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Dear Friend:

Halloween came and went, in classic last-minute fashion we carved our pumpkins *the day of* (because tradition!), welcomed a grand total of *sixty* brave trick-or-treaters, and loved every minute of seeing their creative, spooky, and occasionally confusing costumes (I'm still not sure I entirely know what K-Pop is). There's something about Halloween that makes me so happy. Just the thought about being able to bring a smile to someone's face, and a holiday solely based around the idea of giving away candy is special to me.

As we shift away from pumpkins to winter coats, make sure to mark your calendars to the alternative to our hometown favorite: The Frostbrite Parade! The parade is set to kick off on Saturday, November 22nd from 5:30-7:30PM going from the Twinsburg Community Center to City Hall. The parade will end in a dazzling drone show (in lieu of fireworks). As the City works around the square's improvements, I'm excited to see this alternative, and will be helping with the event where I can the day of. I'm hoping to see you all there! As a note, no candy will be thrown as it is a nighttime parade.

As we start getting into the spirit of the holidays, let's also consider getting into the spirit of giving. There are many people who are in need of essential items this time of year, and I personally believe if someone is in a position to help they ought to. That's why I'm working with The Twinsburg Charitable Fund, Inc., to help stock food pantries in the community. Read more about this initiative later on in the newsletter.

And for those who spent Election Day refreshing their screens more intensely than their coffee cups, you can find the full unofficial <u>election results here</u>. Congratulations to all those who ran, and those who came out victorious.

Let's dive into another month together, festivities, frosty fun, and all! As always, should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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Tri-County Regional Labor Council 71st Annual Awards Dinner



Earlier this month I attended the 71st Annual Awards Dinner of the Tri-County Regional Labor Council. It was great hearing from Rep. Ro Khanna, and chat with so many local leaders committed to the labor movement.

A big congratulations to Bill Conner, winner of the 2025 Peter Bommarito Community Award and Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer, winner of the 2025 Leo E. Dugan Labor Award!

City Sewer Rate Increase

You may have noticed an increase in your most recent quarterly sewer bill from the City of Twinsburg. This was not an error! While we have one of the lowest sewer rates in the County, raising them was essential to ensure there is enough money in the City's funds to maintain operations. Read more about the increase here.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab Project Updates

The City of Twinsburg has a fantastic Wastewater Treatment Plant. I've toured this facility a



number of times with members of the City and Environmental Commission and always walk away impressed with the work that is being done there. The facility is currently undergoing rehabilitation to ensure it can continue to provide a world class service for residents, and make sure the treated waste is as clean as it can be. You can read more about it here.

Foundation of Twinsburg Public Library Reverse Raffle



What an event! The Twinsburg Public Library's Reverse Raffle was such a fun time. Not only was it a great way to connect with a ton of community members, friends and neighbors, but a way to sit down, have a bite to eat and laugh the night away. Unfortunately, Colleen and I were not lucky enough to walk away with one of the fantastic trips, but we did get to spend the night chatting with friends, and crossing our fingers and toes. Congratulations to the 2025 winner, and I'm looking for better luck and more great conversations in 2026!

Flag Collection Box

I'm excited to share that in partnership with Twinsburg Public Library a new Flag Collection Bin has officially been placed at the main entrance of the Library. This bin is available for anyone in our community who has an old, worn, or damaged American flag that needs to be retired with proper respect.

Proper flag retirement is an important tradition, and together we can make sure every flag is handled with the dignity it deserves. If you have a flag ready for retirement, please drop it off at the Library during normal business hours, or at the VFW's box near the square.

If you know a school, business, or community space that would benefit from having a collection bin of their own, let me know. I'm looking to place additional bins around the city to make this service even more accessible.

Let's honor our flag and support our community together!



The Twinsburg Charitable Fund, Inc. - Food Drive 2025

The Twinsburg Charitable Fund, Inc., is collecting donations to help stock two local food

pantries, Faith Food and Clothing Pantry and Our Community Hunger Center, during a time of need.

Service is the heart of a thriving community. When we share what we have, we lift each other up. Your donation, big or small, can help ensure that every family in Twinsburg has food on their table and hope in their hearts. Together, we can make a difference that truly matters. You can <u>learn more on the Charitable Fund's</u> Facebook here.

The Twinsburg Charitable Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charity incorporated in the State of Ohio.



Construction Continues



Stay Informed

At least one lane of traffic in each direction will remain open throughout construction. Access to homes, businesses, and nearby streets will also be maintained. The City of Twinsburg will continue to share updates and notify the public in advance of any changes in traffic patterns.

Sheppard Road North has been closed at this time.

Learn more here, https://bit.ly/3Ti7fER