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Trotwood, OH 45426



A Message From the Mayor, Yvette F. Page

"We, the people of the Municipality of Trotwood, Ohio, in order to secure the benefits of local self-government under the Constitution of Ohio, do adopt this Charter for the government of the Municipality of Trotwood. All Council positions are non-partisan."

This is the Preamble of our City Charter. It sets the stage for our city's purpose, aims, jurisdiction, and form of government, which is Council – Manager.

Let me assure you as sworn to in my Oath of Office, I will uphold the City Charter, the Constitution of the State of Ohio, and the Constitution of the United States. My first address to the residents of Trotwood is not about what "I" plan to do for you. The same issues and concerns that you have, I also have. Issues that affect how Trotwood is perceived by those who do not live here; the vision of how our city will look three to five years from now; our financial stability, continuing the services we use on a day-to-day basis; and, the ever-changing decisions that are made at the federal and state level that effect local government matter to me, as well.

As your Mayor, I promise to listen to your concerns and act accordingly. We have in place the same city manager and staff who are qualified and trained to run this city. The first time I ran for office as the Council Member representing Ward 2, I promised to give the voice back to the community. I would be foolish to think that I, alone, could do everything as my mere existence as your mayor is because of you.

Development in our City is forging ahead. The progress you see on Main Street is just the beginning. Work is also planned on the City's main corridors and we continue to make much needed improvements to our roadway infrastructure. We have also worked hard to fill every seat on the City's active boards and commissions, which has not been done in the past four years. We welcome new businesses like Display Dynamics and Technicote, and appreciate the expansions of others like Gordon Food Service. We must not forget about the existing businesses that have been with us since day one like White Castle, New York Pizzeria, and Speedway just to name a few.

Finally, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve the nearly 24,000 residents of Trotwood. I am asking you to help me so that we, together, can continue to move the city we love and live in forward.

Yvette F. Page

Mayor, City of Trotwood

2024 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

Time and again, Trotwood has proven its future is bright. We began 2024 with a balanced budget and proudly received the Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction, recognizing our excellence in financial reporting, transparency, and being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. Additionally, Moody's Investor Service upgraded the city's credit rating.

The appeal of Trotwood is growing, as evidenced by increasing property values and a rising number of people choosing to live, work, and play here. Furthermore, we are experiencing exciting growth in our residential, commercial, and industrial sectors. Growth in these areas of development is directly correlated to your Mayor and City Council's commitment and dedication to making a positive impact at home.

In the months and years ahead, there will be more we must do together as a community to build on our momentum like support our small businesses by spending as much of your disposable income in Trotwood as you can. By keeping your dollars in Trotwood, you help grow your local economy.



Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction
Presentation

A call to action is made to support our schools. The backing they receive directly influences the quality of education our students receive, and a thriving community is built when our young people acquire the knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary for their intellectual development.

Finally, Trotwood is in the strongest position it has been in years and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and will never give up when it comes to fighting for Trotwood.

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



Trotwood Police Officer Awarded Officer of The Year

On January 17, 2024 Officer Michael Richardson received the Miami Valley Crime Stoppers "2023 Police Officer of the Year" award for his investigation into the 2022 hit and run fatal motorcycle accident.

The nomination read, "Officer Mike Richardson is currently an officer for the Trotwood Police Department and is assigned to the traffic services division. On October 1st, 2022, Officer Richardson was called upon to respond to the scene of a motorcyclist strike resulting in the death of the operator. The crash occurred within the city limits at Olive Road and Wolf Creek Pike. Upon arrival, the party at fault for the crash as well as the unit which ultimately ran the motorcyclist over, had fled the scene. Officer Richardson worked diligently to uncover leads accessing camera footage, conversing with eyewitnesses and utilizing other investigative tools in order to identify suspects. After a lengthy investigation which lasted approximately one year, Officer Richardson provided critical service which helped positively identify and successfully convict the persons responsible for the death of the motorist. Officer Richardson has been with the department since 2000 where he has humbly worked beside officers supporting their futures while putting his needs aside. Please recognize the hard work and dedication of this officer in hopes that others will emulate his ethics."

Billing System Upgrade to Ensure Efficiency

The city of Trotwood Utility Department transitioned to new software. Changes to our online payment portal, email billing and pay by phone are just a few of the new and/or improved services that will be provided. **Be advised that any form of payment utilizing banking information, i.e., debit/credit and Echeck will incur a convenience fee.** To pay over the phone, please contact 877-374-3985. Account numbers have changed and can be requested through the utility department and as listed on the bills. Please ensure that if you pay through your bank's bill pay system, you update your account number. We appreciate your patience as we work out any difficulties that may arise while implementing the changes. We hope to enhance and simplify your utility billing interaction. As always if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to our utility staff. Email: srohrer@trotwood.org | 937-854-7226 or tsmith@trotwood.org | 937-854-7210

Rumpke Services

The city of Trotwood is contracted with Rumpke to provide optimal trash and recycling services. If service is not rendered, please contact the utility department by either email or phone. The issue will be resolved at the earliest availability. If your trash and/or recycling cart(s) have been damaged, the utility department will place the request to have the replacement delivered. Rumpke conducts replacements and deliveries on Tuesdays within the Trotwood area and they will provide the replacements if the current cart is filled with trash or recyclables. Be advised that for the following holidays, Rumpke will not experience a delay in services: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Juneteenth, Columbus Day, and Veteran's Day. All other holidays are observed and services will be delayed by one day

Preserving Our Past: The Historical Society Seeks Support

The Trotwood-Madison Historical Society (The Historical Society) was formed to generate community awareness in the historical aspects of Trotwood and the former Madison Township. This civic-minded organization has been in existence as a service to society, but they now stand in need of service from the community.

The Historical Society is home to the Iams Homestead Museum in a house that was built in 1847. Extensive renovations have been completed on the house and studio, while the barn has undergone some significant repairs. The barn now houses a collection of antique horse-drawn implements, along with a large collection of antique implement wrenches and other items. Since the acquisition of the property, numerous changes have transpired.

Regrettably, only a few of our original charter members remain with us today. The majority of our active participants are now in their sixties, seventies, eighties, and nineties. The diligent efforts of volunteers have played a crucial role in maintaining the property and organizing various fundraising events.

The Trotwood-Madison Historical Society is currently facing challenges with a decline in membership, volunteer engagement, and financial resources. Unfortunately, these circumstances compel us to contemplate the possibility of dissolution. In light of this, we are reaching out to our members and the community for assistance.

The annual cost of keeping the facilities operational exceeds \$17,500, exclusive of routine maintenance and potential expenses for system replacements, such as heating, air conditioning, or emergency repairs due to unforeseen damage. Your collaboration and input are invaluable during this critical juncture.

We welcome your assistance, suggestions and comments. Please join us in our efforts to "Preserve the Past for the Future!"

Contact information:

Patricia Hronek, T-M Historical Society President, 937-837-8485 or

Nancy A. Fry, T-M Historical Society Secretary, 937-416-0999, nfry812@yahoo.com



CIC

Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation

**SUPPORTING TROTWOOD'S
GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

EquipmentShare breaks ground in growing Trotwood industrial Park

EquipmentShare, a leading construction services company, has recently broken ground on a new facility in Trotwood, Ohio. This expansion is a significant development for the company, as well as for the local community.

EquipmentShare is one of the fastest-growing equipment rental and technology solutions companies in the nation, with a focus on transforming the construction industry through innovative tools, platforms, and data-driven insights. The company's proprietary technology, T3, empowers contractors, builders, and equipment owners with advanced fleet management, telematics devices, and an equipment rental marketplace. This technology helps drive productivity, efficiency, and collaboration across the construction sector.

The new Trotwood facility will offer a comprehensive suite of solutions, including general rental equipment, aerial lifts and booms, heavy dirt equipment, and power solutions. The facility will create an estimated 25 living wage jobs and will include a variety of equipment to serve the local community.

The decision to locate in Trotwood is a result of the collaboration efforts among EquipmentShare, GATED Properties Global (GPG), the city of Trotwood, and the Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation (TCIC). The TCIC and development partner GPG worked together to market the availability of the property and to subdivide the land into the space needed for EquipmentShare's development.

EquipmentShare is committed to building a strong and innovative company culture, earning recognition as one of America's Best Startup Employers by Forbes and Statista for the past four years.

The new EquipmentShare facility in Trotwood is a significant investment in the local community, with a total investment in equipment and property improvements projected to be more than \$20 million. This expansion will not only create new job opportunities but will also contribute to the growth and development of the region.

In summary, the breaking ground of EquipmentShare's new facility in Trotwood, Ohio, is an important development for the company and the local community. This expansion will create new job opportunities, contribute to the growth and development of the region, and further establish EquipmentShare's commitment to innovation and excellence in the construction industry.



The **Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)** conducts **Economic, Community, and Housing Development** activities on behalf of and in cooperation with the City of Trotwood. Whether you are seeking to develop in Trotwood, locate or grow your business, or rehabilitate a residential property, the TCIC may be able to support you.



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Business Spotlight: Dunson & Associates

In the heart of Trotwood, Ohio, Dunson & Associates stands as a beacon of workforce solutions, specializing in talent acquisitions, staffing, and training. With a commitment to both local businesses and residents, the company is not just shaping the workforce but contributing to the economic vibrancy of the entire community. Dunson & Associates has solidified its presence in Trotwood as a trusted talent acquisitions vendor for the City. Going beyond merely filling positions, the company aims to be a bridge, connecting Trotwood businesses to the skilled workforce they need to thrive. By doing so, the company not only helps individuals secure employment but also ensures they receive the necessary training for professional growth. This dual commitment is expected to bolster the local economy, generating greater disposable income within the community.

What sets Dunson & Associates apart is its efficiency in delivering workforce solutions. The company boasts an extensive pipeline of pre-screened, pre-qualified talent, with an average capture rate of an impressive 48 hours. This quick turnaround ensures that businesses get the skilled personnel they need promptly. While excelling in Professional Services, Information Technology, and Healthcare, Dunson & Associates also extends its workforce solutions to Manufacturing, Construction, and more. The company's versatility positions it as a go-to partner for businesses across various industries.

The success of Dunson & Associates is exemplified in its ongoing partnership with the City of Trotwood, where it continues to provide workers on demand, contributing to the city's growth and development. With over 300 new jobs, 30+ businesses, and \$13 million in capital investments, Trotwood's job market is on an upward trajectory. The community is witnessing increased interest from job seekers and potential residents, attracted by the prospect of both work and living opportunities within the same vibrant community. Dunson & Associates encourages job seekers to keep their skills current, preparing for both present opportunities and future advancements. The company offers individual career coaching and on-demand skills-building workshops, ensuring ongoing support for personal and professional development. Interested parties may contact Dunson & Associates for talent acquisitions and training at 937-854-5940 x8.



Altafiber Expands Network- Providing More Internet Choices to Trotwood Residents



Altafiber, formerly "Cincinnati Bell," will be expanding its cutting-edge 10-Gig XGS-PON fiber network into the city of Trotwood starting in 2024. Construction will begin in 2024-2025 to approximately 10,000 homes and businesses. Altafiber anticipates completing this construction by 2024-2025. Submit your contact information to stay informed on updates and availability.

This expansion will welcome a new fiber/internet option for Trotwood residents and businesses, offering the "fastest, most reliable, future-proof fiber network," according to Altafiber. This will create more opportunities for Trotwood residents to access reliable high-speed internet. This has come as a partnership and long-term effort by the city of Trotwood to bring more reliable internet choices to Trotwood residents for hybrid work, virtual learning, telemedicine and other essential daily activities that can be accomplished online. To learn more and receive updates from Altafiber as they build this new network, please visit the website by scanning the QR Code. We encourage you to sign up for their notifications.

CIC STAFF & CONTACT

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Derek Williams: Project Manager TCIC: 937-854-7277; dwilliams@trotwood.org

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Trotwood Fire & Rescue Department - Community Programs

Smoke Detector Program

Free Smoke Detector and CO detector installed in your home at no cost to Residents. To schedule an appointment call (937)-854-7270, ask for Fire Marshal Hilvers

CPR Program

CPR Classes are offered at no cost for residents of Trotwood and \$50.00 for non-residents. You can sign up online at <https://trotwood.org/departments/fire-rescue/cpr-classes/>

Explorer Program

The Trotwood Fire Department Explorer program is for youth between the ages of 14 to 21. The Explorers learn what it takes to be a firefighter/paramedic through training and riding with the on-duty crews. For more information you can call the explorer post coordinator **Ralph Bowman** at (937)-854-7254

Safe Baby Sleep Program

During 911 calls and other fire service-related calls from a home where an infant spends time sleeping the crew will be encouraged to provide Baby Safe Sleep Educational Kit and complete a Baby Safe Environment Check.

Baby Safe Environment Check Considers:

- Where is baby sleeping or where will the baby be sleeping when it is born?
- Is there a crib? Pack-n-play?
- Does the crib have bumper pads?
- Does the crib have toys, stuffed animals, loose blankets or pillows in it?
- Is the baby sharing a bed with other children or adults?

Crews are encouraged to remove hazards when found and make a referral for a crib or an emergency packnplay if the situation dictates.

Residents may schedule a home visit if they would like by calling the TFD office.

Classes for groups wanting the education can also be scheduled for those interested in the information. A class typically would last about an hour. To schedule a class or visit contact: **Sean Lehrter, Community Paramedic, 937-854-7259** or slehrter@trotwood.org



**SPRING FORWARD
ONE HOUR**

Daylight Savings Time

March 10, 2024

SPRING FORWARD SAFELY:

This is also a good time to **test your smoke alarms** and **change replaceable batteries**, if needed.



Spring Safety Reminder to Residents from Fire and Rescue Dept

Each year, more deaths occur because of flooding than any other hazard related to thunderstorms. The most common flood deaths occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous floodwater. Fortunately, during a flood, you can take steps to protect yourself, and your family.



- Do not walk-through flowing water. Most drownings occur during flash floods. Six inches of swiftly moving water can knock you off of your feet.
- Remember the phrase "Turn Around, Don't Drown!" Don't drive through flooded roads. Cars can be swept away in only two feet of moving water. If your vehicle is trapped in rapidly moving water, stay in the vehicle. If the water is rising inside the vehicle, seek refuge on the roof.
- Do not drive around road barriers. Roads and bridges may be washed out or structurally unsound.

2023 City of Trotwood Income Tax Filing Deadline April 15, 2024

The city of Trotwood has a MANDATORY filing requirement. The income tax rate of 2.75% applies to ALL who live, work, operate a business within, or do business within the city of Trotwood. Income tax returns are required for: ALL residents (regardless of income), businesses (including nonresident businesses and self-employed individuals who work in Trotwood), owners of rental property, and any other person required to file and pay the municipal tax determined by the Income Tax Ordinance. Trotwood's Income Tax office is located at **4 Strader Drive, Trotwood, Ohio, 45426**.

The income tax lobby is open for appointments; however, there is a limited amount of counter space, therefore appointments are limited to no more than two at a time for privacy and security reasons. The appointments are set for 15 minutes each, please be on time. Current year returns will be completed at that time. Prior year documents will be taken if a prior year needs to be filed. Prior year returns will be completed after April 15th.

NEW

Sports Gaming: is taxable by the city of Trotwood and locations that provide the services are required to withhold city of Trotwood taxes from winnings and remit to city of Trotwood Income Tax Department.

A new service window has been installed for safety and convenience. Service window hours are **Monday thru Friday, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm**. Please call **937-837-3415** for appointment requests and questions. Residents may utilize the city's online tax tool to file their city income taxes by going to the city's web page, clicking on services, selecting income tax, and then *tax tool* for W-2 income only. Residents and businesses can also use the Income Tax Drop-Box, and a staff member will complete the return then follow up with a notification or appointment. Extended hours and Saturday appointments will be available in April.

2023 NEW

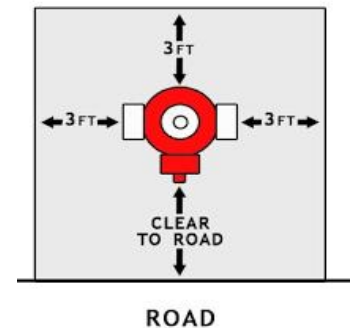
As of November 2022, a tax rate increase was approved by voters and starting in **January 1, 2023** the **new tax rate is 2.75%**. Estimated tax payments are required if a balance of \$200.00 or more.

Changes made to Trotwood's Fire Prevention Code

Trotwood has enacted legislation in the Fire Prevention Code intended to keep fire hydrants and all other fire protection equipment free of obstruction, for the safety of all our residents and first responders.

The following is an excerpt from section 1501.04 (b) Enforcement of the Fire Prevention Code: *The fire department shall not be deterred or hindered from gaining access to fire protection equipment or fire hydrants (OFC 507.5.4) A 3-foot (914mm) clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants (OFC 507.5). If the fire department or any other authorized Code Official determines that a fire hydrant or other protection equipment is obstructed by any object(s), including, but not limited to plants, shrubs, trees, mailboxes, construction materials or snow, the obstructions will be considered a public nuisance and the owner, occupant, or any person, firm, or corporation having charge or care of the lot or parcel of land upon which the public nuisance is found will be given a Notice to Remove the Obstruction within 48 Hours. In the event of noncompliance, a formal notice of violation will be issued to the owner, occupant, or other person, firm, or corporation having charge or care of the lot or parcel of land, in accordance with the City's Property Maintenance*

REQUIRED CLEARANCE AROUND FIRE HYDRANTS



Citizens are also reminded of their responsibility for maintaining this clearance around hydrants in the grass strip in front of their property, A good rule of thumb is to weed-eat the area around the hydrant when mowing the grass strip.



City Council

For City Council Contact

Kara Landis– Clerk	937-854-7212
Mayor Yvette Page	
Vice-Mayor Tyna Brown	Ward 4
Bettye Gales	Ward 1
Martha Clark	Ward 2
Ron Vaughn	Ward 3
Rhonda Finley	At-Large
Denise Moore	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

Memorial Day-

Monday, May 27, 2024

Juneteenth-

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Independence Day-

Thursday, July 4, 2024

Labor Day-

Monday, September 2, 2024

Thanksgiving & Day After-

Thursday, November 28, 2024

Friday, November 29, 2024

Christmas-

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

New Years-

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr.-

Monday, January 20, 2025



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City Parks & Recreation Events

The City of Trotwood is seeking vendors for events this year, and invites and encourages business owners and businesses to secure their spot(s) by contacting Charles Wheeler III, Parks & Recreation Marketing Coordinator, 937-854-7228 or chwheeler@trotwood.org. The vendor form for event participation is also available at <https://trotwood.org/parks-recreation/>

Save the Date– Mark Your Calendars

- **Bike Helmet Giveaway**
Saturday, May 18, 2024
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- **Community Garage Sale**
Thursday, June 6, 2024 - Sunday, June 9, 2024
Registration through Planning & Development Department: <https://trotwood.org/planning-development/zoning-permits-applications/>
- **Trotwood Community Market**
July 3, 2024 – September 25, 2024 | **WEDNESDAYS ONLY**
- **Taste of Trotwood**
Saturday, August 31, 2024
- **Smoke, Sizzle & Sounds**
Saturday, September 14, 2024
- **Iams Homestead Pioneer Harvest Fest presented by Trotwood-Madison Historical Society**
Saturday, October 12, 2024
- **Madison Park Live – FREE Summer Concert Series**
Madison Park- 301 S. Broadway, Trotwood, Oh 45426
6:00 pm (Gates Open), 7:00 pm (SHOW START)
Saturday, June 29, 2024
Saturday, July 13, 2024
Saturday, August 10, 2024

For complete information regarding events, contact Charles Wheeler III - Parks and Recreation Coordinator 937-854-7228, visit the City Facebook Page or the City Website: <https://trotwood.org/community/calendar/>

