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Dear Friend:

I am hoping your April has been off to a good start! The April issue of my monthly newsletter is jam packed with updates on upcoming City of Twinsburg events, and what I have done to keep my word of *doing good*, and being good in our City.

I kicked off my April by playing a gentle "April Fools" prank on some of my students in my American Government class. As an educator, it is imperative to develop positive relationships with students so that they feel comfortable knowing you are someone who cares about them more than just the grade they earn. For the prank, I placed a cup upside down on a desk, and wrote "do not lift unless ready to squish it!" on the side. Students (and even some teachers) had a

great time trying to guess what was under the cup in-between the class periods and ultimately would lift it and jump backwards only to reveal a paper mache crane. All-in-all students enjoyed it, and I know my students well enough to know that the gentle prank would be well received.

Later on I attended the April meeting of the Environmental Commission where I took my oath of office to serve another two year



term. Serving on the Environmental Commission for the City of Twinsburg, and working to keep the City of Twinsburg *naturally beautiful* is an honor and privilege I hold near and dear to my heart. I am further honored to have been unanimously appointed as Chairman of the Environmental Commission for the second year in a row by my fellow Commissioners. It is hard to find a more dedicated group of people in the City than the people I serve with on the commission.

Sincerely.

Jorah T. Pichette

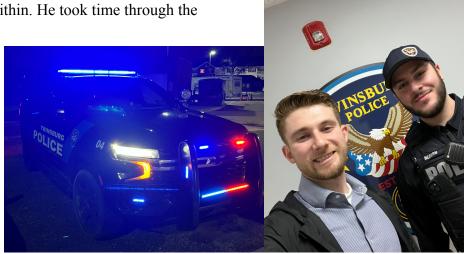
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Ride Along with the Twinsburg Police Department

This past week, I had the honor to ride four hours with Officer Nealon of the City of Twinsburg Police Department. I was incredibly impressed with his dedication to making our streets safer, and the passion he brings to the job. It appeared clear to me

that he and the other officers on duty really care about the City, and the people within. He took time through the

duration of the ride-along to explain the *what* and *why* behind what he was doing, and he answered my many questions I had as I attempted to just learn more about *how* the police department operates.

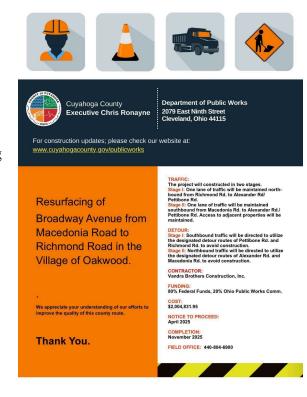


We are blessed to have officers like Officer Nealon that make our City the safe and secure place it is to live and again, I am beyond honored to have had the opportunity and privilege to ride with the department.

Construction Updates

The Broadway/Richmond/Macedonia Rd project kicked off on April 1st. The first phase of construction will be between Richmond Road and Pettibone Road.

During this first phase, traffic will be maintained in the northbound direction (heading out of Twinsburg toward I-271). Southbound traffic will be detoured via eastbound Pettibone Road and southbound Richmond Road. The project is expected to be expansive. Current completion ETA November 2025. Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works has created a helpful infographic on this project. To view a full page image <u>click here</u>.



Are You a Good Neighbor?

The rest of the members on the Environmental Commission and myself finally voted to move forward with The Good Neighbor Award. I am happy to announce that you can nominate yourself or a neighbor at <u>this link here</u>. The nomination period will 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.
 - Winner(s) will be invited to receive their award at a City Council meeting.

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. 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.

Earth Day/Arbor Day Event

Join the Parks and Rec Department, Environmental Commission, Summit County Metroparks, Twinsburg Native Habitat Association, Tinker's Creek Watershed Partners, Twinsburg Garden Club and more at the first inaugural Earth Day / Arbor Day event on April 26th, from 9-11 AM at the Twinsburg Community Center (10260 Ravenna Rd). I approached Director Betenson of the Parks and Recreation department to see if she would be willing to combine our two annual events, the Environmental Commissions' annual Earth Day event, and her Department's annual Arbor Day event, as they occurred one weekend apart from one another. I was elated when she mentioned this was something she would be happy to do. It is going to be a great event for all residents, and I am hoping to see you there on April 26th!



Dates to Put on Your Calendar

Earth Day/Arbor Day - April 26th, 9am-11am, Twinsburg Community Center. Read more above!

Shred Day (Annual) - June 14th, 9am-Noon, at the Public Works Department. You will be able to bring up to six boxes or bags of paper to be shredded. Please do not include anything but paper, or any pre-shredded material. Twinsburg residents only.

Pancakes with the Bunny - April 12th, 8:30am-10am, Twinsburg Community Center. Meet the Easter Bunny, crafts and breakfast buffet. Space is limited and registration required, online only. Resident registration begins on March 10 at 9am and cost is \$15 p/p 3 yrs and older (2 and under FREE). Non-resident registration begins on March 24 at 9am and cost is \$20 p/p 3 yrs and older (2 and under FREE).

Easter Egg Hunt and Scramble - April 12th, 10:30am, Twinsburg Fitness Center. Eggs, toys, candy and prizes for ages 2-15! Children will be separated into groups by age: Ages 2-5 years at 10:30am; 6-11 years at 10:45am; and 12-15 years at 10:30am. While supplies last.

Rock the Park Concert Series - Rock the Park is celebrating 16 years of bringing together families, friends, and the community for evenings filled with music, food, and fun. The City of Twinsburg is excited for the upcoming 2025 Rock the Park Summer Concert Series presented by Strachan Novak Insurance.

Friday, June 13:

Headliner Dirty Deeds, AC/DC tribute band

Opener Cobra Kai

Friday, June 27:

Headliner E5C4P3, Journey tribute band VIP presale tickets \$35 per person/per concert

Opener 3AM, Matchbox Twenty tribute band

Friday, July 11:

Headliner Wanted, Bon Jovi tribute band

Opener Pet the Cougar, Tom Petty and John Cougar Mellencamp tribute band

Friday, July 25:

Headliner Country Redford, modern country tribute band

Opener TBA

FREE RTP Back-to-School Block Party Saturday, August 16:

Headliner Cocktail Johnny, rock/dance cover band

Special guest DJ Rell E. Rell

Rock the Park tickets are on sale May 5 and only available online, visit rocktheparkconcert.com.