

# **September 2022 Update**

**By Licking County Commissioner**

**Tim Bubb**

**Greetings! Hope this Update finds you in good health as the summer wanes and we slide into fall.**



**Labor Day on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> marks the traditional end of the summer vacation season. Football in September will start with a bang on the 3<sup>rd</sup> as Ohio State hosts Notre Dame at Ohio Stadium!**

**Locally, the Lite the Nite Car Show returns to downtown Newark's Square on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month the Annual River Round-Up river clean-up takes place.**

**(Photo - the Southeast corner of the Courthouse Park in downtown Newark).**



## ***OneOhio Listening Sessions Open to the Public***

***The Licking County Commissioners OneOhio Advisory Committee will be hosting a series of community listening sessions.***

***The purpose of these is to develop ideas for spending money from the National Opioid Settlement to best serve Licking County. Over the next two decades the County, 19 Ohio Regions and the State will receive the money from the lawsuit.***

***There will be four public sessions and community members are invited to bring their thoughts and suggestions.***

- ***Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> (5:00p-6:30p) at Utica Church of Christ (155 North Central Avenue in Utica).***
- ***Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm-6:30pm) at the Licking County Administration Building (20 South Second Street in Newark).***
- ***Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm-6:30pm) at the Pataskala City Complex Police Training Room (623 West Broad Street in Pataskala)***
- ***Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> (5:00pm-6:30pm) Hanover Village Hall (200 New Home Drive, Hanover).***

## **Jail of Terror Weekends Return in 2022**

**After a two year 'COVID pause' the popular Jail of Terror evenings return to the Historic Licking County Jail on South Third Street in downtown Newark.**



**Here are the dates for the haunts...**

**Five September into October weekends on Friday and Saturday nights (8:00p-11:00p).**

**September 9-10; 16-17; 23-24; Sept 30-Oct 1; and October 7-8.**

**Then three October weekends on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (8:00-Midnight) Fridays and Saturdays, and (8:00p-11:00p) Sunday.**

**Octobers weekends 14-15-16; 21-22-23; and 28-29-30.**

## **Economic Development – Intel Manufacturing Site**

**Excavation work is well underway on the New Albany Intel site. Work on foundations for the first two manufacturing plants or Fabs will begin this fall.**



**According to Intel's Emily Smith, the construction companies excavating the New Albany site have completed the 'haul road' to the plant site from Clover Valley Road. Trucks coming to the site from SR 161 to Beech Road north, east on Jug Street and northeast on the 'haul road', which will be a permanent road. Construction site fencing is just about complete.**

**The plant site construction by Intel represents the largest commercial development in Ohio history, with the initial two Fabs (manufacturing plants) representing \$20-billion in investment. With the recent passage of the Federal Chips Act, to incentivize silicon chip making in America, if the planned additional six plants here in Licking County are constructed, over the next decade, the investment total could grow to \$100-billion.**

**It has also been confirmed that President Joe Biden, who recently signed the Chips Act, will travel to Licking County to speak at the**

**delayed 'groundbreaking' ceremony. The Chips Act will provide subsidies and tax credits to the semiconductor industry. Details of the Presidential visit have yet to be released.**

**Smith adds, Intel will soon focus on connecting students at all levels in preparation for jobs as Intel hopes to begin production in 2025. She adds, they will start engaging in the regions K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools to get children excited about STEM careers in manufacturing, as well as in construction skilled trades. Intel began with student engagement at the recent Hartford Fair in Croton.**

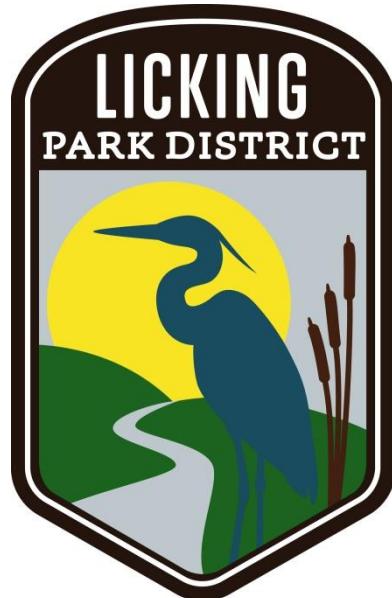
**To learn more visit [www.Intel.com](http://www.Intel.com) for information on the company.**

**To stay updated on the Intel project we would suggest visiting [www.WelcomeIntel.com/news](http://www.WelcomeIntel.com/news) for updates (Intel Insight) and you can sign-up for their newsletter. The County through its Community Improvement Corporation (GROW Licking County) is pleased to work to welcome Intel.**



## **County, Evans Foundation and Park District Collaborate on a new Recreation and Bike Trail Maintenance Agreement**

**Well-maintained bike trails are a tremendous asset to all Licking County residents and visitors. Beginning in the 1980s, maintaining these trails in unincorporated areas of Licking County was the responsibility of the Board of Licking County Commissioners. After the creation of the Licking Park District, the District assumed more of the maintenance responsibilities, especially after voters approved a park levy in 2012.**



**In an effort to maintain the trails at the highest level possible, the TJ Evans Foundation, the Board of Licking County Commissioners, and the Licking Park District have entered into new agreements to clarify maintenance responsibilities and provide a dedicated fund to cover major repairs to the trail system. The LPD already takes care of the primary maintenance responsibilities. These agreements assure our bike trail system is properly maintained for many years to come.**

**Preservation of the bike trail system has always been a priority for the TJ Evans Foundation, the Commissioners, and the Park District. We all strive to be good stewards of our community assets and this partnership solidifies all parties' commitment to a well-maintained bike trail system.**



***It is the vision of the Licking Park District to provide parks, paths, and trails of the highest quality to the residents of Licking County. Our goal is to maintain and improve existing facilities while pursuing opportunities for expansion. We provide passive recreational opportunities for the health, wellness, and education of our residents using resources that include public and private collaborations.***

## **The Annual "Lite the Nite Car Show" Returns Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>**

**'Lite the Nite' - Ohio's premier car show returns to Newark's Downtown Square on Saturday, September 10th. This is the 37th annual "Lite the Nite Car Show". The Newark Rodder's Car Club anticipates some 600 vehicles including antiques, vintage, street rods, classics, motorcycles, and specialty cars, are expected on Newark's Courthouse Square and immediate side streets on September 10th.**

**Car enthusiasts should enter the area from east main to the square. Registration is from 10:00 am till 4:00 pm on that Saturday at the East side**



courthouse steps area. The registration fee remains \$10.00 per entry.

Awards and trophies will be presented around 6:00pm on the Southeast side of the Licking County Courthouse. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the day! "Lite the Nite" Tee-shirts will be offered for sale. These are collectable items and a commemoration of the 37th annual show. Monies raised by the Lite the Nite Car Show support the annual Christmas Lighting of the Licking County Courthouse on the Friday night after Thanksgiving.

This 2022 "Lite the Nite Car Show" is being organized by the Matheny Family and the members of the Newark Rodders Car Club. A unique feature of "Lite the Nite" are the 4-foot and 6-foot trophies awarded to the most popular vehicles on display, plus door prizes to winners. Sponsors of the 4 and 6 ft trophies will assist with judging and selecting the winners. The DORA in Downtown Newark will be active during the time of the car show.

**James Matheny, son of former Show Chairman the late Jim Matheny says, "Downtown Newark is very beautiful and has changed into an awesome showplace, everyone is invited to come down and help us celebrate our '37th Anniversary' of Lite the Nite. This car show is a great family tradition that is enjoyed by all. He says the organizers appreciate all the vendors, sponsors and participants who support this project." And Matheny adds, "Special thanks to the Licking County Courthouse Lighting Committee, Licking County Commissioners Tim Bubb, Duane Flowers and Rick Black; Mayor Jeff Hall; and the City of Newark for supporting this great event."**



**Spencer Barker, President of the Licking County Courthouse Lighting Committee says, "The "Lite the Nite Car Show greatly benefits the Downtown Newark Christmas project and is one of the best-attended all-day events in Downtown Newark. He adds, "The Courthouse Lighting Committee appreciates the dedicated efforts of the Matheny Family and the Newark Rodder's Car Club, the commitment of the participants and sponsors who come together to make this annual event a success."**

## **Free Introductory Fly Fishing Lesson at Evans Park**

**Newark City Auditor Ryan Bubb shares this City Parks Department information. The Land of Legend Fly Fishers will be giving free introductory fly-casting lessons at Newark's T.J. Evans Family Park (off Mt. Vernon Road in north Newark) on these dates...**

**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am till 12:00pm**

**Lessons are free and open to all ages.**

**CFAES**

*College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences*

Licking County Master Gardener Volunteers



**The Turf Beneath our Feet**

September 10, 10 am  
At OSU Extension,  
771 E. Main St., Newark  
By Cliff Martin, Agriculture Educator,  
Muskingum Co.



**When to Harvest and Save Seeds**

September 16, 1 pm  
At The Harbor Community Center  
5312 Walnut Road, Buckeye Lake

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**HEALTHY FOODS**



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**FARMERS MARKET IN NEWARK**

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**May – October**  
**4-7 p.m.**  
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**For Free plants, seeds, and**  
**gardening information**

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## Brownsville Road River Bridge Construction Update

A six month major eastern Licking County bridge replacement project is being accomplished by the Shelly and Sands General Contracting Company.

They have demolished and removed the old Brownsville Road (Claylick) Bridge and are installing the extensive new foundations and abutments. The triple piers will be poured and the new steel trusses will be installed this autumn. Replacement of the aging span was delayed while the flood damaged Staddens Bridge was replaced in 2019.



The demolition of the old Claylick Bridge, piers and construction of a new three hundred foot span over the Licking River comes at a cost of \$4-million. Pending weather delays the new bridge should be in place by December of this year, at least for winter traffic, with needed final completion in the spring of 2023.

**\*Safety Note - Recreational users of the Licking River will be unable to 'put-in' their watercraft at the Claylick Bridge location due to the construction for the remainder of this year. And the nearby parking area is closed for safety concerns. Boaters can put-in 'up river' at launch points in south Newark (off Ohio Street) or to the west at the Staddens Bridge launch area. Boaters using the Licking River in the area of the bridge construction at Claylick are advised to use at 'your own risk'.**

## Licking County Airport in Heath Receives Construction Grant

The County received a major boost as part of its three phase five million dollar renovation and expansion of the Newark-Heath-Licking County Airport.

Earlier this year the County completed the first phase construction of a building with some 15-new hangars that are rented to individuals and businesses desiring to base their aircraft here. The hangar phase cost some one and a half million dollars. There are now more than 80 hangar bays at the facility off Heath Road.

Recently, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced a \$1.8-million federal grant to help construct a new terminal building on the site, at a location further set-back from the expanded runway and taxiway.



Senator Rob Portman said the terminal grant was part of the 'Investment and Jobs Act' program which included five billion dollars nationally for airport terminal construction and improvement projects and airports large and small. The new County Airport Terminal will cost some \$2-million total.



**Other elements of the local project include a new aircraft repair and maintenance building, parking lot, electrical controls and demolition of the old terminal and maintenance building.**

**The Licking County Commissioners in cooperation with their Airport Authority Board envisioned this three year major set of improvements being paid for with the FAA Grant money and short term County financing for some three million dollars. The improvements at the facility in Heath will allow for growth in both personal and commercial aviation.**

**In a ceremony in 2018 the airport facility was named 'Treneff Field' in honor of longtime Airport Authority President Terry Treneff.**



## **Update from the Licking County Public Library System**

**The Director of the Licking County Public Library System, Susanne Simpson, shares that an interesting lifelong learning opportunity called "Empowered Minds Program" will be featured this fall. To learn more visit this website...**

**<https://online.fliphtml5.com/nmkbf/cttj/#p=1>**

**Susanne also reports that well known outdoor mural artist Curtis Goldstein is working on a pair of large building murals at the Main Library site (101 West Main Street in downtown Newark), just west of the library building (on the white storage garage).**

**There will be Licking County murals on both the east and west sides of the building. This photo was taken August 28<sup>th</sup> shows the west facing mural in progress of development.**



## River Round-Up Time in Licking County on September 10th

**On Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> hundreds of volunteers, young and old, and as individuals and in groups will spend part of their day cleaning-up the branches of the Licking River and local tributaries.**

**Shackleford Refuse is again the major sponsor for this popular community project.**



**The River Round-Up began as a Newark City Litter initiative in 1988 to clean up the Licking River. This annual project involves hundreds of volunteers who pull out everything from shopping carts, tires, and considerable trash that is washed into and dumped (sadly) into our local streams and riverbanks.**



**Through these efforts the Licking River Watershed has seen a rebirth of wildlife, beauty and community pride. In 2022, and going strong, the River Round-Up is a nationally recognized community clean-up event. As an individual or in groups you are invited to join the party. Registration is now open at [www.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and is required for all participants.**

**Check out the project on Facebook at ... or LCRiverRoundUp or LCRiverRoundUp .**

## Licking Park District: Bike Trail Safety

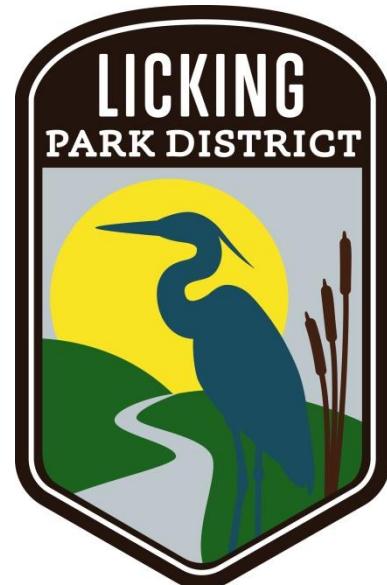
Riding your bike on the T.J. Evans bike trail is a fun way to be active and enjoy the outdoors. However, having fun means keeping safety in mind too. Even experienced riders have accidents sometimes, and hopefully, these tips will keep you thinking about your and others' safety so that everyone can have a good time on the bike trail.

First, it is important to protect what is quite possibly the most important part of your body—your head! Wearing a helmet is the best way to protect yourself when riding your bike. A study by the National Library of Medicine found that wearing a bike helmet while riding reduced head injuries by 48%. Helmets can be stylish too and are relatively inexpensive.

Some sections of the bike trail intersect with roads, so when you approach these crossings, stop fully and look both ways. If there are no cars coming, cross the road safely and stay aware of your surroundings. Always use caution at driveway crossings as well.

*(Photo - Taken recently of a couple from Oregon biking cross country and headed for Washington D.C., and cruising through Licking County.)*

Wearing bright-colored clothing and reflective gear will help you be visible to cars and other bike trail



**users. This is especially important if you are biking in low-light conditions. Having a light on your bike will give you extra visibility as well. Periodically, look ahead into the distance because there may be downed trees or other hazards in upcoming shaded areas.**

**When passing pedestrians or other bikes on the bike trail, let them know you are coming up behind them to pass by calling out, "on your left!" Etiquette is to "ride right, pass left."**

**Park District vehicles and contractors regularly drive on the trails to take care of maintenance, observation, and repair issues. All park vehicles are clearly marked and will have flashers and safety lights turned on. Be vigilant and make sure the operators of these vehicles see you, and please do not pass a park or contractor vehicle without acknowledgement from the operator. They may be using heavy equipment like mowers or blades that can be dangerous, but if they know you are there, they can make sure you are able to pass safely. Have fun, and be safe!**

## **Adult Education Opportunities Overview at C-TEC**

**This Thursday, September 1st you can visit C-TEC in north Newark to learn about adult educational opportunities. See the labs and meet the instructors associated with the Registered Medical Assisting (RMA) and Medical Coding Specialist (MCA) programs.**

**Visit the school and learn more on September 1st from 5:30pm till 6:30pm. No RSVP or reservation needed. For details call C-TEC at 740-364-2333.**

## **Saint Louisville Community Center Dedicated**

**In early August the Licking County Commissioners and Community Development staff, Saint Louisville Village Officials and Village residents joined to rededicate and celebrate the opening of the renovated community center.**



**The project was a partnership between the County's Community Development Agency and the Village. The Center is set-up for a wide range of community activities, and features handicapped accessible doors and restrooms, parking, and a full kitchen.**

**Photo - (left to right - back row) Commissioners Tim Bubb and Duane Flowers, Councilman John Scott, and Mayor Dave Allen.**



**(left to right – front row) Commissioner Rick Black, Terry and Connie Magers, Janet Wilkin, and Adrienne Eskins. Village Mayor Allen recognized the County Government and Ms. Eskins for a 'job well done'.**

**Groups interested in using the Center should contact Saint Louisville Village for reservations and information.**

## **How to Get Rid of Unwanted Paint?**

***By Andrea Krava, County Recycling & Litter Prevention Director***

**Latex-based and water-based paint is not hazardous and can actually be disposed of safely in your trash, as long as it is dry. There are several ways you can dry paint to make it ready for going into the trash. First, if there isn't much paint left in the can, just leave the lid off for some time and let the paint dry on its own. This does take time, so be patient. Another option is to mix cat litter, shredded paper, or sawdust with the paint to make it dry and crumbly, then put in the trash. There are also commercial "paint hardener" substances available at most home improvement stores. Wet paint in the trash can be messy not only for you, but for the trash hauler and everything in the trash truck as well.**



**If you have a lot of paint to dispose of, you might consider calling Environmental Enterprises in Columbus at 614-294-1300. This is the nearest household hazardous waste (HHW) disposal facility to Licking County. There will be a cost/fee for disposal, so we highly recommend calling first to verify open hours and disposal fees.**

**Oil-based paints are less common, but do still exist, and many wood stains are oil-based. Lead-based paints were banned in the late 1970's but are still found, at times, in old houses, sheds, and garages. Oil-based and lead-based products are considered hazardous and must be taken to Environmental Enterprises for proper, safe disposal.**

**Paint in spray cans can be sprayed onto cardboard or newspaper. Let the paint dry - then the cardboard or newspaper, and spray can may be disposed of in the trash. (Too much paint on cardboard or newspaper, or any residue left in the can makes those items too "contaminated" for recycling.)**

**Instead of disposal, you can ask about donating any useable paint to schools, drama clubs, theaters, or playhouses. Never dump paint down storm drains or household drains. Use online "paint calculator" formulas to determine how much paint you really need for a project to help you buy just the right amount.**

**Licking County Recycling is financially supported by the CFLP Solid Waste District (Coshocton, Fairfield, Licking, and Perry Counties) and the Licking County Commissioners. Funding for our solid waste district comes from waste disposal and generation fees paid by waste haulers when using landfills. That money is then distributed to counties for recycling education and outreach. For further information, call us at 740-670-5125, find us online at [www.LCounty.com/RLC](http://www.LCounty.com/RLC) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/LCRecycling](https://facebook.com/LCRecycling).**

## **September Lawn Concert to Conclude 2022 Music Programs at the Gazebo**

**For a second consecutive year the Licking Park District, in conjunction with the County and City of Newark, is hosting a series of FREE 'Summer Concerts on the Lawn' at the Children's Home Memorial and Gazebo Park.**

**It is located in east Newark (former Children's Home site at 745 East Main Street near O'Bannon Avenue).**



**Plan now to attend the final FREE lawn concert of the season on Thursday evening September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Gazebo Park. The music begins at 6:00pm and will conclude around 8:15pm. The September FREE concert will feature the Wayfarers playing a great assortment of familiar tunes. The Tic Tac Taco food truck will be at the park for your dining enjoyment.**

## Downtown Newark Fourth Street Corridor Construction

The three year sewer separation project on Fourth Street in Newark (State Route 13) is approaching two thirds complete. This includes work on the installation of three major intersection 'round-abouts', continuing the shift in how traffic moves in downtown.

The project stretches from National Drive north to the intersection of Fourth and Locust Streets. The route then proceeds northwest on Locust and to its conclusion on Granville and near Sixth Streets. It has been a challenging year for motorists in downtown due to closings at West Main and Church Streets, and the current partial closing of the busy Locust-Fourth-Mt. Vernon Road intersection.



Here is the new 'round-about' at Fourth and West Main Streets currently under construction, and with the interchange fully closed. This is an ODOT project that is scheduled to be complete by yearend.



As Fourth and West Main reopens later this year, it will open a corridor north through the Fourth



**and Church Street intersection. This interchange 'round-about' is complete and currently open east and west, but not north and south on Fourth.**

**Further to the north the intersection of Fourth and Locust Streets is only partially open between Mt. Vernon Road and east on Locust Street. The contractor is then turning the corner and head northwest with the sewer project on Locust. The UDF gas station and convenience store, on the southwest corner, chose to be closed during this work to allow for store remodeling.**



**Finally, the project for the remainder of 2022 and 2023 will head north and northwest to Granville Street through the so-called 'five points' intersection of Locust-Fifth-Granville Streets. It will then be converted to a major 'five-way round-about'. The project of sewer separation will conclude in the area of Saint Francis DeSales Church.**



## **Licking County Orange Barrel Update from ODOT**

**Interstate 70 resurfacing - This project includes resurfacing with related work on portions of I-70 in Licking and Muskingum Counties from County Road 330 (Shelly Rd.) in Licking County to the Licking/Muskingum County line, and Licking/Muskingum County line to just east of County Road 30 in Muskingum County. Estimated project completion is October 2022.**



**State Route 37 closure for bridge replacement - This project will replace the bridge just south of I-70 over the South Fork Licking River. Estimated completion is October 2022.**

**Brownsville Road in Eastern Licking County – Already underway is the \$4-million demolition and replacement of the Claylick Bridge over the Licking River. Work being done by Shelley and Sands with completion set for yearend 2022. Detours are posted using the new Staddens Bridge to cross the Licking River.**

**U.S Route 62 road widening project in Johnstown - This construction will widen U.S. 62 for a two-way left turn lane between Village Square Shopping Center to Westview Drive and upgrade the signal at the Village Square Shopping Center. Estimated completion is October 2022.**

***Thanks to Corey Young for sharing this great Ohio 'countryside' photo...***



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