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CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS NEWSLETTER



State of the City: Looking Ahead Together

On April 16, Mayor Don Walters delivered the annual State of the City address, highlighting the people, projects, and priorities shaping Cuyahoga Falls. He emphasized the critical role of the city's more than 400 employees in maintaining essential services and supporting residents' quality of life every day. The address also highlighted the city's strong financial position and ongoing infrastructure investments, including the RiverLoop and South Front Street improvement projects, along with continued focus on public safety, economic development, and neighborhood connectivity.

While several major projects are underway downtown, the mayor emphasized that investment continues across the entire city. Recent improvements include completion of the Triangle Project at State, Seasons, and Wyoga Lake Roads, improving safety, reducing delays, and adding sidewalks and a multi-use path. Looking ahead, Phase 2 of the Mud Brook Trail will expand connections between eleven neighborhoods and a key business corridor, further strengthening accessibility and connectivity for residents. The project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2027.

Residents can read, watch, or listen to the full State of the City address online at cityofcf.com/news/stateofthecity2026.

New Fire Station and Training Complex Planned for Northampton Road

Approved by City Council on July 14, 2025, the construction of a new fire station and training complex at the existing Fire Station #4, located at 3097 Northampton Road, is underway. The project entails a new fire station, apparatus bays, a state-of-the-art training center, and a four-story training prop designed to simulate real-world emergency scenarios. The historic Northampton Town Hall remains as part of the site. The city was awarded a \$3 million state grant for this project.

Once complete, the training complex will establish the City of Cuyahoga Falls as a premier regional hub for advanced firefighter training and emergency response education, strengthening not only emergency responses within Cuyahoga Falls but across surrounding communities and the broader region.

Additional renderings and frequently asked questions about the project are available at cityofcf.com/proposed-fire-station-training-facility.



Rendering of Fire Station 4 from West Bath Road.



Rendering of the main entrance of the training facility.



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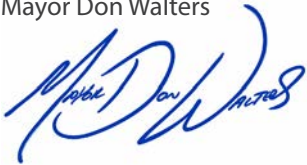
A Letter from the Mayor

With the temperatures rising, so is the excitement for a summer packed with community events designed for residents of all ages. From neighborhood block parties and free movies downtown to our popular Friday night concerts and so much more. Be sure to pull out the center section of this newsletter, which contains the full event schedule, to start planning your summer.

While we're gearing up for a summer filled with fun, we remain focused on maintaining and improving the foundation of our city. Our 2026 budget prioritizes vital infrastructure updates with \$4,000,000 allocated for street paving. Paving will begin in late May or early June. This program will resurface at least 24 lane miles across 43 different streets, ensuring safer, smoother travels for residents and visitors alike.

I hope you have a chance to get out, attend an event, support our local businesses, and enjoy all that summer in Cuyahoga Falls has to offer. Have a safe and wonderful summer season!

Mayor Don Walters



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City of Cuyahoga Falls

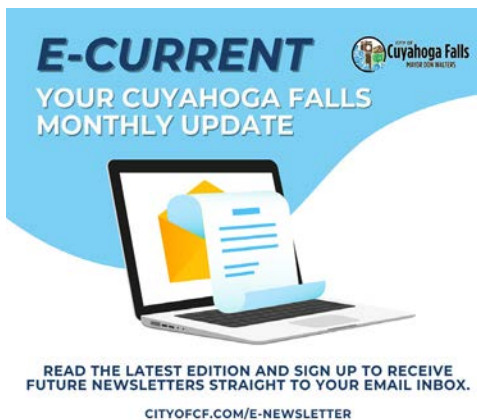
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Help Shape Walking and Biking in Cuyahoga Falls

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to develop an Active Transportation Plan aimed at improving how residents walk, bike, and connect throughout the community, with a primary focus on the northwestern quadrant of the city. This plan will guide future investments in sidewalks, trails, and roadway improvements to create safer, more accessible routes across the city.

As part of this effort, residents are encouraged to share their experiences and ideas through a short survey that will help identify priorities and shape the plan. Project consultants also gathered input directly from residents during the Ohio Duck Dash Festival on April 25, continuing efforts to ensure the plan reflects real community needs and neighborhood-level feedback.

The project is currently in the data collection and public engagement phase, with additional opportunities for input planned throughout the year. A draft plan is expected in early fall, with final recommendations anticipated by late fall 2026. Residents can visit cityofcf.com/active-transportation-plan to complete the survey and learn more about the project.

(Pictured top right are residents sharing feedback at the Ohio Duck Dash Festival. Pictured bottom right is Ward 2 Councilwoman Susan Spinner and Council President Russ Balthis with the World's Largest Rubber Duck.)

We are proud of the EntrepreNEW students for their fundraising efforts in bringing the World's Largest Rubber Duck to Downtown Cuyahoga Falls.



New Veteran Banner Program Honors Local Heroes

Launched on May 1, the new Veteran Banner Program was created to honor men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces, both past and present.

Commemorative banners will be installed along Portage Trail from 13th Street to Lillis Drive from Independence Day through Veterans Day.

Each banner will feature a military photo, the service member's name, branch of service, and years served. After the display period, banners will be returned to applicants as a keepsake.

Space in the program for 2026 is sold out. Applications for 2027 will open at the beginning of next year.

Pictured is an example of a Veteran Banner to be displayed along Portage Trail.



Valley Vista Park Improvements Continue This Summer

Improvements to Valley Vista Park will continue this summer following the completion of the Valley Road water line replacement project.

A new splash pad featuring ground sprays, overhead showers, and misters will provide a fun and refreshing space for families during the warmer months. An accessible restroom facility will also be installed.

The project was also awarded \$203,988 in grant funding to support the installation of new accessible playground equipment, helping ensure the park can be enjoyed by residents of all abilities.

Future improvements include installing a new pickleball and basketball court to expand recreational opportunities for the community, along with additional upgrades to the parking lot and walking paths.



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AROUND THE CITY SUMMER EVENTS

2026

June 3: Picnic in the Park
June 8: Outliers Big Band
June 11: Picnic in the Park
June 11: Community Band
June 14: Keyser Concert
June 17: Picnic in the Park
Weekly Monday - Friday (June 1 - July 24) - Mobile Rec

June 18: Community Band
June 23: Picnic in the Park
June 25: Community Band
June 30: Picnic in the Park
July 8: Picnic in the Park
July 9: Community Band

July 12: Keyser Concert
July 14: Picnic in the Park
July 16: Community Band
July 22: Picnic in the Park
July 23: Community Band
August 9: Keyser Concert
August 11: Tuba Concert

Keyser Concerts

Free outdoor concerts on June 14, July 12, and August 9 featuring a variety of musical genres. Opening acts begin at 5 p.m., with headlining performances starting at 6 p.m. Enjoy an evening of live music, food trucks, and activities for children—fun for the whole family!

Tuba Concert

Join us for a relaxing evening on Tuesday, August 11 at 6 p.m. on the lawn at the Quirk Cultural Center. Enjoy ice cream and fun performance by the Northeast Ohio Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble.

Community Band Concerts

All concerts are from 7 - 8 p.m. and all are invited.

June 11: Quirk Cultural Center, Front Lawn
June 18: Lions Park
June 25: Downtown Pavillion
July 9: Keyser Barn
July 16: Oak Park
July 23: Water Works, Peninsula Shelter

Picnic in the Park

Enjoy food and family-friendly activities. Picnics will take place from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

June 3: Preston School Park	June 30: Lions Park
June 11: Quirk Cultural Center	July 8: Linden Park
June 17: Richardson Elem.	July 14: Water Works Park, Little Stone
June 23: Oak Park	July 22: Woodridge Elem.

Mobile Rec

Mondays & Wednesdays (June 1 - July 22)

10 - 10:45 a.m.	Woodridge Elem.
11 - 11:45 a.m.	Keyser Park (fields)
12:30 - 1:15 p.m.	Quirk Cultural Center
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	Oak Park

Tuesdays & Thursdays (June 2 - July 23)

10 - 10:45 a.m.	Water Works Park
11 - 11:45 a.m.	Indian Mountain Park
12:30 - 1:15 p.m.	Lions Park
1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	Linden Park

Fridays

June 5: 11 a.m. Honey Locust	1 p.m. Trails End Park
June 12: 11 a.m. Studio City	1 p.m. Downtown Splash Pad
June 19: 11 a.m. High Bridge Glens	1 p.m. DeWitt Elem.
June 26: 11 a.m. Riverfront Park	1 p.m. Richardson Elem.
July 3: 11 a.m. DeWitt Elem.	1 p.m. Downtown Splash Pad
July 10: 11 a.m. Richardson Elem.	1 p.m. Studio City
July 17: 11 a.m. Indian Mt. Park	1 p.m. Honey Locust
July 24: 11 a.m. Wyoga Lake Apts.	1 p.m. Ross Park

 All events are weather permitting and subject to change.



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DOWNTOWN SUMMER EVENTS

June 5:	Falls Downtown Friday	August 7:	Falls Downtown Friday
June 12-14:	Irish Festival	September 18-20:	Oktoberfest
June 26:	Flix on the Falls		
July 3:	America 250 Celebration & Fireworks		
July 10:	Flix on the Falls		
July 17-19:	Festa Italiana		
July 24:	Flix on the Falls		
July 31:	Flix on the Falls		
August 4:	National Night Out		

Weekly Events

Mondays, 4 - 7 p.m.

Riverfront Cruise In Car Show

Fridays, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Front Street Live

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Front Street Live will feature a variety of musical genres on both the Paddle Park Stage and the Fountain Stage. Performances take place Fridays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- June 5, 26
- July 10, 24, 31
- August 7, 14

National Night Out

National Night Out features family-friendly activities, food, music, games, a chance to explore equipment from the Police Dept. and other area law enforcement agencies. The event takes place August 4 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. at the City Hall Parking Lot, 2310 Second St.

Riverfront Cruise In

The Riverfront Car Cruise In is held every Monday from June 1 through August 31, 4 - 7 p.m., at 2310 2nd St., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221. During the event, 2nd St. will be closed between Oakwood Dr. and Portage Trail. For more info: riverfrontcruisein.com

Flix on the Falls

Activities start at 6:30 p.m. and movies at dusk. Movies and entertainment are free.

- June 26 - Jaws
- July 10 - Lilo & Stitch
- July 24 - Jurassic World: Rebirth
- July 31 - The Goonies

America 250 Celebration

Celebrate America 250 at Falls Downtown Friday at the downtown plaza on July 3 from 6 - 10 p.m. Enjoy local craft beer, food trucks, and live music from the Buck Naked Band beginning at 7 p.m., and a fireworks finale at 10 p.m.

Heritage Festivals

Riverfront Irish Festival | riverfrontirishfest.org
Friday, June 12 - Sunday, June 14

Festa Italiana | festaitalianacf.com
Friday, July 17 - Sunday, July 19

Oktoberfest | oktoberfestcfo.com
Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20



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Project Updates Around the City

RiverLoop Project

The Broad Boulevard boardwalk underpass is now open for pedestrian use as work continues on the RiverLoop Project. Additional improvements throughout the summer will include replacement of the lower boardwalk along the river and streetscape enhancements at the north end of the project. The project is being designed to improve accessibility and connectivity for users of all abilities through enhanced pedestrian pathways, ramps, seating areas, and public gathering spaces. Once completed, the project will create expanded public gathering spaces and improved riverfront access for residents and visitors.



Current progress including new pedestrian connections are now open.



Planned entrance to RiverLoop from Broad Blvd.



Future stage for performances and events.



Ariel view of RiverLoop from Broad Blvd.



Rendering of Broad Blvd boardwalk underpass.



Rendering of connection between Riverfront Parkway and Front St.

South Front Streetscape Improvements

Construction activity continues along South Front Street with additional underground utility work and new sidewalk installations on the west side of the roadway. Later this summer, crews will install the new arch feature and right-turn lane at Broad Boulevard, along with a new public parking lot at the corner of Front Street and Sackett Ave, across the street from Hibachi Japan.



Rendering of the future South Front gateway arch and roadway improvements at Broad Boulevard.



Renderings of planned pedestrian seating, landscaping, and bicycle amenities along South Front Street.



2026 Street Resurfacing Program

In April, Cuyahoga Falls City Council approved an additional \$500,000 for the program, allowing the City to resurface additional streets, including an expanded portion of Portage Trail from Second St. to 13th St. Work is anticipated to begin in late May or early June as crews begin resurfacing projects throughout the community.

Street	From	To	Street	From	To	Street	From	To
Portage Trail	2nd	13th	Cedar Hill Rd	Portage Trail	Burnham Jump	Hidden Lake Ln	State	Hidden Hollow
Oakwood Dr	Pierce	Graham	Clyde Ave	Tallmadge	Buchholzer	Hoffman Dr	Eleanora	S. Hidden Valley
2nd St	Broad	Front (South)	Curtis Ave	Bailey	Myrtle	Middlestone Way	Hathaway	Forestmeadow
11th St	Broad	Sackett	Eleanora Dr	Brookpark	Brookpark	Sackett Ave	4th	21st
13th St	Silver Lake	Portage Trail	Elmwood St	Birchwood	Morrison	Sackett Ave	21st	State
16th St	Jefferson	Phelps	Elmwood St	Morrison	Pierce	Sand Run Rd	Corp Line	Yellow Creek
16th St	Phelps	Valley	Falls Commerce Parkway	Wyoga Lake	Dead End	Theiss Rd	Akron Peninsula	Lyman
Akron Peninsula Rd	Ira	W. Steels Corners	Forestmeadow Dr	Chart	Keyser Parkway	Valley Rd	Portage Trail	State
Bath Rd East	State	Graham	Graham Rd Circle	Graham	End	Woodbrook Rd	Northampton	End
Brookpark Dr	Northampton	Eleanora	Hathaway Dr	Ravenshallow	W. End			

Public Meeting Scheduled for Corridor Traffic Studies

The South State Road and Bailey Road/Northmoreland Boulevard Corridor Studies are ongoing initiatives by the City of Cuyahoga Falls focused on revitalizing key commercial districts through beautification, pedestrian safety improvements, and traffic modifications. The studies include South State Road from Portage Trail to the south city limit and the Bailey Road/Northmoreland Boulevard corridor.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 9 at 6 p.m. The meeting will take place at Lions Lodge to review traffic study recommendations and gather community feedback. Key findings include no proposed lane reductions and enhanced pedestrian safety improvements throughout the corridors.

Munroe Falls Avenue, Bailey Road, and Hudson Drive Resurfacing

The resurfacing projects for Munroe Falls Avenue between Bailey Road and the eastern corporation limits, Bailey Road between Front Street and Graham Road, and Hudson Drive between Front Street and Graham Road, are currently in the design phase. The City received \$2.16 million in federal and state funding for the resurfacing of these streets. These projects are scheduled to be completed in 2027 due to the requirements and timing of the grant funding. Planned improvements include roadway resurfacing, updated pavement markings, and replacement of traffic signal loops. These projects will help extend the life of the roadway while improving driving conditions and visibility.

Wyoga Lake Road Improvements

Utility relocation work is currently underway along Wyoga Lake Road as electric, telecommunications, and gas infrastructure are moved in preparation for roadway construction beginning in June. Construction is expected to take approximately 16 months. Supported by over \$6.7 million in federal and state funding, project improvements will include roadway widening, a new turn lane, a traffic signal at Wyoga Lake Boulevard, upgraded stormwater infrastructure, and a new multi-use path along the corridor. The project is designed to improve traffic flow, pedestrian accessibility, and overall safety for motorists, cyclists, and nearby residents traveling through the area.

Bailey Road Waterline Replacement

Construction on the Bailey Road Waterline Replacement Project is scheduled to begin in June. The project will replace the aging waterline with a new 8-inch waterline between Myrtle Avenue and McShane Drive. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Final roadway resurfacing will occur in 2027. Replacing the existing infrastructure will help improve long-term water system reliability and reduce the likelihood of future service interruptions in the area.



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