

Welcome to the Ashtabula area

The Ashtabula area offers plenty of attractions for tourists with its variety of historic, marine and shopping attractions that stretch from Kingsville Township to the east, through Ashtabula, up to the Ashtabula Harbor on the shores of Lake Erie and west along the Lake Erie Circle Tour, Route 531, to Saybrook Township.

Old-fashioned charm is located east of Ashtabula in Kingsville. One of the many covered bridges in this area has been converted into a pizza parlor. Camping, golfing, bowling and roller-skating are located throughout the area. Farm markets, which feature baked pies and natural and bulk foods, are located in the town. A number of restaurants and motels are found at I-90 and Route 193.

Many of the county's restaurants and shopping opportunities are found in the Ashtabula Towne Square, in Ashtabula Township, on Route 20. The Ashtabula Towne Square is home to department stores, retail shops and a movie theater. Several national chain restaurants, including Applebee's and Red Lobster, are adjacent to the mall.

Downtown Ashtabula offers shops, parks and dining facilities.

Traveling northward on Lake Avenue will take one past the Ashtabula County Medical Center. Visitors will discover the Ashtabula Arts Center on West 13th Street, where live music and theater are offered year round. Straw Hat Theater is an outdoor theater which presents a handful of musicals during the summer. Going west, visitors will discover the Kent State University at Ashtabula Campus.

History buffs will enjoy the Ashtabula Harbor. Two of the city's most well-known

museums sit on Walnut Boulevard. The Hubbard House Museum, the 19th-century home of the Hubbard family, tells the history of the Underground Railroad in the county from the viewpoint of the Hubbards, staunch abolitionists. Down the street, the Ashtabula Maritime and Surface Transportation Museum features displays about shipping on the Great Lakes.

From Point Park on a bluff above the Ashtabula River at Walnut Boulevard's east end, visitors may watch the famous bascule lift bridge rise over the Ashtabula River every half hour during the summer.

Point Park is also the perfect spot for watching the bustling industry that is the heart of the county.

Trains bring coal from West Virginia up to the Harbor, where it is deposited for shipment by freighter to Canada.

To relax, visitors may walk down the brick steps from Point Park to visit the quaint shops and restaurants that line the historic Bridge Street shopping district.

Walnut Beach is a city-owned park that features a wildlife preserve, swimming beach with playground, picnic tables, a concession stand and short boardwalk. Walnut Beach offers a good view of Ashtabula's historic lighthouse.

Ashtabula's other public beach is located at Lake Shore Park on Route 531, known as the Lake Erie Circle Tour.

West of Ashtabula, Saybrook Township caters to Lake Erie enthusiasts. Eat at Alessandro's Italian Restaurant after golfing or shopping. Play at Saybrook Township Park. Cottages along Lake Road accommodate overnight guests.



GAZETTE FILE PHOTO

Enjoy views of sailboats and other passing vessels from Walnut Beach and Lakeshore Park.

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Ashtabula Maritime & Surface Transportation Museum has big plans



Brian Hubbard, secretary of the museum's board of directors for the Ashtabula Maritime & Surface Transportation Museum, looks over plans for the museum's new project. PHOTOS BY ERIC HRIN

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

ASHTABULA – A mannequin dressed in a U.S. Coast Guard uniform gazes across a room crammed with exhibits.

Sandwiched between miniature Coast Guard ship replicas and an exhibit about the Ashtabula Train Disaster, the figure stands with one arm raised chest-high, as if pressed for elbow room.

And that's certainly the case here in the Ashtabula Maritime & Surface Transportation Museum, which has run out of space.

"We're just out of room," Brian Hubbard, secretary of the museum's board of directors, said. "Very crowded" is how he describes the museum. "All of our displays have to be more or less crammed together."

Not only are the displays jammed into one another, so are the stories behind them.

"They can't be isolated to tell a particular story," Hubbard said. "They're so close to one another it goes from one topic to another topic, and it can be confusing for a lot of the guests that come through, and it would be nice if we could have their own space for specific points of interest."

Now, the museum has found a solution for its space problems. For about 14 years, it has been working on

an ambitious plan for a new museum and learning center to be built on the west side of the museum's gravel parking lot.

The ground floor of the new building would be about 5,400 square feet. Below that would be an unfinished basement about a third of the size for storage.

Hubbard said the building is estimated to cost a maximum of \$1.1 million, which would also include interior fixtures such as displays and display cases, landscaping, concrete walkways, a parking lot and a patio.

In the future, the museum would also like to put in a small gazebo or pavilion to offer shelter from the sun, a mezzanine and an elevator. The new building would be configured to include the potential mezzanine and elevator, according to Bob Frisbie, chair of the board.

He said fundraising is about 80 percent of the way there, with money received from foundations and donations. An anonymous donor is matching contributions, up to \$200,000.

Frisbie estimates that ground could be broken by late summer of 2021.

A brochure for the proposed plan shows a rendering of a charming, red-roofed building with a nautical flair.

No final decision, however, has

See MARITIME page 13

Ashtabula County District Library

Ashtabula
440-997-9341
4335 Park Ave
Ashtabula, Ohio



Geneva
440-466-4521
860 Sherman St
Geneva, Ohio



www.acdl.info



City of Ashtabula

Incorporated..... 1891
Population (2010 census)..... 19,124
Form of government..... Manager/Council

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Ashtabula Municipal Court

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992-7109

Ashtabula City Fire Department & EMS

4326 Main Ave.

Emergency:

911

Non-Emergency:

992-3473

Ashtabula County Medical Center

2420 Lake Ave.

997-2262

Ashtabula Port Authority

4717 Main Ave.

992-7103

cityofashtabula.com

Where to vote

Elks Club, 3115 Lake Rd. W..... Precincts 1A, 1B, 1D, 2D

Lighted Cross Lutheran Church, 2310 W. 9th St..... Precincts 1C, 2A, 3B

People's Baptist Church, 3837 West Ave..... Precincts 3C, 3D, 5A, 5D

Ashtabula County District Library, 4335 Park Ave. Precincts 3A, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 5B, 5C

Ashtabula Township Park Commission, 1700 E. 1st St. Precincts 2B, 2C

Ashtabula Township

Founded 1804
Population (2010 census) 5,658
Form of government Trustee

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 ODOT Facility, 492 Seven Hills Rd. Precinct 2
 Pentecostal Church of God, 2201 Cook Rd. Precinct 1, 4, 5 & 6

Township Building

2718 N. Ridge Rd. E
 Phone 993-8351
 Fax 992-4058

Ashtabula Township Fire Department & EMS

2718 North Ridge E
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency: 997-4641

Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department

25 W. Jefferson St.
 Jefferson
 Emergency: 911
 Non-emergency: 576-0055

Lake Shore Park

120 Manola Ave.
 964-3819
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Ashtabula Police Department

Contact Information:

City of Ashtabula Police Department
 Chief Robert Stell

110 West 44th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Emergency Calls Local 911 or 440-998-2221
 Non-Emergency Calls 440-992-7172
 Broken Windows Tip Line 440-992-7126
 Detective Bureau Commander 440-992-7168
 Jail Administrator 440-992-7151
 Police Administration 440-992-7156
 Patrol Bureau Commander 440-992-7159
 Police Records Bureau 440-992-7144
 Shift Supervisor 440-992-7153

Records Bureau

Ashtabula City Police Department Records Bureau
 110 West 44th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004
 Telephone: (440) 992-7144
 Fax: (440) 998-4523

E-mail: records@ashtabulapolice.com

Hours of Operation:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Police Reports may be requested by fax, e-mail or by written correspondence. Please mail your request to Ashtabula City Police Records Bureau, 110 West 44th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio 44004. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There will be no charge for police report copies unless request exceeds 20 pages which will incur a charge of \$.05 per page. The Records Clerk is pleased to answer any questions pertaining to requests for records, in accordance with the Ohio Public Records Act. While there are many different circumstances that may prevent a request from being filled, the following lists are the most common:

- Pending litigation
- Under investigation
- Confidential law enforcement records
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- Juvenile information.

The Records Clerk will reveal arrest information of an individual arrested by the Ashtabula City Police Department only, at no cost.

For information on how an individual's Criminal History may be obtained, please contact the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation in London, Ohio, at 1-740-845-2000.

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Phone: (440) 993-8101

e-mail: sanitation@cityofashtabula.com

Transfer Station Hours: Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

(Gate closes at 2:30 p.m.)

Saturday – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Gate closes at 11:30 a.m.)

John Melnik, Public Services Superintendent

The City of Ashtabula provides curbside trash pick-up for our residents for a monthly fee. We will provide the equivalent of one pickup per week of ordinary and reasonable accumulation of solid waste. Total trash collected per week is limited to three 32-gallon trash containers or nine bags of trash.

Be sure to provide suitable, portable, approved containers for holding all solid waste. These containers should be water-tight and have suitable handles along with a tight fitting lid. Containers should be no more than 32 gallons. Plastic bags of high density tensile strength are acceptable containers so long as said plastic bags are securely tied or sealed and are otherwise water-tight. When possible, please use containers to avoid animals tearing the bags and spreading garbage on your property and in your neighborhood.

For a more detailed description of the rules and regulations the City has regarding solid waste, please see Chapter 951 titled Solid Waste Disposal in the Codified Ordinances for the City of Ashtabula.

If you have bulk items to dispose of, please call the Sanitation Office at (440) 993-8101 to schedule a pick-up. There is an additional charge for this service. Higher fees will be imposed for bulk items the City removes without being notified to schedule a pick-up. You can bring your bulk items to our Transfer Station for disposal as well. (Fee is based on weight of items to be disposed).

We can also dispose of your scrap tires at the Transfer Station for a small disposal fee per tire.

The City can provide Commercial pick-up at your business in container sizes ranging from 1 yard to 6 yards. Please call the Sanitation Office for prices and availability.

Recycling Center

The City of Ashtabula in partnership with the Ashtabula County Solid Waste District has a Recycling Center at our Transfer Station on W. 24th St. This Center is open to all, regardless of residency. Recycling can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Visit www.co.ashtabula.oh.us/239/Solid-Waste-Management-District to see other drop-off sites in the county.

For those residents that live in an area that hasn't contracted with a waste hauler to provide curbside recycling, the Ashtabula County Solid Waste Management District provides access to recycling via "Drop Off" locations. These front load drop off containers are easily identified by their blue color, and matching infographic decals.

Pay special attention to these decals, as they explain what "can" and "can not" be recycled through the Ashtabula County Solid Waste's recycling system.

While many items are "recyclable," that doesn't mean that they are recyclable/compatible through the Ashtabula County SWMD recycling program. Recyclables are a global commodity, which impacts the quantity and quality that producers need depending on the material. As markets flood, the commodity becomes less valuable, and the quality needed to bring the same price must be better.

The District is held to certain standards by the ever more selective end user/commodities market, and deviating from these accepted items puts the recycling program at risk.



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 Emergency number:
 911
 Business Calls:
 275-5231

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 Emergency number:
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 Business Calls:
 466-4900

Ashtabula County Sheriff's Dept.

25 W Jefferson St.
 Jefferson
 Non-emergency
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Where to vote

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Where to vote

Plymouth Fire Hall
 1001 Plymouth Rd.: Precincts 1, 2

Township Hall
 1001 Plymouth Rd.
 Phone 992-7484
 Fax 992-7484

**Plymouth
 Fire Department**
 1001 Plymouth Rd.
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency:
 993-4350

**Ambulance
 (Fire Dept.)**
 1001 Plymouth Rd.
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 Non-Emergency:
 993-4350

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Population as of 2010 census.....2,923
Form of government.....Mayor/Council

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 North Kingsville, Ohio 44068
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northkingsvilleohio.org

Council Meeting

Dates: 1st Mon. & 3rd Wed. at 7 p.m.
 Place: Municipal Building
 Street: 3541 E. Center (Route 20)
 Council Clerk...Cheryl Cliff

Mayor

Mindy Bisbee
 Municipal Bldg.....224-0091
nkmayor@gwcmail.net

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 Tim Green (2021).....813-6937
 Roger Corlett (2021)224-0091
 Jose Rodriguez (2023).....224-0091
 Tammy Andrew (2023)224-0609

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 302 S. Broadway, Geneva, Ohio
 P.O. Box 253, North Kingsville466-4818

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Income Tax Department

Cheryl Cliff.....224-1924

Street Foreman / Cemetery

Tom Peters.....224-0703

Police Chief

Shannon Krenisky.....224-1991 or 224-1074

Fire Chief

Kevin Hubbard224-0877

Asst. Chief of Rescue

Ryan Fertig.....224-0877 or 224-1140

COMMITTEES

Finance

First Monday
 third Wednesday after Council
 Roger Corlett, chair

Village Green Golf Course

Tim Green, chair
 Second Thursday
 7:30 a.m.

Lands, Building, & Utilities

Second Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
 Jose Rodriguez, chair

Law, Ordinance & Health

First Monday, third Wednesday after Finance
 Michael Fitchet, chair;

Park & Campground

Meets second Wednesday at 6 p.m.
 Village Hall (Oct-March)
 and campground (April - Sept)
 Tammy Andrew, chair

Police Fire & Rescue

Income Tax.....1.3 percent, 30% outside credit

Where to vote

N. Kingsville Municipal Bldg., 3541 E. Center St..... Precinct 1
 Living Water Baptist Church, 2314 W. Center St.....Precincts 2 & 3

Municipal Building

3541 E. Center Rd.
 P.O. Box 253
 224-0091
 Fax: 224-0331

North Kingsville Village Fire/Rescue Emergency 911 Non-emergency

224-1411

Fire Station #1

6581 Church St.
 224-0877

Fire Station #2

7676 Poore Rd.
 224-1140 or 224-0877
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 224-1411

North Kingsville Village Police Department

3541 E. Center St.
 224-1074
Village Green Golf Course

Adam Smith, Manager
 224-0091

Village Green Park & Campground

Lake Road
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 15-Oct. 21

Post Office

2716 E. Center St.
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 Ron McVoy, chair;

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Kingsville Township

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Population (2010 census) 1,847
Form of government Trustees
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 Kingsvilletwp.org

Trustees' Meetings
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Kingsville Township was named for a resident of Conneaut named King, who paid early settlers four gallons of whiskey to name the township for him. The first settler in Kingsville Township was Eldad Harrington, a hunter who arrived in 1803. Two years later, he was followed by former Massachusetts resident Walter Fobes.



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been made on the building's look.

According to a brochure, the museum's current limited space limits the size and scope of what it can present, and because there's no assembly space, classroom instruction, lectures and outreach are "almost impossible." Not only that, the brochure notes that the museum's outdated climate control compromises the proper care of valuable collection items.

"The museum is at a critical juncture," the copy of the brochure reads. "We are filled beyond capacity. We can no longer meet demand."

"You see, we have stuff on the wall that's blocked by stuff in front of it, as

well," Hubbard said, further describing the space problems. "It would be nice to be able to display that in a fashion where nothing's blocked."

Hubbard said the new building would solve all these issues.

A preliminary concept calls for exhibition space, classroom space, climate control, a new gift shop/orientation space, offices for personnel and volunteers, and, of course, "a breathtaking view of Lake Erie," according to the museum's brochure about the plan proposal.

Frisbie said the new building will "definitely" help with the space issues.

"We have displays piled on top of displays. We've needed more space for at least 10 years. We're at the point where we have to get it done."

He said the concept for the new building will get "a couple more

tweaks," and then be finalized at a board meeting on Jan. 28.

Frisbie said it's also hoped that some sheltered covering can be provided for a boat that's currently sitting out, Dorothea M. Geary, the first electrically-welded boat in the world. In addition, plans call for a lifeboat from the Maumee to be on display inside the museum. It's outside under shrink wrap.

The project took another recent step forward with the granting of a conditional use permit by the city planning commission for the use of the property for educational purposes.

The museum represents a plethora of knowledge and history, located in the former residence of lighthouse keepers and the Coast Guard chief. The building was constructed in 1871 and added on to in 1898. In 1984, it

opened as a museum.

The museum, located at 1071 Walnut Blvd., Ashtabula, is "dedicated to preserving maritime and surface transportation, including railroads as well as the history of Ashtabula and of the Great Lakes."

Inside, there are seven rooms with artifacts and other memorabilia, representing one of "the largest and best collections in all of the Great Lakes," an informational brochure about the museum states.

One of the more interesting-looking items is the original lens from the Ashtabula light, which was made in 1896 in France.

In addition, a corner of the museum is dedicated to the car ferry, Ashtabula, which according to the museum, was built by the Great Lakes Engineering

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Works (GLEW) in St. Claire, Mich. and then launched in 1906.

"She collided with the Ben Moreell and sunk in September 1958 in 27 feet of water in the Ashtabula Harbor," the museum's brochure states. The exhibit on the ferry includes many artifacts.

There's also a scale model of the Wellman Electric Hulett, which is the only one of its kind in the world, according to the museum.

"Prior to the advent of self-unloading freighters, these huge machines moved 17 tons of ore with each bite of their mammoth jaws," the museum's brochure states. "There were eight Hulett's in the Harbor at the height of this era. They unloaded 4 billion tons in their 72-year history."

The museum features a model of the Ashtabula Harbor in the 1940's and 1950's, which depicts the docks and railroads as they were then. Plymouth Township resident Lawson Stevenson donated it.

A sign by the model states, "This model represents the efforts of one man; Lawson Stevenson, over uncounted research and modeling hours. Most of the models displayed here were hand built using only basic materials. The volunteers of the museum have donated hundreds of their own hours to preserve, transport and repair this model for your viewing pleasure."

Once the new building is

constructed, Hubbard said the current building could possibly be used for an administrative area or library/research area.

Eventually in the future, it could possibly be converted back into the lighthouse keeper's house it once was, Hubbard added.

"I mean that's off in the distance, you'd have to get period-correct furniture," he said.

In 2020, about 1,000 people visited the museum, even with the coronavirus pandemic.

Hubbard said the new board has decided to do more to publicize the museum, which is solely funded by admission fees, membership fees, donations and gift shop sales.

He said the more people that find out about the solely volunteer-run museum, the more attendance it's getting.

"It's such a hidden secret in the area," Hubbard said. "A lot of people have never been here, don't even know it's here."

Memberships for the museum are being accepted. To become a member, to volunteer or to donate, call Frisbie at 440-997-5370.

This year, the museum opens on May 29 and runs through the last weekend in September.

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- Science
- Technical Study
- Veterinary Technology
- Viticulture

HEALTH DEGREE PROGRAMS

NURSING

- Associate Degree
- RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
- Paramedic to RN Program
- LPN to RN Program

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY

- Associate Degree

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT TECHNOLOGY

- Associate Degree
- Athletic Trainers Transition Concentration

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

- Associate Degree
- Bachelor Degree (CT/MRI)
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- Bachelor Degree

CERTIFICATES

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- Hospitality Management
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- Viticulture
- Entrepreneurship

BACHELOR OF ARTS

- Communications (Applied Communications Concentration)
- Criminology and Justice Studies
- English
- Psychology
- Sociology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

- Hospitality Management
- Information Technology

MORE BACHELOR DEGREES

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Management

- Bachelor of Integrative Studies (formerly Bachelor of General Studies)
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PROFESSIONAL COMPLETION PROGRAMS

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- Associate of Applied Science in LPN to Associate Degree in Nursing
- Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology Option for Certified Athletic Trainer Transition

ONLINE DEGREES

Associate of Applied Business -
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County Courthouse

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Judge Michelle Fisher 466-1184

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Dance Department

Ballet Theatre Ashtabula is our resident, pre-professional dance company founded in 1981, which provides students and area dancers the freedom to fully develop their technical and artistic abilities. The Dance Department annually produces a full-scale production of The Nutcracker in December. A spring dance concert is also held each May, showcasing different styles of modern dance. Ballet Theatre Ashtabula also serves to bring dance to the community through outreach and mixed repertory concerts. The arts center's dance studio, made possible by a CDC grant, is one of the finest facilities in northeastern Ohio with a basket weave construction sprung floor just like the one in New York's Lincoln Center. A special marley floor also provides a smooth, safe surface, an important factor in injury prevention. Dance classes are offered year-round for students of all ages and include classical ballet, ballroom, hip-hop, and more.

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Our calendar has an ever-growing list of retail and community activities for all ages, and during all seasons.

Yearly events include Art in the Alley, Enchanted Christmas, Easter Extravaganza, Downtown Laughs Comedy Night and more. View the calendar and more information at www.downtownashtabula.com.

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John Melnik, Public Services Superintendent

The City of Ashtabula Department of Public Works is responsible for removing snow and ice from streets, installation and maintenance of traffic signals and signs, pavement markings on City streets and maintenance of the grounds in our parks and around City Buildings. The Department also handles storm and sewer line repairs and maintenance along with street sweeping, street repairs and yard waste pick-up.

Yard Waste Pick-up

The Department of Public Works collects yard waste curbside during the months of April, May, October and November. A pick-up schedule for your home can be found at <http://cityofashtabula.com/city-departments/public-works-department/>.

During the months April and May as well as October and November, residents can place grass clippings, leaves and small twigs in biodegradable paper bags at the curbside for pickup free of charge.

Public Works will not collect yard waste in plastic bags or bags filled with dirt or rocks. Branches, up to 3 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter, should be bundled in piles of less than 20 pounds and tied during these months.

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Covered bridges decorate Ashtabula County's landscape

Ashtabula County is known for its many covered bridges, with thousands of people visiting the 19 covered bridges scattered throughout the county during the year, particularly during the annual Ashtabula County Covered Bridge Festival, held every year in October.

Ashtabula County has the most public covered bridges - currently 19 - of any county in Ohio, with six having been newly constructed since 1983.

The 18th bridge, the Liberty Bridge, was completed in 2011. In 2016, a pedestrian bridge, the Riverview Bridge, was added to Indian Trails Park and is a replica of the Smolen-Gulf Bridge. It sits underneath it.

Ashtabula County has two records to its name: the longest covered bridge and the shortest covered bridge in the United States.

The longest covered bridge is the Smolen-Gulf Bridge, which carries State Road (Ashtabula County Road 25) across the Ashtabula River at the Plymouth Township and Ashtabula Township line in northern Ashtabula County.

At 613 feet, it is the longest covered bridge in the United States and the fourth longest covered bridge in the world.

The 613-foot structure replaces

the former record holder, the 449.5-foot Cornish-Windsor Bridge that sits over the Connecticut River between Cornish, N.H., and Windsor, Vt.

The completion of the bridge in 2008 came nearly a decade after former Ashtabula County Engineer John Smolen applied for the grant to fund the project. Although the idea for the bridge came from Smolen, the project was carried out by current Ashtabula County Engineer Timothy Martin.

The covered bridge cost approximately \$7.78 million to build, with \$5 million of the expenses coming from federal funds and the remaining balance being comprised of state and local money.

It is constructed of four 152-foot sections that rest on concrete abutments and three concrete piers and rises more than 93 feet over the river, carrying two lanes of legal-weight traffic. The bridge consists of three-foot thick pieces of Douglas fir or yellow pine, with hemlock or yellow poplar being used for the siding. The builder was Union Industrial Contractors and Koski Construction.

The bridge was dedicated the afternoon of Aug. 26, 2008, when the name was unveiled.

It's named after the man who crafted the plan for the new bridge



- John Smolen. Officially the bridge is known as Smolen-Gulf Bridge Ashtabula County Highway 25. Most folks will shorten that to Smolen-Gulf Bridge, or Smolen Bridge.

In 2012, members of the Ashtabula Township Park Commission and the community celebrated the dedication of the new Educational/Information Pavilion near the Smolen-Gulf Bridge at Indian Trails Park.

The pavilion houses an information sign/kiosk at the Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge. The signs include information on the bridge, the scenic Ashtabula River, the park and a map of the area. There also are signs pointing people to other interesting places in Ashtabula County, including the other bridges.

More information can be added as time goes on, Ashtabula Township Park Commission Chair Mike Wayman said.

"Back during construction and after the Smolen-Gulf Bridge was opened, along with the Ashtabula River below it being designated a state scenic river, we noticed the vast amount of people coming to this location to see the bridge and visit the park below," Wayman said. "I have had the opportunity to speak to many of these people, and many of them had questions about the bridge, the park and other points of interest in the county, along with how far a winery was or how far away the lake was."

Wayman said the members of the park commission decided that

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some type of information pavilion was needed to inform these visitors.

While tourists are already flocking to Ashtabula County to see the longest covered bridge in the United States, Geneva has its own claim to fame, as far as bridges go.

In 2011 was the dedication of the shortest covered bridge in the county.

The 18-foot Liberty Bridge replaces the cement culvert on West Liberty Street in Geneva. Engineers had identified it as significantly deficient.

The Liberty Bridge, the nation's shortest authentic public roadway covered bridge, consists of a single kingpost truss for the structure, with a scissor truss roof intended to give the span a lighter and open feeling.

The roof has a more pronounced slope than other bridges that, along with extended overhangs, eaves and rakes, gives the bridge a floating appearance.

Other features of the bridge's site eventually will include a toll-keeper booth, to remind visitors of an earlier time, and a small pavilion to offer pedestrians and bicyclists shelter and access to a community bulletin board and map.

To give students the opportunity

of a lifetime, the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School carpentry students constructed the bridge.

The involvement of the ACJVS students has made the covered bridge even more cost effective for the city, and the covered bridge will be a big economic driver to bring people to Geneva, city officials say.

The bridge is constructed of local timber. Using local wood makes the project even more special to Ashtabula County, and gives ownership to residents of the area.

The revitalization plan also includes the relocation of an 1870's Civil War monument to a spot near the center of town on South Broadway; rehabilitation of 1,400 feet of Cowles Creek from West Liberty Street to South Broadway; construction of a welcome to "Historic Geneva" cast-iron arch over State Route 534 near the Old Mill Winery; and installation of new antique-style street lamps along the east and west side of North Broadway.

The \$400,000 project was funded through a combination of local match, local in-kind services, an Ohio Public Works Commission grant and a zero-percent loan.

Recycling Centers

The City of Ashtabula has a Recycling Center at our Transfer Station on W. 24th St. This center is open to all, regardless of residency. The following are the procedures you should follow when utilizing this Recycling Drop Off Center:

- Prepare and separate recyclables properly. All material should be placed loose in the appropriate containers.

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The Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum lets visitors 'walk in the footsteps of history'

BY ERIC HRIN

Gazette Newspapers

ASHTABULA — You might think Richard Dana knows all there is to know about The Hubbard House Underground Railroad Museum in Ashtabula.

But you would be wrong.

"It's a fascinating place, and, literally, even for me, who has been through the house hundreds of times, I always learn something new each time that I'm there," Dana, the museum's historian and past museum board president, said.

Located at 1603 Walnut Blvd., the Hubbard House was built around 1841 by William and Katharine Hubbard, and was a northern terminus, or end point, of the Underground Railroad, according to the museum's website.

Dana said the mission of the museum is to tell the story of the Underground Railroad through the Hubbards, who were two of the prominent leaders in the movement in Ashtabula County.

The museum has plenty of stories to tell.

"We have traditional exhibits like our Civil War exhibit," Dana said. "We have a very large display of the Civil War weapons and drums from units. We have personal possessions here of the Hubbard family. We have newspapers of the time, and we also have stories that exist

here about the role that women played along the Underground Railroad."

He said one of the newer exhibits at the museum is a photo array from Ron Coddington of black soldiers who served during the Civil War, which he said is amazing. It is a partnership between Coddington, the Hubbard House and a Hubbard family member, Lisa Hubbard Burroughs.

"While our mission is focused on the Hubbard family and on William and Katharine Hubbard, I'm thrilled with some of the work that we're doing here on the research of these individual stories of people making it to freedom and also this Ron Coddington exhibit talking about how African Americans actually served during the Civil War," Dana said.

While those who came to the Hubbard House in the past sought freedom, today people seek knowledge.

And they come from all over.

In a typical year when it's in full operation, Dana said, the museum gets more than 2,000 visitors during its very short season.

"These people will come from all over the country, and we've even had visitors from around the globe," he said. "This is something that our area, Ashtabula County, is really known for, being one of those final stops, one of the final termini here before freedom seekers would make their way off to Canada and freedom, and

people know about us, and they come and they literally want to walk in the footsteps of history, can actually walk on the same trails that freedom seekers walked, literally."

Dana said visitors are amazed by the museum.

"Even locals that we have, a lot of them will just say, 'My gosh, we never knew that this was here. We never knew that this story was here,'" he said.

Some people want to do research as they follow the trails of the Underground Railroad and the journey to freedom.

Dana said they may follow the trail of a freedom seeker who went from a plantation in the South, through Virginia and Pennsylvania, and into Ohio to board a ship in Ashtabula Harbor on their way to Canada.

The museum shares stories of freedom seekers as they came to Ashtabula County.

"We have firsthand accounts of where they were here in the basement of the Hubbard House, what door that they would have exited from which to take the journey off to the harbor," Dana said.

In addition, visitors to the museum can learn about how the Hubbard family was charged for violating the 1793 federal fugitive slave law, and were brought into federal court in Columbus.

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"The charges against them ended up being dropped," Dana said. "They were actually charged on two separate occasions by two separate 'slave owners.'"

He said they had a "high-power legal team" of Salmon Chase, a United States Supreme Court justice and secretary of the treasury during the Civil War, and son-in-law Ben Wade, a senator and who was a vote away from becoming president during President Andrew Johnson's impeachment.

"They had quite a nice legal team between those two," Dana said. "There's lots of stories. Literally, at every turn you have, you can see something."

Dana said a conservative estimate is that 400 freedom seekers made their way through the house on the way to freedom Canada.

"Once you made it to the Hubbard House, you were fairly safe," Dana said. "Their time that they would stay here would not necessarily be long if the weather was good."

But when there was ice over Lake Erie, he said, freedom seekers would stay for longer periods of time.

"We have a firsthand account of a freedom seeker by the name of

Uncle Jake who actually helped to fire the bricks here for the Hubbard House and also did the plastering work in the house. So, there were times, when they were staying here during the winter season, they would be making improvements to the house."

In a normal year, the museum is open 1-5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

However, with the coronavirus pandemic, Dana said the museum will follow health experts in determining its operating hours this year.

"We're hoping that we'll be able to open here this summer. We expect that that's going to be the case, but at the same time, we're going to be looking at the health experts here to make a formal decision on that," Dana said.

Dana added that the museum is always looking for more docents.

He said anyone interested in the opportunity should contact Executive Director Sally Bradley.

The phone number listed on the museum's website is 440-964-8168 and the email listed is info@hubbardhouseugrrmuseum.org

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Benetka Road Covered Bridge

The Benetka Road bridge was built in the early 1900s. It is 138 feet long and has a clearance of 11-feet, 6-inches. The laminated arch was added during the renovation of 1985. It is on Benetka Road, which is off SR 193 north of Gageville-Monroe Rd.



Caine Road Covered Bridge



This bridge was built in 1986 in honor of Ashtabula County's 175th anniversary. It was the first Pratt Truss bridge built in Ohio and is one of only five in the state. It has a clearance of 15 feet.

Creek Road Covered Bridge

The Creek Road Covered Bridge was renovated in 1994. Its construction date is unknown. It sits 25 feet above Conneaut Creek and features Town Lattice design. It has a clearance of 9-feet, 3-inches. Creek Road runs east of Keefus Road, south off Route 20, in Conneaut.



Doyle Road Covered Bridge



Doyle Road Bridge was built in 1868 on Doyle Road, east of Jefferson off SR 307. It has a clearance of 11 feet, 4 inches. It was rededicated in 1987 following the addition of a laminated arch. It is 94 feet long and features Town Lattice design.

Giddings Road Covered Bridge

The Giddings Road bridge was built in 1995, east of SR 46 south of Griggs Rd. It is 107 feet long and has a clearance of 15 feet, 6 inches. It was built with Pratt Truss construction.



Mechanicsville Covered Bridge

The Mechanicsville bridge was built in 1867 and is believed to be the oldest covered bridge in the county. It is 156-feet long and has a clearance of 8 feet, although it is currently by-passed.



Graham Road Covered Bridge



The Graham Road bridge was built in 1913 from remnants of a bridge washed downstream in a flood. It is currently by-passed, so travel by vehicle across it is not possible. It sits on property belonging to Ashtabula County Metroparks.

Harpersfield Covered Bridge



The Harpersfield Bridge built in 1868 is 228 feet long. It has a clearance of 12 feet and is built with Howe Truss construction. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Liberty Covered Bridge



Dedicated in 2011, the Liberty Covered Bridge carries West Liberty Street across Cowles Creek in Geneva. At 18 feet, it has been called the shortest covered bridge in the United States. It was built with the help of students at the Ashtabula County Joint Vocational School.

Middle Road Covered Bridge

Middle Road Bridge was constructed in 1868 and reconstructed in 1984. It is 136 feet long and has a clearance of 11 feet. The bridge is east of State Route 7 and south of South Ridge Road.



Netcher Road Covered Bridge



The Netcher Road Covered Bridge features neo-Victorian design with a timber arch and inverted Haupt walls. It was built in 1999. It is 110 feet long, 22 feet wide and features a clearance of 14 feet, 6 inches. It is east of Jefferson

off Route 307 off S. Denmark Rd.

Olin Covered Bridge

The Olin Covered Bridge is the only bridge named after a family. It was built in 1873 and features Town Lattice design. It is 115 feet long and has a clearance of 10 feet. It is on Dewey Road, east of Dibble Road, which is north of Plymouth Ridge Road.



Riverdale Covered Bridge



The Riverdale Bridge was built in 1874, with the floor rebuilt in 1983. The abutment was replaced in 1987. It has an 8-foot clearance. Riverdale Road is west of State Route 45, just past Camp Beaumont, in Austinburg.

Root Road Covered Bridge

The Root Road bridge was built in 1868 and renovated in 1982-83. It is 114 feet long with a 10-foot, 6-inch clearance. It features Town Lattice design. Root Road is east of Stanhope-Kellogsville Road.



South Denmark Road Covered Bridge



Built in 1890, the South Denmark Road Covered Bridge spans Mill Creek and was bypassed in 1975. It is on the south side of S. Denmark Road, east of Route 11.

Smolen-Gulf Covered Bridge

The Smolen Gulf Covered Bridge was built during 2007-2008 and carries State Road across the Ashtabula River at the Plymouth and Ashtabula Township line. At 613 feet in length, it is the longest covered bridge in the United States. The bridge is named after former Ashtabula County Engineer John Smolen



Windsor Covered Bridge



The Windsor Covered Bridge was built in 1867. The Town Lattice-designed bridge sits atop sandstone from a nearby quarry. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It is south of SR 322 on

Warner Hollow.

State Road Covered Bridge

The State Road bridge was built in 1983 as the first "new" covered bridge constructed in the county. It has Town Lattice design and clearance of 16 feet, 2 inches.



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ASHTABULA COUNTY - Ashtabula County is home to four scenic rivers, three of which are wild-and-scenic rivers - the Ashtabula Scenic River, the Conneaut Creek State Wild & Scenic River, the Grand State Wild & Scenic River and the Pymatuning Creek Wild and Scenic River.

Ashtabula County is the only county in the entire state with four scenic rivers.

Learn more about Ashtabula County's four rivers below, with information provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

ASHTABULA SCENIC RIVER

The Ashtabula River was designated Oct. 30, 2008. It features 46 continuous river miles on three stream segments:

- Ashtabula River - from the confluence of the East Branch and West Branch of the Ashtabula River at river mile 27.54, downstream to the East 24th Street Bridge crossing at river mile 2.3 (25.24 miles)
- East Branch of the Ashtabula River - from Pennline Fen at river mile 12.0, downstream to the mouth of the East Branch (12 miles)
- West Branch of the Ashtabula River - from the North Richmond Road (County Road 302) bridge crossing at river mile 9.05, downstream to the mouth of the West Branch (9.05 miles)

Located in northeast Ohio, the Ashtabula River watershed supports an exceptionally beautiful river system. High-quality natural features include an outstanding wooded riparian corridor and diverse populations of wildlife and plants. Unique recreational opportunities combine with pristine natural qualities to illustrate the importance of protecting the Ashtabula River as an Ohio Scenic River.

The Ashtabula River watershed features a variety of plant communities including Great Lakes hemlock-beech hardwood forest, Lake Plain swamp forest, mixed oak, rich shrub fen, emergent deep marsh and northern rich mesic forest. Nearly 40 rare plant species have been documented in the area surrounding the Ashtabula State Scenic River.

The name Ashtabula (Hash-tah-buh-lah) is thought to be Algonquin, meaning "river of many fish." Eighty-eight species of fish have been documented in the river. The river is also home to rare animals includ-

ing black bear, bald eagle, Indiana bat, Northern harrier, osprey, spotted turtle, queen snake, Northern brook lamprey and least brook lamprey.

Many fishermen take advantage of the excellent water quality found in the Ashtabula. The Ashtabula has a great rainbow trout (steelhead) fishery, with four river miles of public access in the Ashtabula Township Park (Indian Trails). For avid paddlers, seasonal opportunities are available to canoe or kayak class I, II and III waters through remote ravines. Water levels must be closely watched and are usually only floatable from late fall to early spring.

The Ashtabula River qualified for scenic river designation as direct result of the exceptional stewardship by area landowners. Local landowners along the river have maintained wooded riparian buffers with widths of at least 120 feet along the river bank. Maintaining wooded buffers is key to protecting the high water quality of the Ashtabula River.

CONNEAUT CREEK STATE WILD & SCENIC RIVER

Conneaut Creek in Ashtabula County was officially designated a State Wild and Scenic River on Oct. 6, 2005. The designation provides state protection to a 21-mile stretch of the creek from the Ohio-Pennsylvania border to the former Penn Central Railroad bridge in the City of Conneaut on the Lake Erie shore.

Of the 21 miles to receive State Scenic River designation, 16.4 miles, from the state line to the Creek Road bridge crossing, received the additional State Wild River status. Only two other stream segments in Ohio - portions of the Grand River in Ashtabula County and Little Beaver Creek in Columbiana County - are so listed.

Conneaut Creek offers an exceptional diversity of habitats that support outstanding wildlife populations. The stream corridor is home to 78 fish species and 32 species of amphibians and reptiles. The heavily wooded watershed harbors more than 30 unique plants and plant communities, many of which are listed as threatened or endangered.

With its headwaters in western Pennsylvania, Conneaut Creek has a drainage basin of only 190 square miles, 40 of which are in Ohio. Flowing through wooded and urban areas, the stream has a shale streambed and has cut deeply into Ohio's glaciated plateau, forming a narrow valley covered with hardwoods and conifers.

In places, the stream can be about 40 feet wide and at other times narrows to 15 feet. Many riffles and bars are present. With a fairly constant gradient, the stream drops and turns against sharply cut shale banks, but occasionally wanders through wide, sunny openings.

Water flow levels in Conneaut Creek can fluctuate throughout the year, with spring and early summer offering excellent canoeing opportunities. The stream passes beneath several picturesque covered bridges and some of its tributary streams feature waterfalls.

It's a popular destination for anglers, particularly for its quality steelhead trout fishing. It also supports a variety of other fish, including smallmouth bass, walleye, and northern pike.

Conneaut's name comes from an Indian word for "place of many fish" or "place where snow lays in spring."

GRAND STATE WILD & SCENIC RIVER

On Jan. 17, 1974, the Grand River became Ohio's second wild and scenic river.

The "wild" designation applies to the section from Harpersfield covered bridge downstream to the Norfolk and Western Railroad trestle south of Painesville (23 miles). The "scenic" designation runs from the US 322 bridge in Ashtabula County downstream to Harpersfield covered bridge (33 miles).

The Grand Wild and Scenic River represents one of the finest examples of a natural stream to be found anywhere in Ohio. Due to its rugged topography, the Grand River has not until recently felt the influences of urbanization.

During the Pleistocene or Ice Age, the Wisconsin glacier spread over Ohio in lobes, one of which is known as the Grand River lobe. This lobe ground and scraped its way

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south across northeastern Ohio, but was halted by the steep, erosion-resistant sandstone hills found to the south.

As the glacier advanced, it eroded the soft shale of the region and deposited sands and gravels. The glacier altered the topography and forced changes in the drainage patterns.

Today, the Grand River follows an odd course that was influenced by the glacier. The headwaters of the river can be found in Portage and Geauga counties. From there, the river flows north through Trumbull County and into Ashtabula County. In the northern part of the county, the river begins flowing westward into Lake County.

The upper portion of the Grand River in Ashtabula County is designated scenic. The river is bordered in many areas by extensive swamp forests of elm, ash, maple, pine, pin oak and swamp white oak.

The slow flow of this section of the river along with the adjoining wetlands provides excellent habitat for a number of wildlife species, especially river otters, which have made a strong comeback after their reintroduction by the Division of Wildlife in 1986 and 1988.

The lower section of the Grand River in Lake County is designated wild. Here, the river is characterized by steeply-incised valley walls of Chagrin Shale. A view of the river in this area is truly spectacular especially following spring and summer showers when waterfalls cascade over the steep shale bluffs.

Insuring the natural heritage of the Grand River is not limited to protecting the immediate streamside environment. Land use activities within the watershed, such as urban and residential development, may have a direct and adverse effect on the long-term protection and preservation of this important Ohio water resource.

Without local support and cooperation from the development community, it will become increasingly difficult to protect rivers of the beauty and magnitude of the Grand State Wild and Scenic River. The Grand River has the most aquatic diversity of any Ohio Lake Erie tributary.

The Grand River has an active partnership group working with

the state scenic rivers program and other agencies to assist with the river's preservation.

PYMATUNING CREEK WILD & SCENIC RIVER

Pymatuning Creek in Ashtabula and Trumbull counties was designated a State Wild and Scenic River on Dec. 17, 2018. The designation provides state protection to a 30-mile stretch of the creek from the Ohio-Pennsylvania border to the Ayers Road bridge northwest of the city of Andover.

Located in northeast Ohio, the Pymatuning Creek watershed supports an exceptionally beautiful river valley and adjacent wetland complex system. Pymatuning Creek features superb natural characteristics and a variety of recreational opportunities.

Pymatuning Creek watershed has exceptional biological communities. Documented in the watershed are populations of 71 rare species including 26 Endangered and Threatened species. Documented populations include 44 mammals, 127 breeding bird species with an additional 53 migrant or wintering bird species, 50 species of fish, 26 reptiles and amphibians, 267 aquatic macro-invertebrates, 37 species of dragonflies and damselflies, 11 species of mollusks, and 219 plants (trees, shrubs, ferns, lichens, fungus, other plants, grasses & sedges).

Pymatuning Creek has an exceptional forested and wetland corridor, with a minimum depth of 300' for 90 percent of its reach. It includes a unique recreational opportunity: The Shenango Wildlife Area, managed by ODNR Division of Wildlife and owned by US Army Corps of Engineers, offers approximately 19 continuous miles of protected public lands that can be enjoyed for hunting, fishing, bird watching, paddling and general nature watching.

The Pymatuning Creek corridor supports an exceptional variety of species and outstanding recreational fish populations, including northern pike and yellow perch, which are not common in Ohio's rivers and streams.



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LAKE SHORE PARK, LOCATED AT LAKE ROAD AND MANOLA (EAST OF SR 11) IN ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP: Set in lush vegetation and rolling hills with abundant natural wildlife, Lake Shore Park is a refreshing, relaxing place for the whole family. More than 100 picnic tables, many charcoal grills and the clean restrooms are close to the four spacious and scenic pavilions. Playground, sand beach, boat launch, and the site of disc golf. Kid friendly.

CEDERQUIST PARK, LOCATED IN ASHTABULA: Hiking trail through the wooded area, access to river.

CONNEAUT TOWNSHIP PARK, LOCATED AT LAKE ROAD AND GROVE STREET IN CONNEAUT: Sand beach with lifeguards, concession stand, picnic pavilions, playground, basketball, tennis courts, volleyball, soccer, and the Conneaut Lighthouse Cruise-in every Thursday night from Mid-May through September, featuring classic and antique cars. Located on Lake Erie at Lake Road and Grove Street, west of SR 7. Hours: Dawn to dusk. Free, kid friendly.

GENEVA STATE PARK, LOCATED AT 4499 PADANARUM RD. IN GENEVA: Seasonal hunting for small game, waterfowl and deer. Fishing for walleye, bass, salmon, steelhead, yellow perch can be done via charter boats and from the shoreline or break-wall. Three-mile hiking trail, sand beach, picnic pavilions, marina, freshwater marshes and estuaries located along the lake. Also the location of a state park resort and conference center. Located west of SR 534. Open dawn - dusk, cottages and campground seasonal. Accepts credit cards. Kid- and pet-friendly.

GENEVA TOWNSHIP PARK, LOCATED AT SR 531 AND AUSTIN ROAD IN GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE: Pavilions, volleyball courts, horseshoe pit, concession stand, playground. No lifeguards. Concerts Tuesdays in summer. Open 9 a.m. to dusk.

INDIAN TRAILS PARK, LOCATED IN ASHTABULA/PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIPS: Home to the longest covered bridge in the United States, the Smolen-Gulf Bridge. Overlooking pavilion.

POINT PARK, LOCATED ON WALNUT STREET IN ASHTABULA: Overlooks the Ashtabula Harbor, river, coal conveyor, shipping docks, lift bridge. Visit the historic Hulett Ore Unloader on display and the Merchant Marine Memorial.

PYMATUNING STATE PARK, PARK OFFICE LOCATED AT LAKE ROAD SOUTH

OF SR 85 IN ANDOVER: Picnic shelters, boating (10HP limit), swimming, fishing, hiking, cottages, camping and beach. Located east of Andover. Open seasonally, daily. Contact about permit hunting areas.

SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PARK, LOCATED AT SR 531, TWO MILES WEST OF SR 45, IN ASHTABULA/SAYBROOK: Pavilions, grills, playground, restrooms, baseball diamonds, trail down to small, unguarded beach.

WALNUT BEACH, LOCATED AT WALNUT BOULEVARD AND LAKE AVENUE IN ASHTABULA: Offers concession stand, tennis, basketball and volley-ball court. Plank walkway to beach. Nature trail through wetlands area and sand dunes. Lifeguards until 6 p.m. Kid-friendly.

ASHTABULA COUNTY METROPARKS

WESTERN RESERVE GREENWAY: This beautiful, 2.75-mile long, 340-acre paved trail is the longest link in the proposed 110-mile Great Ohio Lake to River Greenway. The completely handicapped accessible Western Reserve Greenway is open for cycling, hiking, rollerblading, cross country, running, wildlife viewing, skiing, and snowmobiling. New bike fix-it stations and restrooms are strategically located throughout this newly resurfaced premium trail. Phase II construction called the North Shore Trail will extend the trail 4.2 miles more to Ashtabula Harbor and Lake Erie. A map of the trail is available at www.ashtabulametroparks.com.

HARPERSFIELD COVERED BRIDGE METROPARK: 53 acres, 1101 Harpersfield Rd. This beautiful park features the historic Harpersfield Covered Bridge, open to traffic and pedestrians. Steep bluffs, a waterfall, a streamside forest and picnic areas provide a spectacular backdrop for one of Ashtabula County's most popular parks. Access to the Grand River is available for boating and fishing. Amenities include covered bridge walks and overlooks, pavilions, restrooms, a play area and gift shop. This picturesque 53-acre park is located on Harpersfield Rd. south of SR 307 near SR 534.

GRAHAM ROAD COVERED BRIDGE BENSON FAMILY METROPARK: .29 acres, 4646 Graham Rd., Pierpont Township. This bridge was a casualty of the 1913 flood, but it was reconstructed and now located on donated property in Pierpont Township. The bridge is open to pedestrian visitors and may be reserved for small events.

LAMPSON RESERVOIR METROPARK: 162 acres, 1259 Rt. 307, Jefferson Twp. This former municipal reservoir is now a wetland and woodland haven for waterfowl, birds and native plants along pristine Mill Creek. Enjoy fishing, birding, hiking and nature walks along two miles of primitive trails. A new observation platform and 340' fishing pier grace this idyllic park.

HATCHES CORNERS METROPARK: 202 acres, 5467 Rt. 7, Monroe Twp. This large and diverse park offers visitors an opportunity to see rare plants and animals along a tributary to Conneaut Creek, headwater streams, through successional and wet forests, wetlands, meadows, recovering fields and three miles of primitive birding, equine and hiking trails with a parking area



Conneaut Township Park

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FRIENDS OF CONNEAUT CREEK METROPARK: 79 acres, 27 Blakeslee Rd., Conneaut. 3,000 feet of frontage on a gorgeous stretch of Conneaut Creek just off South Ridge Rd. near Rte. 7 offers stunning views, upland meadows, butterfly garden and pristine forests with a primitive trail, and future fishing and stream access along the creek. An ADA-accessible paved trail and a separate mowed trail are new features of this beautiful park.

CAMP PEET METROPARK: 68 acres, 405 Creed Rd., Conneaut. The former youth group camp preserved by Clara D. Peet is now a Metropark with a mile of Conneaut Creek access, 1.5 miles of hiking trails, two pavilions and picnic area. Organized program groups can reserve overnight camping to enjoy spectacular bluffs, wildflowers, towering trees and pristine forests along with vernal pools, seeps and scenic views which include the adjacent Creek Road Covered Bridge.

EYRING WETLANDS METROPARK: 52 acres, 906 Windsor Mechanicsville Rd., Austinburg Township. This newly expanded park features constructed wetlands and varied wetland habitats with wildflowers, plentiful bird and

waterfowl species and hiking trails around and among the multiple shallow ponds and seeps. The new parking lot, trail and signage provides easy public access for this metropark are now open as of 2017.

RED BROOK METROPARK: 146 Acres, 4338 Lake Rd., Saybrook Twp. This former country club and golf course is a work in progress. This park has three miles of paved trails, beautiful forests, meadows and floodplain protecting two miles of Red Brook. As a public park and nature preserve, it is just steps away from Lake Erie. Red Brook will have a sledding hill, a favorite running and walking route, and will be a haven for fishing, neighborhood picnics, and birding hikes. Winter sports will also include cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and snow biking.

INDIAN MOUND METROPARK: 178 acres, Conneaut. This park will provide public access and trails from downtown Conneaut to Conneaut Creek and celebrates the heritage of an abutting Indian mound.

TURKEY CREEK METROPARK - 602 acres, Conneaut. This newly protected property forms the easternmost section of Lake Erie shoreline. Turkey Creek is now a Metroparks preserve with 225 acres of wooded wetlands, rare species of plants and wildlife with three miles of Turkey Creek, an outstanding trout fishing stream.

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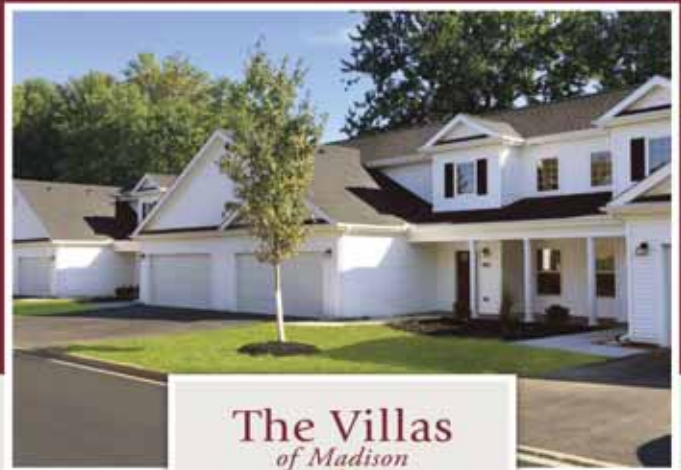
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