

Dear Friend:

What a beautiful March it has been so far!

The weather has warmed up quite a bit and it is great to be outside enjoying it, and seeing others do the same. Just the other night my wife and I were out grilling some salmon and greens for dinner when we captured this photo of the beautiful cotton candy sky as the sun was setting.

As the weather warms up, I think it's important to remind everyone about spring safety. More children will be out playing in the yards, and a lot of us will be out walking, or jogging. Take it slow on the roads, and put your phone down. I promise getting to your destination one minute early or late is not worth someone else's life, just as much as I promise the text is not worth sending.



Present

**ARRIVE ALIVE**

Celebrate the holidays responsibly!  
Have a designated sober driver or use **Arrive Alive**.

**A FREE Ride Home in Summit County**

**From 12pm Saturday  
March 15  
to 12pm Tuesday  
March 18**

Use **lyft**  
for a FREE ride home  
in Summit County  
(up to \$20)  
Use Code

**SUMMITGREEN25**  
For St. Patrick's Day  
(Limit 600 one-time use codes)



**The life you save may be your own!**

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With Saint Patrick's Day rapidly approaching, I know that people will venture out for good food and fun.

Summit County Prosecutor

Elliot Kolkovich, and Summit County Sheriff Kandy Fatheree are offering the "Arrive Alive" program again this year. A free ride home in Summit County through *Lyft* using the code "SUMMITGREEN25" to ensure nobody gets behind the wheel and hurts themselves or others. Read more about the program in the image to the left.

Sincerely,

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## Summit MetroParks Maple Mania

A guilty pleasure of mine is a sweet treat here or there, and nothing is sweeter than locally sourced Ohio Maple Syrup. Every year the Summit County MetroParks in conjunction with the Friends of Summit

County Metro Parks host *Maple Mania*. An event where one can learn the ins and outs of the maple sugaring process, including how trees are tapped, how the syrup is boiled down and even try some syrup tapped from the trees at the Liberty Park Nature

Center. This year was the first year they have sold pure Ohio Maple Syrup, and I took advantage of the opportunity to buy half a pint. My breakfast has certainly been elevated by the local sweet addition. Overall, I love this event and look forward to attending every year. Aside from satisfying my sweet tooth, I am able to always learn the history and Ohio's connection to the maple syrup process from very passionate volunteers.



## City Council Update and Information Page

I have attended nearly every single City Caucus, Council, Safety, Public Works, and Finance Committee meeting for the last three straight years. I often take time to speak at either Council or Caucus in order to provide updates on events occurring in the City, with the Environmental Commission, or discuss concerns I may have. At these meetings, I am often the only resident in attendance, save for the department heads. However, just because I am the only one in attendance, I know this does not mean residents of our city do not care. They just might not be able to make time, every time, to attend a meeting. To ensure everyone understands what laws and resolutions our Council is passing I have decided to create a [City Council Highlight page](#) on my website. This unofficial update will help keep everyone informed as to what is going on. Check it out!

## Environmental Commission Updates

You may remember in my February newsletter, when I discussed how serving on the City of Twinsburg Environmental Commission has been near a dream come true. Whether we as a commission are touring the City's wastewater treatment plant to learn what they are doing to ensure the discharge into Tinker's creek remains clean and safe, or planning the City's annual Shred day, I find joy knowing I am able to make a difference regardless of how big or small.

Two years ago, I introduced the idea of an awards program to the Environmental Commission. At this time the Commission was starting to become more active in the city, however, we were finding that residents were not aware of our presence or what we did. I proposed that we introduce a few awards that we could give out to residents, students, or businesses that have environmentally sound practices.

Over the past two years we have discussed how to best implement these awards, accept nominations, narrow down those nominations and where to present the awards. At the February meeting, we finally voted to move forward with one award to start out: The Good Neighbor Award. At our March meeting, we discussed the criteria of this award, the eligibility of the award, how to accept nominations and how to best narrow them down. I am happy to announce that you can nominate yourself or a neighbor at [this link here](#). The nomination period will tentatively close April 10th. More information on the award can be found below.

- **Good Neighbor Award** - Awarded to a resident of the City of Twinsburg who acts as a good neighbor for all. Who dedicates time out of their day to the environment and leaves their community a cleaner, and more healthier and environmentally friendly place to live.

Being able to promote the great people of our city, and their commitment to leaving the community more clean, healthier than before is something I am proud to be able to do, and share with the other commissioners. Members of our commission care so greatly about our City, and so do I. In the future, I hope we can expand the award program to shed a spotlight on good businesses, friends of the commission, and students of the future.