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## Public Notices

**CDC H1N1/Swine Flu** The World Health Organization has declared the pandemic threat level of H1N1/Swine Flu to be phase 6 of 6. This officially recognizes there is sustained human to human transmission of a novel virus (one that humans have no or little immunity against) on multiple continents. This does NOT mean the virus has changed and become more severe.

The official declaration of a pandemic should remind individuals, businesses and schools to continue practicing healthy habits such as:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly for 20 seconds with warm water.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue (dispose of tissue immediately and wash hands) or an elbow.
- Stay home from work and school when sick.
- Prepare a plan for your family or business on how to respond to illness (who will take care of children home sick, are employees allowed to work from home if ill, etc.) *cont'd...*



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## Public Notices cont'd

### CDC H1N1/Swine Flu *cont'd*

- Persons with an underlying medical condition (especially asthma, pregnancy, and children under age 2), should contact their doctor if they develop a fever of 100.4°F and who have a sore throat and other flu-like symptoms should contact a medical provider.

For more info, please contact the Union County Health Department at (937) 642-0801 or visit [www.uchd.net](http://www.uchd.net).



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## CITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

**Memorial Tree Program** In an effort to beautify the City of Marysville, and to honor or memorialize a citizen, the Marysville Parks & Recreation Commission has adopted the following Memorial Tree Program. The form and list of approved trees are available by clicking on 'Recreation' on the City's home page or by calling (937) 642-0116.

- Donors will be responsible for purchase of tree and plaque.
- City crews will pick up trees that are purchased from any nursery within a 10-mile radius of Marysville. Any tree purchased outside of this area must be delivered.
- The trees are to be one and a half inches to two inches caliper, and may be balled and burlaped or in 15-gallon containers.
- Memorial trees will be planted in any of the following areas: Eljer Park, Greenwood Park, and along the Jim Simmons Trail. The Public Service Department will provide a map for the best location where the trees have the best chance for survival.



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### Memorial Tree Program *cont'd...*

- The Public Service Department will take care of the planting once per year during the month of September. All plaques shall be no larger than 6" x 10" in size, and will be secured on an 8" x 12" concrete form provided by the Public Service Department.
- The donor may choose either of the following wording on the plaque, "**In Memory of**" or "**In honor of**"; followed by the name of the individual.
- The City of Marysville will not be responsible for any damage that may occur to the tree or plaque and all warranties shall come from the place of purchase.



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## **CITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES cont'd**

**Open Burning in the City Limits** Now that nice weather is here, it is important to remember that open burning in the State of Ohio is governed by the Ohio EPA. In the City of Marysville it is also restricted as outlined in Chapter 1511 of the Marysville Codified Ordinances. Open burning is not permitted within the city limits or within a 1-mile radius of the city limits (restricted zone), or within 1,000 feet of a neighbor's inhabited building (outside restricted zone). Open burning is permitted outside the restricted zone with proper notification and prior approval. Approved open burning cannot obscure roadways, railroad tracks, or airfields and should NEVER be left unattended. Bar-b-cues, campfires, ceremonial fires, and occupational fires are permitted within the restricted zone in accordance with Ohio EPA guidelines and Marysville Codified Ordinances. Further guidance on open burning and local/state requirements can be found at [www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/general/openburning.html). It is especially important during dry weather to be mindful of open burning laws and safety precautions. Do your part – be alert, be safe, and be aware of open burning laws.



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## **CITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES cont'd**

**Online Utility Bill Payment** The City of Marysville has begun accepting online credit/debit card payments for City Utility (water, sewer, trash, and storm water) bills. To take advantage of this payment option, go to the homepage of this website and click on 'Online Utility Bill Payment' under the **Finance Dept.** sub-menu or **Resident Information** sub-menu. There you will have the choice to make a single payment using the account information from your utility bill or you can set up a user account to have access to a 12-month history of all utility bills and any disconnect/reminder notices associated with your account number and address. Setting up the user account will also give you the option to pay your bill online with a credit or debit card. The City of Marysville accepts Visa, Mastercard, and Discover for payment. Utility customers will continue to have the option of paying by cash, check, or credit/debit card at the utility office (221 South Plum St.), paying by credit/debit card over the phone (937) 642-6861, direct debit through the City's ACH process, or by mailing a check or money order to 125 E. Sixth St., Attn: Utility Billing Department.



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**Leaf Pick-Up** Leaf pick-up is continuing throughout the City. The brush and tree limb pick-up has also started back up again. In order for the City of Marysville to provide an effective and high-quality leaf collection program, homeowners are asked to do the following:

- ▶ **Please do not rake leaves into the street, and keep leaves away from the storm drainage inlets;** the leaves clog the storm sewers.
- ▶ **All leaf piles must be free of sticks, limbs, and foreign materials including grass, bedding plants, wires, rocks, nails, animal waste, mulch, etc. Sod and/or dirt are not allowed.** These materials plug the vacuum and cannot be picked up by the leaf equipment.
- ▶ **All pickup areas must be away from parked cars;** the vacuum equipment is unable to maneuver around parked cars. *cont'd...*



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### Leaf Pick-Up to Start cont'd

- ▶ Bagged leaves must be in paper bio-degradable bags and the total weight of the bag and leaves must be less than 50 pounds.
- ▶ All bags must be free of garbage, animal waste, rocks, concrete, dirt and sod.
- ▶ All residents in the Hillcrest mobile home area must have leaves bagged year round in paper bio-degradable bags and the bags must be deposited in the centrally located pickup point. The leaf vacuums are not utilized in mobile home areas.

During normal operating conditions, leaf vacuum crews will collect from each neighborhood on a weekly basis. However, days/times will vary from week to week in accordance with the amount of leaves that are collected. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Service Department at 642-4767 or 642-7305.



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**Street Lights** If anyone would like to report a street light outage, please contact Engineering Clerk Tammy Penhorwood at (937) 645-1046 or [tpenhorwood@marysvilleohio.org](mailto:tpenhorwood@marysvilleohio.org). Please be prepared to leave your name, phone number and exact location of the street light (including address). It would also be helpful to provide the pole number, located on a plate on the pole, if possible.

**Community Early Warning System** Our current Early Warning System (EWS) commonly referred to as "tornado sirens" consist of a networked system of 10 tornado sirens. These are "silently tested" on a daily basis, audibly tested on a weekly basis, and once-a-month by a backup system located at the County Dispatch Center. The test is a steady siren for a 15-30 second period. **In the event of an actual tornado warning the sirens will sound for 3 minutes in a steady mode. This is repeated every ten (10) minutes until the warning is cancelled by the appropriate authority.** Notification of the cancellation is made through the cable TV community alert system. A Tornado Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for the development of tornados. A Tornado Warning is issued when a tornado has been detected by radar or sighted by storm spotters. Go to [www.weathersafety.ohio.gov](http://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov) for additional information.



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**Marysville Radio Station** Welcome to the Marysville Emergency Alert Radio Station, 1650 AM. This station is utilized on a regular basis to broadcast community updates on road closings, special events, meeting notices, and other information. This station also broadcasts NOAA weather information. In the event of an emergency, regular programming will be interrupted to alert you of the situation, most commonly weather alerts, tornado warnings, snow emergencies, and the like.



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## **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES**

For further information on City projects, please go to [www.marysvilleohio.org](http://www.marysvilleohio.org).



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## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS**

**Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) Ride Solutions Program**  
MORPC's Ride Solutions program has added two new vanpools for a total of 44 in central Ohio. MORPC recently added commuter vanpools to assist with carpooling between Marysville and Columbus and between Johnstown and Columbus. RideSolutions is a program of MORPC's that assists commuters working in their 12 county region in choosing sustainable modes of transportation to their workplaces. Participating in this program would not only help environmentally, but it would also help to save money on gas and wear and tear on personal vehicles. To learn more about how you can get involved in a vanpool, contact RideSolutions at 1-888-742-RIDE or go to [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org).



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### **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS cont'd**

**Free Alzheimer's Care Consultation in Union County** The Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter is continuing to provide free onsite care consultation to residents in Union County who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. These consultations are taking place at the Windsor Senior Center, 376C Rosehill Drive in Marysville. Please call 1-800-272-3900 to schedule an appointment. The Central Ohio Chapter continues to provide quality educational programming and support groups in Union County. Through care consultations, professionals help those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers by linking them with community resources, creating a long-term plan, and offering caregiver education and support. These programs are funded by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Union County Senior Services. The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. For more information, visit [www.alz.org/centralohio](http://www.alz.org/centralohio) or contact Michelle Chippas at (614) 457-6003 or [mchippas@alz.org](mailto:mchippas@alz.org).



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## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS cont'd**

**Unemployment Benefits** With the recent downturn in the economy, many of our residents are finding it necessary to apply for unemployment benefits and are in the process of looking for new employment. All claims should be filed by calling 1-877-644-6562 or online at [www.unemployment.ohio.gov](http://www.unemployment.ohio.gov). Although there is not an unemployment claim office in Marysville, you can obtain help in finding a job and other assistance at the local Job and Family Services at the Union County Service Center, 940 London Avenue or by calling (937) 644-1010.

**Community Resources** Union Way's brochure "Weathering the Economic Storm" is an excellent resource containing contact information on agencies that can provide assistance for your most common economic needs. It answers questions on what to do if you have lost your job and your family is facing the reality of reduced household income. It is a step by step guide of what to do and what help is available. That brochure, along with a complete listing of community resources, is available at [www.unitedwayofunioncounty.org](http://www.unitedwayofunioncounty.org) or by calling the United Way at (937) 644-8381.



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## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS**

**Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP)** Marysville has again been awarded a state grant that provides for housing assistance for residents who qualify based on their income. These funds may be used to repair or replace your roof, update plumbing or electrical systems, or replace your heating system. Homeowners may receive a grant for up to \$5,000 to make those needed but expensive repairs. If your home is in need of major rehabilitation, you may qualify for a forgivable loan for up to \$35,000 to repair or replace all major systems in the home including roof, plumbing, electrical and structural and will address lead-based paint if present. The loan is made at 0% interest and requires no monthly payments. If you are a first time buyer looking to buy an existing home, down payment and rehab assistance are also available within the City limits. To qualify, homes must be valued at less than \$144,000 for all programs. The Fair Housing Amendments Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, elderliness, familial status, and handicap. Housing discrimination complaints may be filed with the City of Marysville located at 125 E. 6th Street in Marysville or by calling the Zoning Inspector at (937) 645-1028.



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## **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS cont'd**

**Columbus Housing Partnership (CHP)** This organization is available to all counties surrounding Franklin County including Union County and Marysville to provide Housing Counseling to those in need. A call to them for FREE assistance might be the difference between keeping your home and foreclosure. CHP can be of assistance if you are experiencing job loss, medical expenses, death or family emergency, divorce, too much debt or a high mortgage payment. They are also available to prospective homeowners to provide the financial information needed to help prepare them to purchase a home. CHP teaches its clients how to be responsible homeowners and good neighbors. You can reach the Columbus Housing Partnership at (614) 221-8889 x134 or at (888) 995-HOPE (4673) or at [www.chpcolumbus.org](http://www.chpcolumbus.org). They are an independent, not-for-profit resource dedicated to preserving homeownership.



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## NEW BUSINESS UPDATE

Future tenants for Uptown Marysville include:

- ▶ Lone Star Quilting, 108 S. Main Street - ***OPEN***
- ▶ The Jewelry Refinery, 107 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street - ***OPEN***
- ▶ Nothin' But Herbs – 100 North Main Street

Other new businesses include:

- ▶ The Inn at Halcyon Village (90-unit Assisted Living), 1565 London Ave
- ▶ Scott's Innovation Center (Office Building), Scottslawn Road
- ▶ EZ Seed Expansion (Manufacturing Facility), Scottslawn Road
- ▶ Flagship Mortgage, 246 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street
- ▶ Employment Plus – 127 Damascus

Future tenants for Coleman's Crossing include:

- ▶ As Good As New, 581 Coleman's Crossing – ***OPEN***
- ▶ Crazy Burritos, 1002 Coleman's Crossing

Future tenants for City Gate include:

- ▶ Aaron's Rent, 1050 Lydia Drive