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# City of Celina

225 N. Main Street, Celina, Ohio 45822

SEPTEMBER 2020



## • City Council Meeting

- ~2nd & 4th Monday of each month
- ~7:00PM
- ~Administration Building

Mercer County has recently become the center of attention for many people statewide as we have seen a large increase in COVID-19 in our area. At this time we are asking all Mercer County residents to do their part to protect the more vulnerable members of our population and help reduce the number of people who are becoming sick with COVID-19.

One of the most important things we can all do to help keep our community healthy is to stay home when we are sick! It is important to stay home when experiencing fever, cough, exhaustion, difficulty breathing, body aches and pains, sore throat, diarrhea, headache, or loss of taste or smell, even if there is no known exposure to someone who has COVID-19. When we are not sick, we can still help protect ourselves and each other by washing our hands frequently and wearing a mask when in public.

When someone becomes sick and is tested for COVID-19, that person should go home and remain there until the results of the test are received. If the test confirms that COVID-19 is the cause of the symptoms, then that person must self-isolate at home and not have contact with others until ten days have passed from the first day of symptoms. After the ten days have passed, the person is considered to be released from isolation if symptoms have improved and the person has been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.

A person who has come into close contact (less than six feet apart for more than 15 minutes) with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine at home for 14 days from the date of last contact with that person. This applies to anyone who was in close contact with the person with COVID between two days before and ten days after that person developed symptoms.

In both of the situations described above, it is very important that people remain at home and avoid contact with others. By doing this, we can help prevent additional sickness, help get our kids in school and keep them there, and work our way back to a more normal life.

School is starting this month and we all must be aware of increased foot traffic related to school attendance in the mornings and evenings. Motorists should always obey traffic laws and be extra diligent in School Zones. Be safe and keep our children safe as they make their way to and from school.

We must also continue to be diligent in fighting the spread of COVID-19 through self quarantining, social distancing, and the wearing of masks. If you are tested for COVID-19, you must stay home until you receive your results. If you test positive, you are required to follow Health Department Guidelines and remain in quarantine until released by the Health Department. Please be safe in your daily activities and be respectful of others by practicing healthy protocols mandated by Governor DeWine and State Board of Health.

The former Celina Motel has been razed and the site is now prepped for pending development. The City recently awarded a bid for a major upgrade and significant improvement to the City's Water Treatment Facilities' processes and equipment with the benefit of grant funds and responsible budgeting. Pursuant to release of State Grant funds, the City will award a repaving contract this month for nearly 3 miles of streets within Celina as we continue the City's Street Repaving program. Motorists should remain aware of construction zones and avoid these areas for safety of the workers.

Our downtown district business owners continue to move forward in promoting Celina's downtown with some weekend events to encourage people to explore and shop locally.

Please call 419-586-6464 with any questions or concerns.

In Service to Others,

*Mayor Jeffrey Hazel*



## 2020 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule

- **September 28th thru October 7th**  
~West of Main Street and continue into West Jefferson Township
- **October 7th thru October 16th**  
~East of Main Street and continue into East Jefferson Township

**\*\*\* Flushing will take place between \*\*\*  
\*\*7:30 AM and 4:00 PM\*\***

The City of Celina is conducting a comprehensive flushing program to insure fire hydrants are operational and to clear out minerals that have accumulated in the city's water pipes. The flushing is accomplished by inspecting and opening fire hydrants fully. This is necessary to maintain the integrity of the distribution system and improve water quality.

Water service may be interrupted. If you see flushing in your area, it is recommended that you not use water for 1-2 hours to allow the system to clear. If water appears discolored, don't be alarmed. Run **cold** water through a faucet (exterior or bathtub preferred) approximately 5 minutes, to verify water has cleared.

If the water does not clear within a few hours, notify the Utility Office by calling 419-586-2311, Monday thru Friday between 8 AM and 5 PM.

### CITY TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Administration.....	419-586-6464
Mayor.....	419-586-5823
Utilities.....	419-586-2311
Engineering.....	419-586-1144
Auditor.....	419-586-6451
Parks & Recreation.....	419-586-1041
Tax.....	419-586-2594
Complaints/Compliments.....	419-942-3000

## Brush & Limb Pickup



The City's residential limbs and brush collection will begin Monday, April 6th and be conducted on the first Monday of the month through October.

Only limbs and brush without root balls will be collected. Limbs and brush are not to be placed adjacent to the street earlier than three (3) days prior to the scheduled collection, nor after the street has been collected. An effort should be made by all to keep our community looking neat. Limbs must be stacked in piles with larger sections of limbs facing the same direction.

A **three cubic yard limit** has been established for each residence per pickup. That is equal to a pile three feet wide by three feet high by nine feet long.

Brush and limbs in excess of the three cubic yard limit will not be collected and are the responsibility of the property owner to dispose of.

City crews will make only one trip through the City each month and, once your neighborhood is collected, will not return until the next regularly scheduled collection. You are prohibited from putting brush, limbs or debris on the street.

**IF YOU HAVE YOUR TREES TRIMMED, YOUR CONTRACTOR MUST REMOVE THE LIMBS/BRUSH.**

## Celina Utilities Shut-off Policy

- Prompt payment of your utility bills to avoid getting your services shut off is important. Any customer with a past-due account balance is subject to disconnect. Customers can determine their account status by checking their monthly utility bill. If your bill indicates you are in disconnect status, prompt payment is necessary to avoid having your utilities turned off.

Payments can be made to the Celina Utilities office with cash, check, automatic deduction from your bank account, or credit card. A night deposit box is located outside of the front doors for payment after working hours.

*If you have any questions or are unsure of your account status, please contact the Celina Utilities Office at 419-586-2311.*

**Any customer who has had their utilities turned off due to nonpayment, must make payment with cash or money order to be reconnected.**