

# City of Oberlin News & Updates

# City of Oberlin services are still operational.

Public access to City facilities is still restricted, but certain departments may be physically accessible through appointment only. Otherwise, residents are encouraged to conduct City business via telephone or email. The Oberlin Police Department will remain accessible to the public during this time.

#### **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

**Clerk of Council:** 

440-775-7203

**Human Resources Department:** 

440-775-7217

HR@cityofoberlin.com

Law Department/Prosecutor:

440-774-8519

# A Message From the City Manager

To All Oberlin Residents:

We would like to provide an update related to COVID-19 and the City's efforts to limit risk during these challenging times. Although adjustments have been made, the City of Oberlin continues to provide services to the community. If you need to contact City departments, please utilize the emails and telephone numbers provided at the left, and in certain circumstances, we may be able to make in-person appointments for services. These efforts have limited the spread of COVID-19, while assuring the delivery of essential City services. We continue to monitor information provided by Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) and the State of Ohio, and will modify our operations accordingly to provide services while maintaining the health and safety of Oberlin residents and staff. For more updates and information, please visit www.CityofOberlin.com/Coronavirus or follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@cityofOberlin).

Oberlin College students, faculty, and staff have arrived for the 2020-2021 academic year. We welcome students and those helping them move into their living accommodations, and we appreciate all the protocols put in place by Oberlin College. Be assured that the City of Oberlin communicates with Oberlin College administration almost daily. If you have questions regarding these protocols, please check out www.Oberlin.edu/ObieSafe.

Thank you for each of your individual efforts during this time, because they are limiting the risk, and have made a positive difference. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at 440-775-7206 or RHillard@CityofOberlin.com.

Sincerely, Rob Hillard Oberlin City Manager

#### Remember

- Wear a mask while indoors, and outdoors when you cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between yourself and others, including when sharing a vehicle with people outside your household
- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others outside of your household
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly

### Lorain County & State of Ohio COVID-19 Resources

**Lorain County Public Health** 

For more information about the COVID-19 situation in Lorain County, visit www.LorainCountyHealth.com/Coronavirus or call 440-322-6367

**Ohio Department of Health** 

Visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 833-4-ASK-ODH (833-427-5634) for questions about the Coronavirus.

Mental Health, Addiction & Recovery Services Board (MHARS)

For information on managing stress and anxiety due to the COVID-19 situation, visit www.MHARSLorainCounty.org

# 2020 Fall Brush Collection

## Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

- Brush must be cut no longer than 6-feet in length and stacked neatly in the same direction at the curb
- Diameter of limbs must be 6 inches or less
- Brush must be free of wire, metal, stone, nails, rope or other foreign materials

During Brush Collection, wood chips may be delivered to Oberlin residents for FREE! Contact the Public Works Department for more information: (440) 775-7218

Any brush placed on the curb lawn outside of the scheduled brush collection dates may be subject to enforcement action.

ALL BRUSH MUST BE PLACED ON THE CURB NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

#### **Virtual Public Meetings**

Oberlin City Council and Board/Commission meetings are being conducted remotely via video conference under the provisions of Sub. H.B. 197 and in the interest of public health and safety. Anyone interested in viewing the meetings may do so at <a href="http://oberlinoh.swagit.com/live">http://oberlinoh.swagit.com/live</a>. Meeting agenda materials are always available at <a href="https://www.CityofOberlin.com">www.CityofOberlin.com</a>.

#### 2020 General Election - Absentee Voting

# The 2020 General Election will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Early Voting begins October 6<sup>th</sup>.

In-Person Early Voting will take place at the Lorain County Board of Elections (1985 N. Ridge Road East - Lorain, OH). To request an Absentee Ballot, visit **VoteLorainCountyOhio.gov** or contact the Lorain County Board of Elections at **440-326-5900**. Ballots may be returned by mail or dropped off at the Board of Elections.

To track your ballot, visit

www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/ballot-tracking.

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN BRUSH COLLECTION:

- Limbs with a diameter greater than 6 inches
- Brush resulting from tree removal or major trimming projects (excessive amounts of brush)
- Japanese Knotweed (see images below)
- Stumps
- Brush with root balls
- Unstacked brush
- Grapevines
- Rose bushes
- Non-woody yard waste



#### **Utility Bill Assistance**

If you are experiencing financial hardship due to the effects of COVID-19 and will have difficulty paying your residential utility bill, please contact Oberlin Community Services at 440-774-6579 for assistance through the Oberlin Caring Fund. If you are having difficulty paying your Columbia Gas bill, please contact them directly at 1-800-344-4077.

#### **Certain Public Works Services Resume**

Yardwaste Collection and Temporary Dumpster Service have resumed. Compost/Wood-Chip Giveaways will be from 9am-1pm on September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Public Works Department for more information and/or to schedule these services: 440-775-7218.

#### **East College Street Paving**

East College Street is scheduled to be resurfaced in October with expected project completion by mid-November. This project also included the replacement of the water line and sanitary sewer. We appreciate your patience with this project!

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