

# THE FAIRPORT BEACON

Spring/Summer 2023

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## Historic Moments

by Mayor Timothy S. Manross

There are times in history that stand out and we don't realize we are in the midst of it when it is occurring. We find ourselves in this very time. We are starting construction on our new Pre-K to 12 School campus this summer! It is a wonderful commitment we have made to future generations, not just our current generation, to invest in our shared future!

We also find ourselves purchasing bulk water from the City of Painesville. This was a needed and wise decision as maintaining our current Water Plant was not sustainable. We should be able to start receiving water once the vault improvements are completed in late June. Demolition of the Water plant will follow soon after we fully transition. We continue to pursue additional funding for this project. To date we have received the Ohio EPA Principal Forgiveness Award in the amount of \$2,210,000 at 0% interest.

Continuing the streetscape project that was completed last year from Fourth Street to Third Street on High looks great! We will be using CDBG funding for the section of Third to Eagle to keep focus on our downtown revitalization efforts! Additional CDBG and other sources are completing sanitary and stormwater improvements that includes a full pavement replacement on Chestnut Street. This is a great example of getting outside funding sources to improve the quality of life for our residents and improving resale value of our homes. The total cost of the Chestnut Street endeavor is estimated at \$825,000. In October, Village Council approved a resolution to seek a \$350,000 grant and \$50,000 loan for the project from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Aside from the OPWC money, the funding package for the project also consists of \$425,000 in local revenue. The Lake County Utilities Department and Lake County Stormwater Management Department are contributing a combined \$263,500, while Fairport Harbor is accountable for \$161,500, which is being funded through a Community Development Block Grant. Development along the Lake Shore is a continued focus. ODNR has reinforced their commitment to this project - making Fairport Harbor and the Transient Marina their number one community project. In addition, Lake Development Authority received a Boating Infrastructure Grant for \$1.1 million for the marina project that we have been planning. This phase of the plan is to get the breakwater designed and installed.

Finally, I would like to thank Dale Leathers for his many years of service to our Village working in our Service Department and wish him well in his well-deserved retirement.

I'll see you around town,  
Tim

## Beach Stickers for 2023 are Now Available at Village Hall



Fairport Harbor Transient Marina

## Fairport Harbor Transient Marina

The Village of Fairport Harbor, with the support of the Lake County Commissioners and the Lake Development Authority, are working on the construction of a full-service transient marina at the site of Fairport Harbor Port Authority's boat ramps and nearby properties at the north end of Water Street. The marina will be tailored to attract boaters from outside of Lake County for stays typically ranging from a day to two weeks and not compete with local marinas in the county that serve long-term tenants. This project is intended to encourage boaters to dock their water crafts and venture into Fairport Harbor's downtown area helping to bolster the economy.

MSA Professional Services, a consulting firm specializing in areas such as architecture, engineering and planning, has been contracted to perform a variety of duties in preparation for marina construction. MSA has completed the following assignments to date: survey and bathymetry work, soil borings and a local wave study as well as initial breakwater sizing and armor stone design. The Lake Development Authority is managing the development process and securing funding for all stages of the project. Estimated cost of the overall project is \$14 million. Proposed features of the site are expected to include the following: • Between 50 and 80 new slips to accommodate various sizes of boats. • New breakwater to better protect the harbor from wave and ice action. • A dock for Ohio Department of Natural Resources research vessels and some of the department's smaller boats. • An area for "pop-up" stores to sell food, drinks and other items. • Amenities such as a restroom/shower building, fish-cleaning station and fuel-dock. • Additional improvements include expanded vehicle and trailer parking.

Fairport Harbor is unique in having both a lakefront and a riverfront, a historic downtown storefront district, and a beach which attracts over 300,000 visitors per year. In addition, Lake Metroparks is working to construct a 2.5 mile lakefront trail from Painesville Township to Fairport Harbor. Together, these projects will transform the lakefront into a destination that will drive economic energy for all of Lake County and throughout Northeast Ohio.



# Administrator's Report

by Amy Cossick

The Village of Fairport Harbor has a busy spring and summer scheduled as we move forward with some major economic development projects.

Highlights include:

• **Third Street Streetscape Project:** This project will take place on Third Street from High Street to Eagle Street and will include: new sidewalks – new and additional streetlights and ADA accessible curb ramps at crosswalks. The Village will provide \$55,000 toward the project from our Streetlight Fund. The total cost of the project is \$300,000. Funding provided by CDBG.

• **Transient Marina:** The Village, Lake County Commissioners, Lake Development Authority and our project consultant MSA Professional Services continue to pursue grants to construct the transient marina.

The transient marina would be tailored to attract boaters from outside of Lake County for stays typically ranging from a day to two weeks and not compete with local marinas that serve long-term tenants. However, the project also includes upgrades that would appeal to local boaters or owners of smaller personal watercraft. It will be built on a site consisting of the Fairport Harbor Port Authority's boat launch and some adjacent land at the northern end of Water Street.

The Village did receive notice that we were awarded a Boating Infrastructure Grant in the amount of \$1.1 million. The grant dollars which are awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announced more than \$20 million in grant funding to assist

states and territories in the construction, renovation and maintenance of marinas and other boating facilities for outdoor recreation. We are so fortunate to receive these funds for our marina project.

In addition, Lake Development Authority has submitted an application, on behalf of the village, for a RAISE grant in the amount of \$5 million. This funding would support the construction of a new breakwater for the transient marina. RAISE stands for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity.

• **Water vault interconnection with the City of Painesville:** Fairport Harbor has secured a contractor to install two new pressure-regulating valves and a master meter, for billing purposes, inside an existing valve vault on Richmond Street. Completing this work is a key part of the village's plan to purchase bulk water from the City of Painesville.

The water vault is situated in Painesville, just southeast of the Route 535 bridge and close to the city's border with Fairport Harbor. Improvements to the vault are being made to ensure the safe distribution

of drinkable water to the village. Our estimated completion of the water vault is June 23, 2023.

In September, the Village entered into a 20-year agreement to purchase bulk water that is treated and supplied by Painesville. Fairport Harbor Village Council and Painesville City Council each took formal action to approve the contract, which can be extended in 20-year increments.

Once the water vault improvement project is completed, the Village can take additional steps toward purchasing bulk water from the City of Painesville. After Painesville officially begins supplying water to Fairport Harbor, we will take steps to shut down the water plant, which is more than 90 years old.

While we are busy with many economic development and infrastructure projects, we are also looking forward to a summer filled with fun events. A list of activities from, Memorial Day through Labor Day is included in this newsletter! Hope everyone has a great summer!

Visit [www.fairportharbor.org](http://www.fairportharbor.org) for more details on Public Art Installation.



Public Art Installation - Memorial Park

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



The police department launched several community-oriented programs to help develop closer ties with residents. These programs include school security, extra community patrols and more police presence in the neighborhoods.

Community engagement projects include:

- Conducting more than 300 school-related details, including security, lunchroom intervention presence, hallway patrols and after-school activities.
- Providing security for many community events, including Fairport Mardi Gras and Village Fest.
- Conducting more than 250 business checks.

In addition, the department's Auxiliary Police Unit regularly made personal visits to senior citizens who signed up for the Senior Welfare Check Program.

New additions to police department operations include:

- Promoting Patrol Officer Kyleigh O'Brien to become the department's first-ever Detective.
- Obtaining two 2021 Chevy Tahoe SUVs to serve as front-line police vehicles.
- Initiating a new records management system with computerized access to law enforcement databases from inside village police vehicles.



# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Spring Hydrant Flushing

Spring hydrant flushing is underway. The Fire Department will be out during day time hours checking to make sure the hydrants are operating properly. If you experience discolored water, please run your cold water until it clears up. This process should be completed in approximately a month. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the fire station. (440) 352-6922.

## Smoke Alarm and Lock Box Program

The Fire Department has a residential smoke alarm and lock box program for our residents which is funded by aluminum can recycling, which allows us to provide these items at no cost. Please contact Village Hall

at 440-352-3620 if you are interested in learning more.

## Training

- Last year alone the department completed 1,654 hours of training.
- One member completed Fire Officer 2.
- One member completed child safety seat tech class.
- Three members completed Fire Investigation one and or two, also one member of FHPD.
- Two members completed Paramedic schooling.



- Advanced Cardiac Life Support renewal.
- Autistic patients training.
- Left Ventricular Assist Device hands on training.



**VFW 7754  
FAIRPORT HARBOR  
COMMUNITY  
MEMORIAL DAY EVENT  
AND BIKE PARADE  
MONDAY, MAY 29th**



**Decorate your  
bicycle or golf cart  
for  
Memorial Day  
MEET AT PARK 9 AM**

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME!**  
Please join us at  
the VFW after the  
ceremonies for  
Refreshments.



Children should be  
accompanied by an adult.  
Golf carts must be street  
legal and properly  
registered.

Call 440-352-1123 for more  
information and follow us on  
Facebook.

## ZONING PERMITS

A zoning permit is required for any construction or structural alteration of any building or structure including, but not limited to, dwellings, commercial/industrial/institutional buildings, accessory buildings, decks, fences, signs, gazebos, pavilions, or any other yard structure specified in the Zoning Resolution. Zoning permits are also required for change of use/occupancy. Additional information regarding zoning permits can be found on-line at [www.fairportharbor.org](http://www.fairportharbor.org).

## Village Directory

### Fairport Harbor Village Hall Council

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### Mayor

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### Village Administrator

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### Fiscal Officer

Christine Page (440) 352-3620

### Village Council Meetings

Please note that Village Council meetings will be held once a month, in person at the Fairport Harbor Senior Center. We will keep you posted on the Village website.

## Lake County Department of Utilities - 2023 Collection Calendar

Appliances, Electronics, Monitors, TVs, & Tires Unloaded by Resident Collection Season: Now until December 31, 2023

Lake County Landfill & Recycling Center 2039 Blase Nemeth Rd. Painesville Twp.

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Hazardous Waste Event Dates Unloaded by Collection Team June 10 and September 23

Lake County Fairgrounds 1301 Mentor Ave., Painesville Twp., enter via Mentor Ave. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Lake County Board of Commissioners,  
Solid Waste District, and the Department of Utilities. For specific questions call  
(440) 350-2645 or (440) 350-5766.



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## Upcoming Events



Please note: Additional details on all of these events can be found at:  
[fairportharbor.org](http://fairportharbor.org)

**-Public Art Installation-Memorial Park:** May 19 - May 30

**-Just Run Lake County:** May 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**-Memorial Day:** May 29 - 8:30 a.m. Pier – 9:00 a.m. Memorial Park – 9:30 a.m. Zion Cemetery

**-Community Yard Sale:** June 10 -9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**-Great Outdoor Bike Adventure:** June 20 - Memorial Park - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**-Fairport Harbor Tourism Council: Garden Stroll:** June 25 - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**-Fairport Harbor Mardi Gras:** June 29 - July 2 (The parade is June 29 and the fireworks display is July 2.)

**-Live at the Lighthouse - Concert on the Hill:** July 8 - 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
Reggae in the Harbor.

**-Live at the Lighthouse - Concert on the Hill - August 5 - 3:00 to 10:00 p.m.**  
Jerry Garcia's Birthday Celebration.

**-Village Fest:** August 12, Noon to 5:00 p.m.

**-Harbor Hogs and Hot Rods:** September 9 - 11:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Friday Night Lights.** 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. Enjoy an after-hours museum visit & sunset tower climb. June 2 - June 23; July 14 - August 25; September 22

**-Village Walking Tour & LH Visit:** Sunday, August 6 - 4:30-6:00 p.m.

**-Fairport Harbor Civic Club - Community Day:** September 17 - Noon to 5:00 p.m.