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Annual Rain Barrel Workshop is March 15

The City is hosting its third Rain Barrel Workshop on March 15 at 10 a.m. at the Central Administration Building, 1755 Town Park Blvd. Those attending will learn about the advantages of having a rain barrel and how to install one. The workshop is free to attend. Also, the winners of the Rain Barrel Art contest, held last fall, will be announced along with a silent auction of the painted rain barrels. Rain barrels will be on display in the Central Administration lobby beginning March 3 during regular business hours Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bidding will open March 3 through 10 a.m. on March 15. **For more information, visit cityofgreen.org/rain-barrel.** ●





Our Town

Rebuilding Together and Green Team Up to Provide Home Repairs

In 2006, the City of Green and Rebuilding Together Greater Cuyahoga Valley began a partnership to provide minor home repair assistance to eligible Green residents. Since 2006, the city's minor home repair program has provided more than \$100,000 in assistance to residents. The program is geared to homeowners who are 60 or older and/or disabled, a Veteran, or meet the Federal Government HUD income limits. Other requirements for eligibility include owning a single-family dwelling and carrying homeowners insurance.

The program provides funds and volunteers or contractors to replace or add items such as handrails, grab bars, smoke detectors, and home repairs including new roofs, addition of wheelchair ramps, new wells, exterior painting and other similar repairs.

If you or a loved one is interested in learning if you qualify, please contact Paul Holm at Rebuilding Together at 330-773-4100 or Sarah Haring, community development administrator at the City of Green at 330-896-6614. ●



Businesses or community groups interested in volunteering on Rebuilding Together Day on April 26, contact Paul Holm at 330-773-4100.



2014 Council Members

Back Row (L to R): John "Skip" Summerville (Ward 4); James Ahlstrom (Ward 1); Joel Reed (At-Large); Bob Young (Ward 2); front row (L to R) Chris Humphrey (At-Large), vice president; Gerard Neugebauer (At-Large), president; and Ken Knodel (Ward 3). For info about each council member, visit www.cityofgreen.org/city-council.

Jeff Funai Promoted to Fire Chief



In late 2013, Jeff Funai was promoted from Fire Captain to Fire Chief of the Green Fire Division. Funai, a Green High School graduate, holds a bachelor's and master's degree from Malone University and currently is pursuing his executive fire officer degree at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. Funai replaces Bob Calderone, who retired in March 2013 after more than 30 years of service to the community. ●

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Construction News

Summa Begins Construction of Medical Office Building

Summa Health System is building a 21,000 square foot medical office building adjacent to its Summa Emergency Department at Heritage Crossings. The \$6.2 million project will include the expansion of cardiology and cardiovascular testing, gynecology (urologic gynecology and gynecologic oncology), medical orthopaedics, metabolic disease, gastroenterology, behavioral and primary care services. The facility is anticipated to open in fall 2014. ●



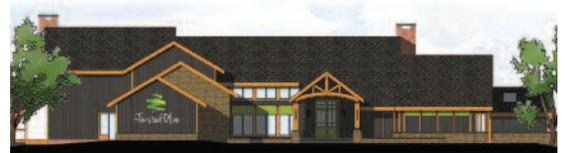
Did you know...

Number of visits to Green's emergency rooms in 2013:
Akron General 12,626
Summa 16,413

Permits Required for Structures

Planning property improvements this spring or summer? Make sure you're in compliance with the City of Green development codes and regulations. Zoning permits are required for structures more than 30 square feet, and building permits are required for detached structures over 200 square feet in size. Some common structures requiring permits include sheds or storage buildings; garages; decks; swimming pools; fences; satellite dishes over 18" in diameter; pergolas or gazebos; and temporary storage containers (such as PODS). Many of these structures require a minimum setback from property lines. Permits are also required for construction dumpsters, trailers, and equipment storage.

Visit www.cityofgreen.org/zoning for more details or contact the Green Zoning Division at 330-896-6605 or zoning@cityofgreen.org. ●



Twisted Olive Restaurant to Open in Fall 2014

In September 2013, the Belden Lodge at Southgate Park was sold to Ted Swaldo, owner of Gervasi Winery in Canton. The property, currently under renovation, is being transformed into a restaurant, the Twisted Olive Italian American Kitchen.

The restaurant property will offer multiple casual dining spaces and is anticipated to open in Fall 2014. ●

Did you know...

Property owners are required to shovel snow from the public sidewalks located on their property.

2013 Annual Report

Green Continues to Move Forward

I am pleased to report the City of Green is thriving and continuing to move forward with the vision to be a prosperous, progressive and promising community. In 2013, we once again saw an increase in our revenue, due in part to our efforts to attract and retain a diverse mix of businesses in our community. In addition to many new businesses moving to Green, the City accomplished much in the past year. Some of the highlights of 2013 include:



*Dick Norton,
mayor*



Infrastructure Improvements

- Spent more than \$17 million in capital improvements in 2013, the single largest capital expenditure year in our City's history.
- Roads reconstructed or resurfaced in 2013 include: Arlington Road from Nimilsila to Mount Pleasant; Greenburg Road; Shriver Road; Steese Road from the roundabout to Shriver; Mayfair Road from Mount Pleasant north to the railroad tracks; Heckman Road; State Route 619; Arlington Ridge East; and Arlington Road under I-77.
- Constructed the Steese Road Educational Wetland, now known as Growing Green Wetland, through a collaboration with Green Local Schools. This storm water improvement project also serves a great purpose of teaching kids and the community about ecology, sustainability and green infrastructure.
- Added a new restroom and updated the existing restrooms at Boettler Park.
- Added two new baseball/softball fields at East Liberty Park.

City Services

- Our Fire Division responded to 2,902 calls in 2013 with 83% EMS related calls.
- Bob Calderone retired as Fire Chief in March and Fire Chief Jeff Funai was appointed in November.
- Our highway division purchased a new salt spreader for de-icing roadways anticipated to save the city more than \$13,000 annually. The spreader uses a mix of brine and salt and can spread up to 3 lanes wide at a time.

Economic Development

- More than 25 new businesses in a variety of industries opened operations in Green including Nauti Vine Winery, CVS Pharmacy, West Side Bakery, and Infiniti of Akron to name a few.
- Buehler's Fresh Foods opened its first Summit County store following its purchase and remodel of the former Portage Lakes IGA.
- After an extensive remodel, Giant Eagle was rebranded as a Market District.
- Akron General Medical Center opened its three-story Medical Office Pavilion.
- The City sold the Belden Lodge to Ted Swaldo, owner of Gervasi Winery, who plans to convert the house into a restaurant, the Twisted Olive, an American Italian Kitchen, anticipated to open in Fall of 2014.

New Initiatives

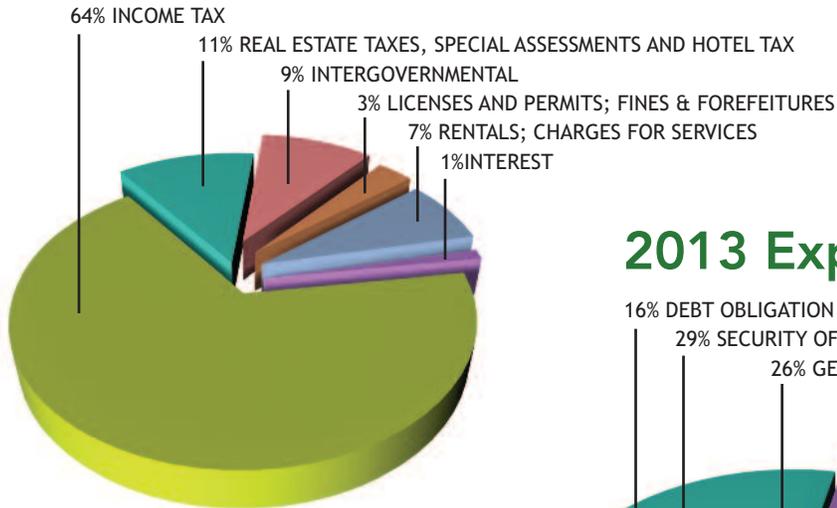
- Businesses, organizations and individuals were invited to join Team Living Green, a program where those who join commit to sustainable practices. More than 25 members joined in 2013. To join or learn more, visit www.cityofgreen.org/living-green.
- The Hartong Farmstead at Southgate Park is in the process of becoming a working farm. Request for proposals are slated to be available in the Spring of 2014. ●





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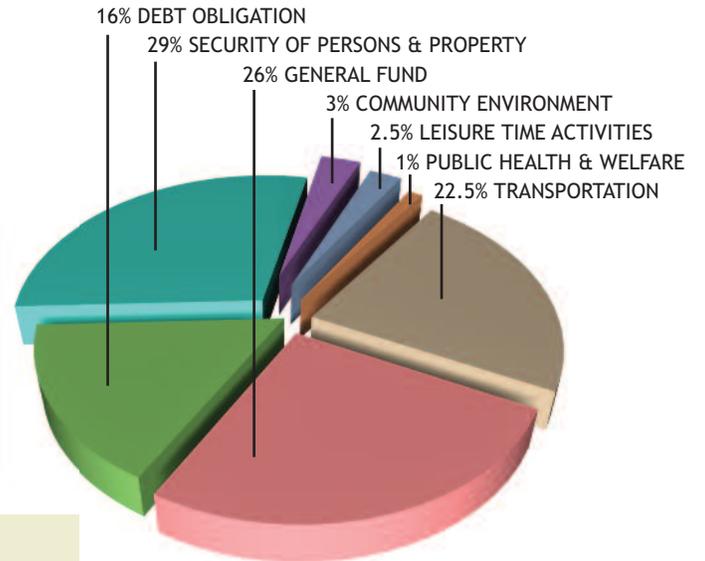
2013 Revenue



In 2013, Green had an increase in income tax revenue as well as other revenue for a 7.8 % increase in total revenue. These numbers once again reflect the continued implementation of the City's guiding financial principles, which are:

- To grow top line revenue by business expansion and job growth;
- To maintain the level of service our citizens' desire;
- To maintain adequate staffing levels;
- To maintain a 6-month cash reserve at a minimum;
- To continue to structure our operating budget that assumes a surplus; and
- To carefully use debt to support our infrastructure growth and demands.

2013 Expenses



As a result of following these guiding principles and our strong financial position, the City continues to enjoy a strong bond rating from Standard & Poor's. Since June 2012, our bond rating for general obligation bonds has remained at AA+. Our revenue bonds continue to be rated the highest possible at a AAA rating. ●

REVENUE	2011	2012	2013
Income Tax	\$18,345,803	\$19,075,684	\$19,562,507
Other Revenue	\$8,963,383	\$7,353,966	\$8,936,506
Total	\$27,309,186	\$26,429,650	\$28,499,013

EXPENSES	2011	2012	2013
Operating	\$18,501,342	\$18,059,771	\$21,815,752
Debt Service	\$2,386,933	\$3,533,773	\$3,754,556
Total	\$20,888,275	\$21,593,544	\$25,570,308



Green Local Schools



Blizzard Bags Prepped and Ready

With the extreme cold and winter weather this year, resulting in an unprecedented number of calamity days, Green Schools has implemented a Blizzard Bag program approved by the Ohio Department of Education. These blizzard bags include student assignments, when school is called off for inclement weather. Each student will have access to the assignments either online from home or on paper at school and will have two weeks to complete. Following the successful completion of the work, the snow day will be counted as an attendance day and will not count as a calamity day. This program began in February and will be implemented should any additional snow days be required this school year as well as in the 2014-2015 school year. ●

Director of Communications Hired

The recent strategic plan identified a need for better and more frequent communication. As a result, Green Local Schools hired Julie McMahan as the director of communications and community relations for the district. The position is shared with the Lake Local School District where she has dual district responsibilities. She manages the schools' media relations, serves as spokeswoman, and assists with external and internal communications of all types. ●

Connecting the Community to Green Schools

Each Thursday, Green Local Schools emails the more than 4000 school families *Community Connection*, an newsletter, filled with school dates and news as well as community information. "Every week we receive numerous requests from area businesses and organizations asking for the schools to distribute flyers promoting various educational programs, camps, and extracurricular activities," said Jeff Miller, superintendent. "In an effort to meet the growing demand to provide our school families information they can use, we have implemented the *Community Connection* emails." For businesses or organizations who wish to have information included in the *Community Connection* emails, please email your flyer or information as a PDF to Rhonda Kapper at kapperrhonda@greenlocalschools.org. Please allow 2-3 weeks for inclusion in the newsletter. Please note not all requests are granted. Only information that is pertinent to our students and their families will be included at the discretion of the superintendent. ●

Green Local Schools
Administrative Staff
330-896-7500

Jeffrey L Miller II,
Superintendent

Kevin Finebrock,
Assistant Superintendent

Eydie Snowberger,
Treasurer

Alicia Austin, Director
of Financial Operations

Kimberly Brueck,
Director of Learning
and Teaching

Wendall Jackson,
Director of Operations

Julie McMahan,
Director of
Communications and
Community Relations

Amie Payne, Supervisor,
Food Service Department

Glenna Romine,
Supervisor, Transportation

Daryl Witmer, Director
of Student Services



Green Local Schools



School Board Update

School Administrators to Present Update on School's Strategic Plan

At the March 10 Green Board of Education (GBOE) meeting, Green Schools administrators will be presenting an update on the strategic plan implemented in June 2013. GBOE meetings are held in City Council Chambers, 1755 Town Park Blvd. at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are also live streamed at www.greenlocalschools.org.

Levy Renewal on May Ballot

The Green Local Schools Board of Education approved the placement of a \$4.1 million emergency renewal levy on the May ballot. This renewal levy is NOT a request for new money. If approved by voters, the levy will help maintain current funding levels for five years. ●

*Reminder:
Election Day is
Tuesday, May 6.*

Green High Achieves AP Honor Roll Distinction

Green High School has been named to the College Board's 4th Annual AP Honor Roll. This distinction includes only 477 high schools throughout the United States and Canada. The AP Honor Roll recognizes outstanding advanced placement academic achievement for districts increasing participation and test scores. ●

Athletics

New Athletic Website Launched

The Green Athletic Department's website in partnership with the Varsity News Network, greenbulldogathletics.com, offers a clearinghouse of athletic information including schedules, photos, articles, and more. The site is paid for by advertising with a portion of the ad dollars benefiting the athletic department. Businesses interested in advertising, email sales@varsitynewsnetwork.com. ●

Green High School 2004 alumnus and Major League Baseball player, David Lough, attended a Green High home basketball game where his high school baseball jersey was officially retired.



Students of Irish Kuwatch's Green Primary School first grade class created peace paintings with water colors as part of a history lesson on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his concept of peace.



Seniors Honoring Seniors is April 5

The 13th annual Senior Citizens Social, hosted by the Green High School National Honor Society, is Saturday, April 5 at 5 p.m. at Green High School. The social will include a taco bar dinner (alternative dinner choice also available), music from the band *Out of Sequence*, and dancing. The event is free to attend for Green residents age 55 and older; however, tickets are required. Tickets may be picked up in the Green High School office during regular school hours through April 4 (office closed for spring break March 24 - 28). For more information, please call Green High School at 330-896-7575.

Tickets are required for the Senior Citizens Social and may be picked up in the Green High School office during regular school hours.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Green High School senior **Zachary Schreckenberger**, son of Chas and Kim Schreckenberger. His essay, *Overcoming Apathy*, was selected from nearly 1,000 submissions to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission for their Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest. Read his winning essay at www.crc.ohio.gov.



Congratulations to Green High School senior softball players **Maria Pappano**, daughter of Gina and Bill Pappano, and **Paige Darnel**, daughter of Julie and Brian Smith, who both signed letters of intent to play softball at the University of Findlay and at Walsh University, respectively. ●



Arts

8th Grade Band Performs at Conference

In February, the Green Middle School 8th grade band, under the direction of Lisa Aglioti, performed at the 2014 Ohio Music Education Association's Professional Development Conference in Columbus. Green Middle School band was the only middle school band selected to perform from the more than 120 high school, college, middle school and choir programs statewide. ●



Green Local Schools

Green Local Schools Upcoming Community Events

- **March 1** Celebration of Education
Sponsored by Green Schools Foundation
Green High School, 1474 Boettler Road
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **March 8** Green Middle School Spring Carnival
Hosted by the PTSA
Green Middle School
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Tickets available at the door.
- **March 10** Board of Education Strategic Plan Update
Central Administration Building, 1755 Town Park Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
- **March 15** Bulldog Bunny Pancake Breakfast
Green High School Gymnasium
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; \$5 per person payable at the door.
- **March 24-28** Spring Break
Green Local Schools closed
- **April 5** National Honor Society Senior Citizens Social
Green High School Commons
5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.; FREE. See article on prior page.
- **April 11** Harlem Wizards vs. Gang Green
7 p.m.; \$12/general admission (\$10/students and seniors). Tickets available at the door or purchased in advance in the Green High School office during regular school hours. Proceeds benefit PTA and the committee to support Green Schools.
- **April 18 & 21** Green Local Schools Closed
- **May 17** Green High School Prom
- **May 19** Green High School Baccalaureate
The Chapel in Green
7 p.m.
- **June 3** Graduation - Class of 2014
- **June 5** Last day of classes for 2013-2014 school year
- **June 7** Green Alumni Association Banquet
Green High School Commons
1 p.m.; Alumni contact Green High School at 330-896-7575 for more information. ●



Green Local Schools
Central Administration Building
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330-896-7500
www.greenlocalschools.org

Smart phone users link directly to the School's website:



Facebook page:



2013 Tax Report

Residential Effective Tax Rates: Property Tax Comparison

The table below compares the City of Green's residential property tax rate with neighboring communities. The City of Green's tax rate is lower than most Summit County communities and comparable to our neighbors in Stark County. Our location along I-77 and competitive real estate taxes make Green an attractive location for both commercial and residential development. These rates reflect figures for tax year 2013 (collected in 2014). ●

CITY	RESIDENTIAL EFFECTIVE RATE
Akron	78.453878
Barberton	67.431838
Copley	71.393018
Coventry Township	72.195238
Cuyahoga Falls	68.180031
Fairlawn	57.510805
Green	63.298342
Hudson	72.218526
New Franklin	74.482983
Springfield Township	74.852103
Stow	68.043082
Jackson Township	65.760242
Lake Township	69.10495
North Canton	62.741421

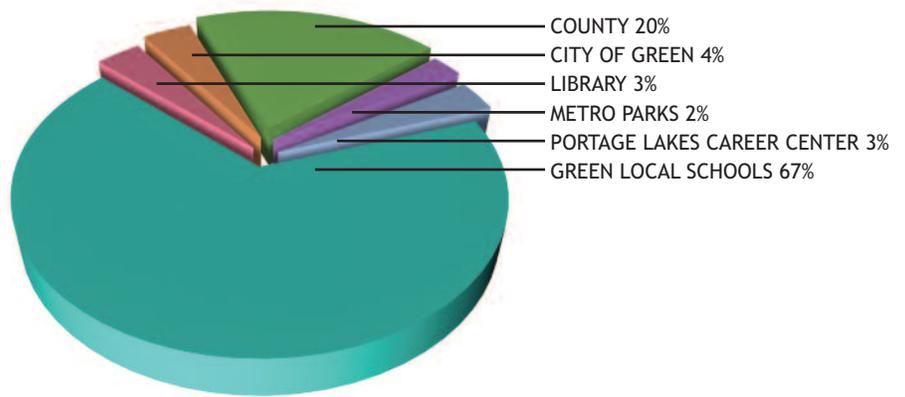
SUMMIT COUNTY
STARK COUNTY

Where Do My Taxes Go?

Where do the property taxes you pay go? Only a small portion, 2.4 mills or 4 percent, actually go to the City of Green, which is the lowest amount allowed under the law. The largest portion of your property taxes, 67 percent, help to support the Green Local Schools.

Green's property tax rate for residential property is 63.29 mills, meaning that a taxpayer would pay \$63.29 on every \$1,000 of assessed value. Property taxes are collected in arrears, meaning the rates provided are for 2013 and collected in 2014. Lastly, taxes are collected at 35 percent of the assessed value.

Ohio law mandates that every three years each county must update property values and conduct reappraisals every six years. Summit County will be conducting its next physical reappraisal in 2014. ●



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Top 10 employers in Green

- Akron General Health & Wellness Center
- ASC Industries, Inc.
- Diebold, Inc.
- FedEx Custom Critical
- Green Local School District
- Harry London Candies, Inc.
- InfoCision Management
- Kovatch Castings, Inc.
- NextGen RCM Services, LLC
- Standard Jig Boring Service, LLC ●

Employers are listed in alphabetical order.



2013 Report

Demographics

Green, Summit County, Ohio

Area: 33.5 Sq. Mi.

Location: Equidistant between the cities of Akron and Canton along I-77.

Incorporated as a Village: April 1811

Attained City Status: April 1992

Residential Population: 25,789

Race: White 95.00%
 Black 1.80%
 Asian 1.50%
 Other 1.70%

Age: 19 years or younger 6,857
 20 - 29 years 2,482
 30 - 39 years 2,838
 40 - 59 years 8,129
 60 - 84 years 4,892
 85 years and over 501

Median Age: 42.7

Occupations:

- 40.3% Management, business, science and arts occupations
- 11.2% Production, transportation and material moving occupations
- 27.1% Sales and office occupations
- 14.7% Service occupations
- 6.8% Natural resources, construction and maintenance occupations

Education: 33.9% of the population holds a Bachelor's Degree or higher

Taxes:

- Income Tax Rate: 2.0% (reciprocity at 100% up to 2.0%)
- Residential Effective Property Tax Rate: 63.298342
- Commercial Effective Property Tax Rate: 65.15022
- Summit County Sales Tax Rate: 6.75% ●

There are 9 hotels in Green with a combined total of 840 rooms.



Three exits from I-77 (Arlington Road; Massillon Road; Lauby Road).



Housing: Total Housing Units 11,075
 Average Household Size: 2.54
 Average Family Size: 3.02



Home to the Akron-Canton Airport (CAK).

Source: US Census Bureau, 2010 Census & American Community Survey 2008-2012



**City of Green
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(330) 896-5500

Events

*For more
information...
or details about events,
visit
cityofgreen.org/calendar.*

- Mayor's Office
(330) 896-6602
 - City Council
(330) 896-6604
 - Engineering Department
(330) 896-5510
 - Finance Department
(330) 896-6603
 - Highway/Stormwater Division
(330) 896-6607
 - Human Resources Department
(330) 896-4138
 - Income Tax Division
(330) 896-6622
 - Law Department
(330) 896-6615
 - Parks & Recreation Division
(330) 896-6621
 - Planning Department
(330) 896-6614
 - Public Service Department
(330) 896-4176
 - Zoning Division
(330) 896-6605
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March 8 + 15	Cultural Art Classes Various dates, times and classes offered. Most classes are held on Saturday, March 8 or 15. Visit www.cityofgreen.org/art-classes for details, pricing & registration information.
March 15	Rain Barrel Workshop and Silent Auction @ City Council Chambers, 1755 Town Park Blvd. 10 a.m.; FREE
April 15	Income Taxes Due Forms, e-file and more at www.cityofgreen.org/income-tax .
April 19	Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Green High School Memorial Stadium 1 p.m. for toddlers through 10 years of age FREE; registration requested at www.cityofgreen.org
April 26	Bring Your Bike to Boettler @ Boettler Park, 3800 Massillon Road 10 a.m.; FREE; Bike parade, safety check, bike tune-ups, and door prizes
May 3	Trout Derby @ Boettler Park Pond 9 a.m.; FREE; For kids 12 and under; registration required at www.cityofgreen.org .
May 17	Community Park Clean-up Day 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.; lunch provided. Families welcome. Volunteers interested in participating, register at www.cityofgreen.org . Large groups interested? Call 330-896-6621.
May 26	Memorial Day 7 a.m. Pancake Breakfast @ Green Fire Station 10 a.m. Annual Memorial Day Parade steps off from Green High School. 11:30 a.m. Memorial Day Ceremony @ Green Veterans Memorial Park 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Car Show and Community Picnic @ John Torok Community and Senior Center

Summer Day Camp Registration Open
Green Parks and Recreation is offering five weeks of summer day camps for kids ages 7 to 12. The camps are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday for \$50 per child per camp beginning the week of June 9 through the week of July 7. Register online at www.cityofgreen.org.

Senior Day Trips
This Spring the City's Parks and Recreation Division has three fun day trips planned for Green seniors (adults 50+). For details on each of the trips and cost, please visit www.cityofgreen.org/senior-programs or call 330-896-6621. All trips depart from the Green High School Memorial Stadium at 9 a.m.
April 10 - Jungle Jim's in Fairfield, Ohio
April 30 - Mounds of Marietta, Campus Martius Museum and Marietta Brewing Company
May 7 - West Side Market in Cleveland

Knit for the Needy
First Thursday of the Month
Love to knit or crochet? Come knit for the needy on the first Thursday of the month at the John Torok Community/Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info, call 330-896-6621.

9-1-1 Emergency
Fire Division
Non-Emergency number
(330) 896-6610
Summit County Sheriff
Non-Emergency number
(330) 643-2181

