January/February 2022

City of Oberlin News & Updates

City of Oberlin services are still operational.
Public access restrictions to City facilities have been lifted. However, residents may still choose to conduct City business via telephone or email.

Contact Us

info@CityofOberlin.com

Utility/Finance Office:
440-775-7211 or
440-775-7214

Police Department:
440-774-1061
Police@OberlinPD.com

Fire Department:
440-774-3211 Ext. 0
FireInfo@CityofOberlin.com

OMLPS/Electric Department:
440-775-7260

Public Works Department:
440-775-7218

Westwood Cemetery:
440-774-2820

Recreation Office:
440-775-7254

Planning & Development Dept.:
440-775-7182

Office of Sustainability
440-775-7257

City Manager's Office:
440-775-7217

Clerk of Council:
440-775-7203

Human Resources Department:
440-775-7205
HR@CityofOberlin.com

Law Department/Prosecutor:
440-774-8519

O·B·E·R·L·I·N CONNECTOR

Expanded Service Continues Through 2023!

With additional funding from the American Rescue Plan, the City of Oberlin is able to continue to provide expanded transit service to the Oberlin community through 2023. The Oberlin Connector is a demand-response service contracted through Lorain County Transit that allows riders to call to make arrangements for same day travel or up to two (2) weeks in advance.

Call 1-800-406-7541 to Schedule a Ride

Hearing impaired riders may call **1-800-750-0750**

SERVICE DAYS & HOURS

Monday-Friday • 6:00AM - 6:00PM & 9:30PM - 12:30AM

SERVICE AREA

City of Oberlin

And Portions of:

- **Amherst Twp.**
- **City of Amherst**
- **City of Lorain**
- **Sheffield Township**
- **City of Elyria**
- **Carlisle Township**
- **New Russia Township**

$2.00 One-Way Trip

Discounts Available For:

- **Senior Citizens (65+)**
- **Persons with Disabilities**
- **Students (With Valid ID)**
- **Children Ages 3-12**
- **Veterans (With Valid ID)**

Only Cash Accepted • Exact Change Preferred

www.CityofOberlin.com/Oberlin-Connector

After-Holiday Live Tree Collection

As a reminder, curbside collection of live (not artificial) holiday trees continues through February. Please do **not** cut up, bundle or place trees in plastic tree bags. Please remove all decorations and other items before placing your tree at curbside for collection. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at **440-775-7218**.

Holiday Office Closures

City Offices will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 17** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and **Monday, February 21** in observance of Presidents' Day.

Emergency services and regular refuse/recycling collection are always available.

WENS - Wireless Emergency Notification System

KEEP ALERTED OF: **Emergency Situations • Boil Alerts • Road Closures • Weather Alerts • And More!**

All Oberlin residents are encouraged to register for WENS - the emergency alert system used by the City of Oberlin and Lorain County. This FREE service allows for subscribers to receive county-wide alerts, city-wide alerts, as well as those targeted to your specific neighborhood. WENS replaced the previous CodeRED and Reverse 911 systems, which are no longer used. Users from these systems were not able to be transferred to the WENS system, so it is necessary for everyone to register for the WENS system.

YOU CHOOSE HOW TO RECEIVE ALERTS: **Email • Voicemail • Text Message**

To register for WENS, visit www.CityofOberlin.com and click on Subscribe to the Alert System

When Registering Online:

1. Provide your **NAME**, and the **PHONE NUMBER(S)** and/or **EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)** where you would like to receive notifications
2. Check ☑ **OBERLIN** *(and any other cities/townships you would like to receive alerts from)*
3. Select any **WEATHER ALERTS** you would like to receive
4. Provide your **HOME ADDRESS** *This will allow you to receive alerts that are specific to your neighborhood, in addition to community-wide alerts*

SCAN THE QR CODE

For more information on WENS, or to register over the phone, contact the Oberlin Fire Department at **440-774-3211.**

♻ Oberlin Recycling Program ♻

As a reminder, the City of Oberlin offers curbside recycling to residents who subscribe to the recycling program, with collection taking place on a bi-weekly basis.

Visit **www.CityofOberlin.com/Recycling** to subscribe to the ***FREE*** program or contact the City of Oberlin Recycling Coordinator at **440-935-0096** for more information.

Items Accepted in Curbside Recycling:

Mixed Paper ♻ Plastic Bottles & Jugs #1 & #2 ♻ Cardboard ♻ Metal Cans

*Remember to **EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY** recyclables before placing them **LOOSE & UNBAGGED** in the recycling cart.*

COVID-19 Vaccination Program

COVID-19 vaccinations are now available for those age 5+, with booster doses available for those age 16+.

Lorain County Public Health offers **FREE** vaccinations, with all types available (*Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson*).

Visit **www.LorainCountyHealth.com/Coronavirus** or call **440-284-3206** to schedule an appointment or for more information on COVID-19 vaccinations.

There are several other local vaccination providers as well. Visit **GetTheShot.Coronavirus.Ohio.gov** or contact your local pharmacy to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Winterize Your Plumbing

The Oberlin Water Department reminds you to protect your plumbing from freezing over the winter months. Follow these simple steps to help prevent damage from freezing pipes and meters:

- **Insulate Water Pipes in Unheated Areas:** Wrap pipes with an insulating material like foam tubing or heat tape.
- **Find Main Shut-Off Valve & Label It:** Know where to access and how to use your main water shut-off valve. Quickly shutting off water will limit damage in case a frozen pipe bursts.
- **Track Usage on Water Bills:** Monitoring usage on a regular basis will help you know if something is out of the ordinary.
- **Leave a Pencil-Lead-Thin Stream of Water Flowing:** During cold spells, allow a small flow of water to run from the faucet furthest away from your meter. This will help prevent pipes from freezing.
- **Turn Off Water if Away for a Long Period of Time:** If away from home for several days, turn off the main valve and drain the outside faucets, or set the thermostat at 55° or higher to prevent plumbing from freezing.

For more information, contact the Oberlin Water Department at **440-775-7293**.

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