

Pittsfield Township Meetings:
3rd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information email
info@pittsfieldtpw.us or mcecil@pittsfieldtpw.us

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Dumpster Day March 13th
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Across the road at the new Pittsfield Twp.
Garage



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SPLASH ZONE

Splash Zone is now open with some use restrictions due to state-mandated guidelines. Regular business hours will resume, apart from Sundays on which the centers will close for cleaning.

Please see the FAQ page located above with any questions about the re-opening.

Pittsfield Township donates \$5,000.00 annually to Splash Zone so that Pittsfield Township residents receive a 50% discount on membership rates.

RATES: Daily Admission - \$8.00
3 Month Membership - \$74.00
Annual Membership - \$270.00

Oberlin & Pittsfield residents receive discount with proof of residency (drivers license or utility bill).

HOURS: Mon-Thurs 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 6 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

LORAIN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.

We have received several inquires into fraudulent claims involving Unemployment Benefits issued through the State of Ohio; therefore, we wanted to share this information from Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost:

Q: How do I know if someone has fraudulently filed for Unemployment Benefits in my name?

A: If you have received one or more of the following and you did not file for Unemployment Benefits in 2020, you may have had a fraudulent claim made in your name:

- A 1099-G tax form.
- A letter from ODJFS stating that Unemployment Benefits have been applied for in your name.
- A US Bank ReliaCard for funds you do not recognize or were not expecting.
- Notification from your employer that ODJFS is inquiring about Unemployment Benefits that you did not apply for.

Q: What should I do if I receive one of the forms/notifications listed above?

A: You should follow these steps, in order:

1.) Contact ODJFS immediately.

You can report identity theft to ODJFS by completing an online form by visiting www.Unemployment.Ohio.Gov. You will need to enter personal information such as your Social Security number and your driver's license number. If you do not have access to the internet, you can call ODJFS at 877-644-6562; please not wait times may be long.

Once you've successfully filed your report, ODJFS will send a confirmation email, investigate the claim and issue a correction to the IRS if fraud is determined.

Please note: There is not a mechanism in place for the Ohio Attorney General to contact ODJFS on your behalf to either start or expedite the process.

2.) Check your credit report:

Visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 877/322-8228 to do so. A credit report will show all credit-related accounts open in your name, such as mortgages, credit cards and car loans. Credit reports are free through April 2021, and after that date, you are entitled to one free credit report per year from each of the main three credit reporting agencies. On your report, look for accounts and inquiries that you do not recognize. If you find anything suspicious, contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office (800/282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).

3. Consider placing an Initial Fraud Alert on your credit report.

A fraud alert makes it harder for an identity thief to open credit accounts in your name and lasts for one year. You need to contact only one of the credit agencies listed below to place the alert; the one you contact will share the information with the other two. The agencies are:

Experian: www.experian.com/fraud or (888/397-3742)

Equifax: www.equifax.com or (800/680-7289)

Transunion: www.transunion.com or (800/680-7289)

There is no charge to place an Initial Fraud Alert.

4. Consider placing a permanent Security Freeze on your credit report.

A Security Freeze will prevent others from opening credit in your name; such a freeze is free to place and is permanent. (You must pause or end it to open a new account.) Unlike an Initial Fraud Alert, for a Security Freeze, you must contact all three of the credit reporting agencies. Use the contact information listed above.

Q: Can the Ohio Attorney General's Office resolve my Unemployment Benefits claim?

A: Although the Ohio Attorney General's Office provides many services to help victims of identity theft, the office cannot resolve Unemployment Benefits claims; only ODJFS

can make an eligibility and/or fraud determination. However, if after checking your credit report, you find accounts that do not belong to you, you are encouraged to contact the Ohio Attorney General's Identity Theft Unit (800-282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov).



Q: How can I protect myself from identity theft moving forward?

A: There are many ways in which you can protect yourself from further identity theft;

- Never share personal information with someone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Place an Initial Fraud Alert or permanent Security Freeze on your credit reports.
- Never carry unnecessary personal information, (Social Security card), in your wallet or purse.
- Don't conduct private business on personal WiFi.
- Use hard-to-guess passwords, especially for websites in which you have personal information stored.

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Files/Publications-Files/Quick-Tips/Identity-Theft-Basics>

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COVID 19 Vaccines

The Lorain County Public Health has a way to get notified of upcoming Phase 1 COVID-19 vaccine clinics on their website <https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/signup>.

Their website has the vaccine clinic form that you can fill out prior to going to the clinic. If you do not have a printer, the forms are available at each site.



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Don't Hibernate: Manage stress with physical activity this winter

Physical health is linked to mental and overall health. Regular physical activity (even a short walk!) can improve your mood, boost mental alertness, and support a healthy body weight. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, prioritize your health and safety.

The below local routes have committed to clearing snow and ice this winter. Care for your mental and physical health- stay active on Lorain County routes near you:

LaGrange: Carlisle Reservation, 12882 Diagonal Road.

Oberlin: Downtown sidewalks and Tappan Square
North Coast Inland Trail (from Oberlin Rd. to S. Pyle Amherst Rd.)

Wellington: Downtown Sidewalks, 115 Willard Memorial Sq.

Wellington Reservation, 535 Jones Rd.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

There are places to go and things to do even with the pandemic. Try looking at some of these websites for events:

Ohio – find it here website:

<https://ohio.org/wps/portal/gov/tourism/things-to-do>

Northeast Ohio Family Fun:

<https://northeastohiofamilyfun.com/category/northeast-ohio-family-friendly-weekend-events/>

The Best Attractions in Northern Ohio

www.ohiotraveler.com

Ohio Events – Northern Ohio Tourism

www.northernohiotourism.com

March Ohio Festivals & Events

www.ohiotraveler.com

If you have something you would like to post in the spring newsletter to notify other residents, please feel free to send your information to osurug@zoominternet.net.

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REFLECTIVE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Available at the Wellington Fire Department and are free to all Pittsfield residence

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PITTSFIELD TOWN HALL RENTAL

You can go onto the township website to check the calendar for available dates. Contact Elizabeth Zadorozny at 440-707-6772.

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ON THE WEB www.pittsfieldtwp.us

Pittsfield Township Webmaster, Steve Magyar
The website shares information about our township approved meeting minutes and events.

If you have something you'd like to include on the website, please email Steve at smagyar@pittsfieldtwp.us.