



NEWSLETTER

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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
Kate Baker - Ward 3
Anita Kitchen - Ward 4
Mark Campbell - Ward 5
Brian Looney - Ward 6
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Not sure which ward you live in? Visit: www.hhoh.org/361/Ward-Locator-Ward-Map

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ISSUE #3 - RENEWAL OF 2.25% EARNED INCOME TAX TO MAINTAIN FIRE, POLICE, EMS

On May 6, 2025, Huber Heights residents will have the opportunity to vote on the renewal of a .25% earned income tax that directly supports essential public safety services, including fire, police, and EMS. This renewal is not a new tax—it is simply a continuation of a measure first approved in 2005. This is NOT A NEW TAX to residents. It is important to note that this appears as Issue 3 on the ballot if you reside in Montgomery County, but there is no ballot number for those residents in Miami County.

So, what does this mean for the residents of Huber Heights? If the earned income tax renewal is approved, fire, police, and EMS services will continue at their current levels. This ensures that emergency services can respond quickly, staffing levels remain sufficient, and the necessary equipment remains available. All of this, without any increase in taxes. It's a straightforward way to keep these crucial services running smoothly. However, if the renewal is not approved, the city will face some tough decisions regarding its budget. Without this funding, the city might have to reduce spending in certain areas to keep the safety services running, which could lead to budget cuts in other important areas, like parks and recreation facilities.

The earned income tax applies to wages, salaries, self-employment income, rental income, and gambling winnings. It does not apply to Social Security, pensions, or unemployment benefits. Residents who work in other cities with a local income tax of 2.25% or higher—such as Dayton, Kettering, and others—will receive a full credit, meaning they won't owe any additional tax to Huber Heights.

This tax has been an important source of funding for Huber Heights since it was first approved in 2005. The revenue has been instrumental in maintaining quick and reliable emergency response times, ensuring that our fire, police, and EMS services have the necessary staffing and equipment to serve the community effectively. If renewed, this tax will continue for another 10 years, until 2035, and will ensure that Huber Heights residents continue to receive the high level of public safety services that they expect and deserve.

If the earned income tax renewal does not pass, the city will face some difficult choices in terms of budgeting. While public safety services are always a top priority, there may be cuts to other services. For example, parks and recreation facilities could be impacted as the city shifts its focus to maintaining fire, police, and EMS services at their current levels.

For more details on this issue and to stay informed, please visit the city's website at www.hhoh.org/588/Renewal-Earned-Income-Tax-Levy



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!



SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Enrollment for Safety Town is now open. Space is limited so be sure to sign up today! Morning and afternoon classes are available August 4-8 and August 11-15. Safety Town is held at Valley Forge Elementary School (7191 Troy Manor Rd) and is a fun, educational experience for kids entering kindergarten in Huber Heights. Huber Heights Police officers and guest speakers will provide age-appropriate instruction on various topics including traffic safety, pedestrian and bike safety, fire safety, stranger awareness, school and bus safety, 911 usage, and gun safety. Children will also be able to enjoy our miniature town and "drive" around the streets and walk along the sidewalks, stop signs, and traffic signals.

For more information, visit <https://hhoh.org/555/Safety-Town> and complete the interest form. You can also contact Officer Reckner at (937) 939-1650 or by email at mreckner@hhoh.org. Space is limited and will be based on a first come first serve basis.



The yard waste drop-off site is now open for 2025. This service is available free of charge to all Huber Heights residents and is located at 7225 Bridgewater Rd. The site will remain open until Thursday, October 30, 2025, with operational hours of Thursdays from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and the first and third Saturday of each month from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The City of Huber Heights grinds the leaves and other collected debris to make quality leaf and wood mulch, which is available to residents for free. During operational hours, wood chips and leaf compost material are available for residents to take home. The end loader operator will load pickup trucks with wood chips or leaf compost. Acceptable yard waste material includes brush, leaves, plants, and tree limbs that are no longer than 8 feet and no larger than 6 inches in diameter.

Only citizens with proof of residency are allowed to drop off acceptable yard waste material, and contractors are not permitted to drop off material at this site. Unacceptable materials include trash, dirt, topsoil, grass, firewood, stumps, and construction materials of any kind.

For more information, contact the Public Works Division at (937) 233.1562. Huber Heights residents are encouraged to take advantage of this free service to dispose of their yard waste in an environmentally friendly manner.

Save the Dates!

Summer Music Series Dates

- Jun 14 The Menus
- Jul 12 Real2Reel
- Jul 26 Run Katie Run
- Aug 9 Nasty Bingo
- Aug 23 Parrots of the Caribbean
- Sept 6 Heather Redman & The Reputation
- Sept 20 Brass Tracks

Events & Festivals

- May 26 Memorial Day Flag Ceremony
- Jun 12-15 Citywide Garage Sale
- Jun 15 Juneteenth Music Festival
- Jun 28 Star Spangled Heights Celebration
- Aug 2 YMCA Kids Triathlon
- Aug 2 Annual Shredding Event
- Aug 5 National Night Out
- Sept 11-14 Citywide Garage Sale
- Sept 13 Multicultural Festival
- Nov 11 Veterans Day Flag Ceremony

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

April

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

May

- 6 ELECTION DAY - Polls open 6:30a-7:30p
- 6 Council Work Session 6p
- 15 City Council Meeting 6p
- 24 Kroger Aquatic Center OPENS
- 26 MEMORIAL DAY - CITY OFFICES CLOSED
- 26 Memorial Day Flag Ceremony 4p @ Veterans Memorial, Cloud Park

STYROFOAM RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, April 12

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rose Music Center—West Parking Lot

6800 Executive Boulevard



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 Parks & Recreation Department invites you to participate in our Commemorative Bench and Tree Charm Program. This program provides a unique and special way to honor a loved one, celebrate a special event, or honor a person or organization that has made a difference in our community.

Purchasers may request which park or City Property receives the tree, though the ultimate determination will be made by the Parks & Recreation Department. Please reach out to the department before submitting payment if your participation is contingent on a specific location. Our goal is to accommodate requests within reason and when allowed by our park standards and guidelines. You may complete a paper application and mail in a check or use our online form with a credit card to complete your purchase.

If you are interested in this program, please visit the City's website at <https://www.hhoh.org/595/Park-Bench-Tree-Program>.



The Farmers Market at the Heights was started in 2020 by the City of Huber Heights to meet the needs of the community. All products are either homemade or homegrown or support local nonprofit organizations that are trying to inform the public about their organization. The Eichelberger Amphitheater (8625 Brandt Pk.) is home to the market on Saturdays, May 10 through October 11, from 10a-2pm.

Vendors must apply every year to participate in the Farmers Market at the Heights. All products are either homemade or homegrown. The application is now open via this link: <https://hhoh.recdesk.com/Community/Program>. You will be prompted to create an account before registering. Fees are due at the time of registration. No deposits and no early bird rates are being used in 2025. Once you register, you will be emailed information on payment options. If you have any questions, contact Sarah McPherson, Parks Manager at (937) 237-5822 or by email at smcperson@hhoh.org.



MAKE A SPLASH THIS SUMMER!

Summer is coming—and that means the Kroger Aquatic Center is gearing up for another fun-filled season! Located in Huber Heights, the aquatic center will open its gates on May 24 and operate through Labor Day weekend, offering a variety of water attractions for all ages.

Starting April 1, you can purchase your 2025 Season Pass in person at the YMCA at The Heights. Even better, buy before Opening Day (May 24) and receive 25% off! Special pricing is available for Huber Heights residents, so bring proof of residency to get the best deal.

2025 Season Pass Rates:

- Family (4 people): \$235 (residents) | \$300 (non-residents)
- Adult (18-59): \$135 | \$185
- Youth (3-17): \$110 | \$150
- Senior (60+): \$110 | \$150
- Add family members for just \$10 each.

Want to celebrate summer in style? Book an Island Party—you'll get private space inside the lazy river, admission for 30 guests, pizza, drinks, and more. Party bookings open April 15 and must be made online.

For full details, visit <https://www.hhoh.org/271/Kroger-Aquatic-Center>