



# CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

DON WALTERS, MAYOR



"Open for business in the  
**RIVER CITY!**"

## COMMUNITY REPORT & CITIZEN UPDATE

February 2015



# DIRECTORY OF CITY CONTACT INFORMATION

The dedicated employees of the City of Cuyahoga Falls are here to serve you. Never hesitate to call in an emergency, or with any questions or ideas you may have. If you are not sure where to start, simply call our main line at (330) 971-8000 and we'll be glad to point you in the right direction.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS & SAFETY SERVICES

Police & Fire Emergency: 911  
Crime Fighters Anonymous Tip Line: (330) 971-TIPS / 8477  
Fire Department, Non-Emergency (Deaf TDD compatible):  
(330) 928-2181 | [fire@cityofcf.com](mailto:fire@cityofcf.com)  
Police Department, Non-Emergency (Deaf TDD compatible):  
(330) 928-2181 | [cops@cityofcf.com](mailto:cops@cityofcf.com)  
Water/Sewer/Electric After Hours Emergency (Deaf TDD compatible): (330) 928-2181

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## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

City Hall Main Line: (330) 971-8000  
Mayor's Office: (330) 971-8200 | [mayor@cityofcf.com](mailto:mayor@cityofcf.com)  
Building and Ground Maintenance: (330) 971-8351  
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Mayor's Court: (330) 971-5650 | [mayorscourt@cityofcf.com](mailto:mayorscourt@cityofcf.com)

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## INFORMATION-LINES

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Sanitation Info-line: (330) 971-8015  
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Sanitation: (330) 971-8010 | [sanitationdivision@cityofcf.com](mailto:sanitationdivision@cityofcf.com)  
Streets / Snow and Leaf Removal: (330) 971-8030 | [street@cityofcf.com](mailto:street@cityofcf.com)  
Technical Services (traffic signals): (330) 971-8020  
Utility Billing Department: (330) 971-8250 | [ubdept@cityofcf.com](mailto:ubdept@cityofcf.com)

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## PARKS & RECREATION

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Brookledge Golf Club: (330) 971-8416  
Downview Sports Center: (330) 971-8418  
The Natatorium: (330) 971-8080  
Quirk Cultural Center: (330) 971-8425  
Water Works Family Aquatic Center: (330) 971-8433



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DON WALTERS

**I am pleased to report that business was booming in Cuyahoga Falls in 2014!** The Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce joined me in welcoming a wide range of businesses to our community last year. Together, we attended **sixteen ribbon cutting ceremonies**, setting a new record.

When I became Mayor thirteen months ago, Menards was not planning to open a location in Cuyahoga Falls. Fortunately, due to cooperation between business leaders and our diligent team

at City Hall, the situation was able to be turned around. **Menards will break ground this spring** at the site of the old Giant Eagle on Graham Road. This private investment of \$20 Million will create 120 new jobs.

After overcoming several challenges, we are proud of the significant progress made with the Portage Crossing project. Collaboration and persistence brought forth a **Portage Crossing project we can all be proud of**, with nine new businesses already open for customers and five more businesses slated to open no later than spring.

An Enterprise Zone Agreement between the City, County, and SGS Tool **saved 75 full-time jobs** and brought an investment of \$10 Million to Cuyahoga Falls. The vacated property will soon be the future home of Harbor Castings, **creating 70 new manufacturing jobs** and an additional investment of \$3.3 Million: a true “win-win” situation.

From new local small businesses like the Harps & Thistles Yarn Emporium and Sisters Scented Candles, to the national franchises at Portage Crossing and the success with Menards, there is simply no question that we are open for business in the River City!

Regarding City finances, I am happy to inform you that we have been stretching resources and doing more with less. With the help and cooperation of City Council, **we were able to save taxpayers \$1.7 Million** in last year’s budget alone.

I believe strongly in transparency and open communication with residents. This Community Report & Citizen Update provides highlights of our accomplishments last year, with an update every quarter. Also, you may now follow my office on Facebook and visit me on the First Tuesday of the month.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I am confident that 2015 will be another great year in Cuyahoga Falls!

*Mayor Don Walters*

# CUYAHOGA FALLS CITY COUNCIL

Mary Ellen Pyke, President • Jeff Iula, President Pro Tem  
Terry Mader, Chaplain • Vic Pallotta, Sergeant at Arms

City Council is the legislative branch of our local government and is comprised of eight ward members who serve two-year terms and three at-large members, elected to four-year terms. Council meetings are open to the public and are held most Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at The Natatorium. Please feel free to contact your Council members with questions or concerns on any city issue. You may also contact the Law Department regarding Council matters or city legislation: (330) 971-8190.



*Back Row, From Left: Council members Colavecchio, Pallotta, Weinhardt, James, Mader, & Klinger  
Front Row, From Left: Council members Rubino, Iula, Pyke, Hummel-Snyder (resigned 1/2/15), & DeRemer*



## COUNCIL PRESIDENT & MAYOR HAVE BUCKETS OF FUN IN SUPPORT OF ALS RESEARCH

Last August, Council President Mary Ellen Pyke joined forces with Mayor Don Walters to take the 2014 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. The goal of our two city leaders, as well as event participants across the nation, was to support funding research to help mitigate the debilitating effects of the disease ALS. Often called "Lou Gehrig's Disease," ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Learn more at [alsa.org](http://alsa.org).

## 2015 COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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### **Ward Seven**

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### **Ward Eight**

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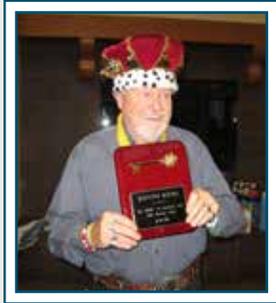
### **Council Clerk**

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# CUYAHOGA FALLS CARES

## MAYOR WALTERS INITIATES RIBBON CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT POLICE

Mayor Don Walters introduced a blue-and-black ribbon campaign in 2014 to show solidarity between the community and the dedicated women and men who serve us on the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department. The ribbons were paid for at the Mayor's personal expense, and are available free for residents at City Hall. Blue-and-black flags are also being offered at-cost by Falls Flag & Banner (1200 Portage Trail) at \$30 each. Please consider showing your support for our police officers by displaying a ribbon at your home.



## HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY, KENNY KING!

Few individuals in the Falls have touched as many lives as Kenny King, a beloved local fixture. Mayor Walters solicited donations to rent The Falls River Square Pavilion, and to provide food and fun for the seventieth birthday of the "King of Cuyahoga Falls." October 21, 2014 was truly a night to remember, as Kenny King entered the bash to resounding applause and great fanfare.

## CITY EMPLOYEES GO ABOVE & BEYOND FOR FALLS FAMILIES

Our city employees are proud to serve the people of Cuyahoga Falls every day, but many residents may not realize that they also go the extra mile by donating their money and time toward organizations that affect our community in other important ways. The 2014 LIVE UNITED campaign for the local United Way received over \$14,000 in donations from city employees, who also generously donated over \$3,200 last year toward the Cuyahoga Falls Crime Fighters tip line. Employees also collected toys and canned goods throughout December for Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors, to be donated to the City's less fortunate families for the holidays.

The Police Department celebrated its fifth year with the Toys for Tickets campaign, collecting nearly 300 toys from drivers who were issued traffic warnings. Falls officers worked with local business leader Don Sitts to volunteer their time and efforts for the Shop With a Cop program, providing positive influence and a welcome gift for roughly 200 kids in need.

The Fire Department raised over \$20,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, participated in an annual Cards for Kids gift card drive, and collected coats for Operation Warm.



## CITY HOSTS MS. WHEELCHAIR U.S.A. 2014 CEREMONY

The ceremony to select Ms. Wheelchair U.S.A. 2014 was held right here in Cuyahoga Falls. Mayor Walters was honored to visit with the winner, Yvette Pegues, of Georgia. Ms. Pegues was selected for the national honor based on her platform, "A Legacy of Literature," which has encouraged hundreds of children to "turn their storms into stories" by writing their own books. Ms. Wheelchair U.S.A. is supported by The Dane Foundation and celebrates the achievements of women with disabilities.

# 2014 COMMUNITY REPORT & CITIZEN UPDATE



I am extremely proud of the outstanding work performed daily by our dedicated City employees, and of the accomplishments we were able to achieve last year by working together for the good of the community. I am always particularly pleased when we are able to implement programs that cost little or no money, yet pay huge dividends to the residents we humbly serve. Thank you.

*- Mayor Don Walters*

## OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN THE RIVER CITY: NEW JOBS & SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

From the opening of family-owned small businesses to successfully attracting major national employers to locate in town, business was booming in Cuyahoga Falls in 2014!

- > **MENARDS** will break ground on their first location in Northeast Ohio this spring, bringing 120 jobs and a \$20 Million investment to Cuyahoga Falls;
- > **PORTAGE CROSSING** became a reality as doors opened for nine new businesses, with five more openings scheduled for early 2015;
- > **RECORD-BREAKING NEW BUSINESSES** celebrated grand openings with ribbon-cutting ceremonies attended by the Mayor and local Chamber of Commerce;
- > **75 JOBS RETAINED AT SGS TOOL**, with a relocation agreement further investing \$10.1 Million; and
- > **70 NEW JOBS AT HARBOR CASTINGS** will occupy the former SGS Tool site, bringing an additional investment of \$3.3 Million.

## CRIME FIGHTERS TIP LINE HELPS TO SOLVE CRIMES

Funded by personal donations from the Mayor, other city employees, and community members, this new hotline provides cash for anonymous tips that lead directly to crimes being solved. This proactive tool is already paying off, helping to solve a bomb threat at the high school. Know something? Call the tip line today at (330) 971-TIPS (8477).

## “NOT ME, I’M DRUG FREE!”

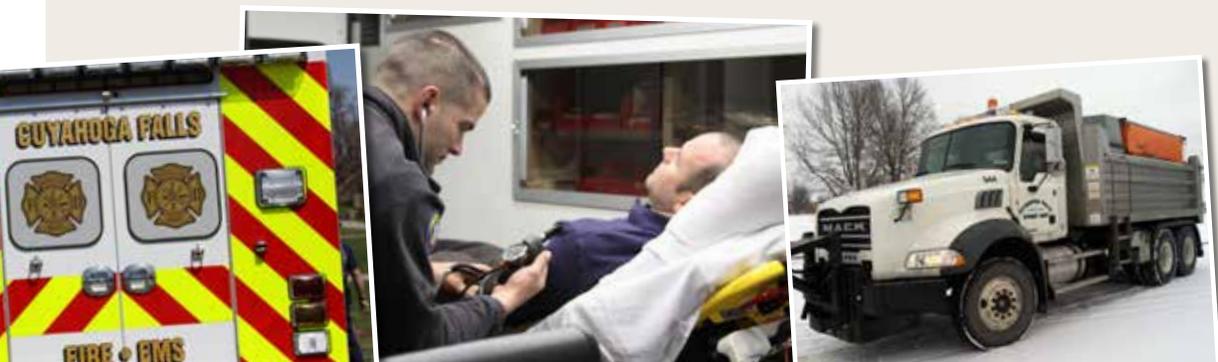
Mayor Walters, the Falls Police & Fire Departments, our two local school districts, and Western Reserve Hospital all joined forces in 2014 to launch the “Not Me, I’m Drug Free” program. This anti-drug initiative educates fifth grade students at Falls and Woodridge elementary schools about the dangers of drug use, providing incentives and “Free-wards” from local businesses to students to take a pledge to stay drug free. Learn more about the program at [Facebook.com/NotMeDrugFree](https://www.facebook.com/NotMeDrugFree).



*Police Chief Jack Davis & Mayor Walters are proud of everyone who takes the pledge to stay drug free!*

## SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM IS BACK

The popular Senior Snow Removal Program has been reinstated, helping to clear driveways for income-qualified seniors and disabled citizens. Plans are underway to expand eligibility for the program in future seasons.



## SERVICES DELIVERED DESPITE FIERCE WEATHER

Record snowfall last January kept our dedicated street crews busy spreading over 2.3 million gallons of salt brine and nearly 12 tons of rock salt. During the devastating flood of May 12, 2014, the Mayor assembled a team of staff and first responders to monitor the unfolding events of the day, and to provide whatever assistance possible to affected residents. The City acquired \$190,000 in County Land Bank funds to go toward the purchase of homes deemed unlivable due to flood damage, and will also create new water detention areas to help with neighborhood flooding.

## HOMEOWNERS' WELCOME PACKET MAKES A MARK

A warm Cuyahoga Falls welcome has been provided to 110 new homeowners since the inception of this program in September of 2014. New residents help decrease vacant housing and increase property values throughout the city. We are pleased to now provide new homeowners with an incentive package containing over \$2,800 worth of free and discounted goods from local businesses. These new residents are invited to the Mayor's office to personally receive their welcome packets.



*Ashley Ricker was the first new homeowner to benefit from the program, and is pictured here receiving her welcome packet from Mayor Walters.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: DOING MORE WITH LESS TO STRETCH RESOURCES

The administration and City Council worked together in 2014 to turn a projected deficit of \$1.5 Million into a surplus of \$200,000, a savings of \$1.7 Million for taxpayers!

- > The budget process was moved ahead by one month, allowing more time for review and input by Council. The 2015 budget was passed unanimously on December 8, 2014;
- > Employee health care costs were \$574,000 less than anticipated; and
- > The Mayor eliminated the perk of a city-provided vehicle, opting to drive his own car and buy his own gas.

## MEDIATION MAKES IT EASIER TO "LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"

The Neighborhood Mediation Program is a new service made possible through the collaboration of Cuyahoga Falls, Tallmadge, Stow, and the University of Akron School of Law. The program provides citizens with an objective avenue to resolve conflicts that may arise between neighbors, at no cost to taxpayers or participants. Please contact the Law Department for more information: (330) 971-8190.

## EVERYBODY WINS BY "GOING GREEN"

Since increasing energy efficiency is in everyone's best interest, the City is pleased to provide a number of ways to help make our city "greener." These efforts saved taxpayers \$375,000 in 2014 alone. Please contact the Service Department at (330) 971-8240 with questions about any of these programs:

- > **TEXTILE & SMALL APPLIANCE RECYCLING**, through a collaboration with Simple Recycling, has been made easier for all residents. Curbside recycling of unusable clothing and textiles, and small broken appliances will save the City roughly \$48,000 per year;
- > **HOME ENERGY AUDIT OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM** provides residents with a FREE professional energy audit to identify opportunities to increase energy efficiency and decrease utility bills;
- > **OLD APPLIANCE RECYCLING PROGRAM** provides residents looking to dispose of working refrigerators and freezers with \$50 per item recycled; and
- > **NEW APPLIANCE REBATE PROGRAM** offers residents a \$50 rebate with the purchase of any qualified energy efficient washer or refrigerator.

## TRANSPARENCY, COLLABORATION & OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

Mayor Walters is committed to making transparency, open collaboration with City Council, and frequent communication with residents hallmarks of his administration. Any resident is welcome to meet with the Mayor personally on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month by simply calling to schedule an appointment. Residents may also follow City news and events on Facebook, and sign up to receive CFO ALERTS via text message and email. In addition to the return of the annual calendar, residents will be kept informed with quarterly updates from City Hall. Please visit [cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com) for more information.





# CUYAHOGA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce has actively promoted a partnership between business and community since 1926. We provide services and events to assist small business growth and exposure, helping both the civic and business communities thrive.

We are proud to announce the 2015 Executive Officers and Board Members for the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce, officially sworn in by Mayor Don Walters at the 2014 Holiday Party. These are the local business leaders who volunteer their time to ensure that the Cuyahoga Falls business community continues to grow. Learn more about the Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce at [cfchamber.com](http://cfchamber.com).

### 2015 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- Angela Colecchi – Neoshred - President
- Matt Weiss – Right Brain Design Group - 1st Vice President
- Kathy Romito – Western Reserve Hospital - 2nd Vice President
- Aaron Barnhart – Westfield Bank - Treasurer
- Brent VanFossen – Metropolis Popcorn - Secretary

### EX-OFFICIO

- Walter Davis – Woodridge Local Schools
- Dr. Todd Nichols – Cuyahoga Falls City Schools

### 2015 BOARD MEMBERS

- David Fox – National Church Residences Bath Road
- Bob Gruber – Wellness and Wealth by Choice
- Jim Pecchio – Probe Technologies Ltd.
- Christine Petroff – Peoples Bank
- Russ Iona – American Mortgage Service Co.
- Jake Ricker – PNC Bank
- James R. Stein – Minnesota Insured Title Agency Inc.
- Keith Viers – Ohio Savings Bank



2014 Board President, Keith Viers, passes the gavel to incoming 2015 Board President, Angela Colecchi.



2015 Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



Chamber CEO, Laura A. Petrella



# CUYAHOGA FALLS PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE



## NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR LINCOLN & RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

To ensure safety, the Parks and Recreation Department consistently monitors all park playground equipment. Our ongoing goal is to replace outdated pieces and upgrade parks as soon as the need exists and funding is available.

Both Lincoln and Richardson Elementary schools enjoyed the installation of new play equipment this past year. Several new boosters, swings and slides were upgraded at each site. Lincoln even boasts a new rock climbing wall!



## PARKS AND RECREATION GETS SOCIAL

The Parks & Recreation Department, along with facilities such as The Natatorium, Brookledge Golf Club, Downview Sports Center, and Water Works Family Aquatic Center, are now on Facebook! This is yet another way for us to share information with our customers and residents about the many fine programs and events available. So, please find us on Facebook and “like” Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation, and facilities!



## CFONE & RECPERKS! CARDS – A WINNING PAIR

Do you have your *CFOne* Card? If not, the card is available FREE at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium during normal business hours. *CFOne* Cards can be used for all city e-services, to serve as proof of residency, or to purchase memberships and other items from the Parks and Recreation Department.

With the purchase or renewal of a Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium or Water Works Family Aquatic Center annual membership, each household will receive a *RecPerks!* Value Card. *RecPerks!* are good for free items at golf, mini-golf, swimming, Subway restaurant, The Natatorium, and much more. Value Cards are available at a Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum level. The more memberships you purchase or renew, the more *RecPerks!* you receive!

## NATATORIUM & WATER WORKS OFFERING NEW HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP RATES

The Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium and Water Works Family Aquatic Center recently revamped and simplified the way membership rates are structured. Rates are now based on household residency, allowing more Falls residents to enjoy the benefits of discounted annual memberships.

Please note that preseason passes for Water Works Family Aquatic Center are currently on sale at the front desk of The Natatorium. Buy before April 30th and save up to 30%! The Natatorium is also offering \$100-off on annual passes for one year to first-time members. Please visit FallsNat.com and cityofcf.com for more information.



## PICKLEBALL, ANYONE?

Pickleball is a fast-growing sport that combines ping pong, tennis, and badminton. While it may sound like a fad, Pickleball is a phenomenon sweeping the nation, as cities are converting tennis courts to Pickleball courts. Coeds are welcome to play on either of two courts in The Natatorium gymnasium. Beginners practice Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., while advanced Pickleballers play Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This new sport offers a great “dill” of fun for all!



# CUYAHOGA FALLS SCHOOLS HAVE MUCH TO ROAR ABOUT FROM 2014!

*"Every Student, Every Day, Every Opportunity"*

## FRESHMEN MOVE TO "DENS"

In August CFHS opened the four, interest-based, small learning communities to ninth graders. The four academies or Dens are *Health & Public Service*, *Arts, Media & Design*, *Engineering and Entrepreneurship*, and *Health & Wellness*. Ninth graders have been taking core classes through the "lens" of each of these Den areas. Teaching through this "lens" includes having students in each of the Dens experience authentic learning activities in conjunction with their primary business partners. As an example, students in the *Engineering and Entrepreneurship* Den were

provided a 'Lean Simulation' by SGS Tool here in November. Groups of ninth graders worked on how a company can curtail costs and be more efficient in manufacturing, services and personnel through an interactive activity guided by SGS Tool management. Many ninth grade science, math, social studies and language arts concepts were taught through the Lean Simulation as well the 21st Century skills of communication, critical thinking, and collaboration were seen throughout the learning experience. The

other three Dens had similar experiences with partners such as Cleveland Ballet, the City of Cuyahoga Falls, and Western Reserve Hospital during the first semester. Similar experiences are scheduled for the second semester as well. The Dens or academies will expand to 10th graders for the 2015-2016 school year while a new group of incoming ninth graders will initiate the process again. These Dens, the authentic work with local businesses, and the prevalent 21st Century skills are helping make Cuyahoga Falls students college and career ready.

### CUYAHOGA FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

ARTS MEDIA & DESIGN

ENGINEERING & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

HEALTH & WELLNESS

HUMAN & PUBLIC SERVICE

## AS ADVANCED PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITIES INCREASE, SO DOES ENROLLMENT

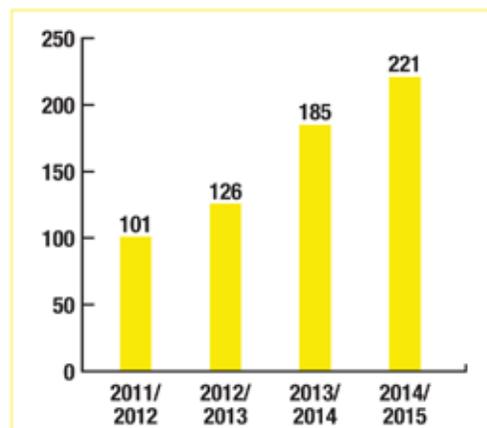
How would you as a parent have liked to earn an Associates Degree while still in High School? Cuyahoga Falls is now offering more AP and Dual Enrollment classes than ever before. "We are working toward the day that our students will have an opportunity to earn an Associates Degree at the same time they are earning their High School diploma," said Mark Gleichauf, Deputy Superintendent of CFSD.

That kind of head start on post high school education is currently happening! For our Middle School students, the number of High School credit classes that are offered has gone from two to four since 2011. In that same period, as you can see from the graph on the right, the number of students enrolled in these classes has more than doubled.

350 Middle School students are grade-level advanced in one subject or more. Thus, in less than two years, we anticipate 700 students in our High School will be taking at least one university course. If each student took one 3 hour course, at \$400 per credit, that would translate to an \$840,000 value for our students and families.

Providing the students these opportunities along with the authentic learning experiences mentioned above, allows them to get a taste of a potential career path saving them time and money.

Our teachers and administration continue to explore other opportunities to provide all of our students the tools necessary to be college and career ready.



*Number of Cuyahoga Falls Middle School student enrollment in High School credit classes.*



## THANK YOU!



On November 4, 2014, our community voted for the school district's 7.9 mill operating renewal levy.

Over the past four years, the district has worked diligently at keeping revenues over expenditures. The community's support of this renewal levy has allowed the district to continue to provide these engaging experiences and quality programming for our kids.

# ROAR!

RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS

## PROMOTING THE POSITIVE

Remember, for more good news about what is happening in our schools, check out the ROAR! section in the *Falls News Press*!

# Woodridge Local School District

IMPORTANT NOTICE

## Dear Residents,

The Woodridge Local School District proudly looks back on 2014 as another successful year, as we continue to improve and increase student achievement. In 2015, our focus will continue to be on the educational needs and safety of our students.

As such, for many months now, the Board has engaged in a comprehensive facilities study. Examining every aspect of our district facilities, from available square footage and enrollment, to the physical condition of our buildings, to the adequacy of classroom space for 21st century learning, our study has been thorough and detailed.

Based on that study, we, as board of education members, agree on the following:

- The primary and intermediate schools do not provide adequate educational space for our students. The architectural study completed last year suggests that both the primary and intermediate school buildings are in need of significant repairs, the cost of which exceeds the estimates to replace both facilities. Additionally, the middle school requires a new roof and the high school requires facility upgrades to address growing enrollment and programming needs.
- We believe the resolution of these facility issues is critical for the future success of our district.
- As such, we are strongly considering placing a bond issue before the voters on November 10, 2015. This, however, is contingent upon community input.
- As we value the thoughts and opinions of our residents, we plan to continue to engage in a comprehensive community discussion using online surveys, community meetings, building tours and extensive public information outreach.

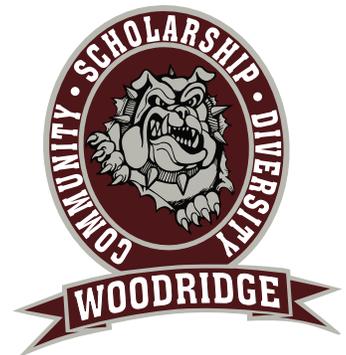
To be clear, the safety and education of our students remains our top priority. Everything we do is done with the quality of education we provide and the safety of our students in mind.

The initial facts regarding the issue are available on the district's website ([www.woodridge.k12.oh.us](http://www.woodridge.k12.oh.us)). The district will continue to be open and transparent and welcomes any questions.

This is a community issue that will impact the future of OUR community. We urge our residents to get the facts and to be vocal, involved and informed.

Kind Regards,  
The Woodridge Local School District Board of Education

Mrs. Jan Flasco, President  
Mrs. Tammy Heffernan, Vice President  
Mrs. Marilyn Hansen  
Dr. Linda Ocepek  
Mr. Jeffrey McHugh



# FALLS CALENDAR OF COMMUNITY EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

- 1** • Ice Rink Open 12 – 8 pm
- 3** • Mayor's First Tuesday  
• Falls Electric System "Lunch-&-Learn" @ Natatorium 11 am - 1 pm
- 5** • Falls Travel Club @ Quirk 1 pm  
• Ice Rink Open 3 – 9 pm
- 6** • Senior Adult Bingo @ Quirk 1 pm  
• Ice Rink Open 3 – 9 pm  
• Daddy Daughter Date Night @ Quirk 7 pm
- 7** • CFABA Baseball Registration @ Quirk 10 am – 1 pm  
• Ice Rink Open 12 – 9 pm  
• Daddy Daughter Date Night @ Quirk 7 pm  
• Improv @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 8** • Ice Rink Open 12 – 8 pm  
• Daddy Daughter Date Night @ Quirk 1 pm
- 12** • Ice Rink Open 3 – 9 pm
- 13** • Ice Rink Open 3 – 9 pm
- 14** • VITA Tax Prep @ Natatorium 8 am – noon  
• CFABA Baseball Registration @ Quirk 10 am – 1 pm  
• Ice Rink Open 12 – 9 pm
- 15** • Ice Rink Open 12 – 8 pm  
• Sunday Funday Dance @ Quirk 5 pm
- 16** • President's Day - City Offices Closed  
• Extra Open Swim @ Natatorium 1 – 5 pm  
• Ice Rink Last Day Open 12 – 8 pm
- 20** • Senior Adult Bingo @ Quirk 1 pm
- 21** • Improv @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 23** • Registration for Quirk CC Spring & Summer Classes Begins
- 25** • Mayor Walters' State of the City Address @ Sheraton Suites 11:45 am
- 27** • Ballroom Nights @ Quirk 7:30 pm

## MARCH

- 3** • Mayor's First Tuesday
- 5** • Falls Travel Club @ Quirk 1 pm
- 6** • Senior Adult Bingo @ Quirk 1 pm  
• Antic Theatre Spring Show @ Quirk 8 pm
- 7** • VITA Tax Prep @ Natatorium 8 am – noon  
• CFABA Baseball Registration @ Quirk 10 am – 1 pm  
• Antic Theatre Spring Show @ Quirk 8 pm
- 8** • Daylight Savings Time Begins – check your smoke detector batteries  
• Antic Theatre Spring Matinee Show @ Quirk 3 pm
- 13** • Annual Benefit St. Pat's Card Party @ Quirk 1 pm  
• Nat St. Pat's Party 5:30 pm  
• Antic Theatre Spring Show @ Quirk 8 pm
- 14** • Antic Theatre Spring Show @ Quirk 8 pm
- 15** • Antic Theatre Spring Matinee Show @ Quirk 3 pm
- 20** • Senior Adult Bingo @ Quirk 1 pm
- 21** • Spring Cast-A-Ways Garage Sale for Kids Only @ Quirk 9 am – 2 pm  
• Improv @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 23 ~ 27** • Cuyahoga Falls & Woodridge School District Spring Break
- 26** • Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 27** • Ballroom Nights @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 28** • Community EXPO @ Natatorium 9 am – 3 pm  
• Bunny Hop @ Quirk 11 am

## APRIL

- 2** • Falls Travel Club @ Quirk 1 pm
- 3** • Good Friday - City Offices Closed  
• Extra Open Swim @ Natatorium 1 – 5 pm
- 4** • Easter Egg Hunt @ Water Works Park 2 pm  
• Improv @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 7** • Mayor's First Tuesday
- 8** • Hots & Shots FD & PD Basketball Game @ CFHS 12:30 pm
- 11** • VITA Tax Prep @ Natatorium 8 am – noon
- 15** • City of Cuyahoga Falls Income Tax Due
- 17** • Senior Adult Bingo @ Quirk 1 pm
- 18** • Improv @ Quirk 7:30 pm
- 20 ~ 24** • Earth Week Display & Rain Barrel Silent Auction @ City Hall 8 am – 5 pm
- 24** • Ballroom Nights @ Quirk 7:30 pm  
• Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony - Details TBD



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