

Monthly Newsletter

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Dear Friend:

Welcome to what I hope to be the first edition of a monthly newsletter series. I want to start this newsletter out by thanking my friends, neighbors and wife who are continuously encouraging me to try and connect with the community we all call home.

Living in Twinsburg has been of the greatest adventures in my life thus far. My wife, Colleen, and I moved here years ago because we were looking for our forever home. Luckily we found it, and along the way have found new friends, clubs, organizations, restaurants, businesses, parks and adventures. In this newsletter I hope to keep you updated on what I have been doing in the City of Twinsburg, but also keep you apprised of some other upcoming events so that you can find some of your own adventures.

December is typically a slow month for me. Thanksgiving has passed, shopping is done, and everything starts winding down as we prepare to spend time with family for the Holidays. However, this December seems to be the exception. Colleen and I had the pleasure of attending the second annual Winter Wonderland event at Township Square ([1]). This event brings food, friends, family, and fireworks all into one! A big shoutout to the City of Twinsburg Parks and Rec Department, and Twinsburg Township, who undoubtedly spend days planning to make the event a success. I am looking forward to next year's event already.

In addition, I have been thoughtfully planning to represent the Environmental Commission at an upcoming meeting with a number of various community stakeholders as we work to combine the City's annual Earth Day event with the Arbor Day event. Combining these events, while still allowing stakeholder participation, will help create a larger, more enticing and exciting event for members of the community. I am thrilled to see what we can come up with!

If I can ever assist you with anything in the community, please let me know. I also invite you to visit my website to learn more about how I am getting involved and sign up for this monthly newsletter.

Sincerely,

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Christmas Tree Recycling

The Summit County MetroParks offers Christmas Tree Recycling. Annually, live Christmas trees – cleaned of all decorations, garland and tinsel – can be dropped off at the following locations, December 26 through January 31:

- Firestone Metro Park / Little Turtle Pond: 2400 Harrington Rd., Akron
- Furnace Run Metro Park / Brushwood Area: 4955 Townsend Rd., Richfield
- Goodyear Heights Metro Park / Main Entrance (rear parking lot): 2077 Newton St., Akron
- Nimisila Reservoir Metro Park / South Main 2 Lot: 5531 S. Main St., Green
- Sand Run Metro Park / Treaty Line Area: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron
- Silver Creek Metro Park / Big Oak Area: 5199 Medina Line Rd., Norton

Visitors should look for the small signs that identify the drop-off locations.



Additionally, Waste Management will collect Christmas Trees as long as they are no more than 6' in length.

Winter Weather Reminders

Winter is coming and you will be spending more time indoors, it is time to make sure your home is prepared properly. Colder temperatures can create multiple issues that can be prevented and will save your pocket book and maybe a life. Here is a short list of items to check on or maintain before the freezing temperatures start.

- 1) Have your HVAC system serviced and cleaned. If connected to the chimney, this is also the time to have the flue liner checked and repaired if necessary. Furthermore, have the flue for the hot water tank check as well. It is also recommended that fireplace chimney cleaning and sweeping also be done.
- 2) All smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be updated and replaced if necessary. At minimum, all batteries should also be replaced. Smoke detectors should be placed within each bedroom and an additional one per floor.
- 3) Exterior maintenance items should include: gutter cleaning, trimming low hanging limbs or large limbs overhanging power lines (call FirstEnergy) or overhanging the house, cleaning snow and ice from roofs and trees (always use a telescope rake and stand a safe distance away), winterizing any exposed waterlines including hose bibs.

Remember your health and safety should always come first, so don't be afraid to ask for help. Always try to stay ahead of the heavy snow falls by shoveling multiple times before it builds up and becomes too much to handle. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Construction Updates

Ravenna/Shepard/Broadway/Richmond Construction

In April 2025, construction is anticipated on the Ravenna/Shepard/Broadway/Richmond Intersection. This is a 80% federally funded project that will seek to improve the functionality of the intersection by:

- Adding a right-turn lane on Ravenna and Broadway;
- Adding a left-turn on Sheppard;
- Restore drainage, curb, sidewalk.

This project will bring the roads all down to one lane of traffic each, and delays should be expected.

Read more at together.mytwinsburg.com

Idelwood Park Progress Updates

As part of the City of Twinsburg's plan to modernize the park and play areas, Idelwood Park is now open once again! With the new ADA-compliant sidewalks, ramps, and landings visitors of all abilities can enjoy the nature of the city. Residents can also enjoy the modern and updated playground.



Photo of updated playground and bridge.

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