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CUYAHOGA FALLS

DON WALTERS, MAYOR



DOWNTOWN ENTERTAINMENT UPDATE
& COMMUNITY PROGRESS REPORT

DOWNTOWN CUYAHOGA FALLS: THE FUN FLOWS HERE THIS SUMMER

Festival favorites, live music, and new family-friendly events offer riverfront entertainment for everyone to enjoy this summer at the Downtown Cuyahoga Falls Amphitheater and Pavilion.

FALLS DOWNTOWN FRIDAYS, PRESENTED BY WESTERN RESERVE HOSPITAL, CASCADE AUTO GROUP & THE CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS

In addition to the Irish Festival, Festa Italiana, and Oktoberfest, the city has partnered with Western Reserve Hospital and Cascade Auto Group to proudly present Falls Downtown Fridays, a free summer event series.

Bebop on the Block: Friday, June 16, 5-11 pm

This eclectic jazz and craft cocktail event is presented by The Office, and will feature plenty of great music, a live-painting project, kids activities, and a designated area for dogs.

Kids Fest: Friday, June 23, 4-8 pm

This evening of entertainment for children and the young-at-heart includes experiences with music, dance, art, craft making, storytelling, and interactive play. With a variety of kid-friendly food options, this alcohol-free night on the town can be enjoyed by the whole family.

First Responders Appreciation: Friday, June 30, 5-11 pm

The Buck Naked Band, winner of the 2016 Akron-Canton Hot List for Best Local Band, will headline an evening also featuring comedian Mike Conley and an awards ceremony recognizing efforts of public safety officials who have gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Taste of Cuyahoga Falls: Friday, July 14, 5-11 pm

Culinary delights from all over town, as well as flavors from across the world, will be represented at this mouthwatering event with activities for the whole family to enjoy.



FESTIVAL SCHEDULE MAKES ROOM FOR DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

The Irish Festival, Festa Italiana, and Oktoberfest committees work tirelessly every year to provide an array of cultural entertainment for the residents of Cuyahoga Falls. This year's schedule has been adapted to accommodate construction on the Downtown Transformation Project, and will provide days of games, music, and fantastic food for the entire family to enjoy.

Riverfront Irish Festival: June 9 - 11 | riverfrontirishfest.org

Oktoberfest: July 7 - 9 | oktoberfestcfo.com

Festa Italiana: July 21 - 23 | festaitalianacf.com

NEW PARKING SPOT FOR RIVERFRONT CRUISE IN

The Riverfront Cruise In is making its 2017 home at the Weller Court municipal parking lot, next to Fire Station 1 on 1924 South Front Street. The Monday night car showcases will take place through October 2nd. Don Sitts Auto sponsors these car-themed evenings filled with musical entertainment, food, and prizes. Learn more at riverfrontcruisein.com.

THURSDAY NIGHT FLICKS ON THE FALLS

This year's Thursday night Flicks on the Falls offers the traditional movie-viewing at dusk, but be prepared for your kids to have some additional fun with added activities to take place prior to the start of each show. Come to the downtown amphitheater the evenings of June 15, 22, 29, and July 13.

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN CUYAHOGA FALLS NEIGHBORHOODS

Strong, Safe & Vibrant Neighborhoods are the Lifeblood of Our Thriving Community.

NEIGHBORS TAKING ACTION

Since the official announcement of the Cuyahoga Falls Neighborhood Excellence Initiative in 2016, regional community meetings took place throughout the city. Residents were presented with information on services and asked to further their involvement through the Neighborhood Ambassador program.

"I am encouraged by the number of residents who took time out of their busy schedules to come learn about how they can impact their neighborhoods," stated Mayor Walters. "From picking up a piece of litter, to holding a block party, to being a Neighborhood Ambassador, we can all play a role in bettering our community."



This April, Neighborhood Ambassadors gathered with Mayor Walters to discuss ways to further empower and improve our neighborhoods. Today, a growing network of nearly 100 Neighborhood Ambassadors is committed to maintaining our neighborhoods, promoting safety, and continuing to make Cuyahoga Falls welcoming for all.

WHAT IS NEIGHBORHOOD EXCELLENCE?

The Neighborhood Excellence Initiative is an innovative effort to inspire citizen engagement and to connect residents and businesses with services and activities designed to reinforce strong, safe, and vibrant neighborhoods.

Learn more at cityofcf.com/NeighborhoodExcellence

NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS AT WORK



Drive Slow Neighborhood Awareness

Ambassadors Daryl, Krista, and Kris have faced the challenge of speeding in their neighborhoods by raising awareness with Drive Slow signs. By placing signs in the yards of like-minded homeowners on well-traveled side roads and near school zones, they have

promoted increased awareness for safe driving. This simple reminder to drivers has reduced traffic speeds, improved safety in their neighborhoods, and created excitement among neighbors who are making a positive impact as a community. You can do the same for your block by picking up a free Drive Slow sign at City Hall.



Little Free Library

Ambassador Eric worked with family and neighbors to install a small lending library on Grant Avenue. This charming neighborhood improvement encourages residents of all ages to read and enjoy each other's company by creating a shared space within their neighborhood. Learn more at littlefreelibrary.org.

WHO ARE NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS?

Neighborhood Ambassadors serve as local point-persons in their respective neighborhoods to work with city leaders, help identify issues, and inform neighbors about beneficial services and programs.

Sign up at NeighborhoodExcellence@cityofcf.com or (330) 971-8227.

SUMMERTIME NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVITIES

In addition to new downtown events, this summer brings entertainment directly to your neighborhood:

Tot Time | Playground Programs

These free seven-week programs for kids ages 3-14 take place in six neighborhood parks. Participants learn and play in art, crafts, storytelling, and games adjusted to a variety of ages.

Keyser Park Food Truck Frenzy & Concert Series

Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy these free music concerts in a beautiful park setting. This series also features a variety of local food vendors and activities for the kids.

Farmers' Market in the Falls

Head to Quirk Cultural Center on Fridays from June 23 through September 29 to put fresh and affordable food on your family's table.

Music in the Parks Concert Series

Enjoy the sweet sounds of the Cuyahoga Falls Community Band and the Akron Pops Orchestra on a variety of Mondays and Thursdays throughout eight neighborhood parks.

Find more details on these and other exciting activities like Touch-A-Truck and All Kids Carnival at cityofcf.com/calendar.

SUMMERTIME STREET & SIDEWALK REPAIRS ARE UNDERWAY

Cuyahoga Falls infrastructure improvements remain a top priority. Crews are implementing the 5-pronged summer street maintenance program which includes contractor paving, targeted in-house paver repair, a Durapatcher, Hotbox asphalt, and utility patching. These varying methods drive an efficient use of the \$2 Million repair and road budget. The housing division is working to ensure the properties are properly maintained and encourages good stewardship of our community. You can help the city to stay on top of these priorities:

Report a Pothole

Need to have a pothole addressed? Call (330) 971-8FIL (8345) or submit your request online at cityofcf.com/pothole.

Report Tall Grass

See something unsightly or unsafe? Call (330) 971-8135 or email development@cityofcf.com.



NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR MAYOR'S BEAUTIFICATION AWARD

Recognize your neighbors who work hard on their landscaping by nominating them for the Mayor's Beautification Award. Recommendations may be submitted to mayor@cityofcf.com or (330) 971-8200 to celebrate those who enhance the beauty and environment of our neighborhoods. Pictured at right is recipient Doug Dreslinski of Van Doren Drive.



NEW ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR EXTERIOR HOME REPAIRS

Cuyahoga Falls is pleased to introduce A Brush with Kindness, a new program designed to help those in need make exterior home repairs. Coordinated by Habitat for Humanity of Summit County, this effort aims to strengthen neighborhood appearances and preserve property values by empowering residents who lack the financial means with no-interest loans to make minor exterior repairs to their homes.

Income eligible residents may receive up to \$5,000 toward items such as windows, doors, siding, shutters, gutters, porch repair/replacement, landscaping, and other exterior fix-ups. Applications are accepted year-round, but projects are scheduled between April 1 and October 31. For details, visit cityofcf.com/brush or hfhsummitcounty.org.

GROUND-BREAKING PROGRESS ON FRONT STREET: OUR DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD

On April 24, Mayor Don Walters, City Council, and residents from throughout the community broke ground on the historic Front Street redevelopment project that will transform the outdated pedestrian mall into a thriving hub of safe and modern downtown activity.

Former Cuyahoga Falls Councilmember Libert Bozzelli (pictured below) told the upbeat crowd of citizens in attendance that his personal forty-year wait for this momentous day had been well worth it, noting that the project would serve as the linchpin for future progress in Cuyahoga Falls.

Construction has begun on the north end of the mall, with a grand opening slated for spring 2018. Sign up for updates at downtowncf.com.





CUYAHOGA FALLS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 1** • Summer Fire Hydrant Flushing Begins This Month
• Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm
• Ballroom Dance Session Begins @Quirk
- 2** • Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
- 3** • Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 5** • Playground & Tot Time Programs Begin
• Safety Town Program Next Two Weeks @Natatorium
• Water Walking Begins @WWFAC, 9 am
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 6** • Mayor's First Tuesday @City Hall
• Strollers Summer Session Begins @Quirk, 9:15 am
• Adult Ceramics Session Begins @Quirk, 7 pm
- 7** • Junior Lifeguard Program Registration Ends
- 8** • Essential Oils @Quirk, 6:30 pm
- 9** • Riverfront Irish Festival @DtCF, 5 - 11 pm
• ANTIC Community Theatre Summer Show Auditions Begin This Day @Quirk
- 10** • Riverfront Irish Festival @DtCF, 12 - 11 pm
• Crabtree Memorial 5K @Natatorium, 8 am
- 11** • Riverfront Irish Festival @DtCF, 12 - 7 pm
• Food Truck Frenzy & Concert Series @Keyser, 4:30 pm
- 12** • Tennis Summer Sessions Begin This Week @CFHS
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Linden, 7:30 pm
- 15** • Natatorium Summer Pass Sale Ends
• Flicks on the Falls @DtCF, Dusk
- 16** • Falls Downtown Fridays: Bebop on the Block @DtCF, 5 pm
• Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
- 17** • Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 19** • Youth Theatre and Magic Camps Begin @Quirk
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Newberry, 7:30 pm
- 22** • Flicks on the Falls @DtCF, Dusk
• Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @Lions, 7:30 pm
- 23** • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Falls Downtown Fridays: Kids Fest @DtCF, 4 pm
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 25** • Sunday Funday Dance @Quirk, 5 pm
- 26** • Basketball Skills Summer Camp This Week @Natatorium
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Oak, 7:30 pm
- 27** • Adult Ballet Sessions Begin This Week @Quirk
- 29** • Flicks on the Falls @DtCF, Dusk
- 30** • Adult Senior Casino Day @Quirk, 12:30 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Falls Downtown Fridays: First Responders Appreciation @DtCF, 5 pm

JULY

- 1** • Fire Hydrant Flushing Continues This Month
• Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 3** • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Keyser, 7:30 pm
- 4** • City Offices Closed for Holiday
• Refuse & Recycle Collections Delayed One Day This Week
- 5** • Mayor's First Tuesday @City Hall (Delayed One Day)
- 6** • Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm
- 7** • Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
• Oktoberfest @DtCF, 5 - 11 pm
- 8** • Dance & Tumbling Sessions Begin @Quirk
• Oktoberfest @DtCF, 12 - 11 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
- 9** • Oktoberfest @DtCF, 12:30 - 8 pm
• Food Truck Frenzy & Concert Series @Keyser, 4:30 pm
- 10** • Tennis Summer Sessions Begin @CFHS
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Lions, 7:30 pm
- 13** • Essential Oils @Quirk, 6:30 pm
• Goldfish Catch @Wading Pools, 6 pm
• Flicks on the Falls @DtCF, Dusk
- 14** • Touch-a-Truck @Quirk, 11 am - 1 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Falls Downtown Fridays: Taste of Cuyahoga Falls @DtCF, 5 pm
- 15** • Improv @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 17** • Fun, Fit & Float Summer Camps Next Two Weeks @Natatorium
• Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @Valley Vista, 7:30 pm
- 20** • All Kids Carnival @Bolich, 3 - 8 pm
• Akron Pops Orchestra Concert @Oak, 7:30 pm
• Ballroom Dance Session Begins @Quirk, 6:30 pm
- 21** • Playground & Tot Time Programs End
• Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Festa Italiana @DtCF, 5 - 11 pm
- 22** • Festa Italiana @DtCF, 12 - 11 pm
- 23** • Festa Italiana @DtCF, 12 - 9 pm
- 24** • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm
• Community Band Concert @WW Peninsula Shelter, 7:30 pm
- 27** • Adult Ballet Sessions Begin This Week @Quirk
- 28** • Summertime Card Party @Quirk, 12 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm
- 31** • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DON WALTERS

A summer of exciting entertainment options is on its way to Downtown Cuyahoga Falls.

Whether you like live jazz or country, whether you are looking for a great date night or something fun and enriching to do with the kids, whether you prefer munching on festival fare or sampling fine cuisine, we have something for everyone planned this summer. Please check out the wide variety of entertainment options slated for Downtown Cuyahoga Falls and join in the fun!

Construction is underway on the transformative Front Street redevelopment project.

Opening up our underutilized pedestrian mall to vehicular traffic and an influx of commercial growth will spur new jobs and economic activity, creating a safe and modern public space in the heart of our community. Residents and visitors alike can look forward to new shopping, dining, and entertainment options upon completion of this project.

Meanwhile, neighborhood excellence is spreading across the city.

Nearly 100 citizens are now actively engaged as "Ambassadors" for their respective part of town, promoting improvement efforts of all varieties. I offer my heartfelt gratitude to everyone helping to make our neighborhoods strong, safe, and vibrant through this ongoing excellence initiative.

Sincerely,

Mayor Don Walters

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS, CONTINUED

AUGUST

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| <p>1 • Mayor's First Tuesday @City Hall
• Adult Ballet Sessions Begin This Week @Quirk</p> <p>3 • Adult Slo-Pitch Fall Registration Deadline
• Falls Travel Club @Quirk, 1 pm</p> <p>4 • Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> <p>5 • Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> <p>7 • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm</p> <p>10 • Water Walking Ends @WWFAC
• Essential Oils @Quirk, 6:30 pm</p> <p>11 • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> <p>12 • Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> | <p>13 • Food Truck Frenzy & Concert Series @Keyser, 4:30 pm</p> <p>14 • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm</p> <p>15 • Water Works Family Aquatic Center Closing Day
• Wading Pool Season Ends</p> <p>18 • Adult Senior Bingo @Quirk, 1 pm
• Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> <p>19 • Antic Theatre Summer Show @Quirk, 8 pm</p> <p>21 • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm</p> <p>25 • Farmers' Market in the Falls @Quirk, 3 - 6 pm
• Ballroom Nights @Quirk, 7:30 pm</p> <p>28 • Riverfront Cruise In @St. Joseph/Weller Court, 5 pm</p> |
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Learn details about these and other events at cityofcf.com/calendar.

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