

Dear Friend:

I hope you had a wonderful Valentine's Day. This year my amazing wife, Colleen, and I celebrated our seventh Valentine's Day together. We kept it simple, dinner at Trattoria Roman Gardens in Little Italy, a stop at Presti's Bakery for dessert to-go, handwritten notes to one another, and most importantly, a shared appreciation that we get to spend our days side by side.

While we were out to eat, the conversation between Colleen and I helped to remind me just how much love and appreciation we both have for the City of Twinsburg, and the friends we've made along the way. Every single week, whether we are just stopping at the Basement for a quick bite to eat, or attending an event put on by one of the many community partners, we both run into so many people we have come to know and love.

Just this past week, I attended an event at the Twinsburg Historical Society: "*The Garfield Trail: From Cradle to Grave.*" This event was presented by the Great-Great grandson of former President James A. Garfield - one of Ohio's own - and Debbie, a volunteer on the Garfield Trail non-profit. They discussed Garfield's humble beginnings, education, service in the Civil War, service to the country as a Congressman from Ohio, and his surprising election to the Presidency of The United States of America before his tragic and untimely death.



As a Government and Civics teacher, learning about America's past President's is a hobby of mine. I often spend some of my free-time reading through George Washington's letters, or other writings of early founding fathers. Learning about an Ohio President who had such an electrifying rise to the Presidency was especially fascinating.

Events like these would not be possible without the many community partners. There are always a number of Twinsburg Historical Society events going on, and if you are interested in attending, or becoming a member you can learn more [here](#). If you are interested in attending a talk put on by The Garfield Trail you can find their website [here](#). If I can ever be of assistance, or you know of an event that deserves special attention, please reach out.

Sincerely,

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Good Neighbor Award

When I was appointed to the Environmental Commission of the City of Twinsburg years ago, I wanted to make sure that every resident of the City became intimately familiar with the great work that takes place on the Environmental Commission, put on by hard working neighbors. To do this, I proposed a series of awards that could be given away to residents. Last year, the Environmental Commission officially voted to move forward with The Good Neighbor Award. An award given to a resident of The City of Twinsburg who acts as a good neighbor for all, dedicating time out of their day to the environment, leaving their community a cleaner, and healthier place to live.

Year one was a success, and The Commission presented the award to the inaugural recipient at a City Council meeting. You can read about it on my blog www.jonahpichette.com/blog. I am happy to announce that the Commission is accepting nominations for the Good Neighbor Award once again. You can [nominate yourself or a neighbor at this link here](#). The nomination period will close February 28th. 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 a cleaner, healthier community 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.

The Environmental Commission
of the City of Twinsburg

IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS
FOR THE **GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD**
UNTIL FEBRUARY 28TH!

- *Nominate Your Eco-Friendly Neighbor!*
- *Recognize Acts of Environmental Stewardship!*
- *Help Make a Greener Twinsburg!*

SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATION TODAY!

Earth Day/Arbor Day Event

Join the Environmental Commission and several community partners for our annual Earth Day / Arbor Day celebration on April 25th from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM at the Twinsburg Community Center (10260 Ravenna Rd).

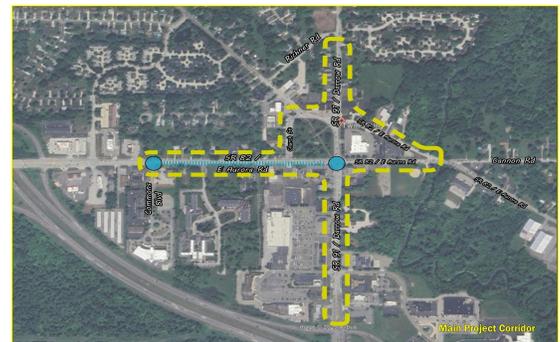
Last year, I approached Director Betenson of the Parks and Recreation Department about combining the Environmental Commission’s annual Earth Day event with the Department’s Arbor Day celebration, since they were traditionally held just one weekend apart. She was enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring our events together and create even more ways for residents to connect with community partners, and I was equally excited.

This marks our second year hosting the combined event, and we’re looking forward to making it even better. Stop on by for prizes, seed giveaways, information about being a better Environmental partner, and more. I hope to see you and your family there!



Streetscape Improvements in Downtown Twinsburg

The City of Twinsburg has partnered with Environmental Design Group to create Downtown Streetscape Standards that will help guide the look and feel of our City’s main thoroughfares of 91 and 82. [You can learn more here.](#)



City of Twinsburg Board and Commission Openings 2026

Over the past few years I have written time and time again on [my blog](#) about the honor and privilege I have had to serve on the City of Twinsburg's Environmental Commission. From hosting the first annual *Earth Day/Arbor Day event* to proposing the first "*Good Neighbor Award*", I have found joy and passion in making sure the City of Twinsburg remains naturally beautiful, and our events remain accessible to all around.

In 2026 there are a number of openings on various Boards and Commissions. Each Board or Commission serves its own purpose, acting as an advisory body to the Council and Mayor.

Some commissions, like the Environmental Commission are self generating in what we do, while others have business delivered to them. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Clerk of Council at 330-963-6288. ***These applications have been extended until February 27th.***



Upcoming Events, Activities, and Reminders

- **Good Neighbor Award Nominations Close - Feb 28th.** Be sure to nominate an environmentally conscious neighbor before then at [this link!](#)
- **Babysitter Training Course - Feb 28, 8 am - 4 pm.** This in-person course prepares youth ages 12-16 to safely and confidently care for children and infants. It includes hands-on activities, videos and discussions to develop essential real-life readiness babysitting skills. The course covers feeding, diapering, picking up and holding children safely and emergency response. Participants receive a 10-year Babysitter's Training certificate and a 2-year pediatric CPR/First Aid certificate upon completion. [More details here.](#)
- **Daylight Savings Time Begins - March 8th.** Spring clocks forward one hour.
- **Earth Day/Arbor Day Event - April 25th, 11 am - 1 pm.** Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day with a number of Community Partners at the Twinsburg Community Center.
- **Shred Day - June 27th, 9 am - 12 pm (or until full).** Residents may bring up to six boxes or bags of sensitive documents to be shredded. Please only bring paper products. Be prepared to show ID. Event goes until time listed, or the truck is filled. This will take place at the Service Department on Ravenna Road.

