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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By: **Richard H. Carr**, Maumee Mayor

Mayor Carr Lays Out Options For Future City Water Supply

To the Editor:

The city of Maumee has a contract with the city of Toledo for the purchase of water that extends through 2026. This agreement currently results in our residents paying the lowest cost for water of any community in Northwest Ohio other than Toledo residents. Based upon what other communities are paying for water, when our contract expires, our residents will likely see their water bills triple at the very least. The time it would take for Maumee to become part of a new system with new water lines installed is such that Maumee must decide now the direction we will take when our existing contract expires.

For many years, water, which with Lake Erie is one of our region's greatest assets, has been subject to politics, monopolies and contracts resulting in ridiculous purchase costs for individuals and business owners.

The city of Toledo is in a position where they are mandated by the Ohio EPA to address safety issues and redundancy (to prevent a water crisis like we woke up to in 2014). That cost will exceed \$500 million, and appears to be \$600 million. There are nine suburban contract customers, which include Maumee, and if we remain customers of the city of Toledo without a change in existing structure of ownership of the Collins Park water plant, our residents will be paying a share of these \$600 million improvements at a ratio disproportionate to Toledo residents. And, after the \$600 million has been paid, we still would have no ownership interest and no control whatsoever over how much our residents are paying for water.

Over the past two years, I have attended many, many meetings on this issue. There is an urgency to our situation even though 2026 sounds a long time away. I have worked with all of the other suburban mayors toward the goal of a regional water system that provides governance and an ownership of the Collins Park treatment plant for suburban communities. A regional water system that is fair and provides suburban communities, which would be paying for over 50 percent of the \$600 million mandated repairs and upgrades, with an ownership interest is ultimately best for our entire region.

However, the city of Toledo is not currently agreeable to any real governance or ownership participation for suburban communities. In fact, its last proposals were that we pay for our share of the \$600 million in mandated repairs and in

exchange we can have a board that makes recommendations to Toledo City Council or that a regional board be established with appointments to the board initially made by the city of Toledo and the Lucas County Commissioners. Those offers were not only wholly unacceptable; they were, in my opinion, insulting.

Over the last year, I have had several meetings with various representatives of entities in Wood County to determine if Maumee could purchase water from Bowling Green. The city of Perrysburg has been an active participant in those discussions and we are working together. The city of Waterville began to purchase its water from Bowling Green this year.

Maumee is not acting as a "renegade." Sylvania is seriously exploring its own new system (the cost of extending lines all the way to Maumee from Sylvania is too expensive for us to consider this alternative), and Oregon has its own water plant.

All participating communities were asked to approve a resolution supporting a regional water system. I requested, and the Toledo Metropolitan Council of Government regional water committee unanimously approved, that the resolution provide that all participating communities have a "meaningful voice in the governance" in such a system. Every participating community, except Toledo, approved the resolution with that language. Toledo's City Council deleted the word "meaningful." In other words, I take it that Toledo will listen to what such a governing board has to say, but ultimately they want us to pay our share of the \$600 million in repairs and they will continue to do what they want to do. That is not acceptable.

Water prices are going to increase. Perrysburg has already approved annual 8-percent increases for its residents. How much water rates increase will ultimately be determined by how we proceed. A study is currently being completed that will provide us with information needed to understand the costs and logistics of connecting to Bowling Green water, if that option is provided to Maumee.

What I can assure our residents and businesses is that we are working tirelessly to protect your interests. We will do what is right for our residents and those who own businesses in our community. We cannot and will not find Maumee under the continued Toledo water monopoly when our contract expires in 2026.

Richard H. Carr
Maumee Mayor

City Takes Pride In Tree Program

Street trees are important in Maumee. We have well over 10,000 in the city. Not only do trees help beautify the city, but they are also responsible for helping to clean the air that we breathe. The City of Maumee is proud of its many and varied street trees and its multi-year status as a Tree City USA through The National Arbor Day Foundation and hopes that you appreciate the trees also.

The Department of Public Service is responsible for all trees in the public right of way. Typically the right of way extends from approximately 1 foot in back of the sidewalk across the street to 1 foot in back of the sidewalk on the other side of the street. However, in some areas of Maumee, that measurement is significantly different. If there are no sidewalks it can also be difficult for the homeowner to figure out. If you have any question as to whether a tree is yours or belongs to the city,

please call the Natural Resources Division at (419) 897-7170 and we will be happy to help you.

The city reserves the right and the responsibility to care for all the trees in the right of way. We spray and trim the trees as needed. If you believe your street tree needs attention, please call instead of attempting the work yourself.

We annually plant several hundred street trees to replace trees taken down and also to fill in areas where street trees are missing. If you are lucky enough to receive a street tree, please take good care of it. Do not damage the base of the tree with your lawn mower or weed whacker, and please water the tree when you water the lawn.

Whether we are replanting a large evergreen or planting one small tree as part of an Arbor Day celebration at a local school, every tree is important; please help us to take care of them.



Think Fire Safety This Spring

Spring Into Fire Safety

Smoke Detectors

- Smoke detectors must be working to save lives. Families should test alarms monthly, replace batteries twice a year and replace the smoke detectors every 10 years.
- If you rent an apartment or home, your landlord must provide working smoke detectors. Contact your landlord immediately if you do not have any.
- If do not have smoke detectors, or need help installing one, contact the Maumee Fire Division, as we can help.
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Home Safety

- Clear leaves, debris and other yard waste from around the home, garage and sheds.
- Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, tools and vehicles should only be stored in approved containers.
- Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires, and have them repaired by a qualified professional.
- Air conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked.
- Barbeque gas grills, including gas hoses, gas grill lines and propane tanks, should be inspected prior to use.
- Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Keep any combustible material 3 feet away from hot water tanks, clothes dryers and vents and any heating equipment.
- Remove any lint buildup from clothes dryers.
- Take stacks of newspapers and magazines to recycling centers.
- Get rid of oily rags and cloths used to wipe up fuel spills.
- Clean up work areas by putting away dangerous tools, adhesives, matches and other items that should not be accessible to children.

Severe Weather Safety

Be Informed – Have a weather radio and sign up for severe weather text alerts.

Make a Plan – Have a family communications plan. Keep family contacts up to date.

Build a Kit – Have enough food, water and supplies for at least 72 hours after a disaster.

Know the difference between a watch and a warning. A watch means weather conditions are possible for severe weather or tornadoes, and a warning means severe weather or a tornado is coming and you need to take shelter immediately. For more information on disaster preparedness, visit www.ready.gov.

Need more info? Visit the fire station at 220 Illinois Ave., the website at www.maumee.org/city_departments/division_of_fire/fire_prevention.php or call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (419) 897-7052.

Safety City 2017

The Maumee Police Division is holding its 38th annual Safety City program on June 12-23. The two-week event will be held at Wayne Trail Elementary School, 1147 Seventh St., Maumee, with an option of a morning class from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. or an afternoon class from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The main focus is to teach preschoolers who will be starting kindergarten in the fall many different aspects of safety. The children will learn about safety on the roads, bus safety (including a bus ride), water safety, animal safety and fire safety, along with many other fun activities. The cost is \$30.00 for Maumee residents or children who attend Maumee schools. The non-resident fee is \$40.00 and is dependent upon program openings. We hope you can join us for this worthwhile and enjoyable program!

Division Of Building And Zoning Inspection Provides Information

Spring and summer are the busiest seasons for the Building and Zoning Office, including property maintenance violations in the City of Maumee. While there are some major violations and nuisances that we are working to get corrected, a majority of the violations we find are less serious and easily corrected. Many times, property owners are not aware of the code requirements until they receive the violation notice from our office.

Take a survey of your property. Peeling paint, broken windows, damaged roofing materials? Tall grass, weeds and debris? Please maintain your property, as you only get one chance to make that first impression. The most common violations are:

Recreational Vehicles in the Front Yard: Recreational vehicles include boats, jet skis, campers, trailers, ATVs and other similar types of equipment. You can park or store your RV on your property as long as it is further from the street than the front of your house or your neighbor's house, whichever has

the greater set-back.

Parking in the Front Yard: Vehicles may not be parked in the grass or yard areas closer to the street than the front of your house.

Temporary Pools Without a Permit: All pools with a surface area greater than 100 square feet or containing water over 18 inches deep require a permit and must meet all additional code requirements for location, fencing and electrical connection. This includes the

popular temporary-style pools that are designed to be taken down over the winter. After obtaining a permit for a temporary pool, you are not required to get a new permit each year as long as the pool is put up in the same location.

Painting: The Property Maintenance Code requires that all peeling, flaking and chipped paint be eliminated and the surface repainted.

General Maintenance: Keep the grass cut. Remove

weeds, brush piles, animal feces and all debris from your property. Place all debris in secured waste receptacles and properly dispose of waste. Please refrain from feeding birds and squirrels as this may invite unwanted rodents into your neighborhood.

Please check with the Building and Zoning Department prior to starting any home and/or business improvement. Material and labor costs are expensive and the possibility of corrective

action after the work has commenced is not a cost-effective way to improve your property. Also beware of contractors requesting and/or requiring the property owner to obtain the permits. Chances are these contractors are not registered to perform work in Maumee and may be out to misrepresent themselves and take advantage of the owner financially. Required permits are the least expense of an improvement project. If utilizing a contrac-

tor, require a copy of the permit and receipt prior to work commencing and/or any type of payment.

Please visit www.maumee.org for all requirements and permit applications, including garage sale permits. Applications may be filed electronically or at the Inspection Counter.

The Building and Zoning Department can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (419) 897-7075.

What You Need To Know About Utility Billing Procedures

YOU MAY USE YOUR CREDIT CARD TO PAY YOUR BILL. The City of Maumee accepts credit cards at the counter. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

If you wish to pay your bill online, please visit www.maumee.org, then go to: Residential Services – payments and bills – utility connect. To sign up, fill in the required information in all **CAPITAL LETTERS**. Use the * in your account number. No dots or dashes please.

There are no added fees to pay your bill on our website.

OUR NIGHT-DROP IS LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT THE E. DUDLEY ST. ENTRANCE. You may use this brown box to pay your water/sewer bills after hours.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATED BILL PAYMENT. Make it convenient to pay your water/sewer bill. Autopay is now available. Pick up an application or call (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127 to request one by mail.

Applications are also available at all local banks. Just fill out the application and mail it in. It takes about six weeks for processing. Look for the Direct Payment application.

SHUT-OFF PROCEDURES have changed beginning October 2015. Door hangers will no longer be attached to your door if you are two bills behind. We are now using an automated telephone system to alert you of a turn-off date. A pre-recorded message will supply you with the amount due and instructions for payment. You could have up to an extra \$150.00 charge to get your water turned back on.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER!

MUELLER SYSTEM has set up a Consumer Portal. With just a small amount of information, you yourself can check for leaks and you can see your water

usage and compare annual water consumption. Please go to our website at www.maumee.org, then go to Residential Services, find the Utility tab, then click on the consumer portal. Please fill out the information, and within 48 hours you will receive instructions via e-mail on how to access the portal.

FINAL READINGS. When you move or sell your property, a final reading is required to remove your name from the account. Call (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127 to schedule a final reading. We do not need access to your home to do this. Also, please make sure that a proper forwarding address is reported.

SWIMMING POOLS AND IRRIGATION.

Sewer charges are based on water usage. If you have a meter installed to record the water used for irrigation or a swimming pool, that usage will be excluded from sewer charges. In lieu of metered usage, the city allows a once-a-year pool credit for filling or topping off a pool. In order to qualify for a pool credit, you must read the meter inside your home before you start your pool fill and after the pool fill is completed. Then call in your readings. There will be no exceptions. If you call with no meter readings, you will not get your pool fill credit. Please call those readings into the Utility Billing Office at (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127. Do not read the outside remote, as that is now obsolete.

CITY OF MAUMEE CONTACT DIRECTORY

City Hall
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7115

Maumee Police Station
109 E. Dudley Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7040

Maumee Fire Station #1
220 Illinois Avenue
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7057

Service Department
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7150

Building & Zoning
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7075

Maumee Municipal Court
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7140

(Court hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

The Municipal Building is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Each City department/division can be dialed or e-mailed directly.

Below is a listing of the various departments/divisions.

Department	Phone Number	E-mail Address
All emergencies	911	
Accounts Payable	419-897-7110	
Administrator	419-897-7100	jezak-john@maumee.org
Animal Control Officer	419-897-7045	streichert-ken@maumee.org
Assessments	419-897-7112	
Building Permits/Inspections	419-897-7075	inspection@maumee.org
City Attorney	419-897-7070	lawdirector@maumee.org
Chamber of Commerce	419-893-5805	
Civil Service Commission	419-897-7116	
Contractor Licenses	419-897-7075	inspection@maumee.org
City Council	419-897-7115	council@maumee.org
Crime Prevention	419-897-7026	crimeprevention@maumee.org
D.A.R.E.	419-897-7027	dare@maumee.org
Economic Development	419-897-7100	jezak-john@maumee.org
Finance	419-897-7115	clerk@maumee.org
Fire Division/Non-emergency	419-897-7057	banas-laura@maumee.org
Fire Prevention	419-897-7052	dusseau-jim@maumee.org
Human Resources	419-897-7116	hr@maumee.org
Income Tax	419-897-7120	tax@maumee.org
Judge – Municipal Court	419-897-7140	
Leaf Pickup	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Maumee Indoor Theater	419-897-8902	(Sam Johnson, Manager)
Maumee Senior Center	419-893-1994	mruble@maumeeseniorecenter.com
Mayor	419-897-7100	mayor@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Civil	419-897-7145	civil@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Probation	419-897-7097	probation@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Traffic/Criminal	419-897-7136	court@maumee.org
Natural Resources	419-897-7170	naturalresources@maumee.org
Nuisance Complaints (Trash, etc.)	419-897-7075	inspection@maumee.org
(Weeds, grass, etc.)	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Planning Commission	419-897-7075	clerk@maumee.org
Police Division – Non-Emergency	419-897-7040	police@maumee.org
Police Detectives	419-897-8911	detective@maumee.org
Probation Department	419-897-7147	
Prosecutor's Office	419-897-7085	fox-mary@maumee.org
Refuse/Recycling	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Riverside Cemetery	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Rolf Park Pool (summer only)	419-887-1864	cityservices@maumee.org
Rolf Park Fields (summer only)	419-897-7172	bzattau@bex.net
Safety Director	419-897-7100	jezak-john@maumee.org
Service Department (Streets, sidewalks, snow removal)	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Victims Advocate	419-897-7152	
Water/Sewer Billing	419-897-7125	utilitybilling@maumee.org
Zoning Office	419-897-7075	inspection@maumee.org

Storm Damage Collection Tips

Collection of storm damage (branches) is at the discretion of the director of Public Service.

After a moderate storm:

- Crews will pick up storm damage from city trees only within two (2) days.

- Disposal options for residents after a moderate storm include:

- Ohio Compost.
- Republic Yard Waste Bags.
- Hire a private tree maintenance company.

After a strong storm:

- Crews will attempt to take debris from city and residents' trees.

- Address must be called in to Natural Resources at (419) 897-7170.

- Debris must be at curb within seven (7) days after the storm.

- Debris must be no more than 12 feet in length.

Sidewalk Repairs

Sidewalk installation and repair in the City of Maumee is the responsibility of the property owner.

Lucas County Recycling Tips

Plastic bags, although recyclable at many local grocery stores or retail outlets, should not be included in the drop-off or curbside streams. A bigger issue is actually having recyclables placed in the bins in plastic bags. These bags can literally tie up the machinery used to sort the recyclables. Therefore, processors are required to pull the unopened bags from the stream and label them as trash. The key message here is to ask residents to place all recyclable items into their bins loose, not bagged.

For a complete list of recycling options, residents can go to the district or Keep Toledo/Lucas County Beautiful Inc.'s (KT/LCB) website (www.ktlcb.org) and search the Recycler's List for places to take materials that are not accepted at drop-offs or in curbside recycling programs.



FREE for Maumee Residents.
Proof of residency required.
Not for commercial use.

10839 Sager Road (State Route 20A)
419-897-7807
www.OhioCompost.com

Hours of Operation April thru November
Monday thru Friday 8:00 to 6:00
Saturday and Sunday 9:00 to 5:00

Material that can be dropped off:
Branches, Leaves, Grass Clippings, Limbs, Trunks, Stumps, Compost, Vegetative Material

From Maumee: Take State Route 20A (Illinois Avenue) West out of Maumee. Go approximately 8 miles to main entrance. Turn left (South) into the main entrance.

Fertilize Your Lawn If You Must, But Don't Fertilize The Water

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and the Stormwater Coalition remind people that fertilizer should be applied to lawns sparingly and carefully. And it should stay on your lawn and not get into the storm sewer system, where it affects our streams and lakes.

A little care will save you money and will also protect streams and lakes.

First, use only as much fertilizer as you need. A simple soil test will tell you if you need to add nutrients. If you do want to fertilize, use a no- or low-phosphorus fertilizer, and select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water-insoluble.

Then, don't let your fertilizer wash away into the

storm sewers, where it will end up in streams and lakes. If we get a rain right after you fertilize, you'll watch your investment flow right to the storm sewers, and fertilizer does not belong in the water supply. Do use a broom to sweep excess or spilled fertilizer off the sidewalks and back onto your lawn; don't use a hose that will wash fertilizer into the street and then into sewers.

Excess amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus can cause blooms of algae in our lakes and streams. Some algae is natural and is part of the food chain, but overgrowth of algae forms mats of goo that clog water inlets and block sunlight to the water.

As algae decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish,



frogs and other wildlife need. There are ways to keep a lawn green and healthy that are 100-percent free and ecologically sound. When you mow, leave the grass at least 3 inches tall, and leave the clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings will quickly break down and enrich the soil. You can also make your own organic fertilizer in a home compost bin. Kitchen waste like vegetable peels and eggshells, combined with leaves and grass clippings, will create rich compost that will keep a lawn or garden healthy and growing.

Information provided by the Stormwater Coalition, a committee of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG).

City Of Maumee Offers Various Yard Waste Disposal Options

Yard waste is not included in the regular refuse collection. Yard waste may be handled by residents through home composting, through the yard waste collection service provided by Republic Services or through utilizing the available yard waste drop-off facilities.

Yard Waste Collection Service

Republic Services' brown yard waste bags are available for purchase at Rite Aid in Maumee for \$3.50 per bag. The Republic Services seal must be on the side of the bag. Generic bags will not be picked up by Republic

Services. The bags must be placed at the edge of the pavement no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection. The purchase price covers the cost of the collection service and composting of the item.

Collection occurs every Tuesday from March 7 through December 5, 2017.

Material that can be placed in your yard waste collection bags includes:

- Grass.
- Leaves.
- Garden waste.
- Apples and pumpkins.

• Limbs or brush if they are cut in 4-foot lengths, bundled no more than 2 feet in diameter, and weigh less than 50 pounds. The bag should be wrapped around or attached to the bundle

with the Republic Services logo showing.

For more information or questions, call the Department of Public Service at (419) 897-7150 or e-mail cityservices@maumee.org.

Rules Regarding Grass And Noxious Weeds

Grass and Noxious Weeds Nuisances

In accordance with Chapter 915 of the Maumee Municipal Code, any person owning or having charge of land within the City of Maumee, Ohio shall keep the grass cut to a height not in excess of eight inches (8"). They shall keep same free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation on such lots owned or controlled by said owner to prevent such rank growth

and/or the maturing or spreading of seeds or pollen there from.

Any person or entity owning, occupying, or having charge of land abutting upon a public right of way shall keep the grass on the unpaved portions of the right of way abutting the land cut to a height not in excess of eight inches (8") and shall keep the same free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation as required to prevent such rank growth

and/or the maturing or spreading of seeds or pollen there from.

On undeveloped property that is not immediately adjacent to developed residential or commercial property within the city, the owner may submit a plan for the creation of a "managed natural area" for approval to the director of Public Service or his designee. The plan for the "managed natural area" may include grasses and vegetation in excess of the height limitations of this section; provided that such area shall not contain any rank vegetation or noxious weeds as set forth above. A "managed natural area" may only be created and maintained in accordance with a plan submitted to and approved by the director of Public Service or his designee.

If compliance is not made with this notice and the provisions of Chapter 915 of the Maumee Municipal Code within five (5) days after the date of this notice, then such grass, weeds and other vegetation will be cut by or on behalf of the City of Maumee, and the cost and expenses thereof will be assessed against the respective lots or lands. Violators will be prosecuted pursuant to the provision of Charter 915 of the Municipal Code.

By order of the Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio.

Public Service Department (419) 897-7150.

Responsibility Of Alley Cleanup

Alley cleanup is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Garbage and brush should not be dumped in

the alley. Weeds and grass should be cut.

Take pride in your home and in the city of Maumee.

Refuse And Recycling Tips

Toters should be placed out before 7:00 a.m. on day of pickup and returned to the residence the same day. Cardboard boxes are not acceptable containers.

Furniture, TVs, mattresses, appliances, carpet and other large items are defined as "bulk items" and require a "bulk tag." These tags can be purchased at Rite Aid in Maumee for \$15.00 for one or three for \$30.00. They must be attached and visible to the driver for pickup. These items must also be scheduled for pickup with Republic Services by calling (800) 234-3429.

Please try to avoid getting furniture and mattresses wet if possible. Soaked bulk items make pickup for drivers very difficult and may delay pickup.

If you have additional bags that will not fit in your black trash toter you may place them next to the toter for pickup if you purchase "bag tags" at Rite Aid in Maumee for \$3.50 each. They must be attached and visible to the driver for pickup.

CITY OF MAUMEE

Spring 2017 Chippable Brush Collection

Starting the week of MARCH 27, 2017, the City of Maumee will be providing its SPRING CHIPPABLE BRUSH COLLECTION. This collection is for CHIPPABLE MATERIAL ONLY. NO yard waste bags or non-chippable material (leaves, grass, garden waste, weeds, etc.) will be collected as part of this program. The chippable material must be bundled and tied in four foot (4') lengths, no more than two feet (2') in diameter and weigh no more than forty (40) pounds. The material should be put out to the street by the Sunday before a districts pick up week.

A March 27 thru March 31

B April 3 thru April 7

Maumee Chippable Brush Collection District Map

C April 10 thru April 14

D April 17 thru April 21

All dates are approximate. Weather, events, breakdowns and day to day operations will cause adjustments to the schedule.

Maumee Police Division Offers Community Watch Map To Indicate Service Activity

Are you interested in knowing what is going on in the City of Maumee? There's a new, progressive way to find out.

By accessing the city's website at www.maumee.org, there is a link to the "Community Watch Map" on the main page.

On the map, there are icons indicating where police-related calls for service are taking place, including criminal offenses (such as thefts), traffic accidents

and other areas of concern.

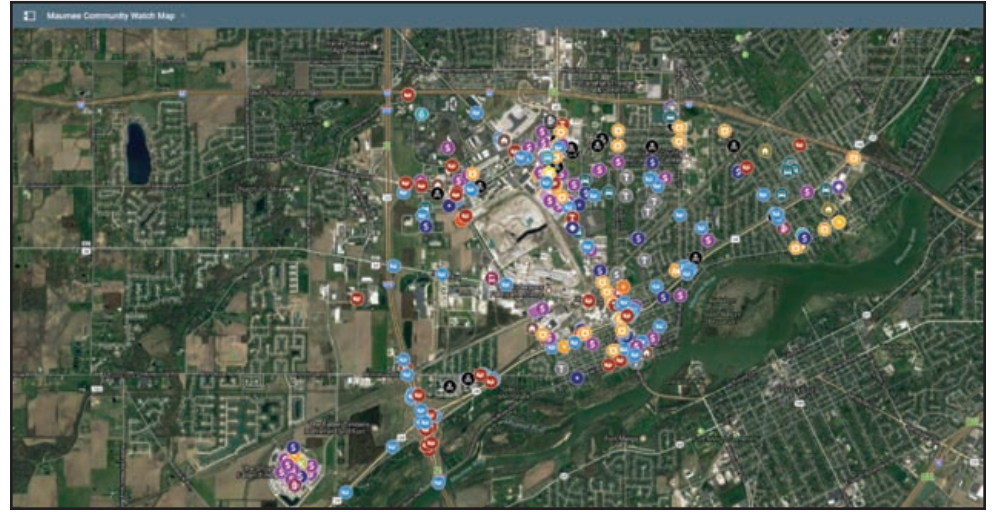
A click of an icon shows a brief description of the call along with the date and a police report number.

The Maumee Police Division wants the citizens to be informed in a very simplified fashion. If a person has information that may assist an investigation, then reference a report number in the form of an e-mail to detective@maumee.org. If e-mail is not an option, call the Maumee Police Division

at: (419) 897-7040.

The Maumee Police Division's Facebook page is another great way to stay connected to our community. It is utilized to spread pertinent information, including crime tips, weather advisories, job openings and cases that are being investigated in which we could use assistance in identifying suspect(s).

Please take a moment to stay informed to keep you and your family safe!



Rolf Park Pool Opening And Closing Dates Set For 2017 Season



Maumee's Rolf Park Pool will open for the summer on Monday, June 5. Pool hours will be weekdays from noon to 6:45 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5:45 p.m.

The pool will close for the season at 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 10.

Starting on Monday, June 5, during open swim hours, individual memberships will be available for purchase by residents who live within the corporation limits of Maumee or residents who live within Maumee City Schools' boundaries.

An Ohio driver's license or picture identification with

the address imprinted is required to be shown as proof of residency. Driver's licenses and student identification cards are not substitutes for individual memberships.

2017 Fee Schedule

Pool Memberships – Resident individual memberships are \$50.00 per family member. No resident will pay more than \$200 per family. Memberships are not offered for nonresidents.

Single Daily Admission for residents 48 inches and taller is \$8.00 per day, and \$5.00 per day for those less than 48 inches tall.

Admission will be cash

only, paid with no bills larger than a \$20.00.

Pool Party Rentals – Pool party reservations will be accepted Monday through Friday, beginning on Monday, May 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Service Department office, located on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 400 Conant St. All reservations must be made in person and must be accompanied by the required booking fee; paid by cash, check or money order.

There will be a \$25.00 fee for all returned checks for insufficient funds.

Maumee Police Offer House And Business Checks

The Maumee Police Division patrol spends time focusing on homes and businesses in the community.

A resident of Maumee can choose to sign up for a vacation "house check" while you are away.

When registering for this service, important information will be documented by the Maumee dispatcher, including contact informa-

tion, key holder information and vehicles parked at the home.

As a result, a patrol officer will be sent to randomly inspect the home several times per week. The property will be checked for security concerns and the homeowner notified if anything unusual is found. If interested, please call the Maumee Dispatch non-emergency number at



(419) 897-7007.

Recently, our patrol officers working midnight shift have been busy checking closed businesses, as well. The officer checking the property will leave feedback for the owner/manager of the business. If a local Maumee business has not had their business checked, then please call officer Wendy Newsome at (419) 897-7027.

Calls For Service Set To Increase

The Maumee Police Division, in partnership with the community, is committed to providing quality, professional public service. To that end, we have spent more time focusing on self-initiated, preventative efforts to increase safety within our community during the past year.

With the addition of new

programs such as overnight business checks and the senior outreach program, our efforts have increased "calls for service" by 17 percent in 2016 from the previous year (2015). We strive daily to prevent crime before it occurs and desire to work with the citizens to accomplish our mission.

Holiday Refuse Collection Details

2017 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Memorial Day: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week (pickup on Wednesday, May 31).

Fourth of July: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week (pickup on Wednesday, July 5).

Labor Day: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week (pickup on Wednesday, September 6).

Christmas: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week (pickup on Wednesday, December 27).

New Year's: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week (pickup on Wednesday, January 3, 2018).

Extra Eyes To Assist Police

The Maumee Police Division wants to be made aware of parts of the community that may need additional patrol.

If you know of an on-going problem, high-crime area or other information you would like to pass on, please contact the Maumee Police Division to create an "Extra Eye" for patrol officers.

This pertinent knowledge allows the department to concentrate on specific areas of concern that will be checked on a daily basis, numerous times per shift.

If interested, please call the Maumee Dispatch non-emergency number, (419) 897-7007.

Maumee Income Tax Returns Are Due Tuesday, April 18th

The 2016 Maumee Income Tax Returns are due on Tuesday, April 18 and must be dropped off or post-marked by the due date. Taxpayers that have W-2 income only have the option to file their returns online through our Tax Connect Online filing system and then may submit their W-2 forms to the office once the return is filed.

Estimated tax payments are mandatory for any taxpayer that expects to owe \$200 or more for the tax year.

The penalty rate for failing to pay estimated tax payments is 15 percent and the interest rate is 6 percent per annum for 2017.

The first quarterly payment is due on Tuesday, April 18 and the forms can be obtained at our website or by calling the tax office.

Tax return balances and estimated tax payments can be paid in person (by cash, check and credit/debit card with no fees), through the mail (by check), or online through Tax Connect (by credit/debit card or account debit).

The tax office is available to prepare tax returns or accept payments on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please call (419) 897-7120, e-mail tax@maumee.org, or visit www.maumee.org/city_departments/income_tax.php.

Senior Outreach Programs Offered In City Of Maumee

There are two free and beneficial programs available to assist senior citizens who reside within the City of Maumee.

First, the "RUOK?" program (started in 1988) is a daily telephone call to check on the senior's well-being. The participant gets to choose the time of the call – the options are 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m. or noon. The resident can easily contact the front desk to be removed if there is a conflict with their schedule for a particular day, week or even month.

The daily telephone call is generated by a computer but monitored by front desk personnel. If the phone call is not answered after two attempts, a police crew is sent to the home to check on the participant's safety and well-being. The officer also has access to vital information on key availability and emergency contact(s).

Secondly, a new program was just launched (2016) called the "Senior Outreach" program. This program involves a regular weekly check-up by a uniformed officer to ensure that the person's basic needs are being met. It is extremely beneficial for those who may be "homebound" or with little outside assistance. Referrals can be made for assistance along with important information relayed to the citizen concerning scams/cons, garbage carryout service, the citywide "Code Red" system, etc.

If you know of a family member, friend or neighbor that may be able to utilize these services, please contact officer Wendy Newsome at (419) 897-7027.