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CITY COUNCIL NOTES

All City Council actions are posted on the City website at www.hhoh.org under the Government tab > Council > Council Actions. Here you will be able to quickly see and read all recommended actions from the work sessions and the subsequent action taken at the council meetings. This is to provide residents a place to stay up-to-date on all legislative agenda items.

Everyone is encouraged to attend in person or virtually, Board and Commission meetings, City Council work sessions, and City Council meetings through the "Watch Live" feature at www.hhoh.org. By engaging this way, it not only helps you to stay up to date with what is happening in Huber Heights, but provides you an opportunity to give feedback, voice concerns, and gain valuable insight into decision making processes that impact the entire community.

CITY COUNCIL

Jeff Gore - Mayor
Scott Davidson - Ward 1
Don Webb - Ward 2
Kathleen Baker - Ward 3
Anita Kitchen - Ward 4
Mark Campbell - Ward 5
Brian Looney - Ward 6
Fred Aikens - At Large
Nancy Byrge - At Large

Not sure which ward you live in? Visit:
www.hhoh.org/361/Ward-Locator-Ward-Map

RSVP FOR THE UPCOMING COMMUNITY PLANNING WORKSHOP

The City of Huber Heights is excited to announce that they are in the process of developing a Culture & Diversity Plan, an initiative designed to foster a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents. As part of this effort, the city invites community members to participate in a Community Planning Workshop on April 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Huber Heights Senior Center (7301 Shull Rd, Dayton, OH 45424). Interested participants are asked to register in advance at tinyurl.com/HHCommunityWorkshop.

This initiative builds upon the work of the Huber Heights Culture and Diversity Citizens Action Commission, which was established in June 2020 to promote equal opportunity and address challenges faced by underrepresented members of the community. The Commission advises the City Council by providing recommendations on policies and programs aimed at enhancing cultural awareness, fostering inclusion, and reducing civil rights conflicts.

In partnership with RAMA Consulting, the city has already engaged residents through surveys and listening sessions to gather input that will help shape the Culture & Diversity Plan. The plan will provide a framework the city can utilize to address challenges that some residents may face when navigating the community. The goal of this work is to ensure that all Huber Heights residents have equitable access to opportunities and resources.

The feedback collected during the Community Planning Workshop will play a vital role in shaping the final plan, which will guide city leaders in setting priorities, developing policies, and creating opportunities for growth and improvement.

The City of Huber Heights encourages all residents to attend this important event and contribute their perspectives. Community participation is essential in developing actionable solutions that will make Huber Heights a more welcoming and prosperous place for all.

For more information, please contact Jeffrey Adams, Assistant to City Manager at (937) 237-5836.



MONTGOMERY SOIL & WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT RAIN BARREL SALE

A Rain Barrel is a 'rain collecting system,' made up of a barrel that hooks into your existing downspouts and stores some of the rain water for you to use later, when you need it. The soft rain water is better for plants, and can also be used to wash cars and windows without fear of spotting! At the same time, you help the environment by keeping back some of the 'extra' water that overfills urban streams after a rain. Many people aren't aware that residential irrigation can account for 30-40% of domestic water consumption. Each rain barrel can be filled with only 1/4 inch of rainfall runoff from the average roof.

Using water from your Rain Barrel can also lower your water bill and decrease demand for the filtered, treated water (and cost to the city for treatment and transport) if you are part of a city water system.

Storing rain from a storm also reduces 'runoff,' the water from a rainstorm along with anything it carries with it that flows across the ground and into storm sewers, ditches, streams, rivers and lakes. Because of all the hard surfaces in urban areas, like parking lots and roofs, rainwater reaches streams quicker and flows faster than it used to. Storing some of that water helps protect our streams.

The kit the Montgomery SWCD sells included instructions and all the materials you need to install your barrel. You can order just the kit, or the kit and one or two barrels online at <https://www.montgomeryswcd.org/store>. Once your order is received, they will call you to let you know your barrel is ready to pick up!

WATER TREATMENT PLANT PRESSURE FILTER IMPROVEMENTS



Last year Burgess & Niple was retained by the City to conduct a study to identify the root causes for filter media loss in five, 10-foot-diameter by 36-foot-long pressure multi-media filters at the City's Rip Rap Road Water Treatment Plant. Upon examining the filters, it was determined the hydraulic surges in the piping system caused a loss of filter media in the front half of each filter, resulting in higher operating costs to maintain a high water quality using the water softening membrane filtration process.

The study evaluated the low-service and filter backwash pumps, filters, piping, valves, and controls for the pressure filter used to remove iron from the well water before the nanofiltration (NF) system used for softening the filter effluent.

The study found:

- Air was introduced into the filter influent and backwash lines because air-vacuum relief valves were not installed on vertical turbine pumps;
- Valves opened or closed too fast, causing water hammer that disrupted the gravel underdrains of the filter, resulting in media loss;
- The vent and drain pipes were plugged, resulting in media loss due to inadequate drawdown in the filter prior to initiating the filter during backwash operations;
- The types of flow control valves used were obsolete and needed replacement with new valves to correct hydraulic imbalance that impacted the filter's operation and contributed to media loss.

The project has been divided into two phases: 1) separate and install new vent and drain piping, install new air release valves on pumps, and replace the filter media, and 2) replace air-operated valve actuators on valves with new modulating flow-control valves; upgrade the filter controls and install a new PLC panel to integrate the new valves into the filter operation and backwash sequences using the existing SCADA system.

This project, currently under construction, involves the removal of the remaining gravel media and filter nozzles in the pressure filters for Cell A only, as well as the installation of new filter media and filter nozzles. Additionally, the project will include replacing six air-actuated butterfly valves with six motor-operated modulating butterfly valves and installing three new motor-operated modulating butterfly valves into the existing DIP piping. The scope of work encompasses electrical work to provide a new lighting panel, the installation of new heat tracing for outdoor piping, upgrading the Filter Common 1PLC Panel, conduit and wiring to provide power and control to each of the nine new motor actuators, installation of five additional filter differential pressure transmitters for Cell A of each filter, and System Integration services to modify the PLC programming and configuration, and modifications to operator workstation display screens.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Visit www.hhoh.org for a complete calendar of meetings and events.

March

- 4 Council Work Session 6p
- 9 Move your clocks FORWARD
- 10 City Council Meeting 6p
- 10 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS 6P
- 18 Council Work Session 6p
- 24 City Council Meeting 6p

April

- 8 Council Work Session 6p
- 12 STYROFOAM RECYCLING EVENT @ROSE MUSIC CENTER 9A-1P
- 14 City Council Meeting 6
- 22 Council Work Session 6p
- 28 City Council Meeting 6p

STYROFOAM RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 12

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rose Music Center—West Parking Lot
6800 Executive Boulevard



The City of Huber Heights, Montgomery County Environmental Services, and Eco Development are sponsoring a free Styrofoam Recycling Event on Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Rose Music Center Parking Lot at 6800 Executive Boulevard, Huber Heights, Ohio 45424.

WATER SERVICE LINE INVENTORY PROJECT

The EPA revised its Lead and Copper Rule with revisions that include requiring all communities and water utilities across the country to identify lead pipes that connect drinking water service to homes and other buildings. In accordance with the federal mandate, the City of Huber Heights is required to prepare and maintain an inventory of water service line materials for all properties located within the City.

You can also view the current Service Line Inventory Map on the City's website at: <https://hhoh.org/654/Water-Service-Line-Inventory>.

Although we do not believe the City currently has any lead service lines in our system, we are asking every home and business owner to check your plumbing material and complete the form on the City's website.

To identify the plumbing material in your home or business, look in one of these locations: underneath a sink or next to your water heater. Plumbing material will be either lead pipe, copper pipe, galvanized steel pipe, or plastic.

If you have questions please email the Engineering Department at engineering@hhoh.org or by calling City Hall at (937) 233-1423.



You have a lead pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area is shiny and silver.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet will not stick to the pipe.



You have a copper pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area is copper in color, like a penny.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet will not stick to the pipe.



You have a galvanized pipe if...



The Scratch Test
...the scraped area remains a dull gray.



The Magnet Test
...the magnet sticks to the pipe.



E-FILE YOUR TAXES THIS TAX SEASON

Residents of Huber Heights are encouraged to take advantage of the convenience and security of E-Filing their taxes through Tax Connect this tax season. April 15th will be here before we know it. With the option to file online from the comfort of their own homes, taxpayers can save time and avoid the hassle of traditional paper filing methods.

The user-friendly platform offered by Tax Connect makes E-Filing accessible to even those who are new to the process. By choosing to file electronically, taxpayers can experience greater accuracy in their returns while ensuring that their personal information is kept safe and secure.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to simplify your tax season - try Tax Connect E-Filing today by visiting <https://www.hhoh.org/454/E-File>.

Please remember that the City's Tax Office only prepares taxes by appointment. Appointments are available Mon-Fri from 8:30a-4:30p.

If you do not have ALL of the required documentation (in paper form) at your appointment, the staff will NOT be able to prepare your return. You can find a complete list of documents needed at: <https://www.hhoh.org/241/Income-Tax>.

Please call the TAX OFFICE at (937) 237-2976 to schedule your appointment. Do NOT wait until the week that taxes are due to schedule an appointment.



Have Bulk Trash?

Republic Services provides a bulk-item collection each week on your regular residential collection day. Some important things to remember:

- All upholstered furniture and mattresses must be wrapped in plastic; mattress and box springs should be separately wrapped.
- Bulk item collection does not include construction materials. Other excluded items are tires, medical waste and propane tanks.
- No more than 3 bulk items per week and no more than 5 bags.
- Water softeners need to be drained.
- Freon needs to be removed from refrigerators and air conditioners and tagged from a certified service company.

For questions about bulk collection or to schedule a roll-off container for construction items or whole-house clean outs, please call (937) 516-1983.

FEEDBACK & MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

We'd love your feedback. What else would you like to see, know, learn? Have an article idea or photos you'd like to share? Send an email to Sarah Williams, Community Engagement Specialist, at swilliams@hhoh.org. Phone calls are also welcome at 937.237.5820.

This monthly e-newsletter will be sent out the 4th Friday each month. Don't miss out! To sign up for the e-newsletter visit: <http://bit.ly/HHOHSignUpENews>

The City of Huber Heights Tax office is now scheduling tax preparation appointments for city tax returns. All residents 18 years of age and older must file a return with the city. There are no walk-in services, so make sure you schedule your appointment now. Don't wait until the last week they are due. To schedule please call the office Monday - Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm at (937) 237-2976.

Better yet, why not E-File? It's the quickest and easiest way to get your tax filing done before April 15! E-File today at: <https://www.hhoh.org/454/E-File>. Just remember to upload your documents at the end.



Here is what is needed to prepare your return (ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE IN PAPER FORM):

- All W-2(s) for 2023
- Federal 1040 Page 1 and Schedule 1 (if you are not sure, bring complete 1040)
- Federal schedules C, E (page 1 and 2), F, K-1, and 4797 (if applicable)
- 1099 Miscellaneous and 1099 NEC
- W-2 G - gambling winnings
- Copies of other local tax returns or refund requests that you have filed

If you don't have the information you need, staff won't be able to prepare your return. Paper copies are required. Payments are accepted in the office and prepared returns can be placed in the drop box.



Spring break is just around the corner, and for those planning to leave town for a vacation, it's important to take measures to protect their homes while they're away. Huber Heights Police Division is offering free vacation checks for residents who want peace of mind while they're out of town. By filling out a simple form on the HHPD's website at:

<https://www.hhoh.org/FormCenter/Police-Department-5/Vacation-House-Check-45>, residents can request that officers check their homes periodically during their absence.

Officers will check doors, windows, and other points of entry to ensure that everything is secure and report any suspicious activity to the resident. This service is a great way for travelers to enjoy their vacations without worrying about the safety of their homes.



Stay weather-aware! Every day in the USA, hundreds of people are killed and thousands injured because of the weather. While there is nothing we can do to stop dangerous weather from affecting us, there are things we can do to stay safe when the weather turns nasty.

- **KNOW THE HAZARDS** - Be aware of the hazards that you might face during a weather event.
- **KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT DANGEROUS WEATHER** - Monitor forecasts and information from your local weather and the National Weather Service.
- **PAY ATTENTION** - Be aware of all watches, warnings, and advisories affecting you.
- **HAVE A PLAN TO STAY SAFE** - Think about it before it happens and be ready to act to survive.

Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 16-22. Please make a note that during that week there will be a stateside tornado drill on Wednesday, March 19 at 9:50 am.

Best advice: Sign up for CodeRED by texting HHCODERED to 99411 or by visiting: <https://www.hhoh.org/182/CodeRED-Weather-Warning> to stay informed and aware regarding Weather Emergencies, Missing children/persons, criminal activity, fires, drinking water contamination, utility outages, traffic conditions, and various threats to people, property or the environment.

If you think you signed up but aren't sure or you need to update your information please call (937) 237-1564.