



CITY OF FAIRLAWN 2025 FALL NEWSLETTER

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FALL LEAF PICK UP

The City of Fairlawn has provided, at no charge for the past thirty-nine years, a leaf pickup service for our residents. The City will provide this service again in 2025 by offering a bagged leaf program available to all Fairlawn residents. Pickups will be on Mondays, with any leaves not collected by 3:00 P.M. to be picked up on Tuesday.

Pickup dates for this year are as follows:

**October 27th, November 3rd,
November 10th,
November 17th, November 24th,
and December 1st**

The conditions for the bagged leaf pickup will be the same as in previous years, i.e.:

- All leaves must be placed in bags not to exceed 35-gallon capacity and must be tied securely.
- All bags must be on the curb before 7:00 A.M. on the pickup days.
- Trash cans will not be emptied and items other than leaves will not be removed. Any item not meeting these requirements will be left at the curb.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of this program. If you have any questions regarding this service, please call the Department of Public Service at 330-668-9550.

COMPACTOR REGISTRATION

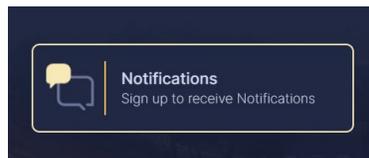
COMPACTOR DECAL REGISTRATIONS FOR 1ST TIME USERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DONE ON-LINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE. GO TO:
www.fairlawn.us

SCROLL DOWN TO “NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS” AND CLICK ON “COMPACTOR DECAL REGISTRATION” TO COMPLETE THE FORM AND SUBMIT.

DECALS ARE GOOD FOR AS LONG AS YOU OWN THE VEHICLE. CHANGING A PLATE NUMBER, REQUESTING A NEW DECAL BECAUSE OF A REPLACEMENT WINDSHIELD, ADDING OR DELETING A VEHICLE CAN BE DONE BY CONTACTING THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 330-668-9550.

SIGN UP FOR EMAIL AND TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

Did you know that you can receive notifications regarding Emergency Alerts, Job Postings, News & Announcements, City Calendars, Meetings, Road Project Updates simply by going to www.fairlawn.us and hitting the “Notifications” button on the front page of the website.



You will be directed to a page where you will provide your email address or mobile phone number and sign up for the notifications you wish to receive. Stay in touch and informed about news and activities happening in Fairlawn!

USEFUL UTILITY NUMBERS

The following phone numbers should be used when interruption of services occurs:

FairlawnGig (City of Fairlawn’s Internet Service) – 330-668-3300
Ohio Edison (Electric Service for Power Outages) – 1-800-633-4766
Enbridge (Natural Gas Service) 1-800-362-7557
Akron Public Utilities Division (Water Service) 330-375-2420
Spectrum (Internet & TV) 1-833-267-6094
Fairlawn Service Dept. (Storm Water and Sanitary Sewer Issues) 330-668-9550

With winter soon approaching, again we would like to share our practice on clearing the roadways of ice and snow. The city is divided into 5 routes, clearing each within a priority routing system. Priority routes are identified as main roads which carry a high volume of traffic. These are roads people use to get to business areas and in and out of the city. School bus routes are also considered priority routes. The local roads are primarily residential and these are systematically cleared after the priority routes are completed.

Road Snow Clearing Process

- 1) Crews are dispatched once the roads have become snow covered.
- 2) Each salt route takes approximately 4-6 hours to complete.
- 3) City staff determines whether to plow.
- 4) Each snow plow route takes approximately 8-12 hours to complete.
- 5) During prolonged snowstorms, it is necessary for the operators to make repeated passes on the main streets to keep traffic moving. This will delay the plows from getting into the neighborhoods. When the snow stops, the secondary streets receive our full attention.
- 6) Cleanup operations take place after everything has been opened up and cleared.
- 7) No crew member leaves until the city is clear of ice and snow.



Things you can do to help

- 1) Be patient during heavy snow falls as it takes longer to clear all the streets in the city.
- 2) Leave room for plow trucks. When you see the flashing lights on the winter maintenance equipment, remain a safe distance behind them. Also never pass a snow plow truck - this is an extremely dangerous practice.
- 3) Keep from parking on the street if possible or the end of your driveway in a manner that would impede city plows.
- 4) Place snow on your lawn, NOT ON THE STREET. Shoveling snow back onto city streets creates unsafe road conditions for motorists and is prohibited by Chapter 854.05 Deposits of Ice and Snow in the City's Code of Ordinances.
- 5) Don't place garbage containers in the street.
- 6) Please help to keep fire hydrants clear and visible.
- 7) If you are hiring someone to remove snow and ice from your property, please make sure they are licensed by the City per Chapter 854 of the City's Code of Ordinances.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why does the city salt first, then plow?

Salt is applied to the road surfaces after the snow has accumulated. The reaction of the salt with the moisture in the snow creates a "brine" solution, breaking the bond between snow and road. City trucks plow later, removing the "slushy" snow, which results in better traction. The plow blade rides slightly above the road surface, therefore the salt is not entirely plowed off the road.

Why does the snow plow leave such a pile of snow in my driveway after I've just shoveled it out?

The trucks salt first and then plow, which usually means that many residents have already shoveled their driveways by the time the plow comes by.

The plows are designed to remove snow from the road and deposit it along the curb. Driveways are part of the curb. We appreciate that this can be frustrating however, we ask your cooperation in clearing the snow without placing it on city streets as this is dangerous to motorists. See Chapter 854.05 Deposits of Ice and Snow of the City's Code of Ordinances. Removing snow off the entire street helps with proper drainage when the snow is melting and reduces the risk of roadways flooding.

In a major snowstorm, the trucks do not initially perform a full width plowing. This is the most efficient and effective way to get the city moving. Crews return later to perform clean-up operations. This completely opens the street for maximum efficiency, moves remaining snow onto the curbs, clears catch basins for potential water runoff, allows on-street parking, and creates storage space for the next storm.

I live on a corner lot, why do I end up with an excessive amount of snow at the bottom of my driveway?

Due to accumulation on the side street, with no intercepting driveways, the snow gets released at the first driveway the plow reaches. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in a snow emergency.

What if the city plow damages my....

Lawn - Contact the Service Department (330-668-9550) and we will come out to inspect the area. We will make any repairs deemed necessary once weather becomes nice in the spring.

Driveway or curbs – The City owns the area the drive aprons occupy and the curb areas of house properties and will make the necessary repairs to damage made by the plows as the city deems necessary. Please call the Service Department at 330-668-9550 to receive a visit to evaluate the damage.

Mailbox - If your mailbox is damaged or knocked down, we will repair your mailbox or replace it with a Step 2 mailbox if weather permits. A temporary mailbox can be placed until the permanent mailbox is replaced. Please notify the Service Department at 330-668-9550.

The Public Service Department takes great pride in the ability to serve the residents and businesses with this exceptional service. Any questions can be emailed to StatenE@fairlawn.us or call 330-668-9550.

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Thursday, October 16

Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center
3486 S Smith Road

\$1 each
cards & daubers
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Light snacks and water machine
available

You can bring your own dinner,
snacks and beverages
**alcohol allowed

6:00 PM - 7:30 pm
We will play as many games
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LETTERS TO SANTA

Dear Santa,

Write a letter to Santa and drop it
off in his big red mailbox outside
Fairlawn City Hall. We will get the
letters to him and he will send you a
personal letter back!

Santa's red mailbox will be right outside the front doors of City Hall after Thanksgiving

To receive a personal response from
Santa, letters must:

- include first and last name
- include a return address
- be dropped off before December 12

**Santa will respond to those dropped off later,
they just may not arrive by the 25th.

If you don't receive a letter within
2 weeks of dropping it off, please
email parks@fairlawn.us
or call 330-668-9515
It is most likely delayed by the
post office and the elves will be
happy to send another!

Please note: if there are more
than one letter going to the
same address, they will all be
sent together in one large
envelope so everyone receives
theirs at the same time.





The City of Fairlawn
presents the

2025

Holiday Lighting Celebration

Friday, November 28 5:30 pm

**The holiday lights for the entire City complex
will be lit at approximately 6:00 pm**

Join us at 5:30 at the Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center (3486 S Smith Road) for refreshments and music by Doug Kaufman. Then we will all cross the street for the lighting!

Watch for more information on our website
www.fairlawn.us

facebook.com/cityoffairlawn
facebook.com/fairlawnparks

**Santa will be
available after the
lighting for pictures**

Graham Cracker Gingerbread House Making

December 10, 2025 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Fairlawn Kiwanis Community Center 3486 S Smith Road

Why wrestle with tricky gingerbread when graham crackers make it easy (and just as delicious)? Join us for a festive, family-friendly evening of holiday creativity! We'll provide everything you need—crackers, frosting, candy, and plenty of cheer—to build your own mini masterpiece. Want to go all out? Feel free to bring extra decorations to make your house truly one-of-a-kind. Perfect for kids, parents, grandparents, and anyone who loves a good sugar-covered construction project. Come for the candy, stay for the memories!

**Fairlawn Residents \$8/person
Register beginning Nov. 1**

**Non Fairlawn Residents \$12/person
Register beginning Nov. 15**

**Registration closes Dec. 5 at
noon or if at capacity**

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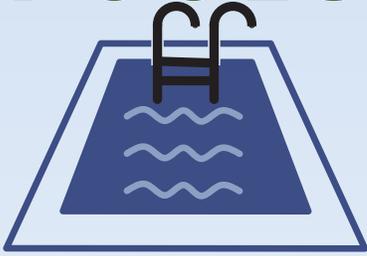
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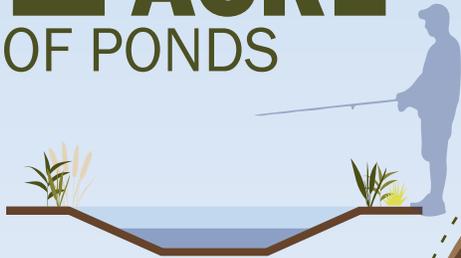


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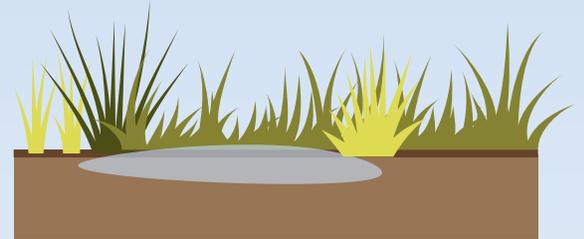


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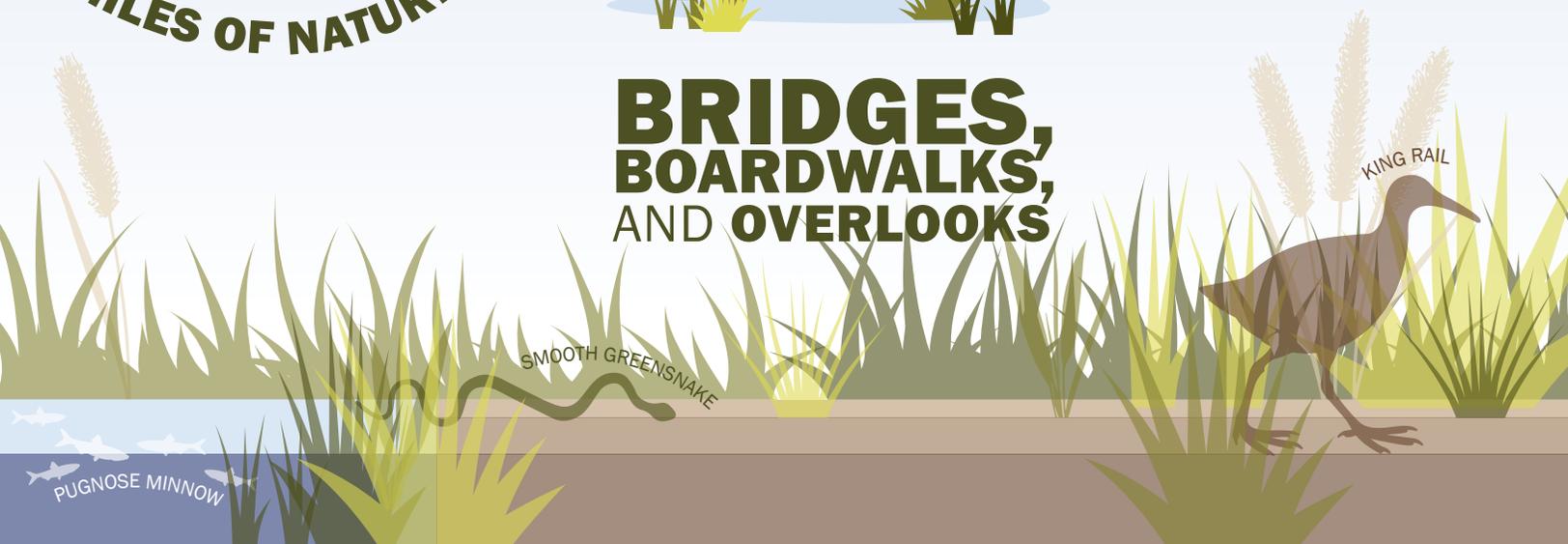
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Introducing The 18 Corridor, our new official name and branding for the vibrant district along State Route 18 in Fairlawn.

Throughout the coming months and years, you will notice a variety of programming that will serve to promote our amazing stretch of highway.

This programming is designed to attract more high-quality businesses, while redeveloping and reimagining existing ones.



There will be promotions, advertising and publicity opportunities that will drive more tourism and more customers to our businesses. You will begin to see local businesses displaying this logo as part of this ongoing effort to brand a sustainable and vibrant business community.

You will also see infrastructure developments that will enhance the overall experience of being on The 18 Corridor, including technology, traffic, pedestrian and other safety initiatives. Your city is listening to you and we are taking a proactive approach in fostering a vibrant future that celebrates the people, places and things that make our city amazing.

And, we want all of you to be a part of this exciting campaign. We want you to appear in our professionally produced and promoted videos, so be sure to reach out and connect with us to participate.

We want to hear your voices at events and online, and most importantly, we look forward to you being an ambassador for our new brand. You will be able to find us on X @ The18c, on LinkedIn at [LinkedIn.com/The18Corridor](https://www.linkedin.com/company/The18Corridor) and on YouTube @ The18Corridor.

Welcome to the new The 18 Corridor. One spot. Endless possibilities.

Pet Waste and Water Quality: It's Not Just on the Lawn, It's in Your Water



What is the problem?

Scooping your pooch's poop isn't just a courtesy for those walking behind you; it is also the healthy and environmentally sound thing to do. Pet waste can be a significant source of water pollution. When pet waste is not properly disposed, it can be carried by rain or snow runoff directly into nearby waterbodies or into storm drains. Storm drains in streets and neighborhoods usually flow directly to a stream, river, or estuary without any treatment. Untreated animal fecal matter and wastes can become a source of harmful bacteria and nutrients in water. Just as we don't want human sewage in our water, it is important to prevent pet waste from being carried into our waterways because of negligence.

What you can do:

You can follow these easy steps to be part of the solution to pet waste contamination.

1. The first step is to **always carry a plastic bag** with you when you walk your dog. Re-using an old newspaper delivery bag or plastic grocery bag works well.
2. Using the bag like a glove, you can then pick up the pet waste, turn the bag inside out around the waste, seal the bag, and **dispose of it in a trash can**.
3. **Don't place the bagged or un-bagged pet waste in a storm drain** or hose the pet waste towards storm drains as they drain directly to a stream, river, lake or other waterbody.
4. If you have a large yard, you may **bury un-bagged pet waste** in the yard at least 5 inches in the ground and away from vegetable gardens and waterways.

Are you risking your health?

People are at risk of getting sick from drinking or swimming in water contaminated by pet waste. Dogs can be significant hosts of disease causing organisms, including Giardia and Salmonella, which are protozoan and bacterial infections transmitted to humans by animals.

The latest research

The environmental impact of dog waste has gone unrecognized for decades. Scientists recently developed a new lab technique of fingerprinting DNA to match bacteria found in the water to the bacteria from specific animals, including humans and domestic animals.

Other neighborhood water pollutants

Dog waste is only one of many pollutants from our neighborhoods that add to water pollution. Lawn fertilizers, motor oil, driveway sand and salt, and soapy water from washing cars in driveways commonly end up in streams and lakes.

Tell friends and neighbors about the affect of animal waste on the environment and our health. Encourage them to clean up after their pets and to dispose of the pet waste properly.



BANCROFT ROAD PUMP STATION

The Bancroft Road Pump Station Rebuild is scheduled to bid this fall. The \$2.4 million project will include new pumps, new wet well, and a remodeled building.



ROOF AND HVAC PROJECTS

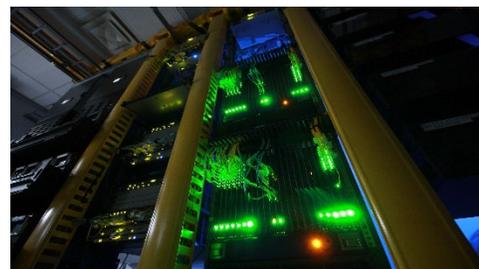
The City Hall and Police Department roof project is underway to replace the more than 30 year old roof. The project is estimated at \$700,000.

HVAC at City Hall and the Police Department has been bid and will be performed this fall. The original HVAC equipment is over 25 years old and emergency AC units were needed this summer.



DATACENTER UPGRADE

The FairlawnGig datacenter project will begin this winter. This important upgrade is intended to future-proof the services the utility provides to our customers. Completion is anticipated in May 2026.



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