your chosen supplier. You will have the option to join the aggregation program when you decide; it is your choice.

Finally, I know there will be a lot of information on the November ballot, including candidates running for Federal and State offices in the midterms, stay focused on the issues and candidates that effect you and our community.

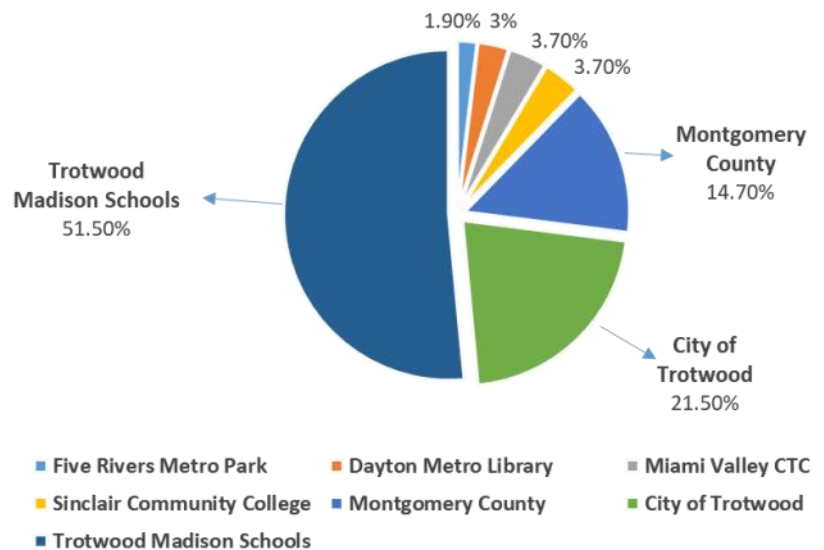


Sincerely,
Quincy E. Pope Sr., M.P.A, C.P.M.,
ICMA-CM, CLEE
Trotwood City Manager

2022 Property Tax Distribution in the City of Trotwood

"Property taxes are a major contributor to any community. The revenues derived from these taxes support education, emergency responses, parks, road maintenance, libraries etc. Without property taxes, there would be even fewer investments into our community. For the City of Trotwood, less than one quarter of each tax dollar supports: Police services, Fire and EMS services, Public Works (snow removal, leaf pickup, street resurfacing, parks maintenance, facilities maintenance, storm water management etc.), Planning & Zoning, Development, Code Enforcement, the Utilities department and other support departments needed to attract/retain the personnel who perform these duties."

~**Stephanie L Kellum, MS, ICMA-CM, L.PHR, SHRM-CP**
Trotwood Deputy City Manager



Council's Corner



Robert Kelley Jr.
Council Member
At Large



Rhonda C. Finley
Council Member
At Large



Bettye L. Gales
Council Member
Ward 1



Yvette F. Page
Vice Mayor
Ward 2



Ronald Vaughn
Council Member
Ward 3



Tyna Brown
Council Member
Ward 4

Vice-Mayor Page and Council Member Kelley Jr. - "Excitement Over New Development"

It's so exciting to see the City's 52.4 million dollar new capital investment happening throughout the community, this year. Some highlights of this investment include the new Western Division Court with \$6.2 million dollars in investment. Goodwill Easterseal's West Campus Community Services Center is a \$6.8 million dollar investment. Also along Main Street, the Trotwood Senior Lofts represent another \$12 million dollars of new investment in the community.

"The new library was 6 million dollars in new investment, which I helped to push forward in 2019", **states Councilman Kelley**. It now provides a place where multi-generational gatherings can occur- providing families with educational and informational opportunities to expand their personal and professional lives. It also serves as a place where students and entrepreneurs can assemble for study sessions and meetings.

D.R. Horton is building new homes in Trotwood and these homes are valued at \$180,000 to \$275,000. In addition, new homes are being built in Moss Creek. It is the first time in decades that Trotwood has seen new housing growth.

The Industrial Park will be home to nearly 1 million square feet of industrial development, phased in over various periods of time. This investment alone will represent over 65 million dollars, once the site is completed.

We are feeling great as council members that this is happening on our 'Watch' and we applaud the Staff, TCIC and the entire Trotwood City Council for their efforts in achieving these developments. **Vice Mayor Page said**, "These are the things communities do to move forward; they come together for the common good".

A. Moss Creek Housing Development
23 New Houses Under Construction
Century Complete Homebuilders

B. Wolf Creek Run Neighborhood Dev.
38 New Houses Under Construction
D.R. Horton

C. New West Division County Courthouse
\$6.2 million | 18,000 sq. ft.
Montgomery County

D. New Trotwood Library Branch
\$ 6 million | 12,000 sq. ft.
Dayton Metro Library

E. Goodwill Easter Seals West Campus
\$6.8 million | 22,000 sq. ft.
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley

F. Trotwood Senior Lofts
\$12 million | 50 units
MVAH

G. Phase 1 Industrial Building
\$18 million | 200,000 sq. ft. | Class A
GATED Properties Global

H. Flyghtwood Sports Complex / Flyght Academy
Indoor & Outdoor Sports Complex
FLYGHT Development

Trotwood Development Watch



Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation





Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation

Chad Downing

Executive Director CIC

937-854-7214 (Office)

cdowning@trotwoodcic.org

www.Trotwoodcic.org



JOIN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Trotwood Chamber of Commerce works with businesses, government, the non-profit sector, and individuals to build a positive economic environment to ensure and enhance quality of life in Trotwood and the region. Reasons to belong to Trotwood Chamber are:

1. **Visibility**– providing the ability to be recognized by other businesses and community leaders.
2. **Networking opportunities**
3. **Substantial savings** at Office Depot, and benefits such as workers' compensation, credit card processing, planned Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and ID protection.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

If you are a small business owner in Trotwood, please sign up and make your business apart of this impactful initiative. You can fill out the Trotwood Business Directory form on the TCIC website, at **trotwoodcic.org** (under Resources and Trotwood Business Directory) or call **937-854-7277** and a member of our staff will assist you in filling out the form over the phone.

Your business information will be advertised on the Trotwood CIC website under the Business Directory section. Information such as hours of operation and a link to your web page to direct consumers to view your website.

TROTWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 14TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Trotwood Chamber's 14th Annual Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022, at Meadowbrook in Clayton, 6001 Salem Avenue. We invite you, your clients, or potential clients, to join us for networking and golf. Registration and light breakfast from 8:00 am – 8:15 am., shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. with an approximate completion at 1 p.m., followed by lunch, door prizes, and awards. The success of our outing is dependent on our generous sponsors, volunteers, and supporters. Maria-Joseph has been our grand sponsor for three consecutive years and we are truly thankful. We invite you to become a grand sponsor as well. If you cannot sponsor our outing, consider donating an item for a door price. To register individually the cost is \$75.00 per person, a team of four the registration is \$280.00, discount for seniors 60 and older, the cost will be \$60.00. You may register online at www.trotwoodchamber.org. Proceeds from this event will be used to support Chamber programs, YMCA, community events and other organizations this coming year. For more information, please contact Trotwood Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Marie Battle at 937-271-4020 or email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org. Trotwood Chamber of Commerce office hours are 8:00 am until noon, Monday through Friday. Registration deadline is September 2, 2022.

TROTWOOD CHAMBER UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2022



October (DTA)	Fire Safety – Trotwood Fire Department
November 10	General Membership Meeting and Annual Dinner
December 2	Trotwood Chamber Board's Annual Dinner



2022 Chamber of Commerce Officers & Board of Directors

President - Deborah A. Smith
 Vice President - Dr. Reva Cosby
 Secretary - Mindy M. Shelley
 Treasurer - Sandra M. Monaghan

Board Member - Quincy E. Pope
 Board Member - Sean Freeman
 Board Member - Layla Ware
 Executive Director - Marie Battle

Trotwood Planning and Development Goes High Tech for Permits

With property owners in mind, the City invested in online software to make it easier than ever to get a permit. Need a fence permit? Installing a pool? Putting up a shed? It is easier than ever to apply for a permit through the City's online portal. Apply and pay any time of the day or night and receive your permit via email within a few short days. Permit options are found at <https://trotwood.org/planning-development/zoning-permits-applications/>

Reporting A Concern Couldn't Be Easier

Check out our new feature on the City Website www.trotwood.org, "Report a Concern." Reporting 'NonEmergency' concerns in your neighborhood can be completed through the City Website or by downloading the GovAlert App from the App Store of your choice. The City will act as quickly as possible to address all concerns. You can also leave us a voicemail at **937-854-7222**.



City Leaf Pick-up Begins October 17, 2022

The City of Trotwood will once again be picking up leaves from the curbsides this fall, **beginning Monday, October 17, 2022 and ending Friday, December 9, 2022**. Residents may rake their leaves into piles on or near their curb. No sticks, grass clippings or other debris should be placed in the piles – **leaves only!** Do not bag your leaves. Parked cars should be moved in order for our trucks to remove leaves safely and effectively. **Leaf piles blocked by vehicles will not be picked up.**

We have created a schedule which can be found on our website at www.trotwood.org under the "Public Works" section, which will list streets and the estimated pickup dates. If residents have leaves still at curbside on or after December 9th, they should assume that the City has already completed this service. In that case, residents may still bag their leaves for Rumpke to pick up and may call Rumpke at 937-461-0004 for their requirements.



County Update Regarding Free Pike and State Route 49

Although the intersection of SR49 and Free Pike rests in the jurisdictional boundaries of Trotwood, the bridge is actually owned by Montgomery County. As such, city staff alerted the County to structural concerns that the County has reviewed. Additional resources have been allocated to this project in the form of consultants who are conducting necessary surveying and project design needed to begin construction. Unfortunately, this project has an anticipated begin period of Spring 2023.

County staff are providing Trotwood staff periodic updates. However, anyone with questions may contact **David D. Shields, P.E.** - Senior Bridge Engineer at:

451 West Third St.
P.O. Box 972
Dayton, OH 45422-1260
(937) 225-4904



**MONTGOMERY
COUNTY
ENGINEER**



Environmental Justice Academy- “Strengthening Community Leaders from Within”

Trotwood City employees Jessica Raterman and Christa Wheeler graduated from the Environmental Justice Academy (EJ Academy) on June 4, 2022.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) partnered to launch the first Environmental Justice Academy in our area. Through a series of nine modules, EJ Academy participants cultivate skills to identify environmental challenges and accomplish environmental improvement goals in their communities. The academy encourages collaborative problem-solving with local government, small businesses, academic institutions, and industry to create a shared vision among different stakeholders so that all parts of a community have a voice in addressing local environmental concerns. The City of Trotwood is committed to addressing environmental issues in our Community. A few of the current initiatives include:

- **Participating in the state building demolition and site revitalization program, through the County Land Bank, to remove blighted, dangerous residences.**
- **The recycling of over 5200 lbs. of obsolete records.**
- **Purchasing carbon capture systems for the Fire & Rescue trucks**
- **The electronic waste week event hosted by the City**
- **Educating our community on electric power and gas aggregation which will be on the Ballot this November 2022.**

The City of Trotwood fully supports the Academy and its mission and were proud to have two of our staff, Jessica Raterman, Planning and Development Technician, and Christa Wheeler, Fire Department Business Accreditation Manager, participate this year.



Stay Informed, Connected, and Engaged with Your City of Trotwood

- **City’s Website:** www.trotwood.org
- **NonEmergency Report a Concern** through the city website “Quick Resources List”, select “Report a Concern”. Report a Concern may also be accessed through your mobile device by downloading the GovAlert App. The App may be downloaded free from your App store of choice.
- **Public Notices:** the City publishes legislation, public hearing notices and all other matters and events requiring publication by the City by two of the three following methods:
 1. By publication on the City’s Website for a period of time not less than one week;
 2. *By posting the items to be published in not less than three (3) public places for a period of time not less than one week; or
 3. By publishing the item in a newspaper of general circulation.*The three (3) public places to be:
 - Trotwood Government Center**, 3035 Olive Road
 - Dayton Metro Library** – Trotwood Branch, 855 East Main Street
 - United States Post Office** – Trotwood, 4 Beardsley RoadBe sure to go to the Publications page on the City’s Website, visit one of the designated public places, or refer to a newspaper of general circulation for details on matters and events requiring publication.
- **Hyper-Reach: Communication Notification system.** By signing up for Hyper-Reach residents will receive real-time notifications from the city - road closures, water main breaks, boil advisories, schedule changes as well as emergency alerts. Residents are able to personalize the types of notifications by logging into their Hyper-Reach account. Resident can also personalize how they receive their notifications by landline or cell phone calls, text messages, or email.
 1. Scan QR Code
 2. Website: <http://hyper-reach.com/ohTrotwoodsignup.html>
 3. Call 937-563-4666
 4. Text “alerts” to 937-563-4666
 5. Fill out the form and return it to the second floor of the Government Center
 6. Call 937-854-7203 (leave a message with contact information)
- **Newsletter Mailing List:** Sign-up for the Newsletter Mailing List ***ONLY if you did not receive a Newsletter in the mail.** (leave VM with name, address, phone number and email) at 937-854-7203 *Newsletters will no longer be mailed with your city services bills; newsletter will be mailed separately.

STAY INFORMED.
STAY CONNECTED.
STAY ENGAGED.

Trotwood Fire & Rescue- Autumn Fire Safety Reminders



**Daylight Savings
Fall Back
Sunday, November 6**

As the leaves turn from green to orange, the weather cools, and you start preparing for the cold season ahead. You're excited for Halloween and can't wait to start decorating your home. But have you thought about the fire safety risks that arise during the fall? Here are a few important fire safety tips to keep in mind:

- **Change smoke/carbon detector batteries and test the alarms.** When Daylight Savings Time begins and ends, it's a good idea to change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.
- **Fully check and service your heating devices before cranking up the heat:**
Have your **HVAC system** inspected, cleaned, and serviced by a certified HVAC contractor. Check and replace furnace filters with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters.
- **Space Heater Safety**, ensure there are at least three feet of space around them. Don't place fabrics on space heaters to dry, and turn heaters off when going to bed.
- **Fireplace Safety**, hire a professional chimney sweeper to inspect and clean your chimney. Keep flammable objects at least three feet away from the fireplace and install a mesh metal screen around it.
- **Halloween safety** – Can't wait to decorate your home and mastermind scary costumes for Halloween? Remember that Halloween safety comes first. Keep decorations away from open flames and other heat sources, and use battery-operated lights instead of candles in jack-o-lanterns. We strongly advise you not to use real candles for decorating your home.
- **Outdoor fire risks** – As leaves and other flammable debris build up around your home, make it a habit to remove them periodically. Prune trees and rake up leaves and twigs. Don't store fuel in your home or garage. Keep your roof, gutters, and downspouts clear of debris.
- **Create a fire escape plan** and practice it regularly. Say a fire breaks out at 2 AM and your smoke alarms wake you and your family up – what do you do? This is when the fire escape plan comes into play. Designate an escape route for each area of your home and establish a meeting place outside. Practice escaping your home while staying low to avoid breathing in smoke. Also, practice escaping through windows using emergency ladders.

Free Online Caregiver Resource




The **Area Agency on Aging** offers support for Dayton area caregivers through the *Trualta* platform - a vital and innovative program offering free online resources to help families manage care at home for their aging loved ones. This resource provides education, planning tools, tips and more to help caregivers build confidence,

reduce stress, prevent burnout, and learn skills to take better care of both their loved ones and themselves. The program is easy to use with a computer, tablet or smartphone. Lessons include a wide range of topics relevant to caregiving, short educational videos, advice on addressing challenging care situations, printable tip sheets, local event listings, support resources, and much more. The Dayton Area Care Giver website also provides a direct link to the Area Agency on Aging website for additional information. Caregivers can sign up for unlimited access to all that *Trualta* has to offer by visiting www.DaytonAreaCaregivers.com.

The Area Agency on Aging and Trualta are here to help caregivers do and be their best.

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- Immunizations

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to schedule an appointment!

FiveRiversHealthCenters.org

City Council

For City Council Contact

Kara Landis– Clerk	937-854-7212
Mayor Mary McDonald	
Vice-Mayor Yvette Page	Ward 2
Bettye Gales	Ward 1
Ron Vaughn	Ward 3
Tyna Brown	Ward 4
Rhonda Finley	At-Large
Robert Kelley Jr.	At-Large

City Services

City Manager	937-854-7215
Code Enforcement	937-854-7222
Economic Development	937-854-7277
Fire Administration	937-854-7270
Income Tax	937-837-3415
Parks & Recreation	937-854-7228
Planning & Development	937-854-7227
Police Administration	937-854-7204
Public Works	937-837-1702
Utility Billing	937-854-7220

City of Trotwood Holidays

City Offices Closed

Labor Day-

Monday, September 5, 2022

Thanksgiving & Day After-

Thursday, November 24, 2022

Friday, November 25, 2022

Christmas-

Monday, December 26, 2022

New Years-

Monday, January 2, 2023

Martin Luther King Jr.-

Monday, January 16, 2023

For current information regarding events please visit the City website at www.trotwood.org or the City Facebook Page.



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City Parks & Recreation Events

For complete information regarding events, contact Charles Wheeler-Parks and Recreation Coordinator 937-854-7228, visit the City Facebook Page or the City Website at :

<https://trotwood.org/community/calendar/>

September

- **9/11 Tribute**
September 9
- **Community Farmer's Market**
3p - 7p Every Wednesday thru 9/28

October

- **National Manufacturing Day**
Friday, October 7
- **Harvest Celebration**
Saturday, October 29
- **Beggars Night**
Monday, October 31, 6p-8p

November

- **Veterans Day Tribute**
Friday, November 11
- **Thanksgiving Meal Giveaway**
TBD

December

- **Christmas Tree Lighting**
Saturday, December 3
- **Holiday Light Contest**
Submissions due Friday, December 16th

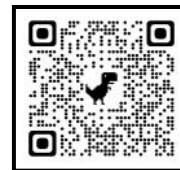
Residents, the back page of this Newsletter was designed so that you could tear off the back page and post wherever you keep important information. By scanning the QR codes with your smart phone or device you will be directed to the site listed. The City is working hard to provide residents various ways to stay informed, connected and engaged .

Trotwood City Website

www.trotwood.org



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report-a-concern](http://www.trotwood.org/report-a-concern)



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