



Dear Residents,

Over the last few months, you may have read some information about the Millcreek Valley Conservancy District (MVCD) in the newspaper. MVCD is a little-known organization that may play a role in financially impacting all of us in the near future. There are a total of 20 conservancy districts, like MVCD, of various sizes and duties throughout Ohio. They first appeared back in 1913 as a result of catastrophic flooding occurring throughout Ohio. The MVCD in Southwest Ohio has an all-volunteer board consisting of 3 members with no professional support staff and limited funding.

Through the years, most of the flood control improvements to the Mill Creek have been made by the US Army Corp of Engineers (e.g., along I-75 near the St. Bernard exit). However, that will likely soon change -- the responsibility for flood control maintenance will be switching to the MVCD by 2021. The MVCD does not have the financial capabilities to fund these efforts, which would be approximately \$5 million annually; therefore, that is where you and I, along with all other property owners, come into play.

By law, the MVCD can approach a Common Pleas Judge and ask that a real estate property tax be assessed onto land within the MVCD, including those of us in Sharonville. Although there would be public hearings related to this, the assessment would NOT be something that would be voted on by the public. The amount of the possible assessment depends on the plan that is ultimately pursued by the MVCD, but as it stands now, the range appears to be between just a few dollars per month to as much as \$28/month per parcel. Without an assessment, communities like Sharonville will need to independently fund the flood control issues within their own cities – not only would this be an extreme hardship financially, it would also not be that effective since the Mill Creek traverses through so many entities.

Given the impact that assessments would have on Sharonville residents, along with many others in the region, we wanted to make sure you knew of the above issue and could follow it a bit better when you read about the MVCD in the newspaper.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kevin M. Hardman





THANK YOU to our Sharonville Parks & Recreation Department and volunteers for moving our annual Egg Hunt indoors so kids would not miss out on the fun!!!



We are thrilled to announce that the City of Sharonville has been chosen for the second consecutive year as a 2019 recipient of Ohio Business Magazine's Best Workplaces Award! Sharonville is the first municipality to have received this honor.

This award recognizes organizations with competitive and strong company cultures; excellent employee benefit structures, company employee-relations and community involvement; and supported memberships, achievements, and awards.

Thank you to Sharonville Mayor Kevin Hardman for his leadership; all of the other elected officials for their continued support and guidance; and our City employees for their dedicated service to the community.

The City, along with the other top workplaces, will be featured in the summer issue of Ohio Business Magazine!



THIRD EYE BREWING COMPANY
COMING SOON

Located directly across from the Sharonville Convention Center, the 6,000 square foot taproom will feature modern decor with large retractable windows, garage doors, glass, steel and reclaimed wood. It will also include 3,600 square feet of pet-friendly outdoor space with a covered porch, and offer a full lunch and dinner menu.





LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The City was recently asked whether we allow short-term rentals through Airbnb, VRBO, or similar entities. Currently, short-term rentals in Sharonville are not allowed. The City placed a moratorium – or temporary ban – on the rentals last year, prohibiting anyone from leasing or renting out their homes for 30 or fewer days.

Many other communities throughout the state did the same, primarily because of an issue with a short-term rental in NE Ohio where hundreds attended a New Year's Eve Party trashing the home and causing issues for neighbors and police. That renter charged a fee to enter the party and was ultimately arrested with allegations of serving alcohol to minors. There have been other problems with short-term rentals as well (e.g., fires, excessive noise). Some who live next door to these rentals see them as nuisances that negatively impact property values.



Our temporary ban will provide the City with time to decide how to proceed with this issue – should short term rentals be prohibited in the City? Should rules and regulations be established to allow them under certain circumstances? Those are the questions we will be asking within the next few months.

ARE UNWANTED SOLICITORS DISTURBING YOUR PEACE?



As temperatures rise in the spring, it brings the return of solicitors. Do you know door-to-door solicitors are required to register with the City of Sharonville before conducting any sales? If a vendor arrives on your doorstep, ask to see their official vendor's permit before conducting any transactions. You can view a complete list of current vendors that have the permit on our website at <https://www.sharonville.org/436/Door-to-door-Vendors>

Additionally, there is a "No Soliciting" sign for your use on the back of this newsletter you may attach to your front door.

STOP!

NO SOLICITORS INVITED

**This Property does not want to
be bothered by SOLICITORS!**

**Unlawful under the City of Sharonville, Ohio
Code Section 733.07, .08, and .12**

**Penalty: Minor Misdemeanor subject
to the maximum fine allowed by law.**

**City of
Sharonville, Ohio**