



July 2019 Newsletter

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Second Half of Property Tax Payments

The second half of property tax payments have been mailed out to residents. These are due by **Monday, July 15th by 7:00 p.m.** without penalty. The funds collected from property taxes go to your local municipality and provide vital revenue to educate our local youth, to provide police and fire protection, maintain our great libraries, and support County services such as job creation and business attraction. There are currently eight options for paying property taxes, but residents are encouraged to pay by mail, online or by phone to avoid long lines.

For a list of the different methods of payment, check out the [Ways to Pay page](#) of the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's website. If you are considering coming downtown to pay, please note that All-Star Week activities taking place through July 10th may affect your travel time and parking accessibility. For more information, visit the [County Treasurer Page](#). If you are unable to make the full **payment**, call **216-443-7420** to make an appointment with Treasury Taxpayer Services to discuss payment options.

Construction and Maintenance Notices

All-Star Week

All-Star Week activities will be taking place now through July 10th. This will affect road closures and traffic. For more information, visit the [All-Star Information Page](#).

Towpath Trail, Stage 4 in the City of Cleveland: Work on the project will begin shortly after the preconstruction meeting on July 2nd. This is the final stage. Once finished there will be a continuous, 101-mile path from Cleveland south to Akron, Massillon and New Philadelphia. You can learn more about the Towpath Trail Construction on the [County Public Works page](#).

Royalton Road in the City of North Royalton: Traffic will be moved onto the new pavement in early July. Work will begin on the north half of Royalton Road. Abbey Road will be closed for 30 days starting in mid-July. A detour will be posted.

Cedar Road in the Cities of Beachwood, Lyndhurst, South Euclid and University Heights: Currently working on the section from Richmond Road to I-271. Within the coming month, traffic will be moved to the north half of Cedar, and work will begin on the south half. Two-way traffic will be maintained.

Warrensville Center Road in the Cities of Bedford and Maple Heights: The current section under construction will finish this month. Work will begin in the section from West Grace to Rockside. One-way southbound traffic will be maintained. A detour from northbound traffic will be posted.

Eddy Road and Shaw Road Resurfacing in the City of Cleveland: Work is scheduled to begin on Shaw Road in July. One-way traffic will be maintained for a period of 30 days.

Mastick Road in Fairview Park: Work is scheduled to begin the week of July 8th. Two-way traffic will be maintained for most of the time, with some portions of the project requiring traffic to be limited to one way.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT

Office of Child Support Services

The Office of Child Support Services (OCSS) supports parents and promotes parental responsibility so that children receive support from both parents even when they live in separate households. OCSS assists in establishing paternity through genetic testing, provides support order services, locating parents and their assets, maintaining accurate records and providing case management and enforcement services. OCSS also assists in collecting and distributing monthly child support, spousal support obligations and past due obligations. This August is Child Support Awareness Month. It is a time to celebrate, recognize and bring awareness to the initiatives and federal, state and county professionals who help children and families thrive. Visit the [OCSS website](#) for more information on services and support.

FROM OUR BLOG AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Kidnapping Scam Alert

A Chagrin Falls resident recently received a terrifying call a day after she dropped her son off at an out-of-state summer camp. What sounded like her son on the other end of the line claimed he had been beaten up and taken to a warehouse. A man got on the line and said he would kill

her son unless she paid a \$10,000 ransom. This call was a scam, and the woman's son ended up being safe still at camp.

Kidnapping scams have been around for years, but there has been an increase in reports of scammers using technology to generate sounds to make calls seem more believable. To find out how this resident handled the scam, check out our recent [blog post](#). You can also call the **Cuyahoga County Scam Squad** at **216-443-SCAM (7226)** to check whether any suspicious call you receive is a known scam.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten

Cuyahoga County is working to make education accessible for all. **Universal Pre-K (UPK)** is a program that provides high-quality preschool education for all families to advance the future of our community. Funds raised by the County and key community leaders allow the County to provide scholarship assistance to families earning up to 400 percent of the poverty level. If you are interested in enrolling in UPK at one of the County's sites, you can visit the [Cuyahoga Kids Preschool Finder page](#).

Families Forward

Families Forward is a new job training program for **parents who owe child support** in Cuyahoga County. Families Forward offers **free job training and wraparound support**, offering four career tracks and no necessary prior experience. You can find out more information in our [Families Forward Blog Post](#).

EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

The **Tall Ships Festival** will be **July 11-14th** at Downtown Cleveland's Lakefront, just north of FirstEnergy Stadium. The festival contains a series of waterfront events including tours, sail-aways, live music performances and festival food and beverages. Guests will have a chance to explore 10 replica and restored ships from the United States, Canada and New Zealand. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit the [Tall Ships Event Page](#).

The next **Cuyahoga County Council Meetings** will be held **July 11th** and **July 23rd** at 5 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the 4th Floor of the Administrative Headquarters at 2079 East Ninth Street, Cleveland. To watch a live stream of County Council Meetings, visit <http://bit.ly/2XCy3UT>.

The Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) continues its **In Your Neighborhood** event throughout 2019 to help residents get to know DCFS staff, learn what they do and how you can work together to help families. Each event will have focused discussion topics and staff will be

available to address specific cases and personal questions. The next In Your Neighborhood event is **July 25** from **5-7 p.m.** at the Murtis Taylor Science Center in the Stokes Room, 13411 Union Avenue, Cleveland.

Health and Human Services (HHS) is hosting again this year the **Family Fun Day August 1st** from **10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.** in Public Square. This event has fun, engaging activities including crafts, games, face painting, slime-making and splash pads to stay cool in the hot weather! Backpacks containing school supplies are also handed out and HHS employees can provide attendees with helpful information on County services and community resources.

The 123rd Annual **Cuyahoga County Fair** will be from **August 6-11** at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Come enjoy rides, animals, arts and crafts and information booths with your friends and family. General admission tickets Tuesday through Thursday are \$7, and \$8 Friday through Sunday. Parking is free, and for more information visit the [Cuyahoga County Fair Website](#).