



City of Kirtland Newsletter

City of Faith and Beauty

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FALL/WINTER 2020



A Message from the Mayor

Dear Kirtland Residents,

2020 has proved itself to be a most interesting year and as we head toward Election Day, I sincerely hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and healthy.

Please take note of our new Fall Brush Pickup program and service dates corresponding to your ward. Thanks to Service Director Fornaro for his leadership and organizational skills. Even with 4 fewer full-time workers than last year, Mr. Fornaro is redefining service, structure and accountability. As a result of his action, the hard-working department employees and a new motto of "how can I help?", our residents can utilize this new fall brush pickup in November.

Speaking of Election Day, I'd like to mention our Kirtland ballot issues. But before I do, I would like to thank our tremendous Charter Review Committee for their hard work to get the proposed changes to the ballot. In light of COVID, the group worked diligently and with incredible professionalism to move their recommendations forward.

The esteemed members of the Committee are Jim Young, Cathy Knaak, Kat Torok, former Judge Larry Allen, John Clapacs, Sheila Dikowicz, Dave Freeburg, Mike Young and Rick DeMarco. I want to convey my deepest gratitude for their efforts and thank them for their time.

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NEW THIS YEAR!!!

FALL BRUSH COLLECTION

Weather permitting, beginning the week of November 2nd, the Kirtland Service Department will collect brush throughout the city. The program is intended to assist residents with the FALL clean-up of branches and twigs that have come down from the inclement winter weather. The program is NOT intended to assist with clearing a parcel or substantially clearing trees on a parcel. City trucks will pass only one time through each ward, so please have your brush and tree limbs out by the start date listed for your ward. Contact the Kirtland Service Department if you have any questions: 440-256-1234 x11.

2020 FALL Brush Collection Schedule

Wards 1&3 – Week of November 2

Wards 2&4 – Week of November 9

Requirements for Brush Pick-up

- Brush should be placed at the edge of the road and not in the drainage ditches.
- Brush should not exceed three inches in diameter or a maximum of four feet in length.
- Brush bundles should not exceed 30 pounds and should be set out in an organized manner.
- Bundling with twine is preferred to promote efficiency and safety.
- The entire brush pile should not exceed 10 feet in width.
- Unacceptable items include stumps, shrubs, leaves or ornamental grass.
- No brush piles will be picked up if these requirements are not met.

Contact the Kirtland Service Department if you have any questions: 440-256-1234 x11.

Community Thanksgiving Service - CANCELLED

The non-denominational Kirtland Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Kirtland Ministerial Alliance, city administration, school leaders, and service agencies is a Thanksgiving tradition. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this event has been cancelled.

We want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and even though we won't be enjoying this service together, we'll be together in spirit.

Kirtland Area Service Council Holiday Program

The Kirtland Area Service Council (KASC) is an agency consisting of its officers and a board of fifteen members elected from within the Kirtland School District. The KASC provides emergency, social, and educational services to the residents of the Kirtland School District, which is composed of Kirtland, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, and portions of Willoughby and Chardon. The KASC is a 501 (c)(3) corporation.

Holiday Program

Thanks to the generosity of the local community, the Kirtland Area Service Council is able to assist Kirtland residents in need.

Due to the COVID 19 this year Kirtland Area Service Council will be considering other options for our Christmas program for needy families.

Monetary Donations Welcome

If you are interested in making a monetary contribution to the project, a check can be sent by December 7th and made payable to the:

Kirtland Area Service Council
9301 Chillicothe Road
Kirtland, OH 44094



Questions may be addressed to Laura Lupica-Seketa, 440-477-5151 or Carole Clutter 440-256-8069

Thank you for helping the Kirtland Area Service Council to share the spirit of the holiday season with those needing assistance in our community!

City Charter Amendments Up for Vote

2020 marks the Golden Anniversary of the Charter of the City of Kirtland. On November 3, 1970 the people of Kirtland approved their first city charter. We have been operating under that Charter, with a few revisions, for the last 50 years. A charter is, in essence, a constitution for a municipality. It establishes a structure and framework for a municipal government. Our Charter provides that at the beginning of each decade a committee is to be appointed and, if appropriate, update the City Charter. Each Charter Review Committee is appointed by the Mayor subject to approval by Council.

The 2020 Charter Review Committee has completed its analysis. While many potential changes to the Charter were considered, the Committee has recommended three revisions:

- 1) Eliminate the Lake County residency requirement for directors of city departments to align our Charter with Ohio law which prohibits such restrictions;
- 2) Restore a provision in our Charter that gives the Mayor discretion to appoint a charter review committee more often than once per decade; and
- 3) Eliminate the mandatory zoning referendum process but preserve the voters' right to initiate a referendum on zoning issues. This process would be safeguarded by preventing Council from passing any zoning legislation by an emergency measure.

All three proposals will appear on the November General Election ballot. A copy of the City Charter with all proposed amendments highlighted is available at the City of Kirtland website, www.kirtlandohio.com.

Election Day & Voting Information

Lake County Board of Elections

105 Main Street
P.O. Box 490
Painesville, OH 44077-0490

Phone: 440-350-2700
E-Mail: lake@sos.state.oh.us
Website: www.lakeelections.com

Hours of Operation:
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday

Presidential General Election 2020

- Tuesday, November 3
- Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Voter Registration

- Voter registration forms are available at the Lake County Board of Elections website: www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections
- Please be sure that the Board of Elections has your current information on file.

Obtaining an Absentee Ballot

Would you like to Request an Absentee Ballot? Visit the Lake County Board of Elections website: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections/Absentee-Voting-Information>.

- Print and complete an Absentee Application.
- No printer? No problem! They will gladly mail you a form. Simply call 440-350-2700.
- You can track your absentee ballot in the Voter Toolkit on the Board of Elections website <http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections/VoterToolKit>.

If you are planning to mail the ballot back, then it must be post-marked by the day before the election. If you are planning to bring the ballot back to Board of Elections office, it must be in the office by 7:30 P.M. Election Day.

Polling Locations (In-Person – Masks are required)

- Wards 1 & 2
Kirtland Civic Center/City Hall
9301 Chillicothe Road
- Wards 3 & 4
Kirtland Community Center
7900 Euclid Chardon Road
- To confirm your polling location, visit the Lake County Board of Elections website: www.lakecountyohio.gov/lakeelections/PollingLocations or the City of Kirtland website: www.kirtlandohio.com. Click on Voter Information.



Where's the Fire Hydrant?

Old Man Winter will be here sooner than most of us would like, and with it colder temperatures and...snow. Ugh. The one thing that might be missing during the winter is the fire hydrant in front of your house. It's a sure bet it didn't head south for the winter, and if you can't see it, neither can the fire department. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please help us out by keeping it clear of snow. Don't shovel, blow, or plow the snow up around it. The department has the location of each hydrant documented, and they're all equipped with reflective markers (let us know if yours is missing!), but in an emergency, the time it takes for us to find the hydrant or dig it out can have a big impact on how fast we can get to work putting out a fire. If you are unable or need assistance clearing a hydrant, please call the department's non-emergency number at 440-256-8979.



Zoning Permits Required

As the seasons change, residents may start thinking about home improvement projects, renovations or additions to their home or property.

Keep in mind, a zoning permit is required for any proposed construction or structural alteration of any building or structure including, but not limited to, dwellings, commercial buildings, accessory buildings, decks, pools, fences, gazebos, or other yard structures. Buildings and structures must be built in compliance with the City's zoning code. Size and height limitations along with property clearance restrictions must meet the guidelines set in the Code of Ordinances. This Code can be found on the City's website, www.kirtlandohio.com.

In addition to City requirements, residents should contact the Lake County Building Department as to their rules for such projects as well as their Homeowners' Association (HOA). It is the property owners' responsibility to ensure all the proper permits are obtained prior to construction even if using a contractor.

For information on how to apply for a zoning permit and the zoning requirements, visit the Kirtland website or call 440-256-3332 x3.

Thoughts from our Economic Development Manager

A warm hello to all of our Kirtland residents and businesses. 2020 has been quite a unique year for all of our country and for our city's businesses. Even through this, Kirtland is blessed to welcome new businesses to the community. **How Money Works** is opening next to Sweeter Than Honeycomb Bakery. **Fresh Bowl** is now open at the Kirtland Center. The Wrap Shack has recently been sold. New owners Frank Wagner and Mimi Ahlin have changed the name to **Down the Block**.

Madelina and Giglio Cocca have received approval for a new senior living development which will be constructed on their property just south of the City Hall. The development is intended for those 55 and older and will provide for condo-type units for independent living. Mrs. Cocca said she's already getting inquiries from people, and shared that if anyone is interested in the new facility, she would be happy to talk to them at 440-729-1475.

Paula and Tom Christopher are also in the process of constructing a new facility. The **Tall Oaks** Event Barn is quite impressive with its post and beam, mortise and tenon construction. This is an old-fashioned way to construct a barn, which is held together by wooden pegs. The Carriage House with lodging is also envisioned at the Tall Oaks complex, which will allow guests and visitors to stay overnight in Kirtland.

If you have questions on development or would like to share ideas, please feel free to reach out to me. We are here to support you and provide guidance when needed.

All my best,

Monica Drake

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Virtual Public Meetings



With Governor DeWine's passage of SUB. H.B. 197, Amendment G-0351-2, for Special Council Meetings, Council Meetings and Committee Meetings while the Coronavirus threat precautions are being observed, the City of Kirtland is utilizing Zoom to conduct meetings until further notice.

Interested citizens may listen or watch by downloading the Zoom App on your smart phone or computer and enter the meeting ID number or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID number 440 256 3332. To listen only, please dial 1-312-626-6799 and enter meeting ID number 440 256 3332.

Mayor's Message *(Continued from page 1)*

In brief:

Issue 1- seeks to eliminate the Lake County residency requirement for directors of city departments to align our Charter with Ohio law which now prohibits such requirements. This provision in our Charter is currently unenforceable and the recommended change is more of a "housekeeping" measure than anything.

Issue 2- recommends a change that affords mayors in future years the latitude to convene a Charter Review Committee more often than once per decade. Adopting this change will give timely flexibility to our City in the years to come as opportunities present themselves.

Issue 3- proposes to eliminate the mandatory zoning referendum affording a more flexible and streamlined re-zoning process, especially for property owners seeking to unlock the value of their property. The process, if changed, will be safeguarded by preventing City Council from passing zoning change legislation by an emergency measure. Thus, residents will still maintain their ability to seek voter approval of any passed zoning change by utilizing the traditional referendum process granted in the Charter. Both Eastlake and Willoughby, among others, have begun to use this new process. And in just a few years, Eastlake has already capitalized on their Charter amendment by successfully attracting several new businesses and more than 100 jobs due in part to a more expeditious zoning process.

Please note that a typographical error in early ballots has been corrected by the Lake County Board of Elections on Issue 3. The error was noticed by one of our astute residents and with the quick action of Law Director Lallo, the ballot has been corrected to reference the proper Article (V) and Section (5).

I personally support all three of the proposed changes and look forward to seeing our residents weigh in on the issues.

Reiterating my recent October Kirtland Chronicle report, the County Health District has indicated that Senior Centers in Lake County should not open until after January 1, 2021. I want to let our senior population know that the city will be working hard to decipher and implement the necessary guidelines to make this a reality. Our first priority will remain the health and safety of our seniors.

Chiefs Hutton and Nosse recently reported that our dispatch operations have now been seamlessly combined with Willoughby dispatch. I hope the community is proud of the hard work of our safety services team, as this cooperative exercise in good government has begun to save our taxpayers over \$800,000 during the next five years.

I'd like to thank members of the city administration and City Council for helping me honor my pledge to analyze city operations and deliver cost saving measures. We will continue our never-ending pursuit of the elimination of government waste and inefficiency. Building on the savings already achieved, my goal over the next 5 years is to finally establish and maintain a real budget reserve. Aside from addressing the State Auditor's regular deficiency citation in this area, maintaining adequate reserves is the prudent thing to do in order to promote fiscal stability.

The anticipated Old Town sewer schedule was recently published on the City website. Councilwoman Kelly Wolfe and I will soon be scheduling neighborhood meetings that will bring our residents up to date on the timeline, costs and funding resources available to the city. Please watch for updates.

Last month, I mentioned that an initial outline of a 10-year city-wide road construction and maintenance program had been provided to City Council thanks to the efforts of Service Director Fornaro, City Engineer Courtney and the resident Road Paving Task Force. Our next goal is to build a city-wide consensus amongst all stakeholders with respect to the proper scope of the work to be performed and how best to fund it. City Council will soon be scheduling Finance Committee meetings, open to the public, to engage in informative discussions regarding the development of the program, potential cost estimates and possible funding mechanisms. I look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Thank you,

Kevin Potter

Kirtland Police Department – Chief Nosse’s Notes

Change of Seasons, Change of Faces!

This year has been one of change for everyone, including the Kirtland Police Department!

We said farewell and wished the Kirtland Dispatch staff best of luck as we transitioned Kirtland dispatch to Willoughby. We will miss these professionals as they move onto new opportunities and experiences. The Kirtland Police Department on behalf of the residents of Kirtland and the City of Kirtland thank you for your service and contributing to the safety of residents and first responders, always the calm voice on the other end of the phone.

We sadly said, “Happy Retirement” to part-time Officers Al Taddeo and Officer Alen Faraguna. Officer Taddeo, who was the Kirtland Local School Resource Officer for over 10 years, retired from law enforcement and will be spending more time with his family and friends. Congratulations to Officer Taddeo on your retirement and thank you for your dedication and service to the City of Kirtland and especially to the Kirtland Local School district.

Additionally, Officer Alen Faraguna has also decided to spend more time with family and friends after 17 years of dedicated service to the City of Kirtland. Officer Faraguna was vital as a part-time officer for filling in shifts, assisting officers when extra patrols were needed and pretty much filled in when and where he was asked.

Along with farewells, comes “Welcomes!” We are pleased to announce the hiring of two part-time patrol officers. Officer Tyler Lillash is a full-time officer in the surrounding community of Waite Hill and Officer Aleashia Tapia is a full-time officer at nearby Lakeland Community College. Both officers were sworn in at City Hall this past spring. Their knowledge of the surrounding communities and familiarity of Kirtland is a valuable asset to Kirtland.

We also recently brought on William Bauckman as a new part-time Police Officer. Officer Bauckman retired in 2020 from a long tenured carrier in training as a Certified Instructor with the Cleveland Police Department. Bill is very active in many activities with youth sports and is a Kirtland resident. He will focus his duties as our new School Resource Officer (SRO). Bill will start his SRO role as soon as he completes field training.

We welcome them to the City of Kirtland and look forward to having them support the KPD.

Dispatching through the City of Willoughby:

What does this mean?

1. You should continue to Call 911 for ANY Police or Fire emergency service.
2. You continue to call 440-256-3333 for any NON-Emergency Police or Fire services. These will be answered by a dispatcher in the City of Willoughby and dispatched accordingly to Kirtland Police and/or Fire.
3. The Kirtland Police Department will be staffed with a records clerk and/or support staff Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
4. If you wish to contact the Kirtland Police Department directly (Non-Emergency) to reach the Chief of Police, Chiefs Administrative Assistant, Sergeants, Officers, and/or Records Clerk they can be reached through our departmental directory by calling 440-256-3336 for a directory of extensions.
5. You are still able to come in directly to the Police Department 24/7. If the building is closed there is a direct line of communication to dispatch in the vestibule of Kirtland Police Department/City Hall. This can be accomplished by pressing the emergency button on the call box.

Please remember that the Kirtland Police and Fire Departments will continue to provide the same level of service you have come to expect. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



It's Definitely Deer Hunting Season in the City of Kirtland

Hunting season is right around the corner; while our hunters are eager to get out and begin their hunt let's review some of the rules The City of Kirtland Hunting License require:

1. The City of Kirtland requires a valid Ohio Hunting License at time of application.
2. To hunt in the City, you must be on property of at least 10 acres with no more than 3 parcels combined.
3. Applicant must show written permission from landowner to hunt on that specific property if not the owner.
4. There is no hunting within 100 feet of lot line / Residence (roadway) Driveway.
5. Applicant shall provide proof of ANNUAL proficiency in Archery Training. Type of bow: cross/long/compound.
6. Applicant must provide current identification with photo (driver's license or State identification card).
7. Deer harvest must be reported and viewed by a police officer at the Kirtland Police Department within 24 hours.
8. First deer harvested by all hunters in any season must be an "antlerless deer" as defined by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife in the Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations. You can find additional information on their website:
<https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/go-and-do/outdoor/hunting/hunting>
9. All hunters must display issued placard in visible view on vehicle dashboard while in the performance of hunting.
10. All safety measures must be followed while in the performance of hunting.

All hunters are reminded to follow the social distance guidelines and Lake County Health Department mandates. When and if tracking a deer from your permitted boundaries, you will need permission from that property owner before you can enter and complete the track.

City of Kirtland Hunting packets are available online through the City of Kirtland website or pick up at the police department **ONLY** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. As a reminder City Hall building is no longer open 24/7 therefore hunting packets will need to be picked up during these specific hours listed.

Recommended COVID-19 Best Practices for Trick or Treating

If you are planning to distribute Halloween treats this year, please consider the following recommendations:

- Refrain from distributing treats if you have an underlying health condition, a compromised immune system, or are displaying any signs of the coronavirus infection (fever, cough, congestion, difficulty breathing, fatigue, achiness, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, headache, loss of taste or smell)
- Wear a facial mask at all times (scary is optional!)
- Leaving single bowls filled with treats out for trick or treaters is discouraged, consider placing individual "treat bags" out instead.
- If you are handing out treats, wear disposable gloves and watch for children approaching your home so they do not have to touch the doorbell
- Avoid distributing home-made treats

If you or your children are trick-or-treating, please consider the following recommendations:

- Stay home if you have an underlying health condition, a compromised immune system, or are displaying any signs of the coronavirus infection.
- Avoid close proximity to other children who are not in your immediate household or a common association.
- Refuse treats from those distributing treats directly without gloves or a mask.
- Avoid "bunching up" of children by waiting your turn to approach homes and maintaining social distance between other groups of children.
- Utilize hand sanitizer at regular intervals while trick or treating.
- Consider sanitizing unopened, sealed treats with a sanitary wipe or safe aerosol sanitizer at the conclusion of the event.
- Dispose of any opened treats immediately.



City HALLOWEEN
DOOR TO DOOR

Saturday,
October 31

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



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WWW.KIRTLANDOHIO.COM

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KIRTLAND, OH 44094

Have a COVID-19 related Question?



Call the ODH COVID-19 Hotline: 1(833)4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)
(staffed 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM 7 days a week)

Call LCGHD's COVID-19 Hotline: (440)350-2188

Email: COVID19@lcghd.org

Motivate Lake County



The Lake County General Health District launched Motivate Lake County to encourage Lake County residents to take back control of their health. The initiative promotes existing health and wellness events/activities in Lake County and include wellness challenges, classes, presentations, support groups, and more. Motivate Lake County is a county-wide initiative designed to inspire, engage, and educate community members to become a healthier version of themselves. It provides residents the tools and resources to achieve their unique health and wellness goals. To find out more, visit <https://www.motivatelakecounty.com>.

Winter Operations & Reminders

Please remember our snow parking ban, whenever the snow exceeds two inches during a period of 24 hours or less.

Pushing or depositing snow on city streets is strictly prohibited by the City of Kirtland ordinance 412.06. The intent of this ordinance is to eliminate hazards created by leaving ridges of snow in the street. If seen, please report it to the Kirtland Police Department at 440-256-3333.