



February 2025

In the Loop

Mayor's Newsletter

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Cincinnati Children's Applied Gene and Cell Therapy Center and Distribution Hub



Proud to announce that our City will be the home to this wonderful Medical facility! Last year, Cincinnati Children's announced a \$60 million investment in our community, creating an Applied Gene and Cell Therapy Center to increase clinical trials of innovative drugs and biological therapeutics for patients with blood diseases, cancer and genetic disorders. The facility will be located in a former 110,000 square foot auto parts distribution facility on Canal Road.

Once complete, the center will create about 100 jobs, including biologists, quality assurance specialists, and support staff.

This facility should be open by the fall of 2025.

Thank you to our Public Works Crews and other First Responders for their efforts during the January winter storms!

Hope everyone has had a nice start to their 2025! From a city perspective, it will certainly be remembered for the amount of snowfall during the early portion of the month. Thank you to our dedicated Public Works Department for being the best crew in the entire region! We received many compliments regarding their efforts, particularly as compared to other communities throughout our area. Thank you to our residents as well for your patience during this time.



To put the amount of effort into perspective, in comparing all of 2024 with 2025 to date, the following statistics are pertinent:

	Entire 2024	January 2025
Miles Driven	3,222	4,746
Gallons of Fuel	629.50	1,107.60
Tons of Road Salt	586.11	865.75
Gallons of Calcium Chloride	1,750	4,088

Hopefully, the rest of the winter season is a mild one!

Also want to thank our Police and Fire Department personnel for a great job working many emergency incidents during this same timeframe.

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Driveway Advertisements

Do you receive these advertisements, but don't want them any longer? There are 3 ways to "opt out" – 1) Call the number on the polybag (513-731-1200); 2) Go to the www.valassis.com/opt-out/ website; or 3) email directly to Cheryl White at cheryl.dettonwhite@rrd. The city cannot guarantee that delivery will end, but we do know some residents who no longer receive these from going through this process. From what we understand, it may take up to 6 weeks to stop receiving the polybags after opting out and delivery mistakes may still occur.



Income Tax Department Move to City Hall

Starting February 1st, the former police department space at City Hall will be renovated for our Income Tax Department to move from their current location on Chester Road to this space by the end of 2025. Construction is expected to take approximately 8-9 months. During the renovation, the current handicap-accessible door off the main entrance/rotunda at City Hall will be closed. The side entrance door off the parking lot will be converted from an employee-only entrance to a public entrance to include ADA accessibility.



Fields Ertel Project

Progress is being made on the County's Fields Ertel Road Project with road construction anticipated to begin in early 2026. The next phase is for Duke Energy to relocate and install several poles along their transmission line at McCauly, Fields Ertel, and Conrey Roads. This new/rebuilt section of be supported by steel poles, which will be 10-35 feet taller than the existing wood poles. Preconstruction activities, including vegetation work, are anticipated to start in March with pole construction to occur in October. If you recall, to help with traffic concerns on Fields Ertel, the overall project will consist of a roundabout at Conrey and a road widening/ traffic signalization at McCauly, replacing the existing 4-way stop signalized approach.



Good Neighbor Award

Did one of your neighbors go "above and beyond" for you or others in your neighborhood during the recent winter storms? Is there someone you rely on during other times of the year that you would like to recognize? The city has a Good Neighbor Award to do just that! Go to <https://sharonville.org/DocumentCenter/View/939/Good-Neighbor-Award-Form> to suggest someone or email Jim Lukas, the Safety Service Director, at jlukas@cityofsharonville.com with the request and reasons for the nomination. The photo above shows Todd Stone receiving a Good Neighbor Award from Mayor Hardman and Council President Culter at a City Council meeting in 2024.

Quarterly and End of Year Department Highlights

Ever wonder how many visits the Community Center's Fitness Room and Track gets each year? What about the annual attendance at the Convention Center's events? These and many other tidbits of information can be found in the quarterly and end-of-year Departmental Dashboards on the City's website at <https://sharonville.org/541/Dashboard-Highlight-Reports>. Answer to the attendance at the Convention Center in 2024 is just under 220,000 people! This is expected to increase in 2025 with the recently expanded Exhibit Hall.



For a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Firecracker Bakery, email Jim Lukas at jlukas@cityofsharonville.com by Friday, 2/28 at 5 PM with the correct number of dump truck loans the Public Works Department provided in all of 2024. No city funds are being utilized for this gift card.