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A Message from the Trustees:

IT'S SPRINGTIME - LET'S GET BUSY!



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This past winter has been a rough one, but spring is here and it is time to pull ourselves out of our collective "hibernations". As we do so, we would like to challenge the community to get out and get engaged.

One thing we hear frequently is "there is nothing to do in Waynesville". The truth is, there is ALWAYS something going on in Waynesville! We are blessed with a large number of nonprofits and civic organizations with a wide range of programs and missions. Participation in these organizations' programs fosters a deeper connection to the community as well as provides opportunities to meet new, like-minded, people with similar passions and hobbies. All of these groups operate thanks to volunteer support and donations—so whether you can support with your time, participation or your dollars, your support and passion help keep our community a great place to call home.

If you enjoy being outside, we invite you to not only enjoy our local parks, but to familiarize yourselves with the **Friends of Warren County Park District**. They offer programs like fun runs, fishing, golf and paddle sports, but also guided educational opportunities hosted by certified naturalists.

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If the outdoors is not your passion, Waynesville and Wayne Township boasts an incredibly rich history. Even if you think you know our history, there are always new stories you likely have not heard before. **The Waynesville Area Heritage & Cultural Center at the Friends Home, Inc.** hosts monthly boxed lunch lecture events as well as historical tours and even ghost hunting classes.

The **Waynesville Historical Society** is another wealth of knowledge. They bring in guest

speakers to provide insights into historical events with local and Ohio significance as well as dinners and holiday programs.

If you are looking to exercise your creativity, the

Mary L. Cook Library offers a wide variety of art classes and literary classes for all ages and the **Waynesville Area Arts Council** promotes the arts through hands-on art activities, and artist demonstrations and live music at the Second Saturday Street Faires as well as holds free concerts at Bicentennial Park.

If you are more civically inclined, the **Progressive Women's Club** serves the community through philanthropy and college scholarships for high school seniors while providing a forum that promotes interaction and education for its members.

The **Waynesville Lions Club** supports the community by promoting leadership through its "Citizen of the Year" and "Student of the Month" programs as well as college scholarships for high school seniors and programs for the blind and sight impaired.

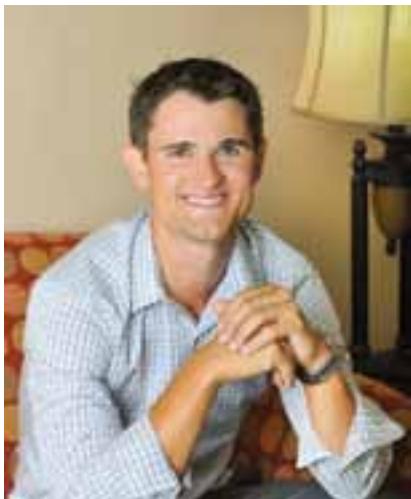
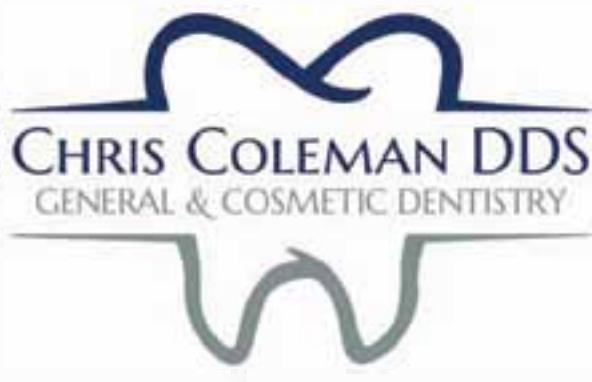
Finally, if your passion is youth sports, the **Waynesville Athletic Boosters** raise funds to support extracurricular sports activities for the Wayne Local School District.

To find contact information for these groups, please check out www.waynetownship.us under "Useful Community Links". Additionally, if you are a part of another local civic or nonprofit group and wish to share your organization with the community, please let us know.

Now let's get to work and make our community and our own lives a little more vibrant through local engagement! **WT**



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It's Springtime!

WE CAN COUNT ON AT LEAST ONE THING EACH YEAR—SPRING RAINS AND SEASONAL FLOODING

BY SCOTT CAMERY
WAYNE TOWNSHIP ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It's springtime in Ohio again. It's around this time of year that the Township gets inundated with citizen complaints regarding drainage and flooding issues.

Investigating these complaints and explaining the limited authority granted to the Township through the Ohio Revised Code and further explaining the responsibilities of private property owner involves considerable time and expense. With this in mind, there are some major points that all residents should be aware of.



It should be no surprise, but ditches along roadways, as well as large areas along the Little Miami River and other tributaries, can and do flood often—especially in the spring. Not only is flooding determined by the amount of rain seen locally, but it also depends on rains to the north which trigger flooding downstream as water inevitably flows downstream on its way to the Ohio River.

Once a roadway has become flooded, the Township Road Department goes to great lengths to close and block these dangerous roads as quickly as possible. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO DRIVE AROUND A "ROAD CLOSED" SIGN.** Not only is it a ticketable offence to do so, it is also dangerous.

According to the Center for Disease Control and the National Weather Service, almost 100 people die each year in floods—most of these deaths occur in vehicles when people attempt to drive through flooded roadways.

Just six inches of fast-moving water can knock over an adult. Only eighteen inches of flowing water can carry away most vehicles, including large SUVs. It is impossible to tell the exact depth of water covering a roadway or the condition of the road below the water. This is especially true at night when your vision is more limited. It is never safe to drive or walk through flood

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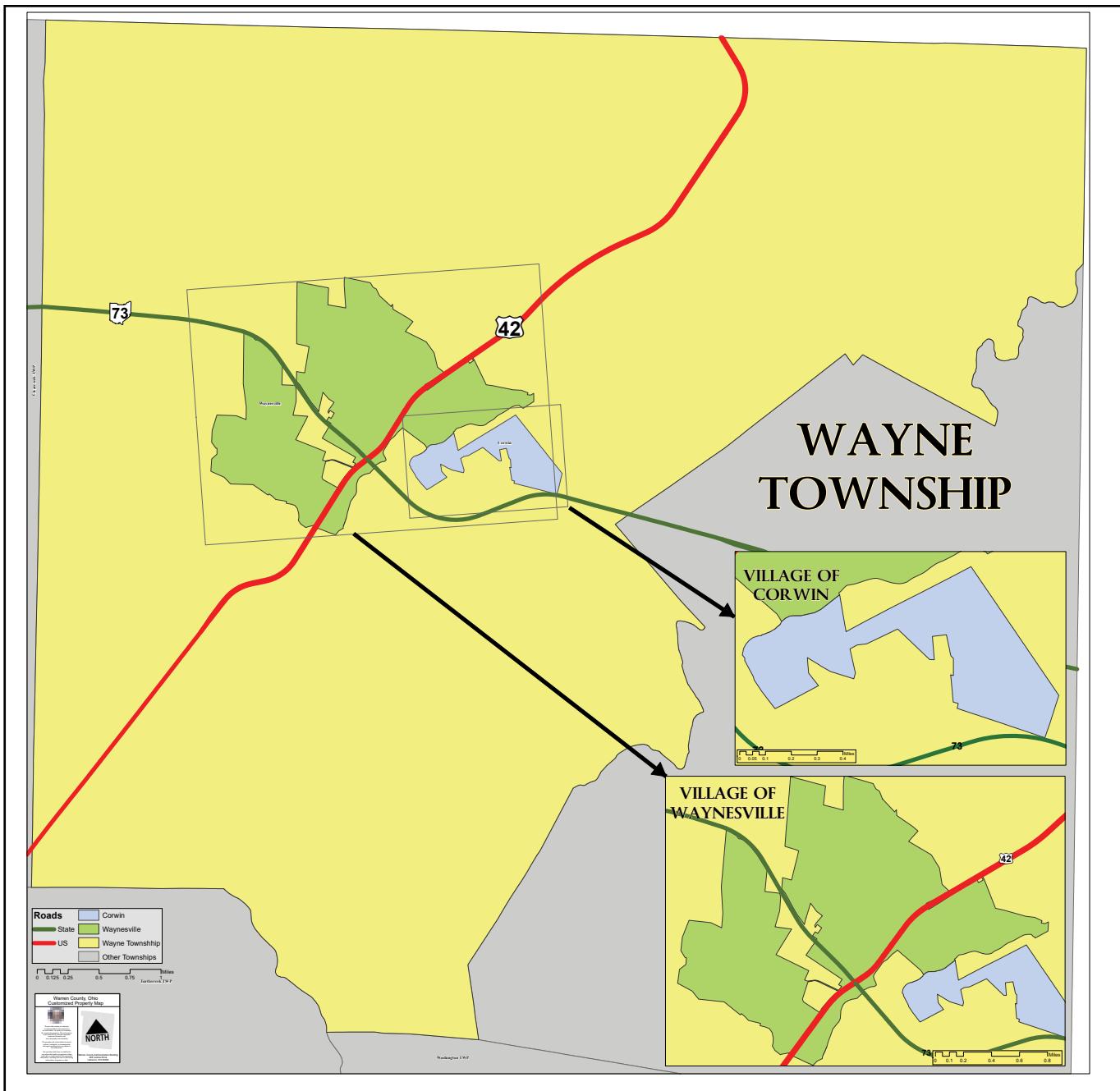
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waters. Any time you come to a flooded road, walkway, or path, follow this simple rule: **turn around, don't drown!**

When the river rises, the flooding of Corwin Avenue and other low-lying roads in close proximity to the river is inevitable. However, in other areas, minor roadway flooding and pooling is often avoidable.

Stormwater Management systems are designed to minimize flooding from heavy rain events by draining water away from roadways toward tributaries to waterways, but they only work when they are maintained like they should be. There are roles for public authorities as well as private property owners.

PUBLIC AUTHORITIES' RESPONSIBILITIES

In no uncertain terms, the Township is prohibited from using public dollars to perform any work on private property.



There are many large, **publicly-maintained** culvert pipes that run underneath local roadways. These culverts are always situated within the public right-of-way. They are designed to channel water from ditches and tributaries to pass under a roadway so that the surface does not flood. Public crews (State, County, Township and Village authorities) do their best to keep these clear and unobstructed at all times so that water does not back up over the road. However, if you see a clogged culvert, please report it to the appropriate jurisdiction so that it can be cleared before it becomes a problem.

Wayne Township Road Department is required by law to mow ditches along public roads two to three times per year. With approximately 90 miles of ditches and right-of-ways, this is no small feat. Additional public responsibilities include regrading and removing silt and sediment and removing dangerous trees and vegetation from the right-of-way.

PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY

Most private driveways also have a smaller culvert pipe that runs parallel to the road within the ditch. These are part of the larger stormwater management program, but it is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their own driveway culverts. They are part of the ditch system, but specifically designed to allow convenient private access to your property in a manner that does not impede the diverted runoff

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as it is channeled away from the roads into the ditch to drain. If these pipes become clogged, or damaged, runoff that collects in the ditch can quickly pool over the road and your driveway. This is a two-fold problem—it causes dangerous roadway conditions and it can lead to property damage which you are personally liable for. It is a good idea to monitor the condition of your culvert during heavy rain events and rake out debris as needed.

The ditches are mowed a few times per year by the public authority, but there is a lot that can happen in between those times. Feel free to mow or trim the areas near the road as you like—especially around your culverts. It is often times difficult to mow tightly around exposed culvert pipes with large township equipment without damaging them. Property owners should also know that it is illegal to dump yard waste in or otherwise obstruct a ditch.

PROPERTY OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITY ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

It is also worth mentioning that the Township gets a large number of drainage complaints regarding issues within **drainage easements** **purely on private property** and/or in between adjoining properties. Again, public tax dollars cannot, and will not, be used to maintain these areas.

These areas are typically specified as being the responsibility of the private property owners, or an HOA if applicable, to maintain according to standards prescribed on the deed or record plat.

For more information on which governmental authority maintains which roads and stormwater management systems in our community, feel free to visit Wayne Township's website www.waynetownship.us then select "Roads" under "Departments". **WT**



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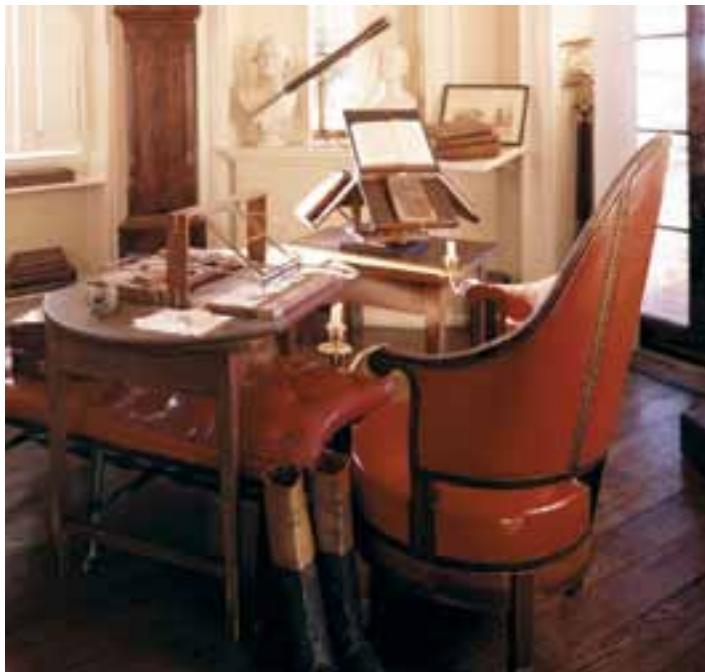
Jefferson's Books

Article provided by the Waynesville Historical Society

To write about Jefferson's books, we should write not of Jefferson's library, but of Jefferson's libraries. The building of libraries concentrated Jefferson's intellectual energies again and again. His first personal library of some 300-400 books was burned at Shadwell in 1770 in the fire that destroyed his boyhood home. By the time Jefferson arrived in Paris in 1784 for his diplomatic mission, his new personal library had already numbered some 2,640 volumes.

During his five years in Paris, Jefferson frequented all the principal bookstores. Touching every book, and buying everything related to America, rare, and relating to science. On his return home, he had added at least 2,000 volumes, and never ceased collecting.

When the British burned the Congressional Library in 1814, Jefferson seized the opportunity to renew the nation's library. Jefferson offered his library of seven or eight thousand volumes on condition that it be accepted in its entirety. Jefferson did ask for the privilege of retaining a few of the books, to "amuse the time I have yet to pass". Actually, Jefferson did not retain any. Again, Jefferson proved, as he said, "I cannot live without books," when he collected a wholly new retirement library. This was a collection focused on subjects of his deepest and most personal interests. It included essays, poetry, classics, and politics, along with the novel, Don Quixote (said to be the only novel Jefferson ever reread). In the end, his retirement collection numbered 1,600 volumes.



Jefferson's last library revealed, for him books were not ornaments, but instruments for coming to terms with the world. His three idols were Francis Bacon, John Locke, and Isaac Newton. He based his classification of books on the faculties of memory, reason, and imagination. Jefferson was always ready to provide reading lists for young friends.

John Adams and Jefferson had once been bitter political rivals. Later in life through their letters, they started a lively intellectual companionship, with books usually the foundation of their correspondence. On hearing that Jefferson's library was to go to Congress, Adams wrote to his friend, "I envy you that immortal honor." Both men were intensely bookish.

The libraries and reading taste of the two old friends, Jefferson and Adams, make for an interesting comparison. Adams' collection was not as large as Jefferson's, but his passion for books was at least as great. Adams' interests were also somewhat narrower than Jefferson's, having little in his library of science and mathematics.

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Instead of the common alphabetical arrangement of titles he preferred arrangements by subject matter. Alphabetical arrangement was very unsatisfactory to him. Jefferson developed and used his library as a potential source of new knowledge. Sometime around 1783 Jefferson began cataloging his library. They were grouped under nine headings: fine arts, criticism on fine arts, politics, religion, law, ancient history, modern history, natural philosophy, and miscellaneous. Jefferson further arranged categories of books by the time of day at which they should be read. He recommended the following reading schedule:

Before 8:00 am: physical studies, ethics, religion, natural law
Eight to 12:00 pm: law
12:00 pm -1:00 pm: politics
Afternoon: history
Dark to bedtime: criticism, rhetoric, oratory

THE RETIREMENT LIBRARY

In April 1815, the wagons that left Monticello for Washington carried 6,700 volumes that Thomas Jefferson had labored 45 years to collect. He received \$23,950 for his library. His fondest wish for his library had been realized—that it would remain intact, just as he had built it.

In the 11 years that passed between the sale of his library and his death, Jefferson continued to acquire books at an astonishing rate, amassing a sizeable collection. After his death, his second Monticello library was put for auction in 1829. The issued catalog listed 931 titles and some 1,600 volumes. A surprising amount of poetry is listed, almost all of it from classical writers. The largest category was, not entirely surprising, politics, though much of it related to recent American history. The library contained books on philosophy, Christianity, writings of Homer, Virgil, Cervantes, Milton, and Shakespeare.

Books were at all times his chosen companions. Jefferson never lacked for books, they were “a necessary of life.” His frequent protests about the lack of time for reading need to be understood in the context of his wishes, rather than in absolute terms. The amount of reading he



succeeded in doing was prodigious by any standard.

Of all the treasures in the Library of Congress, perhaps none is more highly prized than the 2,465 surviving volumes from the library of Thomas Jefferson. Sadly, in 1851 a devastating fire destroyed nearly two-thirds of the original Jefferson volumes. They are now kept in controlled atmospheric conditions in the rare book division. Many have been rebound, others are still in their original bindings and are in excellent condition.

In one sense, it might be said that Jefferson’s library is now only a cherished remnant, a portion of a once great collection. It seems truer to say that during the nearly two centuries it has belonged to the nation, Jefferson’s library has grown prodigiously in size and stature until it has become a great national library. The Library of Congress in collecting and preserving materials on every subject for the use and benefit of all, faithfully perpetuates the spirit and ideals of Thomas Jefferson.

While we cannot all have personal libraries the size of Thomas Jefferson’s, Waynesville is incredibly fortunate to be home to the Mary L. Cook Library. You are invited to come learn more about the Mary L. Cook Library collections and its benefactress with the Waynesville Historical Society on May 15th.



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New Subdivisions:

THE WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY AND HOW OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PROCESS

BY ERIN HARTSOCK, WAYNE TOWNSHIP ZONING INSPECTOR

"WHY DIDN'T I GET A NOTIFICATION?" is a question I field frequently when a new subdivision starts to break ground. The answer may surprise some readers, but when notices are sent out, they are notices of *public hearings*, not necessarily a notice about a new development. In many cases, there are no decisions to be made by the Township—developers may simply be working within standard residential regulations already in place—thus no need to provide any notification.

If a residential landowner wishes to develop a subdivision, then they have two options: develop each lot under the residential zoning standards already in place OR apply to change the standards through either a variance or a rezoning. Often times, the rezoning requested is a Planned Unit Development (or PUD), which provides for a more flexible regulatory framework to design a new neighborhood. All options require the new development to undergo the Warren County Subdivision approval process.

STANDARD SUBDIVISION: NO PUBLIC HEARING—NO NOTICE NEEDED

If a property owner chooses to subdivide their property based on the standards already in place on the property (i.e. they do not request a rezoning), then there is no hearing, little to no approvals required and nothing to send out in a notification.

The Warren County Subdivision approval process is an administrative process overseen by the Warren County Regional Planning Commission (WCRPC). It is a straightforward review procedure that ensures that the development plans meet various standards including: suitability of the land, roadways are built and laid out to public standards, stormwater management plans are professionally engineered and adequate, traffic impacts are mitigated, and utilities are adequate, among other things. Evaluation of these various points are based on objective metrics and have very little room for input from other individuals in the community.

The vast majority of Wayne Township is currently zoned Single Family Residential (R-1). Under this zoning classification, any R-1 zoned property can be subdivided into as many lots as the developer wishes, provided that each lot is at least two acres in size, has at least 150 feet of dedicated public roadway (otherwise known as road frontage), and can provide adequate plans for infrastructure and suitability of the site as part of the Subdivision approval process. The minimum lot size and the road frontage

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work together to limit the overall density of a subdivision, but it does not provide for any way to direct such developments to one area over another.

NON-STANDARD SUBDIVISION: PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE REQUIRED

However, as mentioned previously, sometimes developers request a zoning change or a variance to one or more of the existing zoning standards. It is these requests that triggers the need for a notice of public meetings/hearings.

To recap, developments that do not seek to deviate from the zoning standards already in place, do not require any public hearings, thus no notices or decisions. If however, a new subdivision requests a variance from a zoning provision, or a new zoning classification all together, then a public hearing is required ahead of any approvals or disapprovals.

HOW ARE NOTICES GIVEN?

WHERE DO I FIND THEM?

Notices of such hearings are provided in a few different ways: if you are a property owner within 500 feet of the subject property, then you will receive a direct notice in the mail sent to the mailing address on file with the County Auditor for tax purposes; a description of the request is placed in the Dayton Daily News' legal advertisement section at least 10 days prior to

any given hearing date; an announcement is placed on the Wayne Township website (www.waynetownship.us); and recently, red and white "Zoning Notice" signs are placed on the subject property as well as on the corner of State Route 73 and N. Clarksville Rd. (the Township Administration Building). These notifications are a combination of legal requirements and the efforts of the Township to keep residents well informed. **WT**



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History of the Little Miami Pearls

BY DOLLY MCKEEHAN

Pearls in the Little Miami River at Waynesville? Seriously? Little was heard of pearl fishing in the United States until 1878, when many were found in the Little Miami River around Waynesville. The fishing was done when the river was low by young boys who would wade out in the water and feel for the shells with their feet, then bob under the water and pick the mollusks up with their hands. During 1878 about \$25,000 worth of pearls were collected from the Little Miami.

Natural freshwater pearls are seldom perfectly round. The shape of the nucleus determines the shape of the pearl. Shapes include rounds, pears, eggs, drops, dome and baroques. Before being polished, the pearls are dull gray or brown and do not have the luster as saltwater pearls.

Israel Hopkins Harris, a Waynesville banker and part-time archeologist, began collecting the Little Miami River pearls and purchased nearly every interesting specimen found in the vicinity, making his pearl collection one of the largest and best known in the country. When Mr. Harris sold a portion of his collection in 1888, it contained several thousand pearls, mostly of a small size, averaging in weight a little more than one grain each. In 1889, Israel Harris donated a portion of his remaining pearl collection to the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

A large portion of this collection of fresh water pearls was



exhibited in the American section of the Paris Exposition of 1889 and was awarded a gold medal. Included in this exhibit were pearls of green, purplish brown, pink, waxy and creamy white. Many of the pearls found in the Little Miami River were the most beautiful rose-petal pink. Pearls of this peculiar color have never been found in any other waters.

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While a large portion of the Harris pearls were sold or donated and left the Waynesville area, the family's portion of the collection was donated to the Museum at the Friends Home by Israel Hopkin Harris's great-grand daughter, Virginia Mosher Haley. Today, visitors can see the many shapes and sizes of pearls from the Little Miami River. Sadly, freshwater pearls have not been found in the Little Miami River since 1890.

To visit and learn more about Waynesville's pearls and our local history, visit the Museum at the Friends Home. The Museum is housed in the historic 1905 Friends Home, which was built by the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, as a boarding home for retired Quakers in our area. Today, the Friends Home houses 20 rooms of exhibits, some dedicated to the villages of Corwin,



Oregonia, Lytle, New Burlington and Waynesville along with rooms for a local veterans exhibit, Quaker history, a genealogy library and much more.

Please check out the Museum's website at: friendshOMEMUSEUM.org, or our Facebook page for upcoming events such as the Box Lunch Lectures, ghost hunting classes, annual garage sale, ghostly history walking tours, Christmas home tour and much more. It isn't too early to consider placing your home on the Museum's Christmas home tour. We would love to add you to our roster of lovely homes to tour. If you enjoy brief and interesting lectures, with or without lunch, join us for our interesting Box Lunch Lectures.

The Waynesville community has been generous in their support of our village's Museum through financial donations, memberships, volunteering and programing. We are very proud to announce the donation of the building and grounds to the Museum from the board of Quaker Heights. We humbly accept ownership of this historic building and thank the board of trustees at Quaker Heights Ohio Living for their belief in what we try to accomplish in securing the history of our communities for future generations to enjoy.

The Museum at the Friends Home is a jewel in our community and is a depository for our local history and is wildly popular with Waynesville elementary third grade classes. If you would like to donate items to the Museum or become involved as a volunteer, please contact the museum by phone at 513-897-1607 or by email at: info@friendshOMEMUSEUM.org.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTS LIVES AND PROPERTY USING SPECIAL KEY BOXES

BY CHIEF PAUL SCHERER

Some of you may have noticed key-style boxes around our area and other places you visit. Beginning over a decade ago, Wayne Township Fire Department purchased a Rapid Entry System, often referred to as Knox Box. With several updates in the system and updates to the Ohio Fire Code, the Wayne Township Fire Department has been having many businesses purchase and install them.

Knox Boxes are opened by a master key held only by WFTD emergency responders. This allows only emergency responders to rapidly gain access to a building in a secure and non-damaging manner. Trusted by thousands of fire and law enforcement agencies for over 40 years, Knox Boxes have provided first responders with immediate access into secure buildings, campuses, residences and commercial properties when it matters most. By providing onsite access to a building's key, they remove barriers to entry while reducing injuries to responders and minimizing property damage.

One of the primary areas where WFTD has been focusing the use of these Knox Boxes is in mixed-use buildings. In our area, these buildings are often historical structures which have been around for years and are generally located along Main Streets in the Villages of Waynesville and Corwin. These buildings are mixed-use in that they have small businesses on the street level and living quarters or apartments above. These buildings, often built very close to one another, have a pattern of a heightened number of alarms and calls due to the residents, who live above, often noticing something out of place—unusual odors, sounds and any number of other things that may seem out of the ordinary. Additionally, some of the ground-floor businesses may have alarm systems that frequently activate—sometimes these alarms are valid emergencies—sometimes they are false alarms.

Generally, the business is the source of the problem. If the occupants above are not the business owner, then valuable time can be wasted trying to locate a key and even waiting a long time for the



owner to arrive with a key to gain access. In the time spent waiting, an emergency situation can quickly escalate—fires can spread rapidly, gas leaks can intensify, or someone suffering a health event can grow ever more critical.

If the decision is made to force entry after a perceived visual indication of an immediate danger, then that can be very expensive for the owner to repair. In some cases, doors needing to be forced open are historic, one-of-a-kind, antiques which are irreplaceable. With a Knox Box, a secured key can be accessed and doors opened without damage or precious time wasted. This is a win-win-win for the business owner, residential occupants, and the fire department, whose job it is to provide emergency responses.

Knox Boxes are not only for businesses but also for residential applications, too. If you have an alarm system in your home and an alarm is activated and no one is home, your property may be checked without doing damage to gain access. If a problem does exist then the entry would do less damage by unlocking the door rather than forcible entry. Knox also offers key switches for entry and security gates. These allow for gates to remain locked while at the same time, ensuring the Wayne Township Fire Department can open them in the event of an emergency.

Wayne Township Fire has several temporary Knox Box's on stainless steel door hangers that can be loaned out to residents if one of their loved ones become ill or disabled and unable to unlock their doors during an emergency.

Please feel free to contact Wayne Township Fire Department for more info on the Knox Box System or learn more at the company's website: www.knoxbox.com. **WT**



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WAYNESVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL URGES OHIO TO SUPPORT AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION OF STATES

BY CHRIS COLVIN, VILLAGE OF WAYNESVILLE COUNCIL MEMBER

In December 2018, the Waynesville Village Council passed by a vote of 6-1, Resolution 2018-053 "Urging the Ohio State Legislature to take all necessary action to add Ohio to the roll of States which have adopted resolutions to trigger an Article V Convention of States". (<http://villageofwaynesville.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Res.-2018-053.pdf>)

Some may view this resolution as simply symbolic since local government does not have a direct role in an Article V Convention of States. Local government, however, is directly impacted by the size and scope of the Federal and State government.

Local government suffers when the bulk of your income/property taxes do not go directly to the municipality but instead, the dollars leave the community to be redistributed elsewhere by the Federal and State government. Local governments are forced to apply for grants, municipalities competing against each other, to try



and bring back your tax dollars to their community to provide the needed infrastructure and services required. So, what happens with the Federal and State government directly impacts our community and it is critical for local government to participate in the Article V discussion now and in the future.

As of March 5th 2019, there are 14 states that have passed the Article V Convention of States resolution, 8 states have passed the resolution in one chamber, 17 states have active legislation in support of the resolution leaving only 11 States with no active legislation in support of the resolution. Ohio is one of the states that has had, and currently has active legislation pending for an Article V Convention of States.

The Village is reaching out to our State Representative Scott Lipps and State Senator Steve Wilson to be active supporters in this effort.

Learn more about an Article V Convention of States at www.conventionofstates.com where more than 1.2 million people have signed the petition across the nation (with over 49,000 petition signers in Ohio!).

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All solid materials (grass, leaves, litter, branches, newspapers, etc.) can clog the catch basins and drainage pipes - leading to back-ups and flooding. Our Public Works employees clean the catch basins as they can, but your assistance will help prevent flooding when the storms hit again.

An advertisement for the Waynesville Fall Fest. The background shows a scenic view of a green landscape with a golf course in the foreground and a town in the distance. The text "ghost town village · abandoned mine play zone · gemstone mining" is at the top left, and "pumpkin painting · human foosball · games" is at the top right. On the left side, there's a vertical list: "harvest gifts and decorations · petting farm". At the bottom left is a small image of a playground. In the center, the words "Waynesville Fall Fest" are written in large, bold, black letters. Below them, the text "COMING WEEKENDS THIS FALL!" is displayed in orange. At the bottom center is the website "www.waynesvillefallfest.com". The bottom right features a small image of a mini-golf course. The bottom edge has a decorative border with small orange pumpkins and the text "food · putt putt · disk golf · corn maze · giant porch games · bocce ball".

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Village Water Works

BY BRIAN BLANKENSHIP, VILLAGE OF WAYNESVILLE COUNCIL MEMBER

I got up this morning and went to the tap to pour a glass of water and had to marvel at what a blessing nearly unlimited clean, clear, water is – and piped directly to our houses! Much of the world does not have this luxury that we largely take for granted. Here in Waynesville, we are doubly blessed, as we have incredibly clean water that needs very little treatment when it comes out of the ground. Additionally, we have a crew of hard-working maintenance troops to make sure our aging system of pipes and tanks stay in good repair. These dedicated folks also monitor the system to ensure the water we draw from our wells stays within EPA standards for purity.

So where does our water come from? We have an excellent well-field on 35 acres of land not far from the river near Corwin. The extra acreage is important, as there is nothing but grass above our wells, reducing the chance of contamination. Currently we have three wells, each of which can produce about 360 gallons per minute. Generally, we have two wells active and one in reserve. Bottom line is any two wells can produce about 1 million gallons per day, with normal demand being about half of that at about $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons per day.

As the water comes out of the ground, it goes to a chlorination station, which injects the proper amount of chlorine to kill any microorganisms. From there it is distributed throughout the Village system and out to Township customers, as well as the County. For the past 20 years, Warren County has purchased about a quarter of that daily $\frac{1}{2}$ million-gallon production to supply areas of Oregonia, Corwin, Massie Township and other nearby areas. We also have various water-haulers who supply those who aren't piped into the system or have wells or cisterns. These are private contractors which purchase our water and resell it to their private customers.

Very noticeable, as one comes back into town from the north, are our two water towers. These not only provide water storage, but serve to pressurize the entire system. The large tank out by Ferry Road holds about 250,000 gallons of water. Closer into town, the cylindrical "Lytle tank", and the "Covey" Pump Station, stands 100 feet tall and holds about $\frac{1}{2}$ million gallons of water. The levels of chlorine are monitored by the Village technicians and the EPA around the clock – as is the pressure in the system, to ensure when I turn that tap, I'll have safe, potable water there!

How that water gets to us is another story. We have about 35 miles of water mains throughout the Village. We have mains that run in various sizes from 10 inches to 4 inches in diameter, and comprised of materials ranging from cast iron, plastic and other materials. It is a complicated, antiquated and ultimately expensive system to maintain.

What about repairs? Like the rest of the nation, the water main network is old and hard to maintain. Much of our system dates back 80 years to the 1940s and earlier. We have an in-house crew that can fix many repairs and a contractor on call if the issue is a larger break.... You can be certain that every time there is a broken pipe requiring the pavement to be dug up and a repair made, it is costly and messy.

What about a contingency plan? Emergencies could come in the form of a large fire requiring more water than usual, or a flood of the well field, contamination, etc. Rest assured that in an emergency, there are connections to other public water suppliers, where we could purchase more than enough water to address all of our needs.

The monthly price we pay for water is only enough to maintain the system – meaning we cannot make a profit – we accrue money for maintenance and repairs, but nothing above that. It is a heck of a deal! Speaking of costs, consider the maintenance on such a system. Both water towers need an inspection every few years, and subsequently may need to be drained, painted, and sometimes repaired. As you can imagine, these inspections and maintenance are very expensive, as is painting the exterior periodically (Upwards of \$60,000). High as the maintenance costs are, a new tower would be a million dollars or more.

Speaking of costly, I'd be remiss before I close, if I didn't mention some facts on our current street levy. Currently we have a 1 mil street levy that brings in about \$52,000 – \$56,000 per year. New paving costs several hundred thousand dollars per mile – so we apply for grants and subsidies to supplement our resources, but these grants are increasingly competitive and limited in funding, \$52K just doesn't go very far! Please bear this in mind as we ask for renewals of the current levy, and ask you to consider an increase!

Well, that is it for now – please know that we have dedicated staff and an excellent water system! Special thanks to former Councilman Richard Elliot for all his help setting up and running the current system, as well as Nelson McKeever, our water system operator, and his technicians who do the hard, behind the scenes work every day. Let me encourage anyone with questions to contact our Village Manager, Chief Gary Copeland, or come to any Public Works Meeting (first Monday of the month, 6 PM), or any Council meeting (first and third Monday, 7 PM) at the Village administration building located at 1400 Lytle Road. Thanks!



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Overall "A" Award -----



The Ohio Department of Education has released the 2017/2018th School Report Card and Wayne Local Schools received an overall grade of "A." Waynesville was one of 28 districts statewide to earn an overall grade of "A" and we ranked very high among all Ohio districts in performance index. The school district and our "A" school buildings all received banners from the Ohio Department of Education. An "A" reflects our hard work and attention to the increased rigor of Ohio's learning standards. We are focused on helping our students succeed in an educational environment of raised expectations. We celebrate the successes of our students and staff. We also say thank you to our community for its ongoing support of our school system. Combined with our new facilities project, Waynesville is a special school district.

New Transportation Facility Underway -----

Project Phases and Current Schedule:

- Construction of new transportation facility started in December 2018; completion will be summer of 2019 along with demolition of old bus facility;
- PK-6 Building – Schematic design, design development and construction documents during 2018/19 school year;
- Bidding of PK-6 building – Summer 2019;
- Construction of PK-6 building – Starting Fall of 2019 with construction throughout the 2019/20 and 2020/21 school years;
- New PK-6 building open and occupied by students and staff beginning 2021/22 school year;
- Fine Arts is the last phase of the project to begin after completion of new PK-6 and demolition of old elementary site during 2021/22 school year.



**Visit our website for more information and updates
on our construction project:**

<https://www.wayne-local.com/new-construction/>

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Extracurricular Achievements



In addition to our academic excellence, we celebrate the talents of our students in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Our teams have league and district championships this school year.

The Waynesville High School Swim Team had an amazing season at the OHSAA State Swimming and Diving meet. Junior **Owen Conley** led the Spartans with a pair of gold medals; one in the 200 Freestyle and the other in the 200 Individual Medley. Owen's sister, Freshman **Audrey Conley**, made her first appearance at the big meet and placed 3rd in 500 Freestyle and 9th in the 200 Freestyle.

Other state and national qualifiers for the 2018/19 season thus far:

Colin Amato – Cross Country

State Qualifier

Will Kelley – Swimming

State Qualifier

Devyn Olson – Swimming

State Qualifier

Anicca Sivsov – Swimming

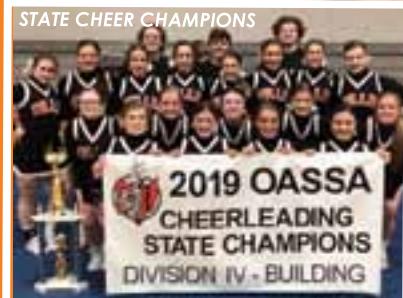
State Qualifier

Lindsey Worthington – Swimming

State Qualifier

Cheerleading Competition Team

State Champion and National Qualifier



GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYS IN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The Varsity Girls Basketball team is the Division III state runner-up, losing to nationally-ranked Columbus Africentric by 4 points before a large crowd at Ohio State's Schottenstein Center on March 16, 2019. The Spartan Ladies ended their incredible season with a 27-1 record, with their only loss at the state championship game.



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WLS Offers 5-Star Preschool Program

Wayne Local Schools offers a 5-Star preschool program with services to both students with special needs, and typically developing children, with curriculum and services tailored to the science of early childhood education. We serve children of the Wayne Local School District with great pride. The Wayne Local School preschool provides a range of services and environments for children ages 3-5 who are identified by their district as children who would benefit from specific interventions to address delays or needs. Teachers, aides, and therapists work with children to achieve goals specified in their Individual Education Plans (IEP's). Typically developing children are equally important part of the preschool classrooms, serving as peer models and sharing in activities based on Ohio's Early Learning Content Standards.

Yes, we do.....

- Provide a joyful environment for kids.
- Have a quality staff.
- Educate our staff continuously.
- Respect differences.
- Provide varied learning opportunities.
- Support all stakeholders.
- Facilitate transitions.
- Accommodate all abilities.
- Nurture kids, families and communities.
- Promote learning through play

Some of the family activities and services for all children we offer are:

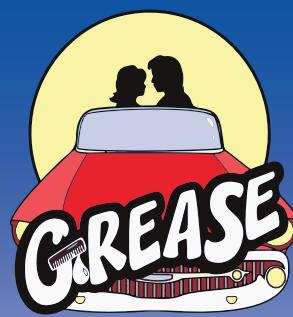
- Preschool boot camp
- Family gingerbread making night
- End of year family cookout and graduation
- Supportive Peer program within the classroom

We know the demand for preschool services is growing in our community. The district is investigating ways to house and provide more preschool opportunities for our youngest members of the community.



WAYNESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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WHS Presents Grease

Last performed in 1990, the smash hit musical, GREASE (School Version), returns to the Waynesville High School Stage this April under the direction of Keith Minnery. GREASE follows the 1959 senior class of Rydell High School, as they approach graduation, and navigate the highs and lows of young love. Noah Little (Senior) and Jamie Ripperger (Sophomore) star as summer lovers, Danny Zuko and Sandy Dumbrowski, with Kayleigh Gleason, Jesse Reeves, Jimmy Tober, Chaz Stump, Cameron Adams, Thomas Foster, Olivia Reeder, Bailey Wilson, Carly Conner, Alexis Butt, Joe Cockerham, Casey St. Pierre, Zoe Bees, Isaiah Blythe and an Ensemble Cast of high school students. Featured songs include "You're the One That I Want," "Look At Me, I'm Sandra Dee", "Hopelessly Devoted To You," and of course "Greased Lighting". Experience the friendships, romances, and adventures that made this Broadway knock-out and Blockbuster film a huge success.

Waynesville's Children First Initiative



Our emerging Children's First Initiative hopes to engage adults in Waynesville to actively participate in the growth of all the community's youth. The foundation for the Children's First Initiative is the 40 Developmental Assets. We believe that our village of support and opportunity is what's needed to ensure the success of all youth and families in our community. We envision a future where all children, teens, and young adults have the adult support needed to help them thrive.

Developmental Assets are the 40 essential building blocks needed for the healthy development of young people, youth and children. The more assets a child has, the better off he or she will be. The fewer assets they have, the more likely that he/she will engage in risky behaviors. There are 20 external and 20 internal assets. External assets are those that the community, family or school provide for them. Internal assets are those that we help to instill in them. Developmental Assets and the Children First Initiative is not a program. It is an intentional way of being, where adults in our community are making conscious efforts to build these assets in our youth.

Local Author Visits WES

In partnership with Mary L. Cook Public Library, Waynesville Elementary students welcomed local Author, Katie Heminger (maiden name Weyler), to read Charlie Tractor and Pickles book to the students. Ms. Heminger briefly discussed the writing process, answered questions, and provided a coloring page handout from the book. Katie, a resident of Waynesville for the past 22 years, is co-author with Sister Carrie. They had a fun, happy and adventurous upbringing, which inspired the stories of Charlie Tractor™.

The Charlie Tractor book series is based on actual events and encourages children to explore the outdoors and spend quality time with the special people in their lives. These short, fun, family-oriented stories are intended for children 2 to 10 years old. These bright, colorful books are designed to teach a fun fact, bring enjoyment and laughter, and be read in less than 10 minutes.

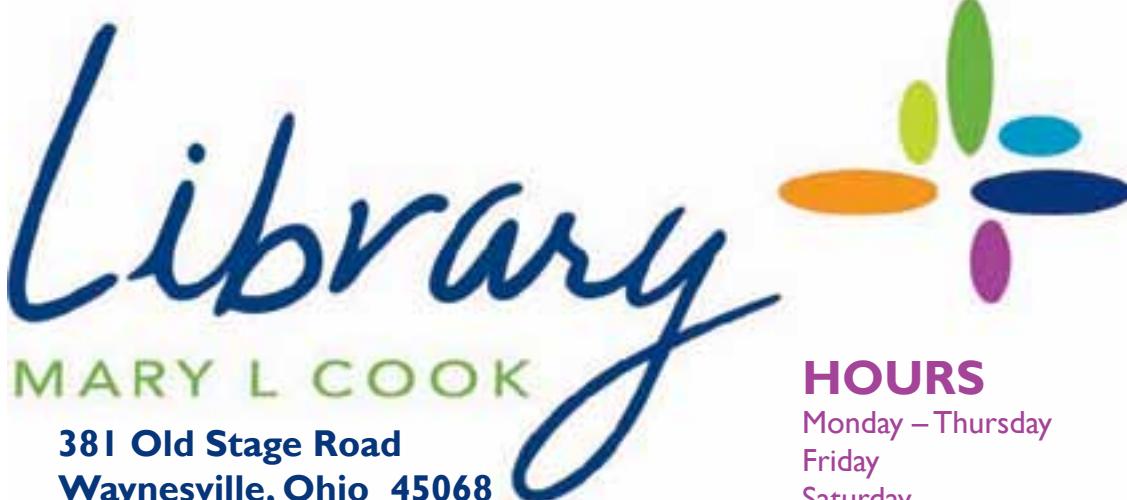


The Children First Initiative wants to help adults in the community to make closer connections that help young people discover who they are, encourage abilities to shape their own lives, and learn how to engage with and contribute to the world around them.

Next steps:

- We've had two community stakeholder meetings to discuss our Children First Initiative.
- 350+ students in grades 6-12 will be participating in Search Institutes' "Attitudes & Behaviors Survey" on March 13, 2019.
- Wayne Local has received a grant to help fund this survey through Mental Health and Recovery Services of Warren and Clinton County.
- Once this baseline data has been gathered, the Children's First core team will be able to use this information for programs and/or initiative design.
- The information can be used to build awareness of and commitment to what's best for our youth.
- It is critical that we included all stakeholders of our community in this Children's First Initiative.
- As we collect real information about our youth, we encourage individuals, groups, organizations, businesses, or anyone with a vested interest in our youth to contact us.
- Invite community stakeholders to events to hear and share thoughts on our Children First Initiative.





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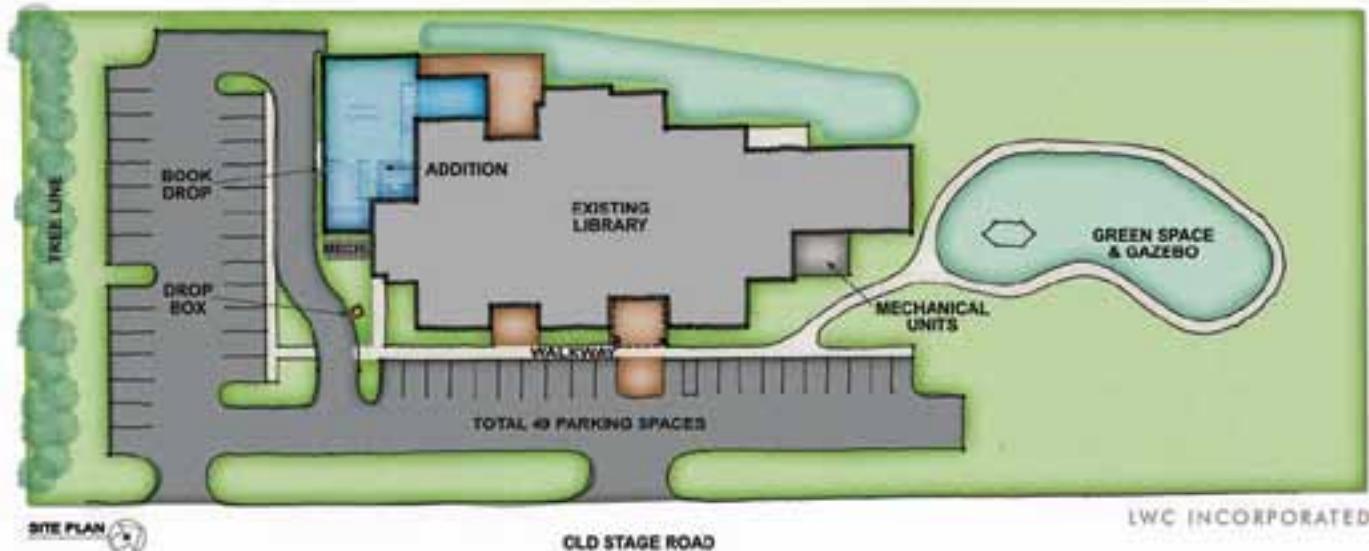
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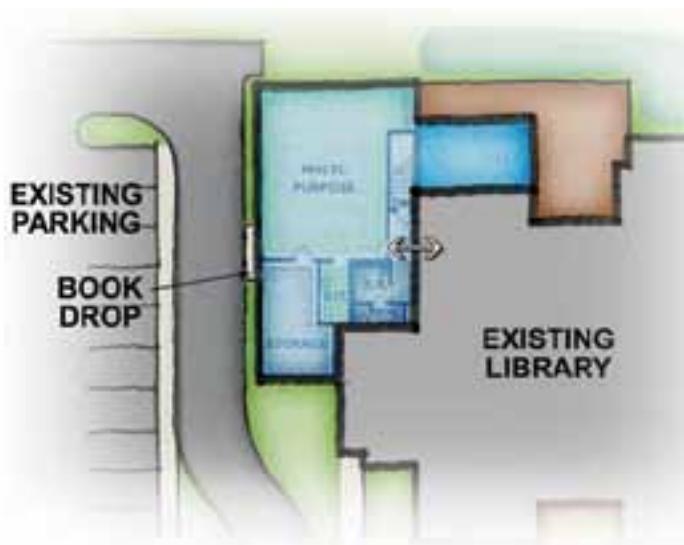
Some of you may have noticed the utility flags and equipment at the library in the last few weeks. After some preliminary soil testing, we are ready to start our expansion.

Careful money management, frugality, and strategic investment have allowed the library to set aside money in its Building & Maintenance Fund. To best utilize this fund and prioritize our goals for the future, the library hired LWC last spring to develop a master facilities plan for us.

LWC facilitated focus groups with parents, teens, senior citizens, and staff members to gather information about what patrons like about our library and what changes they would like to

see. Across all groups what we heard most often was: the library needs more meeting space, we wish the library had more light and outside views, and the furniture and décor are outdated. Groups liked that the library has a large, vibrant area for children, a dedicated room for teens, the historic Ohioana Room, and our library park greenspace.

While library programs and events have first priority for use of meeting rooms, many organizations and groups also meet at the library because of limited meeting space availability in the community at large. Focus groups asked specifically for additional small rooms for tutors or studying so that the larger rooms



ADDITION CONCEPT PLAN

were not taken up by one or two people, and a greater number of rooms so that patrons can be accommodated at peak times.

Our next step was to conduct a thorough facilities assessment that looked at the architectural and engineered systems. The original section of this building and much of the furniture and shelving is over 30 years old. The assessment report gave us a list of all suggested maintenance and improvements broken into three priority levels. The first priority included any maintenance or safety issues which were highly recommended. The second priority were items which weren't required immediately but we should give consideration. The third priority included those items which could wait for a later time or would be nice to have if funding was available.

Using the results of our focus groups and facilities assessment, the board has hired LWC Architects to design an expansion and

to update the older section of the building (built in 1987). Phase I will include the addition of a large meeting room, similar in size to our current Community Room, with a kitchenette and ADA-compliant family restroom at the southwest corner of the building. A portion of the parking lot will be ceded to the addition, so additional parking will be added just north of the current parking in front of the building.

Phase II will include relocating staff offices to the rear of the building to allow space for a number of small meeting rooms to accommodate 1 – 4 people, and another medium-sized meeting room which can accommodate 10 – 12. This renovation will also include updating of furniture and fixtures.

Payment for all upgrades will be made from already saved funds and will require no additional expense to taxpayers or patrons.

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Children



(Most of our programs require prior registration,
except Drop-in Storytimes)

ONGOING

Mondays	6:15 p.m.	Drop-In Storytimes for	all ages
Tuesdays	10:00 a.m.	Drop-In Storytimes for	all ages

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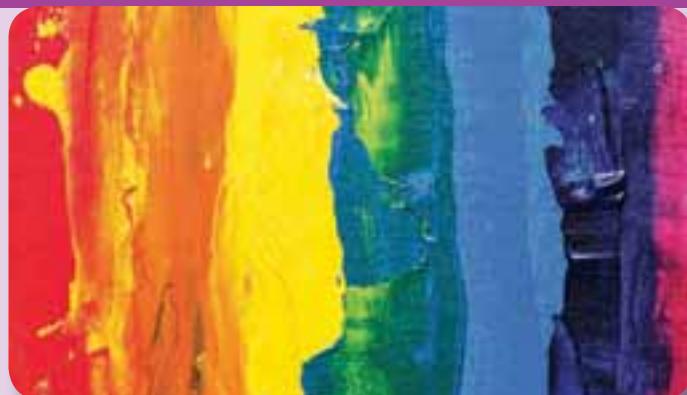
Thursdays	10:30 a.m.	Storytimes	all ages to K
Thursdays	6:45 p.m.	Storytimes	all ages to K

DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION	AGES
April 3	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 10	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 16	4 p.m.	Chapters Book Club	1st & 2nd
April 17	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver
April 23	4 p.m.	Rapid Readers Book Club	3rd - 5th

Children continued

April 23	6 p.m.	Look Who's Reading Club	Kindergarten	June 19	11 a.m.	Cincinnati Observatory -
April 24	10:30 a.m.	Baby Bookworms	0 - 2 & Caregiver			Comets & Meteors 5 yrs. Entering 1st
April 27	10 a.m.	Muffins with Mom	2 yrs. & Up	June 19	1 p.m.	Cincinnati Observatory -
April 27	6 p.m.	Sensory Storytime	All ages w/Family			Comets & Meteors Entering 2nd - 5th
April 29	6:30 a.m.	Robot Science	1st - 5th	June 26	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Scavenger Hunt 2 yrs. - entering 5th
May 7	4p.m.	Chapters Book Club	1st & 2nd	July 3	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Drop In -
May 10	4 p.m.	Pinterest Party	3rd - 5th & Caregiver			Rocket Ship Search 2 yrs - entering 5th
May 13	6:45 p.m.	Cooking Program	3rd - 6th	July 10	11 a.m.	Storytime 2 - 4 yrs. & Caregiver
May 14	4 p.m.	Rapid Readers Book Club	3rd - 5th	July 10	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Drop In -
May 14	6 p.m.	Look Who's Reading Club	Kindergarten			Rocket Launch 5 yrs. - entering 5th
May 29	9 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Registration for Summer Reading Program	All ages	July 17	11 a.m.	Storytime 2 - 4yrs. & Caregiver
June 5	11 a.m.	Storytime	2 - 4 yrs & Caregiver	July 17	11 a.m.	Caesar Creek Park Ranger 5 yrs.-entering 1st
June 5	11 a.m.	Space Day	5 yrs.- entering 1st			Caesar Creek Park Ranger Entering 2nd - 5th
June 5	1 p.m.	Space Day	Entering 2nd - 5th	September	TBA	Storytimes resume
June 12	11 a.m.	Storytime	2 - 4 yrs & Caregiver		TBA	Lego Programs resume
June 12	11 a.m.	Armstrong Air & Space - Black Holes	5 yrs.- entering 1st		TBA	Book Clubs for K, 1st & 2nd, 3rd - 5th
June 12	1 p.m.	Armstrong Air & Space - Black Holes	Entering 2nd - 5th	October	TBA	Laptimes resume
June 19	11 a.m.	Storytime	2 - 4 yrs. & Caregiver		TBA	Baby Bookworms resume

Teens



During School Year Wednesdays

3 p.m. Teen Cafe

DAY TIME DESCRIPTION

June 13 6:30 p.m. CD Mandala

June 27 6:30 p.m. Intro to Yoga/Pilates

December 5 6:30 Gift & Gift Bag Party

Adults



ONGOING

- Mondays 9 a.m. Watercolor Class
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 1p.m. Book Club
Thursdays 5 p.m. Knitters

DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 4	5 a.m. – 8 p.m.	Friends Preview Book Sale
April 5	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Friends Book Sale
April 6	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Friends Book Sale
April 7	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	* Dollar a Bag Sale
April 8	9 a.m. – 8 p.m.	* On Your Honor Sale
April 9	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	* On Your Honor Sale
April 12	6:30 p.m.	Glue Painting
May 3	6:30 p.m.	Moss Ball Aquarium
June 13	6:30 p.m.	Intro to Yoga/Pilates
August 16	6:30 p.m.	Alcohol Ink Tile
September 13	6:30 p.m.	Mandala
October 25	6:30 p.m.	Wooden Sign
November 8	6:30 p.m.	Holiday Gnome

Seniors



(HELD AT CARRIAGE HILL)

DAY	TIME	DESCRIPTION
April 12	3 p.m.	Glue Painting
May 3	3 p.m.	Moss Ball Aquarium
August 16	2 p.m.	Mason Jar Tissue Holder
September 13	2 p.m.	Bingo
October 25	2 p.m.	Terra Cotta Candy Dish
November 8	2 p.m.	Christmas Tree Finger Painting

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