

Village of East Canton
David Spencer, Mayor
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Dear EC Resident,

It is my responsibility to carry out the duties, obligations and responsibilities of the office of Mayor as set forth in the Ohio Revised Code. My focus and that of your elected Village Council, will be to continue to provide excellent service to our village residents for the betterment and safety of the Village of East Canton.

2022 represented a year of change but also renewed focus for our village. Further, it was a very busy year for village departments and I am extremely proud of the efforts of all employees.

East Canton Police Department:

In line with the overall experience for the village, the ECPD experienced much change in 2022. Police Chief Derrick Blake and Sergeant Mitch Hershberger both left the department in March. I want to thank both again for their decades of service to the Village. Village Administrator Collins stepped in to serve as Interim Safety Director and was instrumental in the ensuring the continuity of the department during this transition. Further, contributions from Officers J'mon Wells and Timothy Erickson were critical in ensuring that village residents were protected. After an extensive search, Council voted to extend an employment offer to candidate Thomas Hinerman, who was serving as a Police Sergeant for the Village of Lakemore. Chief Hinerman joined the department in May.

Since that time, Chief Hinerman has been invaluable in laying the groundwork necessary to ensure the long term viability of the department. Initially, Chief Hinerman worked to get the department certified in the Ohio Collaborative. In doing so, he revamped the policies and procedures within the department to ensure all meet or exceed standards set forth by the Collaborative. This project was critical for many reasons. The certification opened grant possibilities that were not previously available. Additional information on the collaborative can be found at <https://ocjs.ohio.gov/law-enforcement-services/ohio-collaborative-community-police-advisory-board>.

ECPD has also showed a dramatic increased presence within the community as demonstrated by required reporting statistics that showed officers being involved in over 1100 calls for the 2022 year, more than double the 2020 report (2021 report was incomplete). Traffic enforcement also increased significantly in 2022 when compared to previous years which serves as another example of the commitment to the safety of village residents. While there is still much work to do in regards to traffic enforcement, I am happy with the progress made in 2022. Safety of officers was also a focus as all cruisers were outfitted with dedicated radios and laptop technology donated by Stark County to allow officers to perform checks on vehicles in real time rather than waiting on dispatch to report back.

Service Department:

In 2022, the Village's Service Department was critical to the ensure the continuity of essential services for residents. Ed Collins, Village Administrator, reported the following for the year:

Water: The Service Department, with volunteer support from the City of Canton, changed 10 broken or inoperable water valves within the Village. This work was critical as we now have the ability to shut off all areas of the village individually in the event of a water break reducing those impacted. The team also installed 190 new RF water meters. These meters are essential as it eliminates the need for crew members to manually scan meters and it also provides valuable information on usage. The group has installed 753 meters so far with less than 12 meters remaining. Ed's team also responded to 291 OUPS marking requests for all local utility companies (OUPS is a call before you dig company), 11 watermain breaks, and 86 village resident work orders. Finally, a new cellular communication system between the pump house and water tower was installed.

Road: The team reported 26 street lights out in Village to AEP, repaired 12 catch basins, and replaced the storm sewer and catch basins at the north end of park. Further, the group collected 2050 lbs. of debris from the kid catcher (at creeks), swept up 1900 lbs. of dirt and debris from the downtown area and took 98 truckloads to C&D Landfill.

Park/Buildings: Working with IT support, the team installed a surveillance system in the park to help curb vandalism. Also, the group power washed the two existing dugouts at field 2 and 3 and installed an asphalt walkway to connect Otter Ave to the walking track.

The listed accomplishments represent only a sample of the work done by the team in addition to their standard responsibilities. The full report can be found in the December 19, 2022 meeting minutes on the website.

While it is important to look back and acknowledge our achievements, I also want to share some of the exciting projects that we have planned for 2023. I will break each down by department:

2023 Road: We will install chip & seal on 2.5 miles of village streets. Further, we will repair the edges on several village streets which are failing. This repair will be done with asphalt prior to the chip & seal work. While I realize chip & seal is not the most desired solution, the village must use this application as the lack of substantial road repaving for many years has left them in disrepair. Not taking decisive action will cause significant failures in the roads. For 2024 and beyond, the village is considering switching to asphalt and doing a set small area of streets each year. Beyond the paving, we must replace a storm sewer behind B&B and another on Werley St. N.

2023 Water: The water tower is in need of a rehab as it has not been done since the initial install in mid 1990s. This rehab is extensive and we have applied for government grants to help with the cost. The engineering work required for this project will be underway shortly. The village has already been approved for a \$40k reimbursement grant for the purchase of a standby generator for the pump house. The most recent power outage on April 1st highlights the need for such a project. We expect this project will be underway in the near future. Engineering work for the replacement of Center St. water line will also be completed in 2023 and we are hoping to have it done in 2024 with the water tower.

2023 Parks/Building: The village has earmarked funds for track repairs at the park as well as work on the overflow pond and creek. We are looking to install a standby generator for Village Hall and service garage to ensure our capabilities in the event of a crisis.

2023 PD: The village must replace all handheld radios for officers (mandated). Further, the PD was approved for a reimbursement grant to begin a body camera program (\$20k). Finally, the last cruiser will be outfitted with laptop and radio. **It is important to note that the PD has a replacement levy on the ballot. The current levy is expiring this year. There is a fact sheet on the levy in this newsletter.**

While considerable, this list is not all encompassing. There are many other projects that we will be undertaking as well. From the list above, one will notice that we are dedicating a significant amount of focus and resources on infrastructure. This is desperately needed. The village is at a critical juncture where we cannot sit idly by and not make substantial improvements.

The ultimate goal is to bring controlled growth to the village; thus, ensuring its long term sustainability by attracting jobs/businesses as well as the potential for additional house developments. Currently, our infrastructure restricts that ability. While this will not be fixed overnight, this year will be a crucial first step.

I am looking forward to a productive 2023. I hope that each of you has a wonderful and rememberable year. It is my honor to represent all of you and our amazing village.

David Spencer
Mayor, Village of East Canton

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Office: (330-488-0220) Hours: Monday- Friday 10:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

Service/Water Clerk - Monday & Thursday, Income Tax Director -Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Service Dept. (330-488-0360 & 330-936-6094) Mon.- Fri. 7:00 A.M.- 3:30 P.M.

East Canton Police Dispatch: (330-488-9435) 24 hours/day—Emergency Police & Fire 911

Village Informational News

COUNCIL MEETINGS— Held the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall. *(If Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday the day after the holiday).* Meetings are open to the public.

EAST CANTON VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor:

David Spencer 330-488-0220 #4

Fiscal Officer

Kurt Geis 330-488-0220 #5

Village Administrator:

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Zoning Inspector

Blaine Strawder 330-575-9054



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Pay Income Taxes , Water Bills, and Traffic Tickets on the Village Website with your credit or debit card.



**East Canton's Lowell D. Oberly
American Legion Post 667**

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Monday, May 29, 2023—10:00 a.m.

- Line-up will be at the corner of Browning and Noble Streets. All participants should be at this site no later than 9:30 a.m. for placement.
- You or your group are invited to participate in the parade to honor our fallen **veterans**.
- Wrapped candy may be passed out during the parade. Please use care when allowing children to toss candy.
- Participants are asked to return to the starting area following the parade

PARADE ROUTE: West on Center St., South on St. Rt. 44; West on Walnut; North on Berger, and East on Noble.

For further information, please contact Post Commander, Jack Spencer (330-581-5199).

Everyone is invited to the Foltz Community Center immediately following the parade for the Veteran's Day Program & The East Canton "Citizen of the Year" presentation, presented by the East Canton Rotary Club.



**EAST CANTON COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
HOSTED BY THE EAST CANTON ROTARY**

JUNE 9TH AND 10TH - 4 –10PM

NEW WAVE NATION WILL PERFORM ON
THE 10TH.



TO SERVE AND PROTECT

East Canton Police Department

- There is an officer on duty 24 hours per day. To contact the ECPD, call dispatch at 330-488-9435 (non-emergency) or 911.
- Vacation watch requests, joining the Community Camera Program, and submitting citizen concerns or compliments can now be done online at:
villageeastcanton.net/police-department
- DIRT BIKES / ATV'S - Per State Law, property owners are permitted to operate dirt bikes and ATV's on their personal property as long as the Village's noise ordinance isn't violated. These vehicles may NOT be driven on Village streets unless they are licensed and insured.
- Traffic enforcement will remain a priority as there are still concerns from residents about speeding in several areas of the village including E. Nassau St. and W. Walnut. Residents are strongly encouraged to follow all traffic laws including traffic control device (stop-signs/ lights).
- Solicitors within the village must have a permit. Please contact the ECPD at the non-emergency number to report any solicitors who do not possess a permit.

2022 TAXES NOW DUE APRIL 18th!

The Village of East Canton has a 1.5% income tax, established on Jan. 1, 2004. **Village taxes are due on April 15, 2022. Failure to file by April 18 will result in a \$25.00 monthly late filing fee.**

The Village of East Canton has mandatory filing for:

-All residents 16 years of age or older regardless of employment status or location.

-If you are a senior citizen or disabled you only have to fill out a Village Tax form once stating you are retired or disabled and have no taxable income.

Please notify the Village Tax Department if you move.

Also required to file:

-All residents who conduct business operations within the Village or outside the Village, including rental properties.

-All non-resident businesses that perform operations within the Village must also file a tax return.



- Water bills are mailed every 2 months.
- To avoid the late fee, payments are to be received by the **25th day** of the month due.
- **If you do not receive your bill on time, please call Village Hall at 330-488-0220, option # 7.**
- Electronic payments can be made at villageeastcanton.net/water-dept. The secure payment icon is near the bottom of the page.

The water department will no longer be placing disconnection notices on doors. The All-Call system is being utilized to alert residents moving forward. Residents are automatically signed up for All-Call when starting water service. Please be sure to inform the water clerk if you have changed contact information.

ZONING

CONSTRUCTION—Any construction of fences, garages, house additions, and storage sheds will require a permit. Permits are also required for demolition within the Village Limits. **Remember to call 811 before any digging.**

PROPERTY UPKEEP—Residents are reminded that properties must be maintained. After due process, the Village will take necessary steps to remediate violations at the owners expense. Property maintenance code can be found on the website under zoning.

Please stop in Village Hall for more information or contact Zoning Inspector Blaine Strawder at 330-575-9054.





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NEW POLICE LEVY

THIS LEVY WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING LEVY WHICH EXPIRES THIS YEAR

ELECTION – MAY 2, 2023

SPECIAL ELECTION DAY

INFORMATION

1. The new Police Levy would be for five (5) fiscal years beginning in 2024. The current Village of East Canton Police Levy expires this year.
2. The current levy generates approximately \$150k annually towards the PD. The new levy would generate \$200k annually.
3. It is important to note that the levy would still not pay all the operating costs for the PD. For 2022, the ECPD expenditures were \$343,393.00. The remaining funding comes from the General Fund. Breakdown of costs are below:

2022 EAST CANTON POLICE EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN			
2904-110-100-0000	Personal Service - (Wages)		\$ 190,792.63
2904-110-211-0000	Ohio PERS - (Villages Portion)		\$ 8,685.77
2904-110-213-0000	Medicare - (Village's Portion)		\$ 2,639.81
2904-110-215-0000	Ohio Police & Fire Retirement - (Village's Portion)		\$ 22,140.49
2904-110-221-0000	Medical Insurance - (Full Time Employees Only)		\$ 37,277.11
2904-110-222-0000	Life Insurance - (Full Time Employees Only)		\$ 156.25
2904-110-225-0000	Worker's Compensation Premium		\$ 6,446.46
2904-110-252-0000	Travel & Transportation - (Police Officer Training)		\$ 1,172.01
2904-110-300-0000	Contractual Services - (Liability Insurance Premium)		\$ 4,804.00
	Contractual Services - (Canton Prosecutor's Services)		\$ 7,437.50
	Contractual Services - (LEADS Premium)		\$ 600.00
	Contractual Services - (Drug Testing & Officer Physicals)		\$ 550.00
2904-110-321-0000	Telephone - (Telephone & Internet Service)		\$ 1,882.37
2904-110-344-0000	Tax Collection Fees - (County Auditor Fees - Police Levy)		\$ 2,310.00
2904-110-400-0000	Supplies & Materials - (Vehicle Repair)		\$ 11,590.99
	Supplies & Materials - (Computer Services)		\$ 2,525.95
	Supplies & Materials - (Uniform Allowance)		\$ 2,672.22
	Supplies & Materials - (New Radar Unit)		\$ 1,216.00
	Supplies & Materials - (Ohio Police & Fire Penalties)		\$ 700.00
	Supplies & Materials - (Evidence Room Audit)		\$ 7,500.00
	Supplies & Materials - (Evidence Officer Training)		\$ 700.00
	Supplies & Materials - (Drug Testing & Officer Physicals)		\$ 1,508.00
	Supplies & Materials - (New Cruiser Accessories)		\$ 1,354.79
	Supplies & Materials - (Radio Repairs)		\$ 1,043.46
	Supplies & Materials - (Indeed.com Officer Hiring)		\$ 634.74
	Supplies & Materials - (General Items)		\$ 2,037.52
2904-110-420-0000	Operating Supplies & Materials - (Fuel for Cruisers)		\$ 10,568.84
2904-110-500-0000	Capital Outlay - (New Cruiser Lease Payment)		\$ 12,446.52
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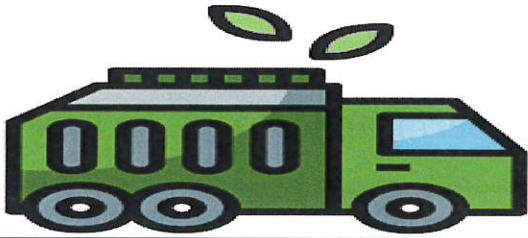
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4. The Police Levy helps provide the following East Canton Police Department services:
 - Three (3) Full-Time Police Officers
 - Response to 1100+ incidents requiring police presence in 2022
 - 11 Part-Time Police Officers
 - "Night Eyes" – Residential House/Apartment and Business Checks
 - Citizen Ride-A-Long Program
 - Citizen Vehicle Unlocks
 - Funeral Escorts (within Village limits)
 - Vacation Watch Program
 - Community Camera Program
5. The total approximate amount the Police Levy will generate per year is \$200,000.
The total approximate amount generated for the five-year period is \$1,000,000.
6. Funds generated are to maintain the current three (3) Full-Time Police Officers' salaries, insurance, benefits, the salaries of all part-time officers, as well as equipment such as radios, body armor and cameras, police vehicles and other incidental items.
7. Improvements made to the PD in the last year include:
 - Became certified in the Ohio Collaborate which represents a huge step forward not only in the programs used within the PD but also makes the ECPD eligible for grants.
 - Aggressively completed required trainings as well as several elective trainings for our officers.
 - First new cruiser was purchased for the department. It was a much-needed investment as all other cruisers were bought used and are at the end of their effective life cycle.
 - Installed computer systems in cruisers which allow officers to check driver information in real time. This was a safety concern as officers were relying on dispatch to give information.
8. **Example Police Levy Costs:**
On residential property valued at \$100,000, the tax assessment would be \$284.00 annually. This would equate to a \$53.00 increase annually over what is currently paid or \$.15 per day.

The Police Levy will appear on the May 2, 2023, Special Election Ballot for Village of East Canton residents only.

Trash Service

At the beginning of 2022, Village Council approved the move from Republic Waste Services to Kimble. Because of repeated issues with the service of Kimble, Council is considering putting the trash service out for bid in 2023. A new supplier may be chosen to provide trash service to village residents starting in 2024.



Village of East Canton Adopt a Flowerbed Program

The Village of East Canton "Adopt a Flower Bed Project" is still being carried on since its inception in the spring of 2004. The Village began this project inviting individuals, families, community organizations and businesses to become part of the "Adopt a Flowerbed Project." Volunteers are asked to provide care in planting, watering and weeding areas in the Village, including the park, Village Hall and the flower urns that line Nassau Street. Sponsors are also welcome to provide the flowers for the beautification of these areas.

Response to this project continues to be overwhelming as many folks step forward to become part of this effort.

A special thanks to all the caring people for making the Village of East Canton a little brighter.

Anyone wanting to be a part of this program or wishing more information, please contact Village Hall at 330-488-0220 option # 7 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

Sponsors are also welcome to make a monetary donation, and flowers will be purchased for these areas. Donations may be sent to the Village of East Canton, 130 Cedar Street S., East Canton, OH 44730.



RECYCLING OPTIONS:

Residents living in East Canton and Osnaburg Twp. may recycle items at the following locations:

Newspapers, cardboard, plastic, glass and cans

Osnaburg Twp. Fire Station
110 W. Church Street in East Canton
Open daily from dawn to dusk.

Good Clothing—Gently used and new East Canton Church of God Blessing Exchange

Distributed for FREE. Drop off: Anytime.
Box is provided outside building.
Call 330-488-0366 for information

Leaf Cleanup

In the fall, the Village will provide a container at the park for leaves to be dropped off free of charge for residents.

Outdated & Unused Prescriptions & Over the Counter Drugs

Louisville Police Department, 1150 W. Main St.

Drop off 24/7 in the lobby. Pills should be in original container minus the label or black out any personal information. Drop off boxes are for pharmaceutical drugs in the form of pills, liquids & creams only. Please do not deposit needles or syringes.

FOR ALL OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU WISH TO RECYCLE, WE ASK THAT YOU CONTACT STARK-TUSC-WAYNE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT @ 1-800-678-9839 OR TIMETORECYCLE.ORG



Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne
Recycling District



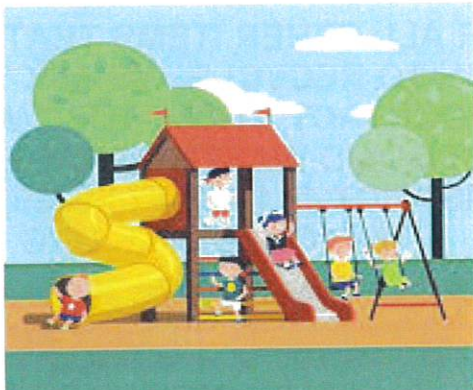
EAST CANTON VILLAGE PARK

East Canton's Village Park is an asset to area residents providing 3 ball fields with dugouts & bleachers that serve as the home fields to teams with over 200 East Canton & Osnaburg Twp. youngsters.

The park also has a 1/2 mile walking track, tennis courts, two pavilions, & modern playground equipment including a monster truck, train & Noah's Ark.

Use of park shelters on weekends & holidays are by **reservation only** and can be **rented** by calling 330-488-0220 option .#6 or #7 . Small Pavilion lower area of the park rents for \$50.00 a day for Village residents and \$75.00 for non residents will seat 48 people, the upper pavilion rents for \$50.00 a day for Village residents and \$75.00 for non residents and will seat 78 people. The pavilions do have electric outlets and charcoal units.

The park is open from April 1, through November 1, but may be used all year round weather permitting. No restroom facilities or water during winter months.



PARK WALKING TRACK—Walkers and runners may use the 1/2 mile track year round for health, exercise and fun. **NO** bikes or skateboards are permitted on the track in the park.



Dogs permitted in park on leash:



PARKING IN PARK:

Please use the existing parking lots only. We want to keep our parking looking beautiful. Parking on grass areas in the Park is Prohibited. Please report vehicles parking on grass to ECPD @ 330-488-9435



We ask that everyone report any acts of vandalism to the ECPD at 330-488-9435
Anyone caught vandalizing the park will be prosecuted to the fullest extent.



AFFORDABLE SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

Through the tireless efforts of H.O.P.E. (Helping Osnaburg Prosper Economically) Committee and Board members, I am pleased to announce that the 40 unit Senior Housing Project is close to completion. This project represents the first significant increase in available housing for the village in decades and fills a significant void by providing affordable housing to senior residents. Some facts regarding the project:

- * Project consists of 1 and 2 bedroom ground level apartments.
- * Designed for 55-year-old and is based on income.
- * All 40 units have been assigned/leased to qualified applicants.
- * Residents are beginning to move into the first of the buildings with expected completion mid-year.
- * Provides residents with the opportunity for less upkeep as all maintenance is handled by the ownership group.
- * Testa is the developer.
- * Goal is to provide senior residents a practical living space to facilitate their ability to live independently longer.
- * Adds additional value to the Village and Township by allowing the houses of new tenants to then be sold to more families.
- * There is space for two additional buildings (10 units); however, this will take time to secure funding once need is confirmed.
- * Community building will be completed that will also include program space, management office and laundry.

**PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING THE H.O.P.E. TEAM
FOR MAKING THIS PROJECT A REALITY!**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT H.O.P.E, PLEASE LIKE AND FOLLOW THEIR
FACEBOOK ACCOUNT @ <https://www.facebook.com/HOPE.EastCanton/>



VILLAGE OF EAST CANTON SPRING CLEAN UP

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH, 2023

Trash should be bagged, bundled or boxed and set at curbside by 6:00 AM

Items NOT collected:

Ashes
Tires
Dehumidifiers
Medical Waste

Drums
Rocks/Stone
Freezers
Air Conditioners

Hazardous Waste
Solvent Liquids
Refrigerators
Large Batteries
Any Items in Excess
of 50 Pounds

Oil
Dirt
Dead Animals
Toxic Waste

Paint
Bricks
Large Car Parts
Flammable Waste

FURNITURE & OTHER APPLIANCES ARE ACCEPTABLE
BRUSH MUST BE CUT & BUNDLED IN 4 FT. LENGTHS AND WEIGH LESS THAN 50 LBS.
(Unbundled brush will not be taken)

EMPTY PAINT CANS OF DRIED PAINT CANS WITH LIDS REMOVED ARE ACCEPTABLE

Start your spring cleaning now and be sure to take advantage of this FREE service offered by the Village on
June 24th, 2023.

EAST CANTON VILLAGE 16TH ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

June 16, 17 & 18, 2023

9 AM – 5 PM

Gather up those items too good to throw out and recycle them
at the East Canton Village Annual Community Garage Sale!
The entire village is encouraged to participate by having a sale at your home
or by shopping at area sales and businesses.

THE VILLAGE WILL HOLD A SECOND GARAGE SALE IN LINE WITH THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BUY-WAY SALE

Thursday, Friday & Saturday

August 10, 11 & 12, 2023

9 AM – 5 PM

No garage sale permit is needed for these events.

GARAGE SALE MAPS

List your sale on our Garage Sale Map! Call 330-488-0220 #7 by June 2, 2023 to have your sale included!