

Deer Park News – City Manager BJ Jetter

Welcome to Fall! Many good things are happening in Deer Park. The Townhomes at Wentworth completed the first building in the complex and have already sold fifteen homes! Tours are available by appointment. Construction is continuing and we look forward to welcoming the new families to Deer Park.

Our city maintenance department has been working on several issues in the park from stormwater retention to preparing the tennis courts to transition them into pickleball courts. In addition, new drinking fountains with pet fountains attached, are being installed with the goal of having them completed by Spring.

The 2023 street program is underway with bid preparation in partnership with Cincinnati Water Works. You may have seen markings on Plainfield Road, Deer Park Avenue, and other streets adjacent to these main streets where the water mains are being replaced. During this bidding process, we are also soliciting bids for resurfacing the community center parking lot. We were awarded a 1.8 million dollar grant for Oakwood Avenue reconstruction from the Railroad to Plainfield Road. This project will be completed in 2023-2024.

Economic development is still on the forefront to transform the Blue Ash Road Business Corridor. We are working with the Port Authority and multiple property owners who have expressed an interest in redeveloping their properties. Phase Two of the Blue Ash Road Street Scape has started with the submission of grants to the state and federal agencies for consideration. Watch for more news as these projects move forward.

In other news, we are working with the Ohio Department of Natural resources to develop a comprehensive grant application to improve Chamberlin Park. The goal is to create a multiyear project for the future renovation of the park.

Finally, we continue to work to achieve a paperless environment in our city offices. Please use the city website for forms and information regarding facility rentals.



LEAF PICK UP INFORMATION

The City of Deer Park's annual curbside leaf collection will begin the week of October 17th and end in mid-December. Raked leaves must be placed between the sidewalk and the curb.

Please do NOT pile leaves in the gutters or ditches as they will obstruct drainage and clog the storm water catch basins. Only leaves can be picked up by the leaf machine, so tree branches, trimmings, flower cuttings, etc. cannot be piled in with the leaves.

Residents are reminded that the burning of leaves is prohibited.

PLEASE NOTE the city's weekly brush chipping service will be suspended during the leaf collection period.

From the Desk of Police Chief Michael Schlie



The Police Department is going through personnel changes due to retirements and promotions:

In October, Lt. Daniel McCormick will retire from full-time service after serving the citizens of Deer Park for 27 years. Lt. McCormick was second in command and the senior supervisor. Dan will remain commissioned through the Police Department and help out when needed on a part time nonpaid basis. We thank him for his service and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Police Officer David Battin was promoted to Police Lieutenant in September to fill the position. Lt. Battin has been a member of the Police Department since 2007.

The Police Department brought on a new police clerk, Hannah Miller, in September to fill a position that has been open since April of 2022. Hannah previously worked for the Hamilton County Communications Center as a Dispatcher for 5 years.

James Murphy was hired as the newest police officer and will start in October. He will fill the patrol officer vacancy left open by Lt. Battin's promotion. James was born in Deer Park, but his family relocated when he was young. We welcome Hannah and James to the police Department and look forward to a bright future.

The Police Department remains proactive and urges residents to report suspicious behavior, if you see something please say something. The summer was full of special events that went smoothly with no major problems.

We remind residents to lock your homes and vehicles, keeping valuables out of sight.



On Monday, December 12th, you will have the opportunity to meet the members of Deer Park City Council at the Public Library located in the Dillonvale Shopping Center, from 7:00 to 8:00pm.

City Council can address concerns you may have about your neighborhood, your city, and the services provided by our local city government.

We want to hear from YOU. Bring your concerns, ideas, questions, and problems to the attention of your Council Member.

Plan to attend the quarterly Council Information Session. We look forward to seeing you there.



Library News

Homework Help at the Library

Monday -Thursday
3:00 – 6:00pm

During the school year, K-8 students can get no-cost, walk-in, one-on-one homework help in reading and math at the Deer Park Public Library for the 2022-2023 school year.

Family Storytime

Every Tuesday and Thursday
10:30 – 11:00am

Join us at the Deer Park Public Library. We'll enjoy books, songs, and activities while we help your child build literacy skills.

Fire Department Update – Fire Chief Denny Meador

As we leave the warmth of summer behind, it will soon be time to turn on the heat to keep our homes comfortable. According to the National Fire Protection Association, heating is the second leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries and the third leading cause of home fire deaths. Nationally, fire departments responded to an estimated average of 48,530 fires involving heating equipment per year in 2014-2018, accounting for 14% of all reported home fires during this time. These fires resulted in annual losses of 500 civilian deaths, 1,350 civilian injuries, and \$1.1 billion in direct property damage.

The following tips can help ensure a safe home heating season.

- Have your home's furnace or fireplace professionally inspected and cleaned annually.
- Keep all areas around the furnace clean and unobstructed.
- Regularly replace the furnace filters according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- If you are burning wood in a fireplace, use a screen, guard, or glass doors to keep ash, sparks, or embers contained.
- Store extra wood at least five (5) feet away from the fireplace.
- If using an electric space heater, plug it directly into an outlet. DO NOT use an extension cord or power strip with a space heater.
- Keep clothing and furniture at least three (3) feet away from an electric space heater.

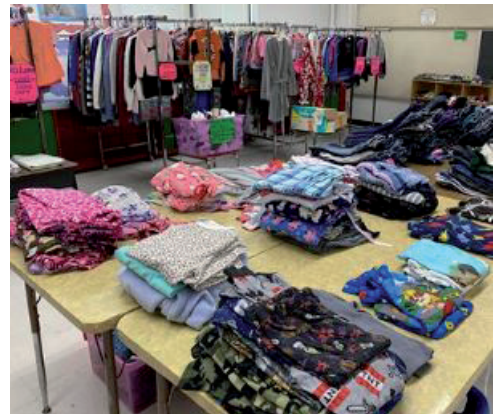
did you know?

Located in the Holmes School building is a gem you may not know about, Sandy's Closet, a clothes closet, started many years ago to fill the needs of our student's by then school nurse, Sandy Mills.

Sandy was the nurse at Holmes, Howard and Amity schools for over 30 years before retiring. The Closet was renamed to honor her years of service and dedication to Deer Park Schools and its students.

Sandy's Closet is open to anyone in the community who has a need, to shop free, for clothing for children grades K-12. Open Monday through Friday 8:30 am – 3:30pm in the Holmes building, 8688 Donna Lane. No appointment needed.

The Closet accepts "gently used, student appropriate clothing" during normal operating hours. Consider donating to the Closet and helping others in our own community. We can improve our community one day, one person and one act of kindness at a time.



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Trick or Treat Hours

Oct. 31st 6:00 - 8:00pm

Armchair Races

Community Ctr in Chamberlin Park

Nov. 12th 6:00pm

Tree Lighting Ceremony

in Chamberlin Park

Nov. 26th 6:00 – 8:00pm

Council Meet & Greet

Deer Park Public Library

Dec. 12th 7:00 – 8:00pm

TAX EXTENSION DEADLINE

OCTOBER 15TH, 2022



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Call or Text

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988Lifeline.org**