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## CITY OF CUYAHOGA FALLS NEWSLETTER

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## A Letter from the Mayor

As we welcome fall and look ahead to the holiday season, a lot is happening across Cuyahoga Falls. From community events and seasonal programs to projects that will shape our City for years to come, this newsletter highlights what makes Cuyahoga Falls a great place to live, work, and enjoy, and the continued work to make our community even better.

One of the most exciting examples is the transformation happening in Downtown Cuyahoga Falls. The RiverLoop and South Front Street projects are nearing completion, creating new opportunities to experience the Cuyahoga River, explore Downtown, and enjoy what makes our community special. I invite you to join us Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we celebrate with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony.

But projects are only one part of what makes a community great. Cuyahoga Falls is built by its residents. People who show up, get involved, share their ideas, and take pride in where they live. Whether you attend a City event, explore the RiverLoop, participate in a neighborhood program, share your ideas with City Council, or simply stay informed, your involvement helps shape the future of our City.

Thank you for being part of Cuyahoga Falls. I hope you and your family have a safe, enjoyable, and memorable fall and winter season.

Mayor Don Walters



## Fall Curbside Leaf Pick-Up

Each year, the City of Cuyahoga Falls works with residents to collect fallen leaves from the curb, helping keep neighborhood streets clean.

Once the leaves begin to fall, City leaf crews use rakes and specialized vacuum equipment to collect and remove leaves throughout the community. Residents should rake their leaves onto the tree lawn by 7 a.m. on their scheduled pickup days. Please rake leaves into a long, continuous line on the tree lawn rather than one large pile.

The Leaf Pickup Program runs from October 26 and ends December 4. Each address will receive three scheduled pickups during the season. Pickup dates may be delayed due to holidays or weather conditions. Check your pickup dates at [cityofcf.com/leaves](http://cityofcf.com/leaves) or call the Leaf Line at 330-971-8031.

## Seasonal Composting Collection

Fall is here, bringing pumpkins, gourds, seasonal cooking, and plenty of food scraps! This year, Summit Metro Parks and Rubber City Reuse are making it easier to turn those food scraps into something useful through composting.

Accepted items include: fruits and vegetables, meat and bones, seafood, eggshells, bread, pasta, grains, legumes, nuts, dairy products, leftovers, coffee grounds, tea bags, paper napkins without chemicals, and BPI-certified compostable products.

Please remove produce stickers and metal staples from tea bags and coffee filters. Do not bring trash, yard waste, oil or shortening, plastic bags, plastic foam, twist ties or recyclable materials.

Composting Bin Locations:

- F.A. Seiberling Nature Realm - 1828 Smith Road, Akron
- Firestone Metro Park (Tuscarawas Meadows Area) - 2620 Harrington Road, Akron
- Goodyear Heights Metro Park - Main Entrance - 2077 Newton Street, Akron
- Liberty Park (Twinsburg Ledges Area & Nature Center) - 9999 Liberty Road, Twinsburg
- Wood Hollow Metro Park - 2121 Barlow Road, Hudson

For more information, please visit [summitmetroparks.org/conservation/sustainability/](http://summitmetroparks.org/conservation/sustainability/).



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## Recycle Holiday Lights

Have old holiday lights you no longer need? The City of Cuyahoga Falls has partnered with Summit E-Waste Recycling to provide a holiday lights recycling drop-off bin at the Natatorium, 2345 4th Street, from November 11 through January 11.

Join Santa in responsibly recycling your old holiday lights and helping keep them out of landfills!



## RiverLoop & South Front Street Ribbon Cutting

Saturday, October 24 • 11 – 1 p.m. • Downtown Pavilion

Joining us on Saturday, October 24, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for our official ribbon cutting and community celebration of the RiverLoop and South Front Street transformations.

Explore the new RiverLoop, which connects Front Street at Broad Boulevard and Oakwood Drive and offers beautiful river vistas, unique points of interest, and vibrant murals created by local artists. The route was designed to welcome pedestrians, strollers, wheelchairs, bicycles, and surreys—making it a place for everyone to enjoy.

At the ribbon-cutting, meet the architects, construction team, and City staff who helped bring the project to life. View photos of the transformation, explore RiverLoop maps, and learn more about how this project is bringing new life to the riverfront.

For more information about the RiverLoop and South Front Street transformation, [cityofcf.com/downtown-transformation](http://cityofcf.com/downtown-transformation).

## Downtown Parking Updates

As construction in our Downtown nears completion, the City is providing more parking options for residents and visitors alike.

A new and improved parking lot will open at 1816 Front Street, across from Hibachi Japan, adding another convenient option. Second Street will also offer additional free parking with new striping south of Broad Boulevard. Our downtown parking garages and surface lots will continue to provide free parking as well.

In the coming weeks, on-street parking on Front Street from Oakwood Drive to Grant Avenue will transition from coin meters to the ParkMobile app, providing a convenient way to pay. Payments will be required from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily at a rate of \$1 per hour. Residents and visitors are encouraged to download the ParkMobile app before the transition.

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## Investing in Our Water Infrastructure

The City of Cuyahoga Falls has received \$1.092 million in federal Community Project Funding to support improvements at the Cuyahoga Falls Water Treatment Plant. The funding will help replace aging infrastructure, including the water softener and pump buildings, laboratory, ion exchange softeners, and high-service pumps.

These improvements will modernize the century-old facility and help provide a more consistent, reliable drinking water system for Cuyahoga Falls, Silver Lake, and Munroe Falls for years to come.

Pictured from left: Water Superintendent Russ Kring, Deputy Service Director Teresa Hazlett, Rep. Emilia Sykes, Mayor Don Walters, and Service Director Anthony Zumbo at the ceremonial check presentation.



## Explore the Falls. Ride Responsibly.

Whether you're a seasoned cyclist or just getting started, the City's new Bike Safety Toolkit has resources to help make every ride a safe one.

The toolkit includes bike safety checklists, videos, rules and laws, safety tips and information on becoming a Cuyahoga Falls Bike Safety Champion. It's a one-stop resource for riders of all ages to learn how to gear up, check their bikes, share the road and ride responsibly. The toolkit also includes information for e-bike riders, including important rules and safety tips to keep in mind. Whether you're riding a traditional bicycle or an e-bike, knowing the rules of the road helps keep everyone safe.

With resources for riders, parents and families, the toolkit makes it easy to find helpful information before you hit the road.

Take a few minutes review the toolkit and start every ride with safety. The new Bike Safety Toolkit can be found at [cityofcf.com/bike-safety](http://cityofcf.com/bike-safety).





## Drug Take Back Day

The City of Cuyahoga Falls will host Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 24, from 10 – 2 p.m. at the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium, 2345 4th Street. Held in conjunction with National Drug Take Back Day, the event provides residents with a safe and convenient way to dispose of expired, unwanted, or unused medications, helping keep our community safer and healthier.

Needles and liquids will not be accepted. For information about proper syringe disposal, contact Summit County Public Health Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., at 330-926-5600.

Residents can also dispose of unused and expired medications 24/7 at the drug disposal drop box located in the lobby of the Cuyahoga Falls Police Department, 2310 Second Street (pictured left).

For more information, visit [cityoff.com/dtbd](http://cityoff.com/dtbd).

## Quirk-O-Ween

Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation will host Quirk-O-Ween at the Quirk Cultural Center, 1201 Grant Ave., on Friday, October 23, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. The event will feature fun for all ages and abilities including trick-or-treating, crafts, snacks, and an inflatable haunted house. Admission is free.

## Spooktacular Halloween Display Tour

Do you have a frightfully fun Halloween display? The City of Cuyahoga Falls is hosting its Fifth Annual Spooktacular Halloween Display Tour! To register your display, visit [cityofcf.com/halloween-tour](http://cityofcf.com/halloween-tour) by Wednesday, October 21. Display addresses will be added to the website and updated weekly throughout October.

Grab your friends and family and take a drive around Cuyahoga Falls to discover and enjoy the frightfully fun Halloween displays throughout the community!

## Citywide Trick-or-Treat

Citywide Trick-or-Treat will take place on Saturday, October 31, from 6 – 8 p.m. Families throughout Cuyahoga Falls are invited to enjoy an evening of trick-or-treating, costumes, and Halloween fun. Have a safe and spooky Halloween!



## Holiday Tree Lighting & Drone Show

Cuyahoga Falls will kick off the holiday season with its annual Holiday Tree Lighting on Saturday, November 28, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Santa and Mayor Walters will light the tree at 6 p.m., followed immediately by a spectacular holiday drone show over the parking lot at 2356 Front Street. For everyone's safety, the parking lot will have a designated safety zone during the drone show.

The celebration will feature family-friendly activities for all ages, including live music, ice skating, photo booth, crafts, and live reindeer! For more information, visit [cityofcf.com/tree-lighting-2026](http://cityofcf.com/tree-lighting-2026).

## Holiday Display Tour

Want to spread some holiday cheer? Register your festive display for the Annual Holiday Display Tour at [cityofcf.com/form/holiday-tour](http://cityofcf.com/form/holiday-tour) by Monday, December 7.

The Holiday Display Tour map will be available online and updated weekly throughout December. Use the map to plan your own holiday lights tour and explore festive displays throughout Cuyahoga Falls.

## Parking Meters on Parade

### Free Holiday Parking on Front Street

The Parking Meters on Parade decorating contest will return to Front Street this holiday season. The contest is open to all Cuyahoga Falls businesses, community groups, and residents.

The deadline to apply to be a sponsor and decorate a parking meter is Friday, November 6. Sponsors will be highlighted on their decorated meter. Decorations must be installed between November 21 – 27 and removed by January 3. Visit [cityofcf.com/form/parking-meter-app](http://cityofcf.com/form/parking-meter-app) for more information.

Thanks to our sponsors, there will be free parking November 21 – January 3 on Front Street.

Enjoy free parking while you shop, dine, and celebrate in Downtown Cuyahoga Falls.



## Honoring Our Veterans

2026 marked the first year of the City of Cuyahoga Falls' Veterans Banner Program, giving our community a special opportunity to honor 50 veterans from Cuyahoga Falls. Their banners are proudly displayed along Portage Trail between Lillis Drive and 13th Street.

The banners will remain on display through Veterans Day, giving our community the opportunity to recognize and honor these veterans.

Applications for the 2027 Veterans Banner Program will open in early 2027.

Want to be among the first to know when applications are available? Sign up for the City's E-Current newsletter at [cityofcf.com/e-newsletter](http://cityofcf.com/e-newsletter).

### Veterans Honored in 2026

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|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Alexander Holzer        | Corey King      | James "Jim" Scheatzle |                    |                    |
| Angela Twymon           | Daniel Medkeff  | Jerome Kuehl          |                    |                    |
| Bill Allrutz            | Dennis Brown    | John D. Cardille      | Paul Capriulo      | Richard L. Pulley  |
| Bill Jones              | Dennis Orndorff | Karl Clark            | Paul P. Miles Jr.  | Robert W. Colvin   |
| Carl Crites             | Donald Tausch   | Larry Bunner          | Paul Nichols       | Ronald Bittner Jr. |
| Charles "Bill" Corcoran | Ed Sadon        | Lawrence Morton       | Randall Weitzell   | Scott A. Nelson    |
| Charles Faust           | Francis Moles   | Michael McClain       | Randall Weitzell   | Stanley Lero       |
| Charles Malachosky      | Gabriel Glor    | Michael Schumacher    | Rashun Rivera      | Stephen Mergenov   |
| Charles Severt          | Hunter Tausch   | Michael Sebastian     | Raymond Salmon     | Steve Tuza         |
| Charles Stanfield       | Jack McClure    | Nicholas DiNardi Sr.  | Raymond Schumacher | William Sebastian  |
| Charles Stoltz          | James Knepper   | Nick Demasi           | Richard Morgan     | Zeb Severt         |



## AdaptAble Programming

AdaptAble is a new program series from the Parks and Recreation Department, designed to provide a welcoming, supportive environment where people with developmental disabilities can participate, connect, and have fun.

Programs are adapted to support a range of abilities and participation levels. Join in as much — or as little — as you choose. Everyone is welcome to be themselves, make connections, and enjoy being active together.

A caregiver, such as a family member or Direct Support Professional (DSP), is required to attend with each participant.

Learn more about the program at [cityofcf.com/AdaptAble](http://cityofcf.com/AdaptAble).

## Connect with City Council Office Hours & Community Meetings

### At-Large Councilwoman Mary Nichols-Rhodes

- December 4 & January 8 • 12 – 1 p.m.
  - Cuyahoga Falls Library, Large Study Room

### At-Large Councilman Brian Ashton & Ward 1 Councilwoman Rachel Loza

- October 19 • 5 – 6 p.m.
  - The Natatorium, Lincoln Room

### Ward 2 Councilwoman Susan Spinner

- October 10 • 10 – 12 p.m.
  - Yada Yada Coffee, 1884 Front St.

### Ward 3 Councilwoman Nikki Cebula

- October 25, November 29 & December 27 • 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.
  - Dunkin' Donuts, 1760 State Rd.

### Ward 4 Councilman Joe Sieferth

- October 10, November 14 & December 12 • 11 – 12 p.m.
  - Business Commons of Cuyahoga Falls, 111 Stow Ave. Suite 200

### Council President Russ Balthis Holds Second Annual Budget Forum

November 10 • 6 – 8 p.m.  
The Natatorium

What should City Council prioritize in the 2027 City budget?

All residents are invited to share their ideas, priorities, and feedback.

### Ward 6 Councilman Gary DeRemer

- Tuesdays • 9 – 10:30 a.m.
  - Carriage Group Realty, 2251 Front St.

### Ward 7 Councilwoman Marie Willis-Guarneri

- October 23 • 1 – 2 p.m.
  - Lyla's Family Restaurant, 1911 Bailey Rd.
- November 9 • 5 – 6 p.m.
  - Pita Pit inside the Natatorium

### Ward 8 Councilman Frank Stams

- October 14, November 11, December 9 • 6 – 7 p.m.
  - Northampton Town Hall, 851 W. Bath Rd.



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