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Dear Friend:

Just the other week the Environmental Commission met for our April meeting. During this meeting, I was honored to be nominated as the Chair of the Commission once again. To have the trust of my fellow Commissioners is something I do not take lightly. At this meeting, we welcomed new Commissioners, and voted on the 2026 Good Neighbor Award Winner. We are excited to present that award at the May 26th Council meeting. Finally, we wrapped up our plans for the upcoming Earth Day / Arbor Day celebration taking place this weekend. Read on to find out more information, but I hope to see you there!

This month's newsletter is jam-packed with upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved with our community. In Twinsburg, there is always something going on! One event I am excited for is the annual Rock the Park Concerts Series. Tickets go on sale May 4th, and you can [learn more here](#). It looks like it is going to be another great year of Country, Rock, and Celebrating America's 250th.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me if there should ever be anything you need from me. I strive to find opportunities to exemplify the lesson I share with my students of *being a good person, and doing good things*.

Sincerely,



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FRIDAY NIGHT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
Twinsburg, Ohio

LIVE MUSIC | BEER & WINE | FOOD TRUCKS **TICKETS ON SALE MAY 4**

Friday, June 5, 2026:
Headliner World Turning
A tribute to Fleetwood Mac

Friday, June 19, 2026:
Headliner Who's Bad
Michael Jackson experience

Friday, June 26, 2026:
Headliner Cleveland Pops
A celebration of America's 250 years!
Independence Day picnic and fireworks.

Opener Michael Mage
magician and comedian

Friday, July 10, 2026:
Headliner Country Redford
Modern country tribute band
Opener Michael Mage
magician and comedian

Friday, July 17, 2026:
Headliner Hubb's Groove
Mix of soul, jazz, R&B, and a splash of gospel
Opener The Four Kings & Queen Band

Friday, July 31, 2026:
Headliner Böaterhead
Cleveland's smooth rock party band celebrating the hits of the late 70's and early 80's

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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!



Sheppard Road Construction Update


With the return of warmer weather, we also have the return of construction. Please be mindful of our construction workers as they work to finish this project.





SHEPARD ROAD TRAFFIC UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION RETURNS MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

With the return of warmer weather comes the return of construction season. SET, Inc. will reestablish the previous detour on Shepard Road to continue work in the area.

- **WHAT TO EXPECT:**
One-way traffic (**northbound only**) on Shepard Rd between Florence Dr and Ravenna/Richmond/Broadway
- **SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC DETOURED:**
Southbound traffic will be detoured to Macedonia Rd / N Bedford Rd.
- **WORK INCLUDES:**
Crews will complete concrete curb construction, followed by asphalt milling and finally resurfacing the project area.
- **DURATION:**
The detour is expected to be in place for **four weeks**.

 **DETOUR SIGNAGE WILL BE INSTALLED THIS WEEK**
Please follow posted signs and use caution in the area.

 Thank you for your cooperation as we look to complete this project.

The previous detour for Shepard Road back in place beginning Monday 4/27/2026. One lane traffic is needed to finish the concrete curb construction along Shepard near the intersection. Once concrete work is complete they can proceed with asphalt milling and finally resurfacing the project area.

The detour is expected to be in place for four weeks. Signage with notification of the closure is going up this week.

As a reminder, the detour would allow northbound traffic only on Shepard Rd between Florence Dr and Ravenna/Richmond/Broadway. Southbound traffic will be detoured to Macedonia Rd/N Bedford Rd.

Upcoming Election Information

The May 5th primary/special election is right around the corner, so it's important to check your voter registration ahead of time. One thing the residents of the City of Twinsburg School District will be voting on is an earned income tax levy put forth by the School Board. I've included a fact sheet about the 1.25% Earned Income Tax for reference.

Voting is both a right and responsibility in the United States. Be sure to exercise your right to vote, and make sure your voice is heard. Check your registration, or register, before the deadlines below!

April 6th - Last day to register/update voter registration

April 7th - Early Voting

April 28th - Last day to request Absentee

May 5th - Election Day!

Community FACT SHEET
TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

1.25% Earned Income Tax (EIT)

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

The Board of Education has placed a **1.25% Earned Income Tax (EIT)** on the ballot to provide long-term financial stability for school district operations.

- This is **NOT** a property tax.
- This tax applies to earned income only.

If approved, the levy is projected to generate **\$12.1 million annually** for operating expenses.

WHY IS ADDITIONAL REVENUE NEEDED?

- Rising operating costs
- Loss of public utility revenue
- HB 920 limits property tax growth statewide
- Inflation impacting goods & services
- Maintain manageable class sizes
- Lower state funding

State Funding Comparison (FY25) **16.88%**

Twinsburg CSD 16.88%

Similar Districts 24.33%

State Average 37.02%

NOTE: Twinsburg receives significantly less state support than many comparable districts.

WHAT IS TAXED?

- APPLIES TO:**
 - Wages
 - Salaries
 - Tips
 - Net self-employment
- DOES NOT APPLY TO:**
 - x Social Security
 - x Retirement income or pensions
 - x IRA distributions
 - x Interest or dividends
 - x Capital gains
 - x Unemployment benefits

*Only district residents with earned income would pay this tax.

WHAT WOULD THIS COST?

\$625 per year on **\$50,000** taxable gross income

\$1,250 per year on **\$100,000** taxable gross income

The tax adjusts with income. If income decreases, the tax decreases.

TCSD has 4 renewal levies currently in effect:

- One 5-year Operating Levy
- Three 10-year Emergency Levies

We still need these funds!

How is the tax collected?

- Collected by the Ohio Department of Taxation
- Withheld through employee payroll
- Filed annually with state income taxes

Summary of Cost Reduction Plan

Attrition	\$1,117,650
Contracted Services	\$495,000
Additional Staff Reductions	\$682,603
TOTAL:	\$2,295,253

*BOE Approved January 2026

Learn more: www.twinsburg.k12.oh.us

ELECTION DATE
MAY 5, 2026

The measure is designed to stabilize finances, preserve current programming, and protect academic quality for Twinsburg students.

Board and Commission Openings

Time and time again on my blog, I have written about how my involvement on the City of Twinsburg's Environmental Commission has been an honor and privilege. If you are interested in getting more involved, the City Council has extended the deadline for those serving until May 1st at 4:30 PM.

ARB (One Opening)

Board of Tax Review (One Opening)

Capital Improvements (Ward 4 Opening)

Parks and Recreation (Ward 3 Opening)

[You can apply here.](#)

Upcoming Events, Activities, and Reminders

- **Mini-Golf in the Library, Friday/Saturday April 24th and 25th.** An annual community favorite! Join the Foundation of the Twinsburg Public Library on Friday, April 24th for an adults only fundraising event. Tickets start at \$50. You can learn more, and [buy your tickets here](#). If you are looking for something more family-fun oriented, check it out on Saturday, when the event is free!
- **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.
- **Twinsburg Native Habitat Workshop and Plant Sale - May 2nd, 9am-noon at Christ the King Lutheran Church.** [Learn more on TNHA's website here](#).
- **Garden Club Plant Sale - May 9th, 9am-noon.** The Annual Garden Club Plant Sale is set and scheduled. Located at the Freeman barn, don't miss this great opportunity to buy the plants you've had on your "must add" list, support the community and brighten your yard in the process!
- **Safety Town - Safety Town is back!** Designed for ages 5–7, kids will meet Twinsburg Police and Fire professionals and learn important water and pool safety in an engaging, hands-on environment. Sessions at the Twinsburg Community Center (10260 Ravenna Rd) from 9–11am or 1–3pm
 Session 1: June 8–12
 Session 2: June 15–18
 Must be age 5 at the time of the program. Register online at TwinsburgRecreation.com or in person at the 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.



Twinsburg Native Habitat Association

— FREE PROGRAM —
NATIVE HABITAT WORKSHOP and PLANT SALE
SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
9:00AM-4:00PM
 CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
 10285 RAVENNA ROAD
 TWINSBURG, 44087

NATIVE PLANT VENDORS

- AVONLEA GARDENS & INN
- GENIUS LOCI
- NATIVE ROOTS
- NATIVES IN HARMONY
- POWELL'S NATIVE WILDFLOWERS
- SUMMIT METRO PARKS MAPLE LEAF GIFT SHOP

PARTICIPATING PARTNERS

- FRIENDS OF HUDSON PARKS
- PARADISE NATIVES
- ROTARY CLUB OF TWINSBURG
- SUMMIT METRO PARKS WILD BACKYARDS
- TINKER'S CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERS
- TWINSBURG ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
- TWINSBURG GARDEN CLUB
- WILD ONES GREATER CLEVELAND CHAPTER
- XERCES SOCIETY

SCHEDULE

CHECK-IN & PLANT SALES
 9:00am-9:50am

Cheryl Daniels, Davey Trees
 Topic: Promoting Pollinators along Ohio's Transportation
 Right-of-Ways and Beyond
 10:00am-10:40am

Dr. Randy Mitchell, Professor of Biology, University of Akron
 Topic: Gardening for Pollinators
 11:00am-11:40am

LUNCH BREAK AND PLANT SALES
 12:00pm-1:00pm

RAFFLE DRAWING AFTER BREAK
 WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT

Antonio Zodda, Owner of Paradise Natives
 Topic: A Lawn with a Purpose: How to Transform Your Yard
 1:00pm-1:40pm

Q & A - ALL SPEAKERS
 2:00pm to 2:30pm

LUNCHROOM AVAILABLE
 BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH
 COFFEE & SNACKS PROVIDED
 BY CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

REGISTRATION PREFERRED
 REGISTER AT
<https://twinsburgnativehabitat.org/event-registration/>

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CITY OF TWINSBURG
SAFETY TOWN

June 8-12 or
 June 15-18
 mornings or
 afternoons
 Twinsburg Community Center
 10260 Ravenna Rd

Twinsburg Police
 Twinsburg Fire
 Communications
 9-1-1
 City of Twinsburg

Curriculum includes a visit from the Twinsburg Police Department, Twinsburg Fire Department, and water/pool safety instruction.

When: mornings 9-11am or
 afternoons 1-3pm

Session 1: morning or afternoon
 Monday, June 8-Friday, June 12
 City resident \$35 / Non-resident \$52

Session 2: morning or afternoon
 Monday, June 15-Thursday, June 18
 City resident \$28 / Non-resident \$42

Register: TwinsburgRecreation.com
 or Community Center

Where: Community Center
 (10260 Ravenna Rd)

Ages: 5-7, child must be 5 years old
 at time the program is held

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 10260 Ravenna Road | 330-963-8722 | TwinsburgRecreation.com