

STRUTHERS NEWSLETTER

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One Year Strong: Celebrating Our 4th Issue

Welcome to the 4th Issue of the City of Struthers and Rotary Newsletter! As a quarterly publication, arriving at our fourth issue is a special milestone: it means we have officially made it through our first full year. This achievement is made possible by our generous sponsors, the Struthers Rotary Club and CASTLO, and by the support of residents like you. This newsletter began with a vision to fill the silence left when the *Hometown Journal* ceased printing. Former Mayor Dan Mamula was inspired to resurrect a local voice for our city, believing that Struthers deserved a dedicated space for its stories. To turn that vision into this quarterly reality, Ryan Goist worked closely with Mr. Mamula, Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, and the Rotary leadership to build something lasting. Our mission remains the same: to bring information, events, and community stories directly to you every quarter. Thank you for a wonderful first year!

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In Case You Missed It

🎃 2025 Struthers Halloween Contest Winners!

A huge thank-you to everyone who made Struthers look spooktacular this year! The creativity and community spirit were unmatched. Congratulations to our winners:

- **Overall Winner (Social Media Vote):**
Terre Williams – 2194 Manor
- **Hometown House Winner (City Hall Vote):**
Scott & Alexis Bury – 250 Harvey

A Special Thanks A shout-out to Mr. November for sponsoring this year's trophies! The awards were named in honor of Scott Bury to recognize his year-round dedication to making Halloween special in Struthers.

Thank you for keeping our community festive!

Struthers F.O.P. Lodge #41

The 2nd Annual Halloween Fundraiser was a resounding success! It was a night to remember as the community gathered to support a great cause. The evening was filled with electric energy, featuring non-stop dancing, exciting raffles, and awards for some truly creative costumes. Guests also enjoyed delicious food provided by Donavitos.

The event came to life thanks to the incredible volunteers who donated their time, created raffle baskets, and managed the decorations. It was a true team effort that resulted in a fantastic evening for everyone involved.



Boo Squad Feeds 500 Families in Record-Breaking Drive

The Boo Squad successfully reached its goal of feeding 500 families during the 2025 Thanksgiving Food Drive, organizers announced.

The youth volunteer group, which fosters teamwork and compassion in children ages 7 to 13, saw its highest impact yet, surpassing last year's total of 410 families. Supported by Mahoning Valley NECA and widespread community donations, with organizers stating they were "overjoyed with the generosity."

Since its inception in 2017, the Boo Squad has now provided holiday meals to over 1,300 local families.



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In Case You Missed It

Struthers Remembers: 42 Years Since the Beirut

Bombing On Saturday, October 18th, the Tri-State Detachment and Disabled American Veterans gathered at the Hopewell Memorial in Struthers to honor the 42nd anniversary of the Beirut barracks bombings. The 1983 tragedy claimed the lives of 241 U.S. servicemen, including three local Marines. During a moving wreath ceremony, the community paid special tribute to Corporal Edward Johnston, a Struthers native who was among those lost in the attack. The event served as a solemn reminder of the sacrifice made by our local heroes and ensured that the legacy of the "Peacekeepers" is never forgotten in the Mahoning Valley.



Struthers Leading the Way in Active Transportation By Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller

I was recently honored to be invited by Struthers graduate Dr. Dalton Campana to serve on a panel alongside our Safety Service Director, Anthony Lariccia, for the "Moving Active Transportation Forward Workshop."

Hosted by YSU Guin Fit, the Healthy Community Partnership, and the League of American Bicyclists, the workshop brought together local leaders, advocates, and residents to discuss how biking and infrastructure shape health and mobility across the Tri-county area. The event was made possible through funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Participating in this important conversation affirmed that we are on the right track. I am happy to report that when it comes to active transportation and community infrastructure, the City of Struthers is truly ahead of the game!

Struthers City Schools

4 STARS EXCEEDS STATE STANDARDS

Progress: Exceeds student growth expectations

Graduation: Exceeds state standards

Gap Closing: Exceeds State Standards

College, Career, Workforce, and Military Readiness: Significantly exceeds state standards



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Meet Anthony Lariccia, Safety Service Director

A lifelong resident of Struthers, Anthony Lariccia's deep roots in the community have shaped his dedication to the city he calls home. A proud 2013 graduate of Struthers High School, Anthony was a fixture in both student leadership and athletics, serving on numerous committees and the National Honor Society while representing the Wildcats on the field. This commitment to his community followed him to Youngstown State University, where he balanced campus involvement and employment before graduating in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. Anthony's transition into city leadership is built on a foundation of hard work and first-hand experience. Before his appointment as Safety Service Director this past August, he spent 11 years with the Struthers City Road Department. Having worked both part-time and full-time through the years, he developed an intimate understanding of the city's infrastructure and a tireless work ethic. In his new role, Anthony is focused on a dual mission: preserving the

cherished traditions that make Struthers unique while spearheading modern development and beautification projects to grow the city one day at a time. Beyond his responsibilities at City Hall, Anthony remains a dedicated servant to the Mahoning Valley. He frequently lends his time to the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley and supports various charities and fundraisers throughout the county. When he is off the clock, you can find him staying active at the IFC gym, hitting the links at Knoll Run, or cheering on his favorite Cleveland sports teams. Above all, he treasures time spent with his friends and family. A true representative of our local spirit, Anthony proves that once a Wildcat, always a Wildcat.

Community

In Case You Missed It



5th Annual Struthers Bed Build: A Smashing Success!

On October 4th, the community came together at the Street Dept. Garage for the 5th Annual Struthers Build-a-Bed Day. Partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), our goal remained the same: *"No kid sleeps on the floor in our town!"*

Thanks to the streamlined process led by Councilwoman Megan Pingley and the City of Struthers, the event ran like a well-oiled machine. A huge thank you to the residents and local organizations who showed up and put in the hard work to build beds for local children in need. To volunteer or donate, please contact: Megan Pingley: 330-503-7822, Brandy Eisenbraun: 330-402-0101



More Than Just Books

By Bree Goist

Looking back on that Thanksgiving weekend in Struthers, what started as a fun "Mom Moment" blossomed into a heartwarming community treasure. Watching my boys excitedly share the Hopewell Little Library with neighbors and light up at new discoveries was priceless, but this project never would have happened without our village of support. Huge thanks belong to Catherine Cercone Miller, Councilman Robert Burnside, and the "cookie team" of Mary Flood-Dorney, Dana Marie Isabella, and Toni's Sweet Shoppe. I remain forever grateful to my husband Brandon, the entire Goist and Laudermilt families, Michele Packner, Chris Stiver, Courtney Patrick, and our amazing Hopewell Drive neighbors. With book donations filling our shelves 1,000 times over, we were already dreaming up additions like a mini art gallery and separate shelves for kids and adults. We aren't the only ones, either—there are plenty of these little spots around Struthers! Please click the link to see a map of other locations to visit. To keep up with our journey, follow us on Instagram @hopewell_little_library.



Celebrating a Century of Service!

Congratulations to Pilgrim Baptist Church on their 100th Anniversary!

Safety Service Director Anthony Lariccia and Rachael McCall had the honor of attending the celebration on behalf of the City. They presented the church with an official proclamation to commemorate this historic milestone.

Here is to 100 years of community and faith!

Elected Officials



Catherine Cercone Miller serves as the Mayor of Struthers, bringing a foundation of government experience that began in the City Prosecutor's office in 2014. Driven by a deep commitment to family, Mayor Miller balances

her executive leadership with her most important roles as a wife and mother. She remains a dedicated advocate for local progress, with a particular focus on the revitalization and future development of the Mahoning River corridor.



James Melone serves as the Struthers Municipal Court Judge, bringing 7 years of experience as a Common Pleas Magistrate. He is

committed to leading a court that preserves constitutional rights, fosters public trust, and ensures fairness and efficiency. Drawing on his background in private practice, Judge Melone applies a budget-conscious mindset to the court's administration to ensure fiscal responsibility. He is encouraged by the strong spirit of cooperation and mutual respect he observes among city departments



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John N. Zomoida, Jr. has served as Law Director for 8 years, driven by a desire to fight for justice and help victims of crime. His goal for this term is the continued administration of "tough but fair justice". As the Prosecuting

Attorney for the Struthers Municipal Court, John emphasizes his ability to exercise the immense power of his office with restraint and common sense. He looks forward to the continued redevelopment of downtown and the city as a whole.



Christina S. Bohl serves as Auditor, bringing 30 years of experience as a civil servant. She ran for the position with a desire to serve the community and bring fiscal responsibility

and integrity to the Auditor's office. While proud of her career, she takes the most pride in being a mom. Christina is excited about the potential for revitalization and growth in Struthers while maintaining the community values residents hold dear.



Mark Brenner serves as Treasurer, bringing four years of previous experience to the role. He felt the position was a good fit for his background and aims to maximize income for the

city through safe, state-approved investments. Mark prides himself on a strong work ethic that began at age ten with his own *Vindicator* paper route. He is excited by the Mayor's enthusiasm, noting that it brings positive energy to the city.



How City Council Works The Council of the City of Struthers is composed of seven members four elected from wards and three elected at-large—all serving two-year terms. While Council acts as the legislative voice for constituents, effective governance requires a collaborative partnership with the City Administration. Council members work closely with the Mayor, Law Director, Auditor, Safety Service Director, and other department heads to identify community issues, find practical resolutions, and craft sound legislation.

Council's primary responsibilities include reviewing and approving the city budget and authorizing the Board of Control to manage contracts and collective bargaining agreements. To operate efficiently, Council utilizes a committee system to research proposals. The committees are General Improvements, Police & Fire, Public Utilities, Parks and Recreation, Community Development and Annexation, Zoning & Industrial Business rely on insights from administration officials to make recommendations to the full body. Notably, the Finance and Legislation Committee generally reviews all proposed legislation before it reaches the full Council for consideration.

For any proposed legislation to become law, it must receive a majority vote by City Council and be signed by the Mayor. In the event that the Mayor vetoes a piece of legislation, Council retains the power to override that decision with a two-thirds majority (five votes).



Pictured from left to right: Megan Shorthouse, Robert Deagan, Lori A. Gomon, James E. Baluck, and Richard S. Bayus. Pictured in the center are Michael S. Patrick (front) and Robert D. Burnside (back). Continuing to the right are Megan L. Pingley, Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, and Dallas A. Bigley.



Michael S. Patrick, President of Council, has served in government for 17 years and was inspired to run by a desire to serve the city he grew up in. His primary goal is to ensure council meetings are run in an orderly manner. A dedicated community member, Michael served on the Struthers Fire Department for 27 years and has invested approximately \$500,000 of his own money into preserving local history, including purchasing historic fire trucks and the Odd Fellows Hall. He looks forward to utilizing new ideas and grants to move the city forward.



Lori A. Gomon is beginning her 7th year (4th term) serving the 1st Ward. Her goal is to remain an approachable voice for the people while staying true to herself, refusing to let politics change who she is. Lori has raised three children in Struthers and recently remarried, blending a family of six children and a new grandchild. She finds joy in her faith, family, and friends, and she is optimistic that the city will soon see a thriving downtown.



Robert E. Deagan is serving first term as Councilman for 2nd Ward. As a local business owner with a family in Struthers, he was inspired to bring a new voice to the process and positively impact ward issues. Robert enjoys the challenges of problem-solving and believes one never stops learning. He is most excited about the continued restoration of the city and the movement toward improved walkability and biking.



Robert D. Burnside is the Councilman for the 3rd Ward, a position he has held for 18 years. His main objective is to maintain positive energy and confidence to keep the City of Struthers moving in the right direction. Outside of government, Robert is a Marine Corps veteran, a vascular surgical first assistant with over 40 years of experience, and has been married for over 40 years. He believes that a strong working relationship between City Council and the administration will unlock great opportunities for the city



Rick Bayus – 4th Ward Councilman Rick Bayus is the Councilman for the 4th Ward, with 8 years of prior experience. Driven by a love or his city, his goal is to help constituents resolve any problems they face within the community. As a self-employed businessman for 30 years, Rick values open communication with fellow council members and the administration. He is optimistic about the handling of future developments in the downtown area.



James Baluck serves as Councilman at Large, a position he has held for the past six years. Now retired, James cares deeply for the city and views his service as a way to give back. His primary goal for this term is to maintain the positive direction the city is heading, specifically regarding the recently created comprehensive plan. A retired social worker and mental health counselor, James believes his experience in helping people solve daily problems translates well to how the city responds to resident needs. He is most optimistic about the pride residents show in their community, believing that this shared care will help Struthers effectively face future challenges.



Dallas A. Bigley serves as Council at Large and has 8 years of government experience. His primary goal is to make Struthers a stronger community and a better place for every resident. A lifelong resident and family man, Dallas is also a multiple business owner within the city. He is most optimistic about the future remodeling of downtown.



Megan Pingley has served on City Council since 2020, motivated to run after observing residents who felt unheard or disconnected from local decision-making. Her goal is to listen carefully to residents and make transparent decisions that serve the community's best interests. Drawing on her professional background and experience as a parent of a child with autism, she emphasizes the value of patience, advocacy, and ethical action. Megan is optimistic about building a stronger connection between residents and city officials to foster

If you want to stay informed about what's happening in Struthers, here is everything you need to know about your City Council. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM. You can easily access minutes, agendas, and the full Codified Ordinances online, or tune in to watch the proceedings live on the City of Struthers YouTube and Facebook pages.

Infrastructure and Investment

K.O. Corner

In Struthers, 2025 marked a pivotal year where the meticulous work behind the scenes—the engineering estimates, compliance reports, and grant narratives—began to translate into tangible community improvements. While much of municipal governance is quiet by nature, the results are now evident in our downtown activity and updated amenities. Over the last year, the City successfully secured grants across several critical sectors, including public safety support for the Police and Fire Departments, upgrades to the Water Pollution Control Facility, and enhancements to local parks. These wins demonstrate a balanced approach: strengthening the essential infrastructure that protects public health while investing in the spaces that define our daily quality of life. Struthers also demonstrated its ability to compete on a national stage this year. A Congressional District Spending Request submitted by KO Consulting on behalf of the City, and supported by Representative Michael Rulli and Senator Bernie Moreno, successfully advanced out of committee in both the U.S. House and Senate. This is a significant milestone that validates Struthers' credibility and readiness to handle major federal investments. Beyond securing new funding, we focused heavily on execution—ensuring that existing grant awards were efficiently utilized. KO Consulting understands that funding is only meaningful when it is converted into completed projects, turning allocated dollars into real assets for residents.

As we move into 2026, KO Consulting is proud to continue our partnership with Mayor Catherine Cercone-Miller. Our collective goal remains clear: to invest in essential services, strengthen regional partnerships, and solidify Struthers' reputation as a premier destination in Northeast Ohio. The foundation has been laid, and the objective for the coming year is to keep delivering results and raising the standard for our community.



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CASTLO Community Fund, Inc. Grant Applications Now Open

Opportunities for Non-Profits and Government Entities in Campbell, Struthers, Lowellville, Poland Township, and Coitsville Township.

The CASTLO Community Fund, Inc. is pleased to announce that it is now accepting grant applications from eligible non-profit organizations and government entities located within the five CASTLO communities: Campbell, Struthers, Lowellville, Poland Township, and Coitsville Township. This funding opportunity is designed to support initiatives that positively impact our communities and help meet local needs.

Organizations interested in applying are encouraged to review eligibility requirements and prepare their proposals. For more information or to request an application, please email denise@castlo.com.

New Home Unveiled in Struthers

YNDC celebrated a milestone day with ribbon cuttings for their first-ever new home builds in Struthers and Campbell! Constructed by Joe Koch Construction starting in June, these move-in-ready properties offer 1,409 square feet of living space, featuring three bedrooms and two bathrooms. This project was made possible through a grant awarded to the Mahoning County Land Bank from the Ohio Department of Development's Welcome Home Ohio program. Both homes are currently for sale; please <https://www.yndc.org/>



Small Town, Big Heart: The Magic of Christmas in Struthers

Over the last five years, something truly magical has taken root in our city. What began as a flicker of hope during the challenging days of the pandemic has blossomed into a full-scale renaissance of holiday spirit. Thanks to the tireless vision of Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller and Amber Bonilla, Struthers has been transformed into a premier destination for holiday cheer, proving that our small town truly has the biggest heart in the Valley.

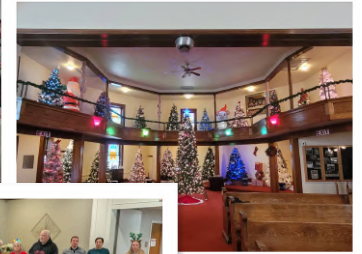
The festivities officially kick off with a celebration of local talent. We are thrilled to congratulate Giavanna Grice on her winning design for the 2025 City of Struthers Christmas Shirt. Selected by City Council and the Administration, Giavanna developed her concept under the guidance of Mr. Shuluga in the Struthers Entrepreneurship Course. Seeing hundreds of residents donning these shirts has become the unofficial signal that the holiday season has arrived.

Once the shirts are on, the city lights up! The calendar is packed with events designed to bring neighbors together. Families can capture memories with Santa at Struthers Unleashed, explore the dazzling Christmas Craft Show and Tree Display at the Placko Center, or enjoy cozy cocoa and carols at Light City Church.

The spirit of giving extends across the entire community—from the heartwarming Breakfast with Santa hosted by Weichert Realtors at The Placko Center to the festive sounds of the Struthers Rotary and High School Girls Basketball team caroling for the residents at Maplecrest.

The season reaches its peak with our two signature events. The Christmas Festival and Parade is a spectacle not to be missed, featuring games, whimsical sight of elves on stilts! and Christ Lutheran Church and Yellow Creek Church gave out warm cups of cocoa. Meanwhile, the 5th Annual House Decorating Contest continues to brighten our streets with a dash of friendly competition. Finally, we honor our roots with the breathtaking Luminaries on Overlook. For over 50 years, this glowing tradition has illuminated our city—a beautiful testament to the enduring legacy of our residents.

To the event planners, the generous sponsors, and every resident who hangs a light or sings a carol: Thank you. You are the reason for another successful, spirit-filled Christmas in Struthers, Ohio!



2025 STRUTHERS Christmas PARADE



BRONZE SPONSORS: CASTLO, JACK'S AUTO BODY, MRL LABS, KNUCKLEBUSTER, GENERATOR SPECIALIST, THE GRONER FAMILY, VFW POST 3538, AMVETS POST 44, CLEMANS NELSON & ASSOCIATES



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250 Elm Ct - Logan



489 Sexton - Gigax



604 Maplewood - Pingley & Varga



128 Hopewell - Goist



76 Overlook - Goist



520 Lincoln - Carano

The 6th Annual Struthers Holiday Lights Contest was a massive success, lighting up our streets with 1,568 votes from 224 festive residents! Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and took a holiday drive to experience the magic. A special shout-out goes to Amber Stout Bonilla. She never seeks credit, but she is the reason our "Small Town Christmas" feels so BIG! Her tireless work on the Parade-



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Overlook Boulevard Celebrates 50 Years of Light

Since 1975, neighbors on Overlook Boulevard in Struthers have lined their street with luminaries every Christmas Eve. Started by Eleanor Partelano and sustained for decades by Jerry Morell and Mike Clemente, the tradition has evolved from paper bags to sturdy milk cartons. For half a century, this glowing display has symbolized hope and brought the community together, reminding us all of the importance of knowing our neighbors during the holidays.

-and the Light Contest makes it all look effortless. We are also lucky to have Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller, who supports it all whether walking in the freezing cold or getting locked in a police car! They do it for the kids and the community, and we are so grateful. Thank you to everyone who made this season sparkle—the trophies are fun, but we do it for our families!

A huge shoutout to St. Anthony's Women's Auxiliary, Brandy Jackson Harris, Lily Polis, David Harris, Susan McKenzie Ripple, Catherine Cercone Miller, Bradley Miller, Tyzjere Price, Anthony Miller, Struthers Hardhats, Giant Eagle, and everyone involved with feeding over 85 families of Struthers for this holiday season.



Happenings

What's going on around town...

Our community thrives on local engagement, and you'd be surprised at the volume of great events happening year-round. From high-energy school sports and youth theatre productions to the diverse offerings at the library like adult education workshops and local author readings, our calendar is always packed. These activities, alongside the regular meetings and charity fundraisers hosted by local clubs and organizations, form the backbone of our town's unique character and offer countless opportunities to connect with neighbors and learn something new. To ensure you never miss out, we strongly encourage you to subscribe to local newsletters and follow official community social media pages (for the town, school district, and library). Being informed is the first step; the next is marking your calendar and joining the fun!



Check
libraryvisit.org for
details



Click or scan to purchase event tickets or to see more events!

2026 CITY OF STRUTHERS CALENDAR

Fireman's Association Dinner	Saturday	March 7th	TBA
Easter	Saturday	March 28th	10-11am
Memorial Day	Monday	May 25th	TBA
Clean up Day	Saturday	May 30th	8am-12pm
Struthers Band Carnival	Saturday	May 30th	TBA
Spring Garage Sale Weekend	Fri, Sat, Sun	June 5,6,7	9am-5pm
Music In the Park./American Made	Thursday	June 11th	6pm-8pm
Christ Our Savior Parish Festival	Wed-Sat	June 17-20th	TBA
Music In the Park/Vintage Vinyl	Thursday	June 25th	6pm-8pm
4th of July Parade	Saturday	July 4th	12pm
Music In the Park/RTR	Thursday	July 9th	6pm-8pm
Music In the Park/Rick Ward Band	Thursday	July 16th	6pm-8pm
Music In the Park/Chubby Love	Thursday	July 23rd	6pm-8pm
Music In the Park/The Decades	Friday	July 24th	6pm-8pm
Movie In The Park/Rotary	Friday	July 24th	Dusk
Music In the Park/Jim Baluck	Thursday	Aug 6th	6pm-8pm
Music In the Park/Steel Roots Band	Thursday	Aug 13th	6pm-8pm
Music In the Park/Robert Noble	Thursday	Aug 20th	6pm-8pm
Movie In The Park	Friday	July 31st	Dusk
Movie In The Park	Friday	Aug 7th	Dusk
Fall Garage Sale Weekend	Fri, Sat, Sun	Sept 11,12,13	9am-5pm
Build a Bed	Saturday	Oct. 10th	8am-12pm
Tire Drive	Saturday	Oct. 10th	10am-11
Beirut Memorial Ceremony	Saturday	Oct. 17th	6am & 1
Veteran's Day @ High School	Wednesday	Nov. 11th	TBA
Christmas Parade	Friday	Dec 4th	6pm
Christmas Lights Awards	Thursday	Dec 17th	6pm

Applications for membership at AMVETS Post 44 are now available for Veterans (Regular Members), Ladies Auxiliary, Riders, Sons, and Social Members. You may pick up an application at the Post during regular business hours; annual dues are \$35.00. We are open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM, and on Sundays for special occasions. Please note that daily closing times are flexible based on patronage.

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ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

HISTORICAL

Annual Membership Dues
Individual: \$25.00
Family: \$30.00

First Monthly Meeting
Date: March 1, 2026
Time: 1:00 PM

FRANKFORT HOUSE
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Rotary Cares

Happy 70th!!! Struthers Rotary
Our club was founded on this day Oct 10th in 1955, beginning a legacy of service and fellowship in our community. The reason we've thrived for seven decades is our ability to evolve. As the saying goes, "The only constant in life is change," and our club has embodied that by adapting to the needs of the times while holding true to our core values. For 70 years, we have been People of Action, guided by the motto "Service Above Self." Here's to celebrating our rich history and looking forward to a future of continued



The Struthers Rotary Club is proud to join forces with the CASTLO Community, AQUA Ohio, and the First Catholic Slovak Union (St. George Lodge No. 682) in a collective effort to fight hunger in our backyard. Each of our organizations recently donated \$1,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of the Mahoning Valley to support the Christ Our Savior/Holy Trinity food pantry. This combined \$4,000 contribution is making a massive impact by providing 20,000 meals to local families, ensuring our neighbors have the support they need to thrive.

At Struthers Rotary, our motto is "Service Above Self," and this partnership is a perfect example of what happens when the community unites for a common cause. Together, we are providing more than just nutrition—we are providing hope and stability to those who need it most. We invite other local organizations and individuals to join us in this mission by visiting the Second Harvest website to learn how you can support our local pantries.

The 5th year of Sleep in Heavenly peace was a success. Megan Pingley and City of Struthers have a great process. The community and other organizations showed up and put in work! The Struthers Rotary Donated 4 Beds, Cookies, granola bars, and members made sure everyone was replenished and Rotarians to Build the beds! Thank you to all the organizations and community for coming together for this great cause and Uniting for Good!



Fundraisers

Celebrating its 70th milestone,

Struthers Rotary recently hosted its annual pancake breakfast, a cherished tradition that stands as the club's very first fundraiser dating back to 1955. This landmark event brought together friends, family, and neighbors for a morning of community fellowship. The breakfast's success was made possible through the dedicated efforts of volunteers from the Rotary, the Boy Scouts, and the Struthers High School Interact Club. Beyond the meal, the event served as a community hub, featuring informational booths from local partners including Maplecrest, the Fire Department, AMVETS Post 44, the Historical Society, and Youngstown and Mahoning County library

Most importantly, the fundraiser continues its mission of investing in the next generation. All proceeds go toward scholarships for Struthers High School seniors entering trade schools or college. To date, the Rotary has proudly donated over \$150,000 in scholarships, ensuring that seven decades of tradition continue to



Another successful Oktoberfest! Thanks to Jim, Char, and Molnar's for having us, and to everyone who bought a cinnamon roll. Your support helps us fund local projects for those in need.



Sweet Support for a Polio-Free World The Rotary Club of Struthers is proud to announce the successful completion of the Purple Pinkie Project fundraiser. In a show of community spirit, our club sold over 20 dozen "Purple Pinkie" donuts—glazed long johns featuring a signature dab of purple icing representing the indelible ink used to mark vaccinated children. Through this effort, we raised significant funds for Rotary International's End Polio Now initiative. With every dozen donuts contributing \$9 toward vaccine costs, and thanks to the 2-to-1 match from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, our local contribution will provide hundreds of life-saving vaccinations to children in need. We thank our members and the Struthers community for supporting this vital mission. Together, we are one step closer to making the "Purple Pinkie" an international symbol of a polio-free world.



Members

Join the Struthers Rotary Club

Elevate your professional network and community impact by joining the Struthers Rotary Club. As a member, you will engage in strategic networking with diverse professionals, develop advanced leadership skills through local initiatives, and mentor the next generation to reach their full potential. We believe collective action is the key to a brighter future for Struthers.

Membership dues are \$80 semi-annually (\$160 per year), which cover administrative costs, meeting expenses, and essential operations. Are you ready to make a lasting positive impact? Contact us today to learn more about becoming a member.



New Faces and Fresh Energy for Struthers Rotary

The Struthers Rotary Club is proud to announce the induction of five new members at its October 21st meeting, bringing the club's total roster to 49.

Carol Crespo, MariLouise De Sole, Karen Mettee, and Christine Reda joined via sponsor Karen Edwards, while Linda Skrinyer was sponsored by Mary Ann Morell. These new Rotarians have already begun volunteering, proving that "New members are the lifeblood of Rotary, bringing fresh energy to our commitment to service."

Photo Caption: (L-R) New Rotarians Christine Reda, Carol Crespo, and Karen Mettee; Sponsor Karen Edwards; New Rotarians Marilouise De Sole and Linda Skrinyer; Sponsor Mary Ann Morell; and President Ryan Goist.



Trick-or-Treating with a Tropical Twist

We were thrilled to have our two newest Rotary Community Corps teams The Garden Club and Struthers ROAR (Regional Operators of Amateur Radio) —join us for the festivities. Embracing a fun Hawaiian theme, we passed out tons of goodies, including candy, stickers, snap bracelets, pencils, and more! We also distributed reusable bags designed for both trick-or-treating and use throughout the year, each featuring a QR code to keep residents updated on our future events. Our members loved seeing the community come together, and we were grateful to everyone who stopped by to visit us.

CELEBRATING OUR ROTARY MEMBERS



Name	Tenure	Anniversary Date
Becker, Kelly	33 Years	Oct 01, 1992
Quahliero, Anthony	33 Years	Oct 01, 1992
Buckler, Bill	2 Years	Oct 03, 2023
Edwards, Karen	8 Years	Oct 17, 2017
Cercone-Miller, Catherine	16 Years	Nov 01, 2009
Aey, Linda	6 Years	Nov 05, 2019
Bohl, Christina	6 Years	Nov 05, 2019
Bova, Sherri	6 Years	Nov 05, 2019
Hirt, Andrew	13 Years	Nov 09, 2012
Campbell, Chuck	13 Years	Nov 12, 2012
Daprite, Lisa	13 Years	Nov 12, 2012
Gabriele, Donald	19 Years	Nov 12, 2012
Diorio, Marge	17 Years	Dec 01, 2008
Morell, Mary Ann	36 Years	Dec 01, 1989
Goist, Ken	1 Year	Dec 09, 2024
Partelano, Eve	1 Year	Dec 09, 2024
Tatar, Karin	1 Year	Dec 09, 2024
Salaka, Kathleen	1 Year	Dec 15, 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



Community Corps

Struthers ROAR is a Rotary Community Corps community action team, a dynamic group of volunteers, sponsored by the Struthers Rotary Club. We focus on fostering interest in amateur radio & promoting emergency communications preparedness.



Service on Short Notice

On November 5th, Struthers ROAR club received a last-minute request from a local community member for parking assistance for their business. The community member was expecting anywhere from 200-300 motorcycles in addition to cars at this event, as well as a significant amount of traffic coming in & out of the business. Struthers ROAR gladly accepted the request for assistance and on November 6th successfully used radio communications to keep the event under control & organized. This was also a great example of how the club is flexible and available to the community, and able to fit this into their schedule with less than 24 hours notice.

Getting the Word Out:

ROAR Connects with the Community

Struthers ROAR participated in the Struthers PTO Trunk-or-Treat event on October 18th. The club set up a table with Hawaiian themed decor and their club banners. This was a great opportunity to meet the public and get the club's name out to the community. The club passed out candy and toys to the trick-or-treaters as well as club stickers which were a big hit! There were many interested community members who asked about the new club and services that the club provides. It was also fun explaining what the club does to the kids. Overall, this was a great networking and community event!



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Gear, Gadgets, and Guidance: Strengthening Struthers' Readiness

After the November 11th Struthers ROAR meeting, the club gave an educational presentation on Go-Bags and emergency preparation. The public was invited to the meeting and several community and Rotary members were in attendance. Club President Ken Goist WD8JZP and Vice President Dave Perry KE8YJX did a show-and-tell style demonstration of their personal go-bags. They shared many items that would be helpful to have on-hand during an emergency. They also went through a slideshow of additional emergency preparedness tips and considerations when it comes to keeping your family safe during an emergency. Overall, it was a very informational session and the club received positive feedback from the community members in attendance.



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Struthers R.O.A.R.
Click the logo or scan
the QR code to contact
us, or send us a
message on Facebook!!

Making Waves: Radio Coordination Speeds Up Flag Retrieval

On November 15th, the Struthers ROAR club helped take down about 120 of the Struthers Rotary Flags. The club members worked in teams of 3 with 4 trucks and relayed their progress, questions and repair notes over the radio. Together, they were able to accomplish this in only 2 hours. This was a great example of teamwork and use of amateur radio to help the community and the Struthers Rotary Club.



Santa, Sirens, and Signals: ROAR at the Christmas Parade

On December 5th, the Struthers ROAR club coordinated and provided communications for the Struthers Christmas Parade. The club members staged the parade participants and lined up along the parade route to ensure everything moved smoothly, that there were no gaps in the parade, and that everyone remained safe. The Mayor even had her own special radio so that she could communicate with the operators. It was a very cold, but very fun and successful night!



Community Corps

Struthers Rotary Garden Club Blooms First Official Meeting on Oct 28th Tuesday evening marked a wonderful beginning for us as we held the first official meeting of the Struthers Rotary Garden Club. It was heartening to welcome so many new faces who are eager to learn about gardening and help make a difference in our community. We were thrilled to have local business owner Mama Green Thumb join us to share her best practices for caring for houseplants during the colder months, along with an incredible selection of plants. During the business portion of the evening, Karin discussed the exciting new direction of the club as we join the Rotary Community Corps and officially welcomed our newest members. To celebrate the season, attendees enjoyed a festive apple snack bar and homemade apple cider. We also want to extend a special thank you to our members who contributed to the plant share, including Mary Louise for the daylilies, Eve for the polka dot plants, and Yvonne for the sunflower seeds. Please note that the club will be taking a break in November and December for the holidays, but we look forward to seeing everyone when regular meetings resume on January 27th at 6:00

Volunteers Plant Spring Bulbs at Mauthe Hall

Despite blustery cold temperatures, a group of volunteers gathered to plant bulbs at Mauthe Hall, successfully completing the project just before the rain began.

The group focused their efforts on the walkway to Mauthe Hall, where they planted red tulips and crocus. Additionally, creeping jenny was added to the planters located at the entrance to the park. These efforts are expected to result in a vibrant profusion of color for the community to enjoy this coming Spring.

