

Ward 3 Newsletter

An Update from Ward 3 Councilwoman Meika Marie Penta

Dear Neighbor,

As November approaches, our town embarks on a graceful transition from the vibrant hues of autumn to the serene embrace of winter's chill. As a dedicated member of our remarkable community and your representative on the City Council, I extend a hearty welcome to the Winter edition of the Ward 3 newsletter. In these pages, we unite to revel in the magic of the changing seasons, community updates, and exciting winter plans.

Within this newsletter, you'll find essential information on city projects, council initiatives, and upcoming festivities specially tailored for the shift from fall to winter. As daylight wanes and the air turns crisper, seize the opportunity to engage in local events, from winter festivals to community service projects, and play an active role in maintaining the extraordinary spirit of our town.

With the arrival of the season for hot cocoa and cozy scarves, I express my deep appreciation for your ongoing trust and support. May this season be filled with warmth, unity, and treasured moments with your loved ones. Let's embrace the essence of the season, nurturing connections that truly define the uniqueness of our Cuyahoga Falls community.

With warm regards,

Meika Marie Penta
Cuyahoga Falls
Ward 3 City Council

P.S. GO CAVS! 🏀



See a pothole? Call our hotline at 330-971-8345 or submit the request online at cityofcf.com/form/report-a-pothole



Did you know **CFO Alerts** is a free text message and email alert service which will alert you in the event of a city emergency. To sign up visit cityofcf.com.

Become a Neighborhood Ambassador program. Call (330) 971-8208 for more information on how you can be a part of the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative.

🍁 Cuyahoga Falls Curbside Leaf Pickup 🍁

The City of Cuyahoga Falls is excited to announce our annual Curbside Leaf Pickup Program to help keep our streets clean and safe. This collaborative effort between the city and our community ensures that fallen leaves are collected efficiently, making way for the winter season.

The leaf pickup program will run from Monday, October 23rd to Friday, December 1st. Residents are kindly requested to have leaves raked onto the tree lawn by 7:00 a.m. on their scheduled leaf pickup days. Instead of creating one large pile, please arrange the leaves into a long line along the tree lawn. Under no circumstances should leaves be raked into the street.

To find your neighborhood's pickup dates visit <https://www.cityofcf.com/services/fall-curbside-leaf-pickup>.

Leaf crews armed with vacuum machines and rakes will pick up the leaves directly from the tree lawn, not from the street. Please avoid placing leaves behind obstructions such as poles, mailboxes, and trees. While minor delays may occur due to inclement weather or holidays, every household will receive three leaf pickups before the season ends.



WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?



Plastics: Bottles and jugs where the mouth of the container is smaller than the base. Caps and lids need to be removed. Items should be marked with a 1 or 2 on the bottom.



Metals: Food, beverage, and pet food cans; includes metal, bi-metal, tin, and aluminum.



Glass: Food and beverage jars and bottles.



Paper: Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, telephone books, catalogs, cardboard, paperboard (Cereal Boxes, Beverage & Food Boxes/Cartons), milk cartons & juice boxes. Note: Waxed cardboard is not recycled nor is food contaminated cardboard.

**All items should be lightly rinsed.*

***All boxes and paper bags should be flattened and empty.*

This guide explains what is accepted by the recycling center that processes our recycled material. What can be recycled varies from one area to another, therefore, just because a manufacturer has labeled an item as recyclable, does not mean that the item is recyclable everywhere. If it does not fit the above guidelines, please leave it out.

Scan for more information



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Cuyahoga Falls
MAYOR DON WALTERS

**Vote early or on
November 7th.**

**Polls are open on
Tuesday, November 7,
2023 from 6:30 A.M.
to 7:30 P.M.**

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Ward 3 Council

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Ward 3 Neighborhoods



City Council Update: 10/23/23

Cuyahoga Falls City Council meets on the second and fourth Mondays monthly, with committee meetings on the first and third Mondays. During committee meetings, council members discuss upcoming laws before voting on them. The public can also share their opinions during these meetings.

New Ordinances & Resolutions:

- B-115:** Council discussed an ordinance proposing a zoning map amendment for specific parcels on 6th Street, aiming to change the zoning from R-4 Urban Density Residential to MU-4 Sub-Urban Corridor. A public hearing is scheduled for December 4, 2023, and the legislation was referred to the planning and zoning committee.
- B-116:** An ordinance establishing annual appropriations for the city's expenses in 2024 was presented. This ordinance has been referred to the finance committee.
- B-117:** The council considered an ordinance consenting to the resurfacing of State Route 8 within the city limits. This legislation has also been assigned to the finance committee.
- B-118:** City Engineer Tony Demasi presented an ordinance authorizing the application for Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the State Road Phase II Corridor project. The committee voted in favor of this, and the council approved it with a 10-0 vote.
- B-119:** Another ordinance, related to grant funding, was discussed, proposing resurfacing Munroe Falls Avenue. The committee voted to bring this ordinance for a vote, and the council unanimously approved it.
- B-120, B-121, and B-122:** These ordinances were also related to grant applications, specifically for the Akron-Peninsula Road Multi-Use Trail. All three ordinances passed with a 10-0 vote.
- B-123:** An ordinance to amend Title 7, Chapter 164 of the Municipal Income Tax code to comply with state law mandates. This ordinance will be discussed in the finance committee's meeting on November 6.

Reports of Council's Standing Committees:


- **Planning & Zoning:** Council approved an ordinance accepting the planning commission's recommendation for a conditional zoning certificate and major site plan for the construction of an auto body and repair building for Caliber Collision.
- **Finance & Appropriations:** Council approved ordinances authorizing property purchases and storm sewer installation, both passed unanimously.


Miscellaneous Business:

- David O'Neill, Director of the Summit County Regional Dispatch Center, announced that Cuyahoga Falls will go live from the new center on October 24. This transition follows extensive training and standardization efforts involving multiple communities.
- Community Development Director Diane Colavecchio presented a report showcasing over \$40 million of private investments in Cuyahoga Falls since January 1, 2023.

Upcoming Events

Summit Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree - September 1st - November 30th. Visit www.summitmetroparks.org/hiking-spree.aspx to sign up.

 **Cuyahoga Falls Trick or Treat** 🎃 - Saturday, October 28th, 6pm-8pm.

 **Don't forget!** Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5th at 2 AM. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour. 🕒

Sanitation Delays:

Your weekly trash and recycle collection will be delayed one day on the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day: Thursday, November 23, 2023

Christmas Day: Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1, 2024

In the race to represent Ward 3 families and neighborhoods on Council,

EXPERIENCE MATTERS!

City Council Experience: YES! City Finance Experience: YES! Park Improvement Experience: YES!
Infrastructure Experience: YES! Public Safety Experience: YES! Endorsed by Mayor Don Walters: YES!

Meika Marie Penta *The Proven Choice for City Leadership Experience.*

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🚧 West Portage Trail Road Work Update 🚧

Stay in the loop with the latest on the ongoing road work on West Portage Trail:

🔧 **Utilities Relocation:** Utility relocation work is progressing, although some work may still be ongoing to ensure a smooth transition.

💧 **New Waterline Installation:** The waterline contractor has successfully installed a new waterline along West Portage Trail, from Valley Road to Northampton Road. If you're interested in connecting to this new line, please reach out to the Water Department at 330-971-8130 for more information.

🚧 **Roadway Improvements:** The roadway contractor has commenced work on installing storm sewers and creating temporary pavement on the south side of the road. This will enable traffic to shift to the south side, facilitating curb work and roadway widening on the north side.

🚦 **Upcoming Travel Restrictions:** A series of traffic pattern changes will be implemented along West Portage Trail as part of ongoing corridor improvements. These changes involve shifting traffic southward on West Portage Trail, redirecting eastbound traffic onto a newly constructed temporary lane, imposing restrictions and detours for left turns onto Valley Road from West Portage Trail, and closing the right-turn-only lane from State Road to West Portage Trail while allowing right turns from State Road to West Portage Trail in the center lanes. These modifications will remain in effect for several months.

🚧 **Work Progress:** Over the next few months, the contractor will continue to focus on the north side of the road. The goal is to complete this phase of the project before winter sets in.

Thank you for your patience as we work to enhance West Portage Trail. Your safety and convenience are our priorities.



KEEP COUNCILWOMAN PENTA

Getting the job DONE for WARD 3!

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