



## The Highlander City of Norwood, Ohio

The sixth edition of The Highlander, a  
City of Norwood, Ohio, quarterly  
newsletter

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Happy Spring

### Employee Spotlight

Jean Tepe Tolbert

We've chosen Jean Tepe Tolbert for our employee spotlight this quarter. Jean has been a dedicated employee for the City of Norwood for 45yrs. She is a mother of two children and a Norwood native who graduated from Norwood High School in 1975. She started her career with the City of Norwood in 1977 as the secretary for the Safety Service Director before becoming a clerk in the Building Dept. Eventually Jean moved from there to the Health Dept. where she currently serves as the clerk at the front desk. Jean has been vital in her position at the Health Dept. and will unfortunately be retiring this year. Jean has been a huge asset to the City and its residents for many years and will missed by her co-workers and city officials when she leaves. We asked Jean what she is looking forward to during retirement. She stated "traveling", starting with her upcoming trip to Greece. We wish Jean the best during her long earned retirement and upcoming travels.



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**As we come into the yard work season don't forget Norwood Residents can get 2 free packs of yard waste bags (5 bags per pack) for their household from the Norwood Health Department.**



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**We are happy to have a guest article in our newsletter this quarter. Stella Harrison, age 10 and local resident has taken an interest in writing and has done some amazing work! We asked if she would be willing to write us a section on "community". Stella was able to get this together on short notice for us and did an amazing job!**



### **What Makes Norwood a Strong Community**

**By: Stella Harrison, age 10**

**When you think of a strong community, what do you think of? I think of a group that's honest, cooperative and shows empathy. I think it is very**

important that we have a strong community because people know each other well and help and encourage one another. What makes our community strong is people helping pick up trash or people who participate in events like the Off Pike Market and Gem of the Highlands 5K. Another way people care for our community is by using their time and talent. Ian Mathews helped fix up the Little Free Library at the Williams Community Garden and Susan Hoover said a neighbor got a possum out of her house!

I don't know what it is like to NOT have a strong community, but I would imagine that there would be no pleasant community conversation, less interaction with neighbors, and no one would respect each other. I am thankful that our community is strong because it's nice to have someone you know make a difference everywhere you go. Things are not perfect, but Norwood is a kind and caring place to live.



### **Upcoming at the Norwood Recreation Center**

- **April 8th 6-9 PM, Ode to Spring Paint and Sip**
- **Our Fridays on the Lawn was a hit last summer, so we plan on expanding them to include Saturdays with fun activities the whole family can enjoy. Keep an eye out for more information on dates and times.**

**Jazzercise now occupying Norwood Recreation and offering classes to recreation members FREE until May. Please stop in and give it a shot while this amazing offer is available! If you're not a member yet, stop in and check it out. The Rec Center offers good rates for local and non local residents.**

**This year will be the 50th anniversary for the Waterworks Pool! The Waterworks pool has been a popular summer hangout in our community for a very long time and we hope everyone will continue to enjoy the pool for another 50yrs. Keep an eye out for exciting events at the pool this year and be sure to stop by and cool off this summer with family and friends for a relaxing day in the sun!**

**Waterworks 1st day will be May 27th 4-8**



## We would like to welcome 4 new Firefighters to our Norwood Fire Department!

On February 28, 2022 the Norwood Fire Department had the following four probationary firefighters begin their careers with the City of Norwood. From L to R, the new employees are Kevin Hess, Jonathan Couch, Ed Kohls, and Daniel Cartuyvelles. These four went through an immersive two-week orientation which included multiple live-fire evolutions at a vocational school burn tower. Three of the four are now assigned to the shifts and the fourth will be assigned at the end of April. Please welcome these new employees, or probies as we lovingly call them, to the Norwood Fire Department and wish them a very long, healthy and happy career serving the citizens and visitors of our great city.





**Norwood Public Works Department already has a lot of projects scheduled for the near future. Take a look at the list below to get an idea of what they will be up to in the following months.**

**Public Works will be doing our large scale 562 cleanup in conjunction with City of Cincinnati the week of April 11-15th. Expect delays and lane closings**

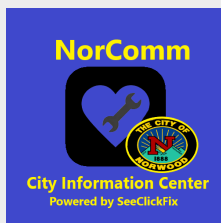
- **Road reconstruction of Slane is tentatively scheduled for late April**
- **Road reconstruction of Regent is ongoing, including new upsized water main from 4" to 8" which will improve water quality and fire flows. Residents on Regent are able to take advantage of an H2Ohio grant from Governor Mike DeWine that will pay for the replacement of private side lead service lines. These funds are available for the Regent Ave. project only.**
- **Our Streets Dept. is out repairing potholes as the weather allows. Please utilize SeeClickFix for pothole complaints. Also, please bear in mind the the City of Norwood Public Works Department does not have the manpower or equipment to do large scale street reconstruction. We are limited to patching potholes as best we can utilizing a heated asphalt trailer.**
- **Plans are moving forward with the resurfacing of Varelman, Varelman Court and Arklow Court for later this year. Partially paid for by a Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant.**
- **New street signage is up along the Montgomery Rd. corridor.**
- **New water meter program for residents/property owners that have a water meter of 1" or smaller will begin sometime in**

**July. These will be remote read meters which will eliminate the need for someone to enter the premises to get a reading, drastically reducing/eliminating the amount of bills that get estimated.**

- **Parks bathrooms should be open by the first Monday in April and remain open until Nov. 1st. Please contact Norwood Recreation for inquiries regarding park shelter rentals.**
- **Lincoln Ave. is slated for road reconstruction through a grant/loan combination from the Ohio Public Works Commission in 2023.**
- **Our engineering consultants are working on plans for the Elm Ave. sewer flooding program, will submit for funding as soon as plans are finalized/approved.**

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# Get Involved



# SeeClickFix

**See an issue like a pothole, fallen tree, or water leak? Report it directly to Norwood Public Works using SeeClickFix. You can download the app on Android and IOS devices or go directly to the website to report a problem.**

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## Information from your Norwood Water Department



Report a Sewer Backup:  
(513) 352-4900 24/7 or [online](#)

Customer Call Center:  
(513) 352-4900 24/7

Project Customer Service:  
(513) 557-3594

Development Services:  
(513) 244-1330

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