



TOLEDO City News

Message from Mayor Cross

Greetings! I hope that this letter finds you healthy. It has been a long trek for the County to get to Phase 2, but we finally got there. I am so proud of our town! We have had less than 44 total cases in our zip code. Thanks to all of you for doing your part to stem the tide of this pandemic.

We have had quite a year so far... Toledo's first team sport State Title ever! A global pandemic that shut down our treasured Summer Festival, Wooden Boat Show, 10 Year All-Class Reunion and Art Walk. Then a raging forest fire engulfed North County, and once again, Our Town came together and helped our neighbors survive and recover from the devastation.

It was in this time that this town showed its true mettle. This summer saw rising tensions nationally, and we were not immune. We had our share of protests and disagreements, but when our northern neighbors needed our help with out-of-control fires, we put those differences aside, and helped in any way we could. Our volunteer firefighters helped quench the blaze and our police officers helped residents evacuate safely.

Meanwhile, back in Toledo, our Public Works crew, Fire Department, Police Department and City Administration prepared to receive evacuees. Within hours, our town had set up tent sites, RV sites, coordinated opening the high school, so that evacuees could shower and pick up necessary items. Our churches opened their doors wide and took in many families in need of shelter.

By the next morning, through the heroic efforts of Police Chief Mike Pace and Volunteer Extraordinaire Shelley McGuire, we had a fully-functioning donation and distribution site up and running. Our United Methodist Thrift Store clothed over 100 people, free of charge. We continued these efforts until the next week, when a more centralized response was activated county-wide.

These efforts proved that we are one tough town, and we will come together when needed, to face a challenge. There are many challenges still ahead: reviving businesses hampered or lost to COVID; dealing with a whole new way of education; and the many other social and recreational hurdles we will face in the coming years. We will conquer these with the same grit and resilience that has marked this community for over 100 years.

As we move into 2021, there are good things on our horizon: Georgia-Pacific has been authorized to access the State SIP program, allowing a more rapid plant modernization; the City will continue to find ways to help our businesses recover from COVID; Revitalization of Downtown and Business Loop 20 will be front and center for the foreseeable future; affordable workforce housing is looking to make a breakthrough.

I will continue to work to bring people together for the betterment of all citizens. I truly believe that we have more in common than what tries to tear us apart. I am truly honored to be your Mayor. I LOVE TOLEDO!

(Mayor Rod Cross)

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS ASSISTANCE

Do you own a small business in Toledo that was affected by COVID-19 restrictions?

City of Toledo has Small Business Assistance Grants that you may qualify for.

See at www.ci.toledo.or.us or City Manager Judy Richter at 541-635-2003

Attention Toledo Water Customers

We have discovered that some older customer accounts were set up listing the property owner also as a tenant. If you received 2 water bills, one with you listed as tenant and another as the owner, please contact the utility billing clerk at

utilities@cityoftoledo.org.

Toledo Planning Commission

UPDATING STANDARDS has been a priority for Toledo Planning Commission and staff this year, with new signage standards being worked on at several work sessions. Development standards in residential zones have been reviewed, with an eye on removing potential barriers and increasing housing options. Some early concepts include reducing the minimum lot size, reducing setback standards, and expanding uses. Their goal is to present for hearings before the end of the year.

Providing a pedestrian trail at East Slope Road, connecting to Sturdevant Road and Toledo Elementary School, has been looked at, as well. The City has applied for a Safe Routes to School grant from the ODOT Project Identification Program.

An update of the City's 20-year old Buildable Lands Inventory is needed and options are in the works to update this plan. Building permit activity has stayed about the same. By the end of September 2020, 23 building permit applications had been reviewed, compared to 24 permits by September 2019, and 21 permits by September 2018.

Additionally, the City has been coordinating with Lincoln County and others to update the Lincoln County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Toledo Public Library

"Online" or "onlawn" – Toledo Library has expanded their virtual story times from your computer to their back lawn. Fall and winter weather will dictate the lawn sessions, but what a creative way to provide a socially-distanced fun time. Webpage, Facebook and October Activities Flyer have details about what we are doing.

A hundred bags filled with items to facilitate children's exploration of the natural world have been made available by way of a collaboration between Toledo Public Library and Oregon Coast Stem Hub. These gifts include a field journal, magnifying glass, put-it-together microscope, and implements for selecting and measuring. Please call 541-336-3132 to receive one for your child.

Curbside Library Service for patrons to pick up the items they want to read or view has been available since

June, and library patrons are very grateful for the ability to continue to check out the titles they desire. Nancy McFerran is the true hero of this service, pulling the holds from the catalog requests and receiving phone calls. She has taken it upon herself to call "regulars," particularly seniors, to suggest titles she knows they will like, and they are delighted with how she is "keeping up with them." Please select:

<https://www.chinooklibraries.org/> Check: <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/library/page/library-catalog-and-databases> ...all free to the public. There you will see Library2Go. Your library card takes you to over 20,000 fiction and nonfiction titles for adults and children. Call 541-336-3132, or go to <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/library>, :<https://www.facebook.com/toledopubliclibrary>

Toledo Police Department



Safety tips and fun ideas for Halloween

Outdoor Activities:

Safe social distance from non-family
Design a fun or scary face covering
Wear a cloth face covering under your mask
Use bright colors, reflective tape, or glow sticks
Glow-in-the-dark tape makes cool designs

Keep an eye out for cars

Tips on safe treats

Hand out only pre-packaged treat bags
Create a scavenger hunt in your yard for treats
Wipe off packaged treats with disinfectant
Use hand sanitizer before and after event

Wear your face mask

Indoor Activities:

Invite friends to a "virtual" costume party
Stock up on fun movies for Spooky Movie Night
Dress up as your favorite character in a movie

Observe 6-ft distancing

Halloween Cooking Show:

Record baking with the kids on a pretend show
Let them measure and stir and learn for fun

Protect from oven burns

Most Important:

Have fun!



STREET SWEEPER purchase is saving the City nearly \$3,500 per month in contractor fees. Searching for and obtaining the used machine has enabled the crew to sweep their own streets, and will also be used for clean-up of chip truck spills and storm debris. A general sweeping schedule by street will be on the City website.

NW SPRUCE STREET asphalt overlay project will greatly increase accessibility, while improving surface conditions and the drainage along the right-of-way. Utilities located under the paved surface have been addressed, and a new water main line and services are currently being installed. While this will not change the water pressure for homeowners, the need to cut into a brand new street for repairs/ leaks is greatly reduced. There will be some driving and noise inconveniences, but not for too long, as the project should be completed by mid-November.

NE ARCADIA DRIVE overlay begins Oct.16, providing newer blacktop from the intersection of Arcadia and NE Skyline Drive to NE Burgess Road. This area is a school bus route during a normal year.

FIRE PROTECTION for NE 5th and NE Alder features a water mainline upgrade from an older 4" mainline to a 6" mainline, feeding badly-needed fire hydrants in that area. It will increase the water pressure in the area slightly, as well. This is a less-traveled street, which will be closed for construction. Completion is set for the end of the year.

PARKING LOT is also being paved on the north side of the Fire Department, for the parking of personal vehicles and light equipment, as well as an additional outside area for training exercises.



HOW TO DECREASE YOUR WATER BILL:

- Fix leaks immediately.
- Run washing machine or dishwasher with a full load.
- Use a low-flow shower head & faucet aerators.
- Install a conversion kit on

your existing toilet, or choose a dual flush or low-flow when you need a replacement.
-A "running" toilet will increase your water bill.

"Help To Others: H-2-O" ***Water Bill Assistance Program***

City of Toledo is accepting donations to the H-2-O (Help To Others) program to provide support to individuals and families in need of help with their water payments. A once-a-year payment of \$100 is allowed.

Your donation is voluntary and will be used to help those who are experiencing financial difficulties. All funds collected from donations will be turned over to Community Services Consortium, which will administer the program on the City's behalf.

Funding will be rendered to those customers who have made a good faith effort to pay, but due to financial hardship are unable to pay their total bills. The program is designed to help make up the difference between what they can pay and what they owe.

Donations can be made in a number of ways:

- Customer can write a donation amount on the billing return slip when making a monthly payment;
- One-time donations can be made at City Hall; or
- Customer can complete a form at City Hall requesting to be billed monthly for a donation. The amount will then be included with the regular bill. Donation amount can be changed or stopped at any time by written request to the Utility Billing Office.

Applications can be made this way:

Residents wishing to apply for the program may receive a once-yearly amount of \$100 paid on their City account. Please call Community Services Consortium Help Desk 888-851-0242 and leave a message (not answered by live person). State that you are calling about the Toledo Water Assistance Program. Julie Foust, Eligibility Specialist, will return your call.

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Council meets at 6pm, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month; work sessions at 6pm on 4th Wednesday of the month

Visit www.cityoftoledo.org to sign up for email under “Contact Us”.

“Agendas & Minutes” provide you with Council topics and schedules.

WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN HELPING TO SHAPE YOUR OWN COMMUNITY?

Budget Committee has three terms expiring at the end of this calendar year.

Go to: <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/bc/page/budget-committee>

Planning Commission has one vacancy and one term expiring at the end of the year.

Go to: <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/bc-pc>