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Public Notices

Tours of Marysville's Police & Fire Divisions and Municipal Court Please join us for a unique look inside Marysville's Police & Fire Divisions and Municipal Court. The City of Marysville is at a crossroads, and we believe the proposed income tax plan is a well-thought-out solution that will keep our city moving forward. Additional funding is needed so the City can continue to provide the services our citizens want: well-paved streets, timely snow removal, a public pool and maintained parks. But perhaps most important, we believe **this is a necessary investment to bring our safety services to the level needed to not only protect our quality of life here in Marysville, but to protect our families and our homes and businesses.**

The proposed income tax rate increase is a critically important issue for Marysville residents to decide for the future direction of our community. And it's very important that residents receive as much information as possible. To that end, we invite you to take one hour of your time to attend one of the upcoming scheduled tours to learn about the critical needs of our police and fire divisions and our municipal court. *cont'd...*



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Tours of Marysville's Police & Fire Divisions and Municipal Court cont'd During these guided tours, you'll observe first hand the deficiencies in our existing fire, police and court facilities, hear about the daily safety services challenges and have the opportunity to ask questions. The City will also be happy to answer any questions about its budget needs and how this additional funding will be used.

Bring your family or invite a neighbor to join you for this important hour to hear and see first hand Marysville's challenges, the proposed income tax solution and how you can help decide Marysville's future. Please select a convenient time and mark you calendars today! *cont'd...*



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Tours of Marysville's Police & Fire Divisions and Municipal Court cont'd

Morning Tours

9am-10am

Thurs., March 25

Thurs., April 1

Thurs., April 8

Thurs., April 15

Thurs., April 22

Thurs., April 29

Evening Tours

7pm-8pm

Tues., March 30

Tues., April 6

Tues., April 13

Tues., April 20

Tues., April 27

Weekend Tours

9am-10am

Sat., April 10

Sat., April 17

Sat., April 24

Sat., May 1

The one-hour tours begin at City Hall, 125 E. 6th Street, in the police training room (Follow the signs inside the E. 6th Street entrance.). There's no need to call ahead, but please arrive 5 minutes prior to the tour start time. For additional information, please call (937) 645-1050.



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US Census Information We Need Your Help! Please complete your 2010 Census Form that will be delivered to your home in March. Your Census Form should be completed and returned to the US Census Bureau as soon as possible (ideally by April 1, 2010). By law, Census information is taken every ten years. Census information is used to determine locations for schools, roads, hospitals, child-care, senior centers and more! Businesses use the information to locate supermarkets, stores and restaurants. In addition, the census information determines the allocation of federal funds to communities and it also determines how many seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.



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Haitian Earthquake Relief Fraud Alert The FBI today reminds Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of the earthquake in Haiti to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization and/or good cause. Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming e-mails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
- Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
- Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status rather than following a purported link to the site. *cont'd...*



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Haitian Earthquake Relief Fraud Alert cont'd

- Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
- Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.
- Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions: Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.

Anyone who has received an e-mail referencing the above information or anyone who may have been a victim of this or a similar incident should notify the IC3 via www.ic3.gov. For further information, please visit the FBI's website at www.fbi.gov.



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Flu Updates The Union County Health Department reports that locally our flu like illness activity is much lower than in previous months. To facilitate the flu shot process, they are offering in-home flu shots to any individual who is homebound or who cannot get out to get a flu shot. Both seasonal and H1N1 flu vaccinations are available. To schedule a home visit, please contact them at (937) 642-0801. The Union County Health Department is offering the flu shots at 940 London Avenue in Marysville on the following days:

WHEN: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8am-9am (No appointment needed)

WHO: Anyone age 6 months and older

WHAT: Both seasonal flu shots and H1N1 shots and mist available

COST: H1N1 vaccination is FREE; Seasonal vaccination is \$20 for adults over 18, \$10 for children 18 years and younger, FREE for individuals on Medicare or Medicaid



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Sidewalk Safety We want to take this opportunity to thank residents who helped keep our City streets clear during the recent snowfall events. We would also like to ask everyone's help in shoveling their sidewalks so that our school children have safe routes to walk on their way to and from school each day.



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CITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Online Utility Bill Payment The City of Marysville accepts 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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CITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES cont'd

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. 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 sires" 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. *cont'd...*



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Community Early Warning System cont'd A tornado watch does not have to be in effect for a tornado to form. If a tornado warning is issued for your area, seek safe shelter immediately. Tornado warnings are usually issued for 30 minutes. Continue to listen to your NOAA Weather Radio or local TV or radio newscasts for up-to-date weather information. The best defense when faced with tornado warnings or any severe weather event is preparedness. Know the weather situation. Have a disaster plan. Practice the plan. Make a supply kit. Be prepared. For additional information on tornado safety and severe weather preparedness, please visit www.weathersafety.ohio.gov.

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

Residents of Scott Circle The Division of Water wishes to thank you for your patience and understanding during the recent waterline replacement project on Scott Circle. Water personnel replaced the antiquated 6" cast iron water main with a new 8" ductile iron water main which will increase fire flows and residual pressures in the area. Water services were also upgraded, which should assist flow to customer homes provided their service line is in good condition. Additionally, within the next eight to ten weeks all lawn and blacktop restorations are scheduled to be completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please call the Division of Water at (937) 644-9858, 7am-3:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Water Line Replacement – Locust Street The City of Marysville, Division of Water will be installing a new 8" ductile iron water main on Locust Street between West 6th Street and West 7th Street, during March, April and June. The new main will replace an antiquated 6" cast iron water main that has serviced the residents of Locust Street for a number of years. *cont'd...*



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Water Line Replacement – Locust Street cont'd The waterline improvements are planned to improve service and water quality in this area. During installation, the water service may be interrupted. Service disruption for individual connections will be scheduled and City personnel will inform residents so provisions for water can be made during this short time period. Locust Street will be closed to traffic between 7am and 3:30pm, Monday-Friday. City personnel will move equipment to let residential traffic through as needed. Parking along Locust Street will be limited during installation of the water main to prevent damage to vehicles or property. Questions about this project can be addressed to the City of Marysville, Division of Water at 455 N. Maple Street, (937) 644-9858 between the hours of 7am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday.



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS

Alzheimer's Association Providing Free Local Care Consultations in Marysville

The Alzheimer's Association, Central Ohio Chapter is offering FREE onsite care consultation to residents in Union County who are affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The consultations take place the second Thursday of every month from 2-4pm at Union County Senior Services, 18000 SR 4, D128, Marysville. 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. The Central Ohio Chapter continues to provide quality educational programming and support groups in Union County. These programs are funded by the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging and Union County Senior Services. Onsite consultations are conducted by appointment only. Please call 1-800-272-3900 to schedule an appointment with the Alzheimer's care, support and research. For more information, visit www.alz.org/centralohio or contact Michelle Chippas at (614) 457-6003 or mchippas@alz.org.



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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.



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Unemployment Benefits 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. 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 or by calling the United Way at (937) 644-8381.



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FUNDING AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS cont'd

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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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. 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:

- ▶ Nothin' But Herbs, 100 North Main Street

Future tenants for East Point Plaza include:

- ▶ Dunham Sports, 15717 US 36 East (old Big Bear)

Future tenants for Coleman's Crossing include:

- ▶ Crazy Burritos, 1002 Coleman's Crossing

Future tenants for City Gate include:

- ▶ Aaron's Rent, 1050 Lydia Drive



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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 5th Street
- ▶ Employment Plus, 127 Damascus
- ▶ The Carpet Workshop, 648 Clymer Road