



# CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

DON WALTERS, MAYOR



The Mayor's Youth Advisory  
Council represents the  
next generation of  
**FALLS PRIDE**



COMMUNITY REPORT  
& CITIZEN UPDATE

June 2015

## MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Council reinforces Mayor Walters' commitment to cultivating Falls Pride, through hands-on learning opportunities in civic engagement, and by providing youths a platform to be heard at City Hall. The eight member student council works directly with the Mayor by gathering information and delivering feedback from peers, on important issues affecting young people and the future of our community.

In addition, they learn about the process of local government and how to turn ideas into action. Since their first meeting in March, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council has discussed curfew for unaccompanied minors at the Riverfront Mall, street maintenance and texting and driving laws. The City of Cuyahoga Falls is engaging tomorrow's leaders, today. Those entering grades 9 – 12 may apply at City Hall.

For more information on the Mayors' Youth Advisory Council, please visit [www.ohio.com](http://www.ohio.com).

### INAUGURAL MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- > Gabriel Glor, Junior, Cuyahoga Falls
- > Sarah Groggs, Freshman, Home-school
- > Taylor Harr, Junior, Cuyahoga Falls
- > Maria Marin, Sophomore, Cuyahoga Falls
- > Connor McIntyre, Sophomore, St. Vincent-St. Mary
- > Erika Nockengost, Junior, Cuyahoga Falls
- > Spencer Odom, Junior, Walsh Jesuit
- > Steele Porter, Junior, Cuyahoga Falls



Members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council discuss the issues of the day before regular city council meetings. (Photo and cover photo courtesy of Michael Chritton / Akron Beacon Journal.)

## BUSINESS IS BETTER IN CUYAHOGA FALLS

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is thrilled to welcome StreamlineMD to our local business community. Over 50 employees will be relocated from the City of Green, to a newly renovated facility adjacent to Falls River Square.

By early June, the second floor of 111 Stow Avenue will have undergone a complete overhaul. Once second floor restorations are complete, reconstruction of the first floor will begin. The advantage of the relocation is convenience of accessibility to the highway and area businesses. Employees have the ability to take care of their needs given the close proximity to area amenities.

"The City of Cuyahoga Falls offers many local businesses, restaurants and amenities throughout the area that will greatly affect the quality of life of our team members, allowing us to attract and retain the most talented employees for our business," stated CEO Harry Curley. "This is the ideal place for us to relocate our headquarters as we recalibrate our operations, making the greatest impact on the future of healthcare."



StreamlineMD is a technology-enabled health care business services company with a mission of helping doctors get paid, grow their practices, and thrive. Their services include certified cloud-based Electronic Health Record and Practice Management Software, medical coding and billing services. They focus on Interventional Radiology, Interventional Vein/Vascular and Interventional Pain Management specialists in 39 states across the country. In business since 1976, they are a seven time winner of the NorthCoast 99 Top Places to Work in NE Ohio Award.



## A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DON WALTERS

Warmer seasons are finally upon us and we have valiantly made it through yet another rough winter here in the City of Cuyahoga Falls. This proved to be one of the two worst winters in recent history. With 58.5 inches of snow on record during 30 winter events, it is safe to say that our roads, after taking a beating from the elements, are in need of improvement. Since taking office, our dedicated street department has repaired almost 27,000 potholes.

This year, I am pleased to announce our most aggressive paving program to date. We have increased the budget to commit an additional \$500,000 to help pave over seven miles of roadway. This is a 25% improvement over previous years to provide more efficient results for all residents. Our annual sidewalk replacement program, including the installation of 135 new wheelchair ramps, will begin in mid-June.

As we look toward warmer weather and outdoor adventures, I am excited to welcome the Summer Concert Series presented by IROK Inc. What an invaluable asset this group of dedicated volunteers has proved to be to our city. This free event is an amazing collaboration of community, through increased use of local vendors, charitable donations to local entities and a new green initiative. With the new concert series, all money will stay in our local economy so that everyone will benefit. This is something we can all be proud of.

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your Mayor, and I look forward to seeing you out and about at our many community events in the coming months. I wish you all a very safe and happy summer!

Respectfully,



### CONTACT INFORMATION:

[cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com)

City Hall: (330) 971-8000

City Council: (330) 971-8190



IROK Inc members: Back Row, left to right: Billy Harding, Mike Coyne, Treasurer, Mike Namsick, Mike Hopp; Front Row, left to right: Bob Thome, Vice-President, Dawn Bolin, Secretary, Mike Thomas, President

## RIVERFRONT CONCERT SERIES PRESENTED BY IROK INC

Volunteer committee members from the Irish Festival and Cuyahoga Falls Oktoberfest have joined forces to create IROK Inc, a non-profit organization dedicated to delivering top-notch free entertainment on Friday nights on the Riverfront. We are pleased to introduce the Riverfront Concert Series presented by IROK Inc. Live music kicked off Memorial Day weekend and will run throughout the month of August, with breaks for the Riverfront Irish Festival in June and the Festa Italiana in July. All concerts, along with parking, are free and open to the public.

What makes this concert series unique, is the amount of collaboration that is seen throughout every facet of production. This is a volunteer venture with the top priority of giving back to our local community in Cuyahoga Falls. Proceeds from the Riverfront Concert Series will be donated to local charities and non-profit organizations. There will also be an increased presence and participation of local businesses and vendors.

Additionally, IROK Inc is introducing a new green initiative that will prevent tens of thousands of plastic cups from being deposited in area landfills. Instead, all cans will be recycled and tabs will be donated to Akron Children's Hospital.

For more information, please visit:  
[riverfrontconcertseries.com](http://riverfrontconcertseries.com)



Mayor Don Walters was honored to receive a \$10,000 donation from Mick Fleetwood of Fleetwood Mac to support the Riverfront Concert Series presented by IROK Inc. and the Not, Me, I'm Drug Free program.

# HEALTHY EARTH, HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Education manifests change, which is why second graders citywide are taught about Earth Day, the importance of recycling, and ways we can improve our environment. As part of national Arbor Day, the eighth grade class at Immaculate Heart of Mary was selected to participate in an essay contest on "What Kind of Tree Would You Choose to Be?" A redbud tree was planted at the Bicentennial Arboretum honoring IHM's 60th Anniversary and Cuyahoga Falls was named a Tree City USA for the 28th time.

Mayor Don Walters celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day with local students, continuing to engage them in ways that help our local community and our planet. You can make a difference through many of our city programs, such as plant a rain garden or adopt-a-spot; utilize yard waste and recycling carts, sign-up for an energy efficient audit, and much more. Call City Hall to learn more on simple ways to make a big difference today!



Mayor Walters on Arbor Day with Abigail Cox, John Collins (grand prize winners), Olivia Grescovich, Ave' D'Andrea (honorable mentions).



## 2015 POLICE MEMORIAL CEREMONY

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation designating May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls, as National Police Week. Every year, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from all over the country come together to remember and honor those officers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The 2015 National Police Week was observed May 10-16.

The Cuyahoga Falls and Silver Lake Police Memorial and Honor Guard Foundation, in collaboration with the city, decorated the city with 103 police memorial flags, eight banners, and two billboards as a sign of support for law enforcement officers. Residents also joined the effort by placing memorial flags in their yards and by turning on blue porch lights. Keynote speaker, U.S. Marshal Peter Elliott, spoke of the 89% increase in line of duty deaths this past year. He called for public support of officers in these trying times and stated, "When one of us bleeds, we all bleed." This year, Chief Gene Fawley's name was added to the memorial wall.

## ART WALK BY THE RIVER

The inaugural Cuyahoga Falls All City Art Walk event, held in mid-April, gathered Cuyahoga Falls student artists, grades kindergarten through twelve, who created and displayed visual and audio arts for the enjoyment of residents. The event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, the city, local businesses, art studios, and the Cuyahoga Falls Library. Funding was made possible by a Cuyahoga Falls Schools Foundation grant, to showcase the shared commitment between the schools and community. This focus on well-being and creative growth through the arts celebrates local students' achievements and supports their artistic voices.



Treyah Gray, Bolich 6th grader, and AJ Jackson, 3, with chalk outside of the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center.



Paratore brothers playing at the CVAC. Dylan Paratore, senior at Cuyahoga Falls High School; Jacob Paratore, 8th grader at Woodridge Middle School.

## ENVELOPE OF LIFE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

In January, Mayor Walters rolled out the initial phase of the vastly successful Envelope of Life program. To date, nearly 1,100 residents have participated in this potentially life-saving initiative. The program helps ensure that first responders have easy access to vital medical information in the event of an emergency. Any resident interested in receiving the Envelope of Life materials may log on to the city's website at [cityofcf.com](http://cityofcf.com), contact the Mayor's office at (330) 971-8200, or visit the Western Reserve Hospital Emergency Department.

## MEET YOUR WARD 5 COUNCILMAN: MIKE BRILLHART

Longtime resident of Cuyahoga Falls, Mike Brillhart, was appointed Ward 5 City Councilman on February 7, 2015. Brillhart, a small business owner and father of four, has served Cuyahoga Falls as a member of the Charter Review Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Festival Review Committee, and the Planning Commission.

"This is an exciting time to live in Cuyahoga Falls," stated Brillhart.

"I absolutely love this job that has provided an opportunity to put my banking, marketing, and management experience to work for the people of Cuyahoga Falls." He continued, "It is a great honor to be a part of this Council, working with residents to address issues and improve quality of life."



Brillhart was appointed to fill the vacancy left by former Ward 5 Councilman, Paul Colavecchio, who was appointed to serve Cuyahoga Falls residents as councilman-at-large. To contact your ward or at-large council representatives, or to learn about city services or resolve issues in your neighborhood, please call (330) 971-8190.

## CUYAHOGA FALLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JUNE

- 1** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 2** • Mayor's First Tuesday
- 4** • Last Day of Classes for CF & Woodridge School Districts  
• Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - Tinkerbell & the Legend of the Neverbeast @FRS Amphitheatre, dusk
- 5** • First Day of Regular Season @Water Works  
• Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm  
• IROK Concert - Toys in the Attic @FRS, 5 pm
- 6** • Wading Pools Open  
• Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 8** • Youth Tennis Lessons Begin  
• Neighborhood Playground & Tot Time Begin  
• Riverfront Cruise-in, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 11** • Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @Lions, 7:30 pm
- 12** • Riverfront Irish Festival @FRS, 5 pm - 11:15 pm
- 13** • Riverfront Irish Festival 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run @FRS, 8 am  
• Riverfront Irish Festival @FRS, 12 pm - 11:15 pm
- 14** • Irish Mass @FRS, 11 am  
• Riverfront Irish Festival @FRS, 12 - 7 pm  
• Food Truck Frenzy & Summer Concert Series - Wanda Hunt Band @Keyser Barn, 4 - 8 pm
- 15** • Honorary Boulevard Program Kick-off Celebration with Mayor & US Rep Ryan @Broad & Third, 11 am  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Linden, 7:30 pm  
• Hydrant Flushing Begins
- 18** • Flicks on the Falls - Annie @FRS Amphitheatre, dusk
- 19** • Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm  
• IROK Concert - Hard Day's Night @FRS, 5 pm
- 20** • Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm

- 22** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Newberry, 7:30 pm
- 25** • Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @Keyser, 7:30 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - The Lorax @FRS Amphitheatre, dusk
- 26** • Senior Adult Casino Day @Quirk, 12:30 pm  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Runnin' with the Pack @FRS, 5 pm  
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 29** • First session of Basketball Camp begins @Natatorium  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Oak, 7:30 pm

### JULY

- 2** • Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - Escape from Planet Earth @FRS, dusk
- 3** • City offices closed  
• Refuse & recycle collections delayed 1 day balance of week  
• IROK Concert - Buck Naked Band @FRS, 5 pm  
• Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
- 6** • Second session of Basketball Camp begins @Natatorium  
• Community Band Concert @Keyser, 7:30 pm  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 7** • Mayor's First Tuesday
- 9** • Goldfish Catch @Neighborhood wading pools, 6 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - Paddington @FRS, dusk
- 10** • Touch-a-Truck @Quirk, 11 am - 1 pm  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Unsaid Fate @FRS, 5 pm
- 12** • Food Truck Frenzy & Summer Concert Series - Blue Lunch @Keyser Barn, 4 - 8 pm
- 13** • First session of Fun Fit & Float Summer Camp begins @Natatorium  
• Community Band Concert @Lions, 7:30 pm  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 16** • Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @Oak, 7:30 pm

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Note: FRS = Falls River Square



# INTRODUCING THE CUYAHOGA FALLS PARTNERSHIP FOR PARKS

The Cuyahoga Falls Partnership for Parks is a newly founded, non-profit public charity, designed to directly benefit Cuyahoga Falls' families. This collaborative effort between the city, Parks and Recreation Board, and community leaders, is dedicated to supporting quality recreational opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles, shape our youth and enrich our families, and promote conservation through sustainable and innovative growth in our neighborhood parks.

There are many ways in which the community is encouraged to participate in the Partnership, including volunteering time, contributing tax-deductible funds and promoting the organization's mission. This summer, the Partnership is rolling out Change for Parks, its first fundraising effort intended to raise donations, primarily for scholarships. While participating in activities at Brookledge, Downview and Water Works, you may donate your change from concession purchases to the Cuyahoga Falls Partnership for Parks. To learn more about the Cuyahoga Falls Partnership for Parks, visit: [www.cfpartnership4parks.org](http://www.cfpartnership4parks.org).



## FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS

Timothy Gorbach • Thomas Haag • Megan Moreland • Dick Sebastian • Ed Stewart  
Mayor Don Walters

## CUYAHOGA FALLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### JULY, continued...

- 17** • Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• Festa Italiana @FRS, 5 pm - 11:15 pm
- 18** • Festa Italiana 5K Run & Walk @FRS, 8 am  
• Festa Italiana @FRS, 10:30 am - 11:15 pm  
• Miss Wheelchair USA Pageant @CFHS Auditorium, 7:30 pm  
• Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 19** • Festa Italiana Mass @FRS, 11 am  
• Festa Italiana @FRS, 1 - 9 pm
- 20** • Second session of Fun Fit & Float Summer Camp begins @ Natatorium  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Valley Vista, 7:30 pm
- 23** • Kids Carnival @Bolich MS, 3 - 8 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - Planes, Fire & Rescue @FRS, dusk
- 24** • Summertime Fun Card Party @Quirk, 12 noon  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Generation Idol @FRS, 5 pm  
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 27** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Community Band Concert @Water Works, 7:30 pm
- 30** • Flicks on the Falls - Big Hero 6 @FRS, dusk
- 31** • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Carlos Jones @FRS, 5 pm  
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm

### AUGUST

- 1** • SC Soil & Water Conservation District Big Tree Contest Deadline  
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm
- 3** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 4** • Mayor's First Tuesday
- 6** • Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Flicks on the Falls - Ratatouille @FRS, dusk

- 7** • Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Vicious Cycle @FRS, 5 pm  
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm
- 8** • Natatorium Aquatics annual maintenance shut down begins  
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm
- 9** • Food Truck Frenzy & Summer Concert Series - Found Sounds Steelband @Keyser Barn, 4 - 8 pm
- 10** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 13** • Flicks on the Falls - Muppets Most Wanted @FRS, dusk
- 14** • Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm  
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - An Innocent Band @FRS, 5 pm  
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm
- 15** • Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm
- 16** • Natatorium Aquatics annual maintenance shut down ends
- 17** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark  
• Cuyahoga Falls Celebrates Summit County's 175 Years Joint Proclamation @175 S Main St, Flr 7, Ak, 4:30 pm
- 18** • Last Day of Regular Season @Water Works
- 19** • First Day of Classes for CF & Woodridge School Districts
- 21** • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Nashville Crush @FRS, 5 pm  
• Senior Adult Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
- 24** • Quirk Fall/Winter class registration begins  
• Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark
- 28** • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm  
• IROK Concert - Evil Ways, Jimi Hendrix Tribute Experience, Ball & Chain @FRS, 5 pm  
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 29** • Bully Prevention Festival @FRS
- 31** • Riverfront Cruise-in @FRS, 5 pm - dark