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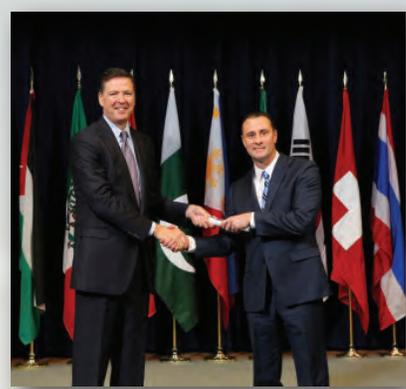
Maynard Graduates from FBI Academy

Fairfield Police Lt. Steve Maynard joined an elite group of law enforcement leaders from around the world when he graduated from the FBI National Academy Law Enforcement Program at the FBI Campus in Quantico, Va., on Sept. 16, 2016.

This program is so elite that FBI Director James Comey was the principal speaker at the graduation ceremony. Only the top one percent of law enforcement leaders throughout the world have participated in this 10-week professional course of study. It is designed to raise law enforcement standards, knowledge and cooperation.

“This was quite the experience, definitely the highlight of my career up to this point, and I was disappointed when it was over,” Steve said. “One of the great benefits was networking with other law enforcement leaders from 47 states and 24 countries.”

Participants are invited by the FBI after being nominated by their local executive-level superiors. Steve was nominated by Fairfield Police Chief Mike Dickey, himself an academy program graduate.



FBI Director James Comey & Fairfield Police Lt. Steve Maynard

“Lt. Maynard has distinguished himself as a leader in the police department,” said Chief Dickey. “He was a natural choice for a nomination to attend the FBI National Academy.”

Topics of study include intelligence theory, terrorism, forensic science, law, behavioral science, operations, leadership and physical fitness. College-level credit is earned

through the University of Virginia.

“The program immerses the student for an intense period of exposure with some of the best and brightest minds in today’s police service,” said Chief Dickey. “Steve both contributed to and learned a great deal from this experience.”

A final test of physical endurance called The Yellow Brick Road emphasizes the academy’s focus on fitness. It is a grueling 6.1 mile run through a hilly, wooded trail built by Marines that puts participants through maneuvers and obstacles that would be part of a high combat war zone. Steve has the yellow brick on display in his office that he earned from passing this tough fitness test.



“One strong belief that was reinforced through my participation in the academy, especially in talking with others, is that we have a good police department, we have a good relationship with our community, and our community in general appreciates what we do,” Steve said. “It’s one of my jobs as a leader to constantly remind our officers why we all chose this profession – to help people.”

Lt. Maynard is an 18-year veteran of the Fairfield Police Department, starting as a patrol officer in 1999. He commands day-to-day operations, overseeing patrol officers, park rangers and animal control officers. He has served as a detective, field training officer, and firearms instructor, and is Commander of the Hamilton-Fairfield SWAT Team. In 2013, he was awarded the Police Medal for leadership in a dangerous tactical situation.

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati with an associate degree and Ashland University with a bachelor’s degree, Steve is also a graduate of the prestigious Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command.

Fire Levy Passes

**A 2.5-mill new Fairfield fire/EMS levy passed by 66.7% on Nov. 8
Raises \$2.38 million/yr
Costs \$87.50/year (on a \$100,000 property)**

For information and a fact sheet on the Fairfield Fire Department go to:
www.fairfield-city.org/fire%20info%20sheet%20102616.pdf

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Greg Kathman

Kathman Promoted

Eleven-year veteran of the City's Development Services Department, Greg Kathman, has been promoted to lead Fairfield's Development Services Department as Director. The Department includes Economic Development, Planning and Building & Zoning functions for residential and commercial projects.

"I have known Greg for several years," said Fairfield Mayor Steve Miller. "He has always been the consummate professional and very familiar with and respected among our business community."

Greg takes over leadership of the Department following the September retirement of Tim Bachman, who had been Director for most of his 31 years with the City.

"Greg has been an expert resource and champion for commercial and industrial development in Fairfield throughout his tenure," said City Manager Mark Wendling. "He is also a man of impeccable integrity."

A graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Greg has a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in community planning. His 20 years of experience includes previous positions with the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Development Company.

"I am excited and humbled to have this opportunity to continue to work with Fairfield community and business leaders," says

Greg. "I am honored to lead a strong and experienced staff of professionals who work hard to be community-focused and development-friendly."

Greg is active in the International Economic Development Council, REDI Cincinnati, the Ohio Economic Development Association, and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce.

"... he is fantastic to work with and a wonderful representative and advocate for the City!"
Sandy Ambrose, Without a Doubt Specialized Hauler

At Your Service IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Contact any of the following departments with questions or concerns. They're here to help...

Police or Fire Emergency

911

Urgent, but not an emergency? Call 829-8201.

Non-Emergency	
Police/Fire Dispatcher	513/829-8201
Fire Department	513/867-5379
Building Inspection & Zoning	513/867-5318
Zoning Hotline	513/867-5321
City Council Office	513/867-5383
City Manager's Office	513/867-5350
Finance Department	513/867-5315
Income Tax Office	513/867-5327
Human Resources	513/867-5352
Municipal Court	513/867-6002
Parks & Recreation Department	
Administrative Offices	513/867-5348
Community Arts Center	513/867-5348
Aquatic Center	513/939-2782
18-hole Golf Course	513/858-7750
9-hole Golf Course	513/939-3741
Developmental Services	513/867-5345
Public Works Department ...	513/867-4200
Public Utilities	
Customer Billing	513/867-5370
Director	513/867-5375
Wastewater Division	513/858-7760
Water Division	513/858-7775
All Other Calls	513/867-5300
Telecomm. Device for the Deaf (TDD)	513/867-5392

EMERGENCY UTILITIES CONTACTS

Who to call for service questions

Butler Rural Electric Coop	513/867-4400
<i>Natural Gas, Electric Service</i>	
Cincinnati Bell	513/768-7800
<i>Telephone, Zoomtown</i>	
Duke Energy	513/421-9500
<i>Natural Gas, Electric Service</i>	
Fairfield Utilities	513/858-7775
<i>Water, Sewer</i>	
Time Warner	513/896-5455
<i>Cable TV, Digital Telephone, Roadrunner</i>	

Fire Safety Poster Contest



The Fairfield Fire Department held its annual "Fire Safety Poster Contest" for grades K through 6 earlier this year. Flyers were distributed to each of the schools announcing the contest and this year's theme. Department personnel visited each school to judge the posters and announce the winners. A first place ribbon was placed on the winning poster.

Several others received honorable mention ribbons and all received participation ribbons. To add to the fun, the winners and their teacher were picked up at their respective school buildings and taken for a short ride on the fire truck. Firefighters then served breakfast to the winners, their parents and their teachers at Fire Station Headquarters.



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Fairfield, OH BUSINESS BOOSTER

Winter 2016-17 Support Local Business

This holiday season, as people are doing their holiday shopping, the City of Fairfield and the Fairfield Chamber of Commerce are once again encouraging people to "Support Local Business." Look for banners and advertisements around town to remind people of this simple, but important, message.



Numerous studies have shown the benefits of supporting local businesses. They recycle a much larger share of their dollars in the local economy; they provide uniqueness and distinctive character to communities; they foster local job creation; and they help build and sustain healthy communities.

Raising Cane's Grand Opening



On October 17, City officials and other Fairfield community supporters helped Raising Cane's Chicken Fingers celebrate the grand opening of its new restaurant at 5120 Dixie Highway.

Veritiv Completes Move To Fairfield



Veritiv Corporation, named to the Fortune 500® list earlier this year, has completed its move into the company's new home in Fairfield. After a lengthy search, Veritiv announced earlier this year that it would relocate its Cincinnati-area operations center into the Gilmore Pointe office building, at the corner of S. Gilmore and Mack Road. More than 400 employees now occupy the space, making Veritiv one of Fairfield's top 10 largest employers. Veritiv leases more than half of the four-story Gilmore Pointe building.



Veritiv is a North American business-to-business distributor of print, publishing, packaging, and facility solutions, and provider of logistics and supply chain management services. Established in July 2014, following the merger of International Paper's xpedx division and Unisource Worldwide, the company employs approximately 8,800



across approximately 180 North American facilities.

Karl Rockenhaus, Veritiv's Vice President for Customer Service, says that the company's workforce is settling into their new workspace and appreciate the sleek, updated design. "We are delighted to have completed our move to Gilmore Pointe, and we look forward to building our relationship with the Fairfield community."



New Restaurants Opening

Two new restaurants have planned openings this Fall in the Town Center area.

Sushi House

Sushi House leased the former Pizza Hut building at 510 Nilles Road. The menu features a variety of traditional Japanese and Japanese-American fusion items, including a variety of sushi rolls, sashimi, and Hibachi grill items. It is open for both lunch and dinner.



Owner Darong Ye is excited about being in Fairfield and he anticipates great community support. "This is a wonderful area with really nice people," he said.

You can see the menu at www.sushihouseohio.com.

Butt Shack BBQ Grill

Butt Shack BBQ Grill recently closed its Greenhills location and plans to re-open in the former Symmes Tavern on the Green space in Village Green, 500 Wessel Drive. In addition to barbeque, the restaurant also offers a variety of smoked meats, sandwiches, sides and more.



Owner Andy Castle, a 1995 graduate of Fairfield High School, is proud to be relocating to the heart of his hometown. "We want to keep the people in Fairfield happy. Our focus is on quality food and good customer service," he said.

Visit www.buttshackgrill.com for more information or to view a menu.

Youth Cheerleaders Move To Larger Home

Fairfield Youth Cheerleading Association (FYCA) is expanding this Fall into a newly-constructed, larger space at 400 Office Park Drive, just next door from its old space. The new 7,000 square foot space provides more than twice the square footage of the old space for the non-profit organization.

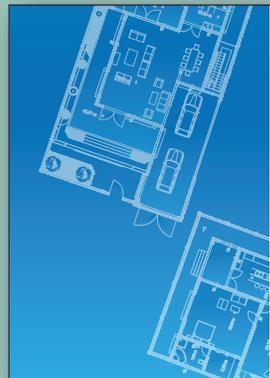
FYCA, which has been part of the Fairfield community for 15 years, works with youth aged 4-18. It offers a variety of recreational and competitive teams. Also offered are group classes, private lessons, and a special needs program.

The new space provides more room for features like spring floors and tumble tracks. It also allows multiple teams to practice at the same time.



An open house event in the new facility is planned for next Spring. Visit www.fycacheerleading.org for more information.

Volunteer Needed For Design Review Committee



The City of Fairfield is seeking a business owner or operator who is located downtown to serve on the Design Review Committee. The Committee, which meets monthly on the third Thursday at 4 pm, reviews development plans for projects located in the downtown zoning district. In order to qualify for the position, the applicant must comply with the following three requirements:

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1. Be a resident of Fairfield
2. Own or operate a business in the downtown
3. Abstain from conducting business with the City

If you are interested in volunteering for this Committee, please contact the Development Services Department at (513) 867-5345 or development@fairfield-city.org.

2017 Board and Commission Openings — Volunteers Needed

Fairfield's boards and commissions are comprised of individuals who volunteer their time to assist the City in a variety of ways. Applications will be available in January 2017 for vacancies on the following boards and commissions. Applicants for these non-compensated, volunteer positions must reside in the City of Fairfield.

Beginning January 1, 2017 information and applications will be available online at www.fairfield-city.org or at the Fairfield Municipal Building, 5350 Pleasant Avenue. Any questions regarding these open positions should be directed to the Clerk of Council at 513/867-5383.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Five year term of office

The Board of Zoning Appeals reviews requests for variances to the zoning code. Variances may include setbacks, increased signage and no-conforming authorizations. The primary responsibility of the board is to interpret the provisions of the Fairfield zoning code and to hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement or decision of determination by an administrative official in the enforcement of such codes. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

Civil Service Commission

Three year term of office

The Civil Service Commission of the City shall administer the Civil Service provisions of the general laws of Ohio for the classified employees of the City

and school district. Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6 PM.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission

Three year term of office

The Cultural Arts Commission serves as an advisory group to the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board, dedicated to the promotion of cultural arts activities within the City of Fairfield. The CAAC assists in informing the public of arts activities, the solicitation of available grants for arts programming, and exploring cultural arts opportunities for the City of Fairfield. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

Design Review Committee

Two year term of office

The purpose of the Downtown District is to provide for a high quality, secure, visually interesting, architecturally integrated, comfortable and convenient environment that can attract a high volume of pedestrian activity in a strong cultural, institution, office and commercial presence. The Design Review Committee reviews plans that a submitted in the Downtown District to assure that objectives of the City's Design Guidelines are achieved. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 4 PM.

Environmental Commission

Three year term of office

The City of Fairfield Environmental Commission serves as an advisory body to the City of Fairfield Parks

and Recreation Board for the purpose of promoting Environmental Stewardship and maintaining and increasing the amount of tree cover on public and private land in Fairfield by coordinating, initiating and publicizing activities that affect the Community Forest and Community Environmental Resources. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 6 PM.

Parks & Recreation Board

Three year term of office

Duties of the Parks and Recreation Board include determining programs and activities regarding parks and recreation, authorization of monies and the awarding of contracts for the operation and maintenance of the City's parks and recreation programs, the adoption of rules and regulations and systems of streets, boulevards, or parkways as the Board believes to be in the best interest of the efficient and orderly use and operation of the City's parks and recreation areas. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

Planning Commission

Four year term of office

Authorization of plans and maps, development of and modifications to the comprehensive plan, location and character of public utilities, the use of land and the zoning thereof, subdivision and other land development regulations, and development, redevelopment and renewal of the City. Meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 6 PM.

The Heroin Epidemic....Did You Know?

The Fairfield Opiate Taskforce seeks to educate members of the community regarding the facts and warning signs of potential opiate/opioid addiction.

Know the signs of opioid abuse or addiction:

- Sudden, dramatic weight loss.
- Changes in expected emotional response and rapid mood swings.
- Dramatic changes in sleep behavior
- Constipation without reasonable explanation.
- Small or pinpoint pupils.
- Unexplained missing personal items or money.

Know the symptoms of opioid overdose:

- Bluish nail beds and lips, pale or grayish skin tone.
- Noisy and irregular breathing, respiratory arrest and/or cardiac arrest.



Access to prescription opioid drugs, which may seem innocuous, may lead to experimentation and eventual heroin addiction.

These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab, Lorcet)
- Hydromorphone (Dilaudid)
- Oxycodone (OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet)
- Morphine
- Methadone
- Codeine
- Fentanyl (Duragesic)
- Meperidine (Demerol)

When taken as prescribed for short durations and in appropriate dosages, opioid painkillers can be safe and effective. Prescribed pain medication should only be used by the person to which it is prescribed and should be secured. Unused and unwanted medications should be disposed of properly. The Fairfield Police

Department offers a prescription drop box within its lobby that is available to residents 24 hours a day.

If you, or someone you know, need assistance with

opioid addiction or have questions, please contact the Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Service Board at 1-844-427-4747.

The Fairfield Opiate Taskforce is made up of members from the Fairfield Fire Department, the Fairfield Police Department, the City Manager's office and other community leaders/advocates. Councilmember at Large Bill Woeste is the Council Representative.



Mack Water Tower Improvements

Fairfield's Public Utilities Department and its contractor, Horizon Brothers, finished painting the Mack Road water tower both inside and out. This project is part of the City's ongoing capital improvement program aimed at maintaining and preserving critical assets.



Harbin Park Improvement Project

The staff of the Parks and Recreation Department have been leading community meetings along with representatives from Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. about a master plan of improvements to Harbin Park. Brandstetter is the company that has been retained by the City to design the improvements.

Residents are encouraged to frequently visit a website hosted by MySidewalk at www.harbinpark.mysidewalk.com to share ideas and suggestions, read updates, and review and comment on the plan.



William Harbin Park opened in the 1970's at 1300 Hunter Road and covers approximately 230 acres. It offers a variety of recreational opportunities including a scenic overlook, picnic shelters, playgrounds, sledding hill, bike/hike paths, mountain bike trails, nature trails, tennis/pickle ball courts, basketball courts, disc golf and large natural expanses.



A TRIP TO THE FIELDS

Assistant City Manager Greg Preece visited with students and their teacher Megan Collins from Bobbie B. Fairfax School on a recent school visit to Joe Nuxhall Miracle Field. Fairfax School is operated by Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services.

Check out more pictures from the student's day at the field on the Fairfax Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FairfaxFalconMasterpieces.

Race for Global Water in August at Waterworks Park



Leaf Collection In Progress



Free leaf collection is in process according the schedule listed below. Please place leaves in rows or piles between the curb and sidewalk or adjacent to the street in areas not having a curb or sidewalk.

Please do not place leaves in the street, as gutters and storm sewers can become blocked and cause localized flooding during moderate to heavy rainfall. Please help make the collection program run as smoothly as possible by raking your leaves between the curb and sidewalk, or in areas without a curb, adjacent to the street.

Also, please do not park in front of or near the piles between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. as the trucks/equipment cannot reach them. Those piles will be left until the next scheduled collection week. Residents who have a small amount of leaves, or who do not wish to participate, may find it more convenient to bag their leaves and place them curbside for pick-up on the regular trash collection day.

Do not place grass clippings, sticks, limbs or brush in with leaves. These can clog and damage equipment and injure workers.

Leaves will be collected on the following tentative schedule:

STREETS WEST OF PLEASANT AVE.

- November 7 thru November 11
- November 28 thru December 2
- December 19 thru December 23

STREETS BETWEEN PLEASANT AVE. & WINTON RD.

- November 14 thru November 18
- December 5 thru December 9
- December 26 thru December 30

STREETS EAST OF WINTON RD.

- November 21 thru November 25
- December 12 thru December 16
- January 2 thru January 3

Due to the large volume of leaves, crews may run behind schedule at times. Please still have leaves raked to the curbside by the posted dates. Additional information will be with residents' utility bills, on the City's social media sites Facebook, Twitter, and Next Door, and on the website at www.fairfield-city.org.

Radar Speed Trailers

The City recently replaced old radar speed trailers with radar signs. The purpose of these LED signs is to alert drivers to their current speed and encourage them to drive the speed limit.



Features:

- Easier to set up and move than the old trailers
- Collect speed data for traffic engineering purposes only. No speeding tickets are issued because of these signs.
- Signs will continue collecting speed data even if speed isn't displayed.
- Drivers do slow down when the speed is displayed.
- Put in new location every two weeks.

NOW HIRING

Part-Time Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics (All 24 hour shifts)

The City of Fairfield Fire Department is currently hiring State of Ohio Certified Firefighter / EMT / Paramedics. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a High School Diploma or GED; must be a citizen of the United States; must have a valid driver's license with good driving record; hold a current Ohio Firefighter I or II Certification; hold a current Ohio EMT_B or EMT-Paramedic Certification. Shifts will be 24 hours in length and will include weekends on assigned unit day. Successful applicants will be limited to 1,500 scheduled work hours per year. Candidates must be able to pass a physical agility test, background investigation, pre-employment physical, and drug screen. Pay range: \$16.00 - \$18.12 hourly. Applications can be found on our website at: www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfieldoh



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You're Invited

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Regularly Scheduled Meetings

**Held at the Fairfield Municipal Building
5350 Pleasant Avenue:**

City Council
2nd & 4th Mondays at 7 pm

Planning Commission
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6 pm

Board of Zoning Appeals
1st Wednesday of each month at 6 pm

Civil Service Commission
2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm

**Held at the Community Arts Center
411 Wessel Drive:**

Parks & Recreation Board
3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm

Environmental Commission
1st Wednesday of each month at 6 pm

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission
3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 pm

Snow Removal Tips

As winter approaches, the Public Works Department would like to remind you how you can help with snow removal operations on City streets. Following these tips can help our drivers clear roadways more efficiently:

1. When snow is predicted, please move your vehicles to off-street parking if available. This makes it easier for crews to get trucks through neighborhoods in a quick and safe manner.
2. If off-street parking is unavailable, please park vehicles as close to the curb as possible. If side mirrors are able to be pushed in, please do so.
3. Our goal is to clear streets from curb to curb. This means snow has to go off the side of the road or into the right-of-way area (which includes driveway aprons). To save yourself effort, and if possible, wait until street crews have plowed your street before shoveling your apron.
4. When using a snow blower and/or when shoveling your driveway, please do not put the snow in the street.
5. Each truck has blind spots; do not assume our driver can see you. It is recommended that you stay at least 100-feet

6. back from salt trucks and to never pass a snow plow or salt truck.
6. The City is unable to take requests for streets to be plowed. City roadways are divided into zones and priority thoroughfares. This system has proven to be most efficient for moving traffic through the City and is not able to be modified based on requests.
7. For more information about the City's snow removal procedures and zones, visit the Public Works page at: www.fairfield-city.org/publicworks/snowremoval.cfm

Please remember that the workers clearing the streets are doing the best they can for you. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated.



2017 Observed Holidays

- Monday 01/02/17**
New Year's Holiday
- Monday 01/16/17**
Martin Luther King Day
- Monday 02/20/17**
President's Day
- Friday 04/14/17**
Good Friday
- Monday 05/29/17**
Memorial Day
- Tuesday 07/04/17**
Independence Day
- Monday 09/04/17**
Labor Day
- Monday 10/9/17**
Columbus Day
- Thursday 11/23/17**
Thanksgiving Day
- Friday 11/24/17**
Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday 12/25/17**
Christmas Day
- Tuesday 12/26/17**
Christmas Holiday
- Monday 01/01/18**
New Year's Day

To Shovel or Not to Shovel?

The debate rages on. Does a homeowner face a lawsuit BECAUSE he shoveled his snow and someone slipped? Or is there greater legal liability for NOT shoveling a walkway thereby causing someone to slip and fall?

There are not firm and final guidelines about legal liability for shoveling or not shoveling snow from sidewalks in Ohio. A lawsuit could be filed either way arguing a homeowner should have done something differently. Only a court can determine negligence on a case by case basis.



By ordinance, Fairfield residents are required to keep walks clear of snow and ice, according to Chapter 909.01(c) of the Fairfield Codified Ordinances. Of course, property owners are not expected to brave the elements during the height of a snow storm to constantly clear walks, but a reasonable effort after the storm passes is expected. If it is impossible to remove all the snow and ice, reasonable effort should be made to cover slippery areas with salt, ashes, sand or even kitty litter to help pedestrians safely travel over sidewalks.

Winterize Your Home

Now is the perfect time to take steps to prepare your house and yard for winter. Here are a few tips to help.

YARD

Now that the leaves have fallen and hopefully been raked, it is a good time to fertilize and aerate the lawn. In flower beds, prune back perennials, clear away leaves and dead plants, rake the soil, aerate and then mulch. This will give the beds a clean look for winter and will prepare the soil for spring planting.

If you have a pool, add a winterizing chemical, lower the water to a level below the skimmers, blow water out of the lines that could freeze, drain the pump and filter, and cover the pool with a secure cover. Air pillows under the cover will help keep water and ice from accumulating on top of the cover.

Remove your garden hose, drain it and store it inside. Then turn off the spigot from the inside, and open the outside to allow water to drain.

ROOFS

Please be careful when cleaning gutters. This task is best done now after the leaves have all fallen but before ice starts to form in the gutters, but it can be dangerous. Consider hiring a handyman or lawn service company to do this work if you are uncomfortable climbing high ladders. Even if you have gutter guards, these often get clogged or partially removed by debris and wind.

If you have moss starting to grow on the shady side of your roof, you can kill it by spraying it with a water mixture with some bleach or TSP powder. TSP is trisodium phosphate and can be found at your local hardware store.

If you have an old patio cover, now may be the time to either repair or upgrade. There is a danger of it collapsing, especially during a wet and heavy snow. Consider that an average patio cover may have thousands of pounds of snow in January or February. If you have a fabric

patio cover, make sure it is removed or in the closed position before the first snow.

WINDOWS & DOORS

Most homes in Fairfield have modern aluminum or vinyl, double-glazed windows. However, we also have many older homes, apartments and trailers with single-glazed and leaky windows. A high percentage of your winter heating costs are caused by door and window leaks. Check all your windows to make sure they seal tightly when closed. Depending on the window type there can be



many different types of weather-stripping. You can also apply a latex or rubber cement type caulk to the gaps around the sash. This caulk can be removed in the spring when the weather warms again.

FIREPLACE & CHIMNEY

If you have a wood burning fireplace that you use often, you should schedule a chimney sweep to clean the flue and check the chimney for safety. They will check the rain cap and insect screens and the masonry and damper. Most people don't realize that a chimney sweep can also inspect and clean a gas fireplace. If you have a direct-vent type fireplace that is near the ground, you can inspect this yourself to make sure that no birds have built nests in the vent outlet.

SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR

Make this one of the two times during the year

when you check that your smoke detectors are working. Change the batteries and clean any dust out of the cover.

If you have fireplaces or gas-burning equipment like gas water heaters or a gas furnace, a carbon monoxide detector is a great idea. These are not required by the building code, but have saved many lives.

HEATING SYSTEM AND WATER HEATERS

For every degree you lower your thermostat you will save between one and three percent on your heating bill.

While many conventional water heaters are set to 140 degrees by installers, most households don't need that level. Lowering the temperature to 120 would reduce your water heating costs by six to 10 percent.

PREVENT PLUMBING FREEZES

Pay less for hot water by insulating pipes. This can also decrease the chance of pipes freezing. Check to see if your pipes are warm to the touch. If so, they are good candidates for insulation. You can get pre-slit pipe foam at most hardware stores. Cut it to size and fasten in place with duct tape. Ideally, choose the insulation with the highest R-value practical, which is a measure of its heat-blocking power. Pipe insulation is often R-3 or, for batt styles that you wrap around the pipe, a higher heat blocking power R-7.

- * Remove all garden hoses from outside faucets and drain
- * Locate your water main shutoff in case you need to shut it off in an emergency
- * Leave your heat set at 55 degrees if you go on vacation

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT

Store bottled water, non-perishable food, blankets, flashlights, candles and matches and a first aid kit in an easy-to-access and dry location. If you have pets, also consider their needs.



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2nd Ward Councilmember

Marty Judd

3rd Ward Councilmember

Debbie Pennington

4th Ward Councilmember

Terry Senger

Clerk of Council

Alisha Wilson

City Manager

Mark Wendling

Fairfield Resident or Business Owner
Fairfield, Ohio 45014

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Bits and Pieces

Public Works and Public Utilities Receive Prestigious Re-Accreditations

Our Public Works and Public Utilities Departments have earned re-accreditation through the American Public Works Association (APWA), effective Sept. 1.

APWA is a not-for-profit, international organization of over 29,000 members involved in public works. Among other duties, the APWA oversees an agency accreditation program which evaluates participating agencies against nationally-recognized "best practice" standards. In July, an audit team from APWA including public works and public utilities professionals from North Carolina, Nebraska and Missouri visited Fairfield facilities to conduct a re-accreditation review.

Our Public Works Department was first accredited in July 2004 and re-accredited in Oct. 2008 and 2012. Our Public Utilities Department was first accredited in Oct. 2012.

This accreditation recognizes agencies that go beyond the requirements of management practices established in the public works and public utilities industry, as contained in the APWA Public Works Management Practices Manual. Both Departments have met all applicable accreditation documentation and practices over time.

"This shows that we have dedicated ourselves to improvement and in-depth self-assessment of department policies, procedures and practices," said David Butsch, Public Works Director. "It shows that our staff are committed to excellence in providing programs and services that contribute to making Fairfield a great city."

"Our goals are to protect human health and safety, prevent water pollution, and provide exceptional customer service," said Public Utilities Director Adam Sackenheim.

"Accreditation is an extra level of assurance to residents and businesses that we are running an efficient and forward-looking utility."



Fairfield's Public Works is the 20th department and Public Utilities is the 81st department nationally to be accredited. Only three other departments in Ohio are accredited - Dublin, Union Township and Westerville. Accreditation Manager Nick Castellini oversees Fairfield's accreditation work.

The Works Department is responsible for City roads, bridges, traffic, snow removal, and storm water, among other things. The Public Utilities Department is responsible for water and sanitary sewer services for a population of roughly 44,000.