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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By: **Richard H. Carr**, Maumee Mayor

City Of Maumee Has Managed Expenses Without Raising Residents' Income Tax

Fellow Maumee Residents:

Our most important responsibility as elected officials is to provide the necessary services for our residents so that our city is safe and well-maintained. To achieve this objective requires that we operate within a budget determined by the tax dollars we receive.

Two-thirds of our tax dollars received go to operations (IT-A Fund), which includes all services provided for our residents and businesses and paying the wages of those who provide those services, and one-third goes to capital (IT-B Fund), which covers all long-term expenses.

With the city of Toledo voters being asked to increase the income tax for all employed in their city, I have been asked several times about Maumee's financial status and if an income tax rate increase in our community could be next as we both operate under the same national economy.

I am pleased to report that for the year 2019, our IT-A Fund finished the year with a \$252,980 surplus of income exceeding expenses, and our IT-B Fund finished the year with a \$140,510 surplus of income over expenses. Since 2016, our IT-A Fund balance is up \$935,732 and our IT-B Fund is up \$1,079,388.

After several consecutive years of extensive deficit spending in our IT-A Fund, as high as over \$3 million in one year alone, I believe we have turned the corner. However, we cannot become complacent. Paying attention to details must continue. We achieved this success without any income tax rate increase (there has not been one in Maumee in over a half-century) without laying off any employees and without reducing our services. We eliminated multiple unnecessary expenses and over the past two years our Municipal Court has made substantial reductions to the large deficits that we

had to overcome for many years.

At the same time, we also have continued to address safety in our community: We have added a Senior Resource Officer to assist our elderly, placed one of our police officers on a Federal Task Force that addresses drug trafficking and human trafficking, and added a Victims Assistance Officer, which will primarily address another serious problem, which is domestic violence.

A topic that generated much attention in 2019 is that of consolidating 911 and all dispatcher services into one county-wide operation located in downtown Toledo. I strongly opposed this proposal, as it will take away Maumee's level of service, which we were willing to pay for and our residents desired, and it is not likely to save us money as it has been represented. While consolidation was passed, I have continued to oppose the way it will be managed. Not once was there a single meeting called by Lucas County to have every city, township and village be heard to address their concerns, which may be shared by other communities. While we could within our budget provide a high level of dispatcher services, which our residents appreciate, we were victims of what I refer to as a "hostile takeover." We will continue to address this problem so that we can continue to meet our residents' expectations. While I have been criticized by some from outside our city for my vocal opposition, I believe my responsibility is to our residents and our employees and I will continue to do my job to meet that responsibility.

While we operate our city within the tax dollars we receive, we are continuing to assure the safety of our residents and maintain our city in a manner that makes us all proud to be from Maumee.

Richard H. Carr
Maumee Mayor

Maumee Tax Deadline Is April 15th

The 2019 Maumee Income Tax Returns are due on April 15, 2020 and must be dropped off or postmarked by the due date. Taxpayers who have W-2 income only have the option to file their returns online through our Tax Connect Online filing system and then submit their W-2 forms to the office once the return is filed.

Estimated tax payments are mandatory for any taxpayer who expects to owe \$200 or more for the tax year. The penalty rate for failing to pay estimated tax payments is 15 percent and the interest rate is 7 percent per annum for 2020. The first quarterly payment is due on Wednesday, April 15

and the forms can be obtained at our website or by calling the tax office.

Tax return balances and estimated tax payments can be paid in person (by cash, check and credit/debit card with no fees), through the mail (by check) or online through Tax Connect (by credit/debit card or account debit). The tax office is available to prepare tax returns or accept payments on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions or need assistance, call (419) 897-7120, e-mail us at tax@maumee.org or check out our website at www.maumee.org/city_departments/income_tax.php.

Preventing Theft From Your Vehicle

With warmer weather approaching, thefts tend to increase (especially from parked motor vehicles). Furthermore, the experience of being a victim of crime is often very frustrating. Here are some simple reminders to decrease your chances of becoming a victim of theft:

- The MOST important reminder is to always lock your vehicle, even when it is parked in your own driveway or garage. For additional safety, try to park your vehicle in a location OFF of the public roadway.
- Do NOT leave valuables unattended – especially inside your vehicle. Take them inside the house with you or secure them inside your trunk at a separate location.
- The most commonly stolen items are: purses, backpacks, cell phones, computers, other electronics, money, credit cards and prescription drugs.
- Record the make, model and serial number(s) of ALL valuables. We recommend the use of the following secure website: <http://reportit.leadsonline.com>.
- Thieves often target vehicles



in residential neighborhoods after dark. They also tend to target parking lots of hotels, restaurants, gyms and entertainment complexes, knowing that many victims leave valuables behind in their vehicles.

- Minimize the amount of cash and number of credit cards that you carry in your purse or wallet.
- Have easy access to a list of your credit cards, account numbers (last four digits only) and their contact phone numbers to quickly close the accounts if you become a

theft victim. Thieves generally attempt to utilize the cards at stores and gas stations immediately and before you get an opportunity to end their "shopping spree."

- Always monitor your bank accounts, credit card statements and credit reports (you are entitled to one free per year from each credit reporting bureau – Experian, Equifax and TransUnion) for unauthorized activity.

- Help your neighborhood and the community by keeping a watchful eye out and reporting ANY suspicious activity to the Maumee Police at (419) 897-7000. Also, keep an eye on the Maumee Police "Community Watch Map" for current information and crime trends. It can be found at the City of Maumee website, www.maumee.org.

Safety City Program Set For June

The Maumee Police Division is holding its 41st annual Safety City program on June 1-12, 2020. The two-week event will be held at Wayne Trail Elementary School, 1147 Seventh St., Maumee, with an option of a morning class from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. or an afternoon class from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The main focus is to teach preschoolers who will be starting kindergarten in the fall many different aspects of safety. The children will learn about safety on the roads, bus safety (including a bus ride), water safety, animal safety and fire safety, along

with many other fun activities.

The cost is \$30.00 for Maumee residents or children who attend Maumee schools. The non-resident fee is \$40.00 and is dependent upon program openings. Applications can be accessed at the City of Maumee website (Division of Police) or picked up at the police station located at 109 E. Dudley St., Maumee. We are currently accepting applications with a deadline of Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to prepare for the start of our program. We sure hope to see all of our future kindergarten friends there.

Citizen's Police Academy

In 2020, the Maumee Police Department will be conducting a citizens' police academy at the police department on the following dates: Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3, 10, 17, 24; and October 1 and 8.

Students will learn about the police department and classes will be held from 1800-2100 hours (6:00 to 9:00 p.m.) on the above-listed dates. Students will also be able to engage in scenario-

based exercises and play the role of a police officer. A wide variety of topics will be discussed throughout the course of the academy and students will be encouraged to participate and ask questions. Once the academy is completed, students will be offered the opportunity to be involved with the police department in our community to help with different events the department is involved in.

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Rolf Park Pool Opening And Closing Dates Set For 2020 Season

Maumee's Rolf Park Pool will open for the summer on Friday, May 29.

Pool hours will be noon to 5:45 p.m.

The pool will close for the season on Thursday, August 13.

Starting on Friday, May 29, during the hours of noon to 5:00 p.m., individual memberships will be available for purchase by residents who live within the corporation limits of Maumee or residents who live within Maumee City Schools' boundaries.

An Ohio driver's license or picture identification with



the address imprinted is required to be shown as proof of residency. Driver's licenses and student identification cards are not substitutes for

individual memberships.

Sundays will be designated as Maumee Day. Only Maumee residents within the corporation limits and

Maumee City School District residents will be admitted with a membership or paid admission. Proof of residency will be required.

Pool Memberships – Resident individual memberships are \$50.00 per family member. No resident will pay more than \$200 per family.

Memberships are not offered for nonresidents.

Pool Party Rentals – Pool party reservations will be accepted Monday through Friday, May 4 through May 22 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Service Department office, located on the second floor of the Municipal Building at 400 Conant St. All reservations must be made in person and must be accompanied by the required booking fee paid by cash, check or money order.

There will be a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks for insufficient funds

Maumee Fire Division Offers Safety Tips Geared Toward Spring

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors must be working to save lives. Families should test alarms monthly, replace batteries twice a year, and replace any smoke detector that is more than 10 years old.

If you rent an apartment or home, your landlord must provide working smoke detectors. Contact your landlord immediately if you do not have any.

If you do not have smoke detectors, or need help

installing one, contact the Maumee Fire Division, as we can help.

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Home Safety

Clear leaves, debris and other yard waste from around the home, garage and sheds.

Fuels for lawn and garden equipment, tools and vehicles should only be stored in approved containers.

Check for frayed or damaged electrical cords and wires, and have them repaired by a qualified professional.

Air conditioning units and electrical cords should be checked.

Barbecue gas grills, including gas hoses, gas grill lines and propane tanks, should be inspected prior to use. Keep grills 10 feet away from house/garage while in use.

Dispose of hot coals properly – douse them with plenty of water, and stir them to ensure the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.

Keep any combustible material 3 feet away from hot water tanks, clothes dryers and vents and any heating

equipment.

Remove any lint buildup from clothes dryers.

Take stacks of newspapers and magazines to recycling centers.

Get rid of oily rags and cloths used to wipe up fuel spills.

Clean up work areas by putting away dangerous tools, adhesives, matches and other items that should not be accessible to children.

Severe Weather Safety

Be Informed – Have a weather radio and sign up for severe weather text alerts.

Make a Plan – Have a family communications plan. Keep family contacts up to date.

Build a Kit – Have enough food, water and supplies for at least 72 hours after a disaster.

Know the difference between a Watch and a Warning. A Watch means weather conditions are possible for severe weather or tornadoes, and a Warning means severe weather or a tornado is coming and you need to take shelter immediately. For more information on disaster preparedness, visit www.ready.gov.

Lucas County Alerts signup: http://entry.inspirionlogistics.com/lucas_county_ob/ve ns.cfm.

Need more info? Visit the fire station at 220 Illinois Ave., or its website at http://www.maumee.org/city_departments/division_of_fire/fire_prevention.php for helpful information. Or you can call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (419) 897-7052.

Victim Service Officer Appointed

On January 1, 2020, the Maumee Police Division appointed a Victim Service Officer (VSO), Pt. Cory Henson. The VSO provides assistance to every individual listed as a victim in a Maumee police report.

A few examples of the services provided are counseling referrals, emergency housing, emergency door lock replacement, compensation for victims of violent crime and transportation to and from court.

The Maumee Municipal Court Victim Advocate provides services to victims when there is a known suspect going through the judicial process. The Maumee Police VSO fills the gap for victim assistance when the suspect is unknown or not in custody. The VSO will actively pursue individuals with arrest warrants to bring them to justice and help provide closure to their victims.

Statistics show the average domestic violence victim is victimized seven times before actively participating in the judicial process to hold the suspect accountable. The goal of the VSO is to provide support and encouragement to victims with the hope of ending the cycle of violence and reducing re-victimization.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, the Maumee Police VSO can be reached at (419) 897-7017.

City Takes Pride In Tree Program

Street trees are important in Maumee. We have well over 10,000 in the city. Not only do trees help beautify the city, but they are also responsible for helping to clean the air that we breathe. The City of Maumee is proud of its many and varied street trees and its multi-year status as a Tree City USA through The National Arbor Day Foundation and hopes that you appreciate the trees also.

The Department of Public Service is responsible for all trees in the public right of way. Typically, the right of way extends from approximately 1 foot in back of the sidewalk across the street to 1 foot in back of the sidewalk on the other side of the street. However, in some areas of Maumee, that measurement is significantly different. If there are no sidewalks, it can also be difficult for the homeowner to figure out. If you have any question as to whether a tree is yours or belongs to the city,

please call the Natural Resources Division at (419) 897-7170 and we will be happy to help you.

The city reserves the right and the responsibility to care for all the trees in the right of way. We spray and trim the trees as needed. If you believe your street tree needs attention, please call instead of attempting the work yourself.

We annually plant several hundred street trees to replace trees taken down and also to fill in areas where street trees are missing. If you are lucky enough to receive a street tree, please take good care of it. Do not damage the base of the tree with your lawn mower or weed whacker, and please water the tree when you water the lawn.

Whether we are replanting a large evergreen or planting one small tree as part of an Arbor Day celebration at a local school, every tree is important; please help us to take care of them.

How To Report A Streetlight Outage

Streetlights, except for the downtown decorative lights and the Maumee-Perrysburg bridge, are the responsibility of Toledo Edison. If you need to report an outage, you can call Toledo Edison at (800) 447-3333 or report online at https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/customer/service_requests/report-lighting-problem.html.

If this is an emergency situation, such as a power outage, please call (888) 544-4877.

Responsibility Of Alley Cleanup

Alley cleanup is the responsibility of the abutting property owner.

Garbage and brush should not be dumped in

the alley.

Weeds and grass should be cut.

Take pride in your home and in Maumee.

Attention Commercial Water Customers

Backflow testing is required by the State Department of Health to protect the public drinking water supply. All commercial customers in the city of Maumee are required to submit annual backflow tests and maintenance reports. These reports can be submitted using the following link: https://www.maumee.org/city_departments/submit_backflow_tests.php.

Storm Damage Collection

Collection of storm damage (branches) is at the discretion of the director of Public Service.

After a moderate storm:

- Crews will pick up storm damage from city trees only within two (2) days.
- Disposal options for residents after a moderate storm include:
 - Ohio Compost.
 - Republic Yard Waste Bags.
 - Hire a private tree maintenance company.

After a strong storm:

- Crews will attempt to take debris from city and residents' trees.
- Address must be called into Natural Resources at (419) 897-7170.
- Debris must be at curb within seven (7) days after the storm.
- Debris must be no more than 12 feet in length.

Stay Connected With Us

Are you interested in knowing what is going on in the city of Maumee? There's a new, progressive way to be "in the know" by following our Google map. The map can be accessed through the city's website at www.maumee.org, where there is a link to the "Community Watch Map" on the main page (green tab/bottom left). On the map, there are icons indicating where police-related calls for service are taking place; including criminal offenses (such as thefts), traffic accidents and other areas of concern. A click of an icon shows a brief description of the call, along with the date and a police report number. The Maumee Police Division wants citizens to be informed in a very simplified fashion. If a person has information that may assist an investigation, please reference a report number in the form of an e-mail to: detective@maumee.org. If e-mail is not an option, call the Maumee Police Division at: (419) 897-7040.

The Maumee Police Division's Facebook page is another great way to stay connected to our community. It is utilized to spread pertinent information, including but not limited to: crime tips, community events, weather advisories and cases that are being investigated in which we could use assistance in identifying suspect(s).

Please take a moment to stay informed to keep you and your family safe.

Fertilize Your Lawn If You Must, But Don't Fertilize The Water

The Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG) and the Stormwater Coalition remind people that fertilizer should be applied to lawns sparingly and carefully. It should stay on your lawn and not get into the storm sewer system where it affects our streams and lakes.

A little care will save you money and will also protect streams and lakes.

First, use only as much fer-

tilizer as you need. A simple soil test will tell you if you need to add nutrients. If you do want to fertilize, use a no- or low-phosphorus fertilizer, and select a slow-release fertilizer where at least half of the nitrogen is water insoluble.

Then, don't let your fertilizer wash away into the storm sewers where it will end up in streams and lakes. If we get a rain right after you fertilize, you'll watch your investment



flow right to the storm sewers, and fertilizer does not belong in the water supply. Do use a broom to sweep excess or spilled fertilizer off the sidewalks and back onto your lawn, don't use a hose that will wash fertilizer into the street and then into sewers.

Excess amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus can cause blooms of algae in our lakes and streams. Some algae is natural and is part of the food chain, but overgrowth of algae forms mats of goo that clog water inlets and block sunlight to the water. And as algae decay, they use up oxygen in the water that fish, frogs and other wildlife need.

There are ways to keep a

lawn green and healthy that are 100-percent free and ecologically sound. When you mow, leave the grass at least 3 inches tall, and leave the clippings on the lawn. Grass clippings, will quickly break down and enrich the soil. You can also make your own organic fertilizer in a home compost bin. Kitchen waste like vegetable peels and eggshells, combined with leaves and grass clippings will create rich compost that will keep a lawn or garden healthy and growing.

Information provided by the Stormwater Coalition, a committee of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG).

Maumee Offers Various Programs To Benefit Senior Citizens

There are two FREE beneficial programs available to assist senior citizens who reside within the city of Maumee limits.

First, the "RUOK?" program (started in 1988) is a daily telephone call to check on the well-being of the senior resident. The participant gets to choose the time of the call – the options are 8:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:00

a.m., 11:00 a.m. or noon. The resident can easily contact the dispatch center to be removed if there is a conflict with their schedule for a particular day, week or even month.

The daily telephone call is generated by a computer but monitored by dispatch personnel. If the phone call is not answered after TWO attempts, a police crew is

sent to the home to check on the participant's safety and well-being. The officer also has access to vital information on ways to quickly enter the home and emergency contact(s) if needed.

Secondly, the Maumee Police Division has a FREE community service called the "Senior Outreach" program. The program is geared toward senior citizens living within the boundaries of the city of Maumee. It is meant for those who may have no outside support system available to check on them and their basic needs, such as: medical needs, food and water, medications, and a clean/healthy living environment.

Once a senior citizen has signed up for the program voluntarily, a uniformed Maumee police officer will stop by the home on a regular basis to check on the senior citizen. It is extremely beneficial for those with no family members at all or those who may have family members that live out of town. When a need is identified, referrals for help and/or services can be made to different agencies, including:

- Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio.
- Mobile Meals.
- Lucas County Adult Protective Services.
- Maumee Fire Division/EMS.
- Rescue Mental Health Services.
- St. Luke's Hospital.
- Toledo-Lucas County Health Department.

Maumee's Master Plan Committee Seeks Members

We are in the planning stages of creating an updated Master Plan for the city of Maumee.

If you would like to be considered as a member of the committee, please submit a letter of interest as well as a resume'. Our goal is to have a diverse group on the planning committee.

Please submit to: City Administrator, City of Maumee, 400 Conant Street, Maumee, OH 43537

The Maumee Police Division is actively looking for "help" from the community to identify individuals who may benefit from this FREE worthwhile program. If you know of a neighbor, friend or relative who we may be able to assist, please contact Ptl. Wendy Newsome at the Maumee Police Division at (419) 897-7027.

2020 Holiday Refuse Collection Schedule

Memorial Day: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week, pickup on Wednesday, May 27.

Labor Day: Garbage and recycling are delayed one day this week, pickup on Wednesday, September 9.

**All other pickups are on Tuesday as scheduled.

2020 Bike Rodeo Planned

The Maumee Police Division is outlining plans for their annual "Bike Rodeo" on Tuesday, May 19 (with a rain date of Wednesday, May 20) from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held at Fairfield Park located at 1315 Eastfield Dr., Maumee.

Children should bring their own bicycles along. At the event, the Maumee Bicycle Patrol Officers will have an obstacle course set-up to practice riding skills.

In addition, T.A.B. (the Toledo Area Bicyclists) will provide a safety inspection of your bicycle. Lastly, there will be FREE bicycle licenses, helmets and giveaways provided.

Grass And Noxious Weeds Nuisances

In accordance with Chapter 915 of the Maumee Municipal Code, any person owning or having charge of land within the City of Maumee, Ohio shall keep the grass cut to a height not in excess of eight inches (8"). They shall keep same free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation on such lots owned or controlled by said owner to prevent such rank growth and/or the maturing or spreading of seeds or pollen there from.

Any person or entity owning, occupying, or having charge of land abutting upon a public right of way shall keep the grass on the unpaved portions of the right of way abutting the land cut to a height not in excess of eight inches (8") and shall keep the same free and clear from all noxious weeds and rank vegetation as required to prevent such rank growth and/or the maturing or spreading of seeds or pollen there from.

On undeveloped property that is not immediately adjacent to developed residential or commercial property within the city, the owner may submit a plan for the creation of a "managed natural area" for approval to the director of Public Service or his designee. The plan for the "managed natural area" may include grasses and vegetation in excess of the height limitations of this section; provided that such area shall not contain any rank vegetation or noxious weeds as set forth above. A "managed natural area" may only be created and maintained in accordance with a plan submitted to and approved by the director of Public Service or his designee.

If compliance is not made with this notice and the provisions of Chapter 915 of the Maumee Municipal Code within five (5) days after the date of this notice, then such grass, weeds and other vegetation will be cut by or on behalf of the City of Maumee, and the cost and expenses thereof will be assessed against the respective lots or lands. Violators will be prosecuted pursuant to the provision of Charter 915 of the Municipal Code.

By order of the Council of the City of Maumee, Ohio.

Public Service Department (419) 897-7150

Spring 2020 Chippable Brush Collection

Starting the week of March 30, the City of Maumee will be providing its Spring Chippable Brush Collection. This collection is for Chippable Material Only. No yard waste bags or non-chippable material (leaves, grass, garden waste, weeds, etc.) will be collected as part of this program. The chippable material must be bundled and tied in 4-foot lengths, no more than 2 feet in diameter, and weigh no more than 40 pounds. The material should be put out to the street by the Sunday before a district's pickup week.

DISTRICT B: MARCH 30 through APRIL 3, 2020

The area between the Anthony Wayne Trail and

the Maumee River EAST of Key Street to the city limits at the Ohio Turnpike.

DISTRICT C: APRIL 6-10, 2020

The triangle area NORTH of the Anthony Wayne Trail, EAST of Key Street and to the city limits at the Ohio Turnpike.

DISTRICT D: APRIL 13-17, 2020

The area NORTH of the Anthony Wayne Trail, WEST of Key Street, EAST of I-475 and SOUTH of the Ohio Turnpike, not including the area WEST of Ford Street and SOUTH of Illinois Avenue to I-475.

DISTRICT A: APRIL 20-24, 2020

The area between the Anthony Wayne Trail and the Maumee River and

WEST of Key Street through uptown beyond I-475 and including the area WEST of Ford Street and SOUTH of Illinois Avenue to I-475 and North Jerome Road.

• All dates are approximate; weather, events, breakdowns and day-to-day operations will cause adjustments to the schedule.

• If other items such as ornamental grasses, weeds, sod or leaves are mixed in the brush pile, everything will be left and the homeowner will be responsible for removal of all items.

• A supervisor will check daily to make sure all brush piles were collected. Late brush becomes the responsibility of the homeowner for disposal.

Maumee Yard Waste Collection Service

Yard waste is not included in the regular refuse collection. Yard waste may be handled by residents through home composting, through the yard waste collection service provided by Republic Services or through utilizing the available yard waste drop-off facilities.

Yard Waste Collection Service

Republic Services' brown yard waste bags are available for purchase at Walt Churchill's Market and Rite Aid in Maumee for \$3.50 per bag. The Republic Services seal must be on the side of the bag. Generic bags will not be picked up by Republic Services. The bags must be placed at the edge of the pavement no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection, but not before 7:00 p.m. on the day before collection, and must weigh less than 50 pounds. The purchase price covers the cost of the collection service and composting of the item.

Collection occurs every Tuesday from March 10 through December 1, 2020.

Material that can be placed in your yard waste collection bags includes:

- Grass.
- Leaves.
- Garden waste.
- Apples and pumpkins.
- Limbs or brush if they are cut in 4-foot lengths, bundled no more than 2 feet in diameter, and weigh less than 50 pounds. The bag should be wrapped around or attached to the bundle with the Republic Services logo showing.

Branches, leaves, grass clippings, limbs, trunks, stumps (up to 10 inches in diameter and 24 inches in length), compost and vegetative materials are accepted free from Maumee residents with proof of residency at Ohio Compost, 10839 Sager Rd., Swanton, (419) 897-7807, www.ohiocompost.com. Not for commercial use.

Hours of operation April through November are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hours of operation December through March are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. Call (419) 897-7807 before taking items.

Division Of Building And Zoning Inspection Provides Information

Spring and summer are the busiest seasons for the Building and Zoning Office, including property maintenance violations in the city of Maumee. While there are some major violations and nuisances that we are working to get corrected, a majority of the violations we find are less serious and easily corrected. Many times, property owners are not aware of the code requirements until they receive the violation notice from our office. Take a survey of your property. Peeling paint, broken windows, damaged roofing materials? Tall grass, weeds and debris? Please maintain your property as you only get once chance to make that first impression. The most common violations are:

- **Recreational Vehicles in the Front Yard:** Recreational vehicles include boats, jet skis, campers, trailers, ATVs and other similar types of equipment. You can park or store your RV on your property as long as it is further from the street than the front of your house or your neighbor's

house, whichever has the greater set-back.

- **Parking in the Front Yard:** Vehicles may not be parked in the grass or yard areas closer to the street than the front of your house.

- **Temporary Pools Without a Permit:** All pools with a surface area greater than 100 square feet or containing water over 18 inches deep require a permit and must meet all additional code requirements for location, fencing and electrical connection. This includes the popular temporary-style pools that are designed to be taken down over the winter. After obtaining a permit for a temporary pool, you are not required to get a new permit each year as long as the pool is put up in the same location.

- **Painting:** The Property Maintenance Code requires that all peeling, flaking and chipped paint be eliminated and the surface repainted.

- **General Maintenance:** Keep the grass cut. Remove weeds, brush piles, animal feces and all debris from

your property. Place all debris in secured waste receptacles and properly dispose of waste. Please refrain from feeding birds and squirrels as this may invite unwanted rodents into your neighborhood.

- **Safety:** Check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Replace the batteries and/or the detectors to ensure your family's protection. Maintain a clear area of a minimum of 3 feet from all

gas fire appliances and the electrical panel. Clean all lint from the dryer exhaust and the accumulation around and under the dryer.

Please check with the Building and Zoning Department prior to starting any home and/or business improvement. Material and labor costs are expensive and the possibility of corrective action after the work has commenced is not a cost-effective way to improve

your property. Also beware of contractors requesting and or requiring the property owner to obtain the permits. Chances are these contractors are not registered to perform work in Maumee and may be out to misrepresent themselves and take advantage of the owner financially. Required permits are the least expense of an improvement project. If utilizing a contractor, require a copy of the permit and receipt prior to work

commencing and/or any type of payment.

Please visit www.maumee.org for all requirements and permit applications, including garage sale permits. Applications may be filed electronically or at the Inspection Counter.

The Building and Zoning Department can be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at (419) 897-7075.

Utility Billing Information Offered To Residents

BEGINNING IN JULY 2020, the City of Maumee will be switching to monthly billing for all customers. In an effort to process the volume of checks that will be processed on a monthly basis, we will be using a lockbox payment service through Fifth Third Bank. The bank will process the deposit, scan the payment and prepare an electronic file for the city's utility billing system. This new system will allow the city to use more technology to get

the increased volume of work completed. Your payments will now be mailed to a post office box in Cincinnati, Ohio and processed directly through Fifth Third's bank branch there.

If your water bill remains unpaid and is two billing cycles past due, our turnoff procedures will begin. An automated telephone call for "Notice of Turnoff" will be attempted using the telephone number that was provided to us at move-in. It is important to keep our office updated with current telephone numbers. The "turnoff" automated call will state the full balance owed. Paying the past due balance will be acceptable prior to turnoff.

YOU MAY USE YOUR CREDIT CARD TO PAY YOUR BILL. The City of Maumee accepts credit cards at the counter. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

If you wish to pay your bill online, please go to our website at www.maumee.org. Go to: Residential Services – Payments and Bills – Utility Connect. To sign up, fill in the required information in all **CAPITAL LETTERS**. Use the * in your account number. No dots or dashes please. There are no added fees to pay your bill on our website.

OUR NITE-DROP IS LOCATED AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AT THE EAST DUDLEY STREET ENTRANCE. You may use this brown box to pay your water/sewer bills after hours.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATED BILL PAYMENT. Make it convenient to pay your water/sewer bill. Autopay is now available. Pick up an application or call us at (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127 and we will mail you one. Applications are also available on our website and at all local banks. Just fill out the application and mail it in. It takes about six weeks for processing.

A senior citizen discount of 3 percent off the total water bill is offered for residents 65 years or older and totally permanently disabled persons within the city of

Maumee service area who are enrolled in the Senior Citizen Discount Program. To be eligible, the applicant must receive service from a single meter at a single housing unit used solely for residential purposes; the applicant or spouse must be personally responsible for payment of the bill as the head of household; and the applicant must be certified as being 65 years of age or older or totally and permanently disabled at any age. An application must be filled out and proper documentation provided at the Utility Counter Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MUELLER SYSTEM has set up a Consumer Portal. With just a small amount of information, you can check for leaks yourself and you can see your water usage and compare annual water consumption. Please go to our website at www.maumee.org, then go to Residential Services, find the Utility tab, then click on the Consumer Portal. Please fill out the information, and within 48 hours you will receive instructions via e-mail on how to access the portal.

FINAL READINGS. When you move or sell your

property, a final reading is required to remove your name from the account. Call us at (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127 to schedule a final reading. We do not need access to your home to do this. Also, please make sure that a proper forwarding address is reported.

SWIMMING POOLS AND IRRIGATION. Sewer charges are based on water usage. If you have a meter installed to record the water used for irrigation or a swimming pool, that usage will be excluded from sewer charges. In lieu of metered usage, **THE CITY ALLOWS A ONCE-A-YEAR POOL CREDIT FOR FILLING OR TOPPING OFF A POOL.** In order to qualify for a pool credit, YOU MUST read the meter inside your home before you start your pool fill and after the pool fill is completed. Then, call in your readings. There will be no exceptions. If you call with no meter readings, you will not get your pool fill credit. Please call those readings into the Utility Billing Office at (419) 897-7125 or (419) 897-7127. Do not read the outside remote, as that is now obsolete.

Notice To Residents For Sidewalk Repair

Sidewalk installation and repair in the city of Maumee is the responsibility of the property owner.

Refuse & Recycle Tips

Please report issues with totes or yard waste bags not being emptied or picked up by Wednesday morning at the latest so arrangements can be made for Republic to come back Wednesday afternoon. There is no guarantee of pickup after Wednesday.

Toters should be placed out before 7:00 a.m. on day of pickup or the evening before. Routes can be different every week and this will reduce missed pickups.

Furniture, TVs, mattresses, appliances, carpet and other large items are defined as "bulk items" and require a "bulk tag." These tags can be purchased at Churchill's or Rite Aid in Maumee and at the Utility Counter in the Municipal Building for \$15.00 for one or three for \$30.00. They must be attached and visible to the driver for pickup.

Please try to avoid getting furniture and mattresses wet if possible. Soaked bulk items make pickup for drivers very difficult and may delay pickup.

If you have additional bags that will not fit in your black trash toter, you may place them next to the toter for pickup if you purchase "bag tags" at Churchill's or Rite Aid in Maumee and at the Utility Counter in the Municipal Building for \$3.50 each. They must be attached and visible to the driver for pickup.

CITY OF MAUMEE CONTACT DIRECTORY

City Hall
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7115

Maumee Police Station
109 E. Dudley Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7040

Maumee Fire Station #1
220 Illinois Avenue
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7057

Service Department
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7150

Building & Zoning
450 W. Dussel Drive
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7073
(Hours 7:30 am – 4:00 pm)

Maumee Municipal Court
400 Conant Street
Maumee, OH 43537
419-897-7140
(Hours 8:00 am – 4:30 pm)

The Municipal Building is open Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm.
Each City department/division can be dialed or e-mailed directly.

Below is a listing of the various departments/divisions.

Department	Phone Number	E-mail Address
All Emergencies	911	
Accounts Payable	419-897-7110	
Administrator	419-897-7115	
Animal Control Officer	419-897-7045	kstreichert@maumee.org
Assessments	419-897-7112	
Building Permits/Inspections	419-897-7073	inspection@maumee.org
City Attorney	419-897-7070	lawdirector@maumee.org
Chamber of Commerce	419-893-5805	
Civil Service Commission	419-897-7116	
Contractor Licenses	419-897-7073	inspection@maumee.org
City Council	419-897-7115	council@maumee.org
Crime Prevention	419-897-7026	crimeprevention@maumee.org
D.A.R.E.	419-897-7027	dare@maumee.org
Economic Development	419-897-7115	
Finance	419-897-7110	clerk@maumee.org
Fire Division/Non-emergency	419-897-7057	lbanas@maumee.org
Fire Prevention	419-897-7052	jdussseau@maumee.org
Human Resources	419-897-7116	hr@maumee.org
Income Tax	419-897-7120	tax@maumee.org
Judge – Municipal Court	419-897-7140	
Leaf Pickup	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Maumee Indoor Theater	419-897-8902	(Tom Gillen, Manager)
Maumee Senior Center	419-893-1994	mruble@maumeseniorcenter.com
Mayor	419-897-7115	mayor@maumee.org
Municipal Clerk	419-897-7115	clerk@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Civil	419-897-7145	civil@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Probation	419-897-7097	probation@maumee.org
Municipal Court – Traffic/Criminal	419-897-7136	court@maumee.org
Natural Resources	419-897-7170	naturalresources@maumee.org
Nuisance Complaints (Trash, etc.)	419-897-7073	inspection@maumee.org
(Weeds, grass, etc.)	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Planning Commission	419-897-7115	clerk@maumee.org
Police Division – Non-Emergency	419-897-7040	police@maumee.org
Police Detectives	419-897-8911	detective@maumee.org
Prosecutor's Office	419-897-7085	aallenbaugh@maumee.org
Refuse/Recycling	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Riverside Cemetery	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Rolf Park Pool (summer only)	419-887-1864	cityservices@maumee.org
Rolf Park Fields (summer only)	419-897-7172	bzattau@bex.net
Safety Director	419-897-7115	
Service Department (Streets, sidewalks, snow removal)	419-897-7150	cityservices@maumee.org
Victims Advocate	419-897-7152	
Water/Sewer Billing	419-897-7125	utilitybilling@maumee.org
Zoning Office	419-897-7073	inspection@maumee.org