



TOLEDO City News

FROM MAYOR ROD CROSS

February is known to be the “Month of Love”. Poets, philosophers and theologians talk about three kinds of love: Eros (physical), Phileo (brotherly), and Agape (sacrificial). I am going to use this occasion to talk about Phileo, as it relates to our wonderful City of Toledo.

I remember when we were visiting here in the mid-90s with our months-old firstborn, just how much Toledo reminded me of where I grew up. Friendly, blue-collar, give-you-the-shirt-off-their-backs kind of people. My wife and I both grew up in and around small towns, and we had each experienced life in the Big City. We wanted our budding family to feel that same “hometown” vibe that we experienced as youngsters.

Now, 27 years later, my love for Toledo has continued to grow. The way we have pulled together in times of gloom, doom and uncertainty has been a hallmark of our ongoing love affair with this town. During the recession of 2008-12, the Covid pandemic, and now the supply shortages and inflation that have followed, we have continued to come together. We have overcome these obstacles without the vitriol and crassness we have seen around the state.

We have accomplished things that many other cities have not done in the past few years: projects completed! People served! New technologies! We continue to get up every morning and get the job done, AND treat people the way we want to be treated.

Phileo is “brotherly love” (think PHILadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love). Like the love in close friendships, it is a generous affection that prompts one to do things that will benefit another person, with no expectation of anything in return.

People are not perfect. But here in Toledo, we try every day to be good neighbors and friends, not just to those we know, but also to strangers – the visitors who come on purpose, and those just passing through.

I hope and pray we never change, because this is the heart of the city I call home: Toledo. GO BOOMERS!

Council seat and budget committee seats open for application now

City of Toledo has one Council seat open and two seats on the Budget Committee open. These represent an opportunity for residents of the city to serve their community by volunteering their time and experience to work together towards City goals. There is an immediate need to fill all three seats, not just to round out the required number of Council members, but budget season is right around the corner for the City. The budget must be created, reviewed and approved before the end of June.

City Council: The governing body that oversees the City’s rules, the Council is comprised of six Council members and the Mayor. The Council meets two to three times a month (1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday) to consider city business. Each term is four years and there is currently one vacancy, which will expire in January 2025.

Budget Committee: An advisory committee to the City Council, which includes the Council. It is comprised of an equal number of citizens and City Council members. The Committee typically meets annually in the spring in April and May to review the City’s budget and make a recommendation to the City Council. Members of the committee must reside within the City limits and be qualified electors. Each term is for three years.

Citizen volunteers play an important role in city government by serving on boards, commissions and other committees. Visit the website at <https://www.cityoftoledo.org/bc> to apply. You may contact the City Recorder for more information at 541-336-2247, extension 2060.

FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR BILL ZUSPAN

Winter maintenance on the City's drainage system has been completed, in an effort to keep large puddles/lakes from forming on roadways. In the past, this has proved to be a great help. HOWEVER, when we have King tides occur with large amounts of rain, the intersection at East Slope Park WILL flood. Nature is untamable.

Public Works crews are working diligently to keep our town looking nice and attractive for all of our out-of-town guests & residents. REMINDER... Residents are responsible for maintaining drainage in front of their home, including driveway culverts, and NO storm water may be diverted into the sewer system.

We strongly encourage all residents to be aware and prepare for possible winter emergencies such as power outages. Those have already occurred and are always a threat with these big storms.

While crew members work hard to keep streets clear and clean, there are times when residents just need to avoid driving at all. Ice buildup is unavoidable and combined with steep hills, is very dangerous even with tire chains and 4-wheel-drive vehicle. Our goal is to keep the roads clear and drivable, but our employee safety is always a consideration.

FROM POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL PACE

February is National Haiku Month.
Here are a few creative haikus by
Law Enforcement, for your enjoyment.:

*A tree crossed the road
and fell to the other side.
Then a car hit it.*



*An unknown driver.
A long row of mailboxes.
A twitch of the wheel.*



*Gunshot? Transformer?
Hard to say, in a town where
things explode hourly.*



*A car struck a bear.
They say 'no injuries,' but
no one asked the bear.*



*Was it news to him
that the cheap iPad he'd bought
from "some guy" was hot?*



**HAIKU DEFINITION: A three-line,
17-syllable, non-rhyming poem.**

H-2-O: "HELP TO OTHERS"

City of Toledo asks for donations to help support residents in need of assistance with water bill payments. Your donation is voluntary and will assist those who have made a good faith effort to pay their bill. Please call City Hall at **541-336-2247** for more info.

How is my sewer charge calculated?

Your sewer charge is calculated each year in May, based on an average of the treated City water you are billed for during the months of January through April. This calculation method is referred to as a "Winter Average" and is used for non-industrial users of the City's sewer system.

This charge remains in effect for the remaining months of the year until the average is calculated again. If there is no history for an account, the monthly average will be established by the City Manager, based on the history of similar users (typically by number of people in the household). City staff are available to discuss the Winter Average calculation with you, so please call City Hall if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. An example is provided below to clarify the process.

Example of Winter Average Calculation	
January Water Consumption Billed	4000
February Water Consumption Billed	3000
March Water Consumption Billed	5000
April Water Consumption Billed	3000
Total Water Consumption (4 months)	15000
Average Used for Sewer Charge Calculation	3750

Planning Commission Report For Fourth Quarter 2022

There have been monthly work sessions to update chapters in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Once all of the chapters are completed, there will be a meeting set to receive input from the public.

A grant was received to make improvements to Arcadia Park. Work will begin in summer 2023.

A report to the Planning Commission from ECONorthwest was presented, showing the results of the Housing Capacity Analysis. Interestingly enough, the city of Toledo is very constrained when it comes to building sites. There are only 42 acres of possibly-buildable land within the city limits.

There were a number of public hearings during the fall and early winter that were presented. Lots of activity beginning to happen around Toledo.



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ART Toledo is looking for
Volunteers

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Phantom Galleries

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meetings are held twice a month.

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TO
OTHERS



♥ Operation Valentine ♥

Special Delivery Project

Want to help make Valentine's Day extra special for some senior citizens in Toledo?

You are invited to stop by the library on Saturday, February 11th and create a hand-made Valentine that will be shared with a Toledo community Meals-On-Wheels client.

All valentines will be delivered to our Meals-On-Wheels homebound seniors.



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CITY OF TOLEDO IS HIRING - See details on our website at www.cityoftoledo.org/jobs

Toledo Council and City Hall Contact Information

Toledo Council meetings are held the first, third and fourth Wednesday at 6 pm, in-person at City Hall council chambers, 206 N. Main St., and available via Zoom. Mayor and Council members may be reached at these email addresses:

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