

Village View

OUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STORY



View of the Big Walnut Creek from Lockbourne

Memorial Wall Groundbreaking

You are invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Lockbourne / Rickenbacker Air Force Base Memorial on Wednesday, August 20th @ 9:30 a.m. at Lockbourne Veterans Parks



Back-to-School Bash

Lockbourne CCCU Church is holding a back-to-school bash on August 3, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. *Please see page 14 for details.*



BLOCK  **PARTY**

Block Party

Friday, August 1st
6:00 p.m.

Come out and meet your neighbors. Enjoy games, music, dancing, and much more!

Lockbourne Historical Hall, 206 Vause Street

Village Council Bulletin

Pending Legislation

None

FREE FIREWOOD

The Village had trees cut down throughout town and left the wood for anyone to take.

If you want some firewood, please take as much as you need.

GRANTS

Streets

The Village of Lockbourne is applying for a grant through the Ohio Public Works Commission to repave the village portion of Rowe Road and Williams Street, and place crosswalks and line stripping on Commerce Street. We also hope to include Commerce Street South and Miller. The project is expected to cost \$500k. The deadline to submit the grant is August 29, 2025.

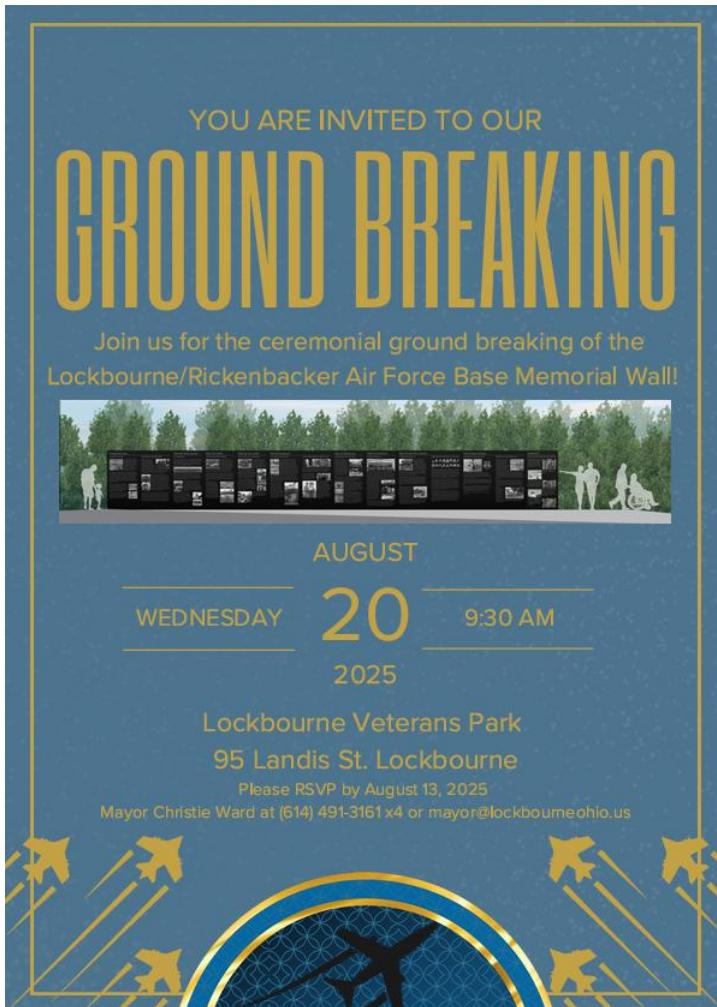
America 250

The Village is currently working with Rediscover Lockbourne and America 250 for funding on an informational sign on Lockbourne's history and lock number 30 in the park.

Trash and Recyclable Containers

The Village received the trash and recycle containers for the three parks, Historical Hall, and Commerce Street. The Village was awarded a grant in 2024 from SWACO in the amount of \$13,836.86 to help cover the cost.





We are going to kick-off the fundraiser for the Memorial Wall at the groundbreaking.

To make a donation to the Memorial Wall, click on the link or scan the QR Code

<https://square.link/u/IGzGWh80>



The 2025 Columbus Air Show promises to be a weekend packed with heart-pounding air performances and family-friendly activities. This is your chance to get up close to see the aircraft and pilots in action.

The Air Show will be held on August 22-24, 2025, at Rickenbacker International Airport, 2241 John Circle Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43217

Click on the link for details: [Columbus Air Show | August 22 – 24, 2025](https://square.link/u/IGzGWh80)



LOCKBOURNE'S CODE ENFORCEMENT

Minor Home Repair Program

The Franklin County Office on Aging administers the Minor Home Repair Program through [Senior Options](#) which provides services that contribute to a safe, secure living environment for Franklin County older adult homeowners who meet program eligibility guidelines.

The Minor Home Repair Program offers a variety of minor repair services to senior residents, including:

- Minor plumbing, electrical, gas and furnace repairs
- Air conditioner repairs and replacements (No window units)
- Installation of safety devices including smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, deadbolt locks, etc.
- Installation of handrails and/or grab bars
- Installation of wheelchair/walker ramps
- Concrete repair to main walkways
- Repair and replacement of broken glass

All of the work done through the Minor Home Repair Program is done by qualified, licensed, bonded and insured contractors. The materials and techniques used in the repair work also

Program Eligibility

Residents are eligible for these services if they meet the following eligibility requirements:

- **Reside in Franklin County (Ohio)**
- **Aged 60 years or older**
- **Income eligible**
 - *Cannot have an income exceeding \$2,000/month for a single person and \$4,000/month for 2+ person household*
 - *Cannot have over \$10,000 in liquid assets*
 - *Cannot own more than one home*
- **Be a homeowner or renter**
 - *Renters are only eligible for wheelchair ramp and/or grab bars installation and must be wheelchair bound. Installation is also contingent on landlord's approval*

How to Enroll

Residents can enroll in the Minor Home Repair Program by calling (614) 525-6200 weekdays 9AM-4:30PM ET. Residents will need to complete an over-the-phone confidential assessment to identify service need, eligibility and to coordinate services.

Marcus, Code Enforcement Officer
Email: code.enforcement@lockbourneohio.us

**OUR HOME, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR STORY**

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Cierra Kearney – 6th
Tiffany Trout – 6th
Justin Schmus – 7th
Gracie Trout – 19th
Elizabeth Trout – 19th
Jacob Walters – 22nd
James Tiller – 25th



No August Anniversaries

If you would like your birthday or anniversary in the newsletter, please [email us](#) at admin.assistant@lockbourneohio.us

Awards and Recognition

A special thank you to
Bruce Wilkerson and
Richard Mills
for installing the new security camera
system throughout the Village.

Thank you,
Bruce and Richard!



Thank you!
to **Suzanne Oost**
for donating clothes to the
village residents.

If you are interested in
looking at the items that were
donated, please visit the
office between
business hours.

Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you or your child receives an award that you would like recognized, please [email us](#) at admin.assistant@lockbourneohio.us

UPCOMING EVENTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the kid's games,
food and other
activities.



If you are interested, please contact
Karen Carter by email at:
deputy.admin@lockbourneohio.us
or call at 614-491-3161 X 2.

GET HOOKED ON OUR FISH FRY!!!

We are frying fresh fish from 11:00 am - 7:00 pm.
We are open for lunch and dinner service, so dive into the deliciousness.

Cash and credit accepted.

Join us for reel good food and reel good times!

Back By Popular Demand
Rediscover Lockbourne
FISH FRY

September 4 & 5, 2025 11:00am-7:00pm

Open For Dinner!

Dinners (includes 2 sides & drink)

FISH SANDWICH	\$13.00
OR	
PULLED PORK SANDWICH	

SIDES:

MACARONI AND CHEESE
BAKED BEANS
POTATO SALAD
COLESLAW
FRENCH FRIES

DRINKS:

WATER
SODA POP
COFFEE

CASH OR CARD ACCEPTED

À la carte

FISH OR PULLED PORK SANDWICH	\$8.00
SIDE DISHES	\$3.00
HOME MADE DESSERTS	\$2.00
HOT DOG	\$2.00
DRINKS	\$1.00
2 HUSHPUPIES	\$1.00

Eat In, Carryout or Curb Service



For information or call ahead
orders



614-483-8719



Lockbourne Historical Hall
206 Vause St. Lockbourne, Ohio 43137



REMINDER

ATV's and unauthorized vehicles are prohibited on the Village streets and in the Parks including trails.

The Franklin County Sheriff has been notified about riders on ATV's and unauthorized vehicles in the Village breaking the speed limit on public streets and without proper safety equipment. If riders are caught by the Sheriff, the unauthorized vehicle will be seized at the owner's expense along with an imposed fine.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter, the safety of our Village residents and guests is our number one priority. To report unauthorized vehicles and hazardous driving please call the Franklin County Non-Emergency number at (614) 525-3333.

THANK YOU!

SETH COLLINS
FOR YOUR HARD
WORK ON PAINTING
THE SHELTER HOUSE
IN LOCKE MEADOW
PARK.



FIREWORKS IN THE PARK

There was some vandalism in the park at the shelter house. Someone set fireworks off in the shelter house after the maintenance team painted the shelter house.

This is not acceptable!



LOCKBOURNE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HOP

Lockbourne Historical Hall • 206 Vause Street, Lockbourne

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Please join us...

We want to invite you to Lockbourne's Annual Christmas Hop.



REDISCOVER LOCKBOURNE IS LOOKING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOP!

Refer to the below listing of Sponsor Packages for detailed information about each level of sponsorship. Please contact Karen Carter @ deputy.admin@lockbourneohio.us or (614) 491-3161 x2 for more information and for assistance with processing your Sponsorship.

Horse & Carriage Sponsor - \$1,500

(3 Sponsors @ \$500)

- Recognition as sponsor in all media outlets: Facebook, Village Newsletter, Village Website
- Logo prominently displayed on signage at Christmas Hop
- Recognition as sponsor in press release submitted to South Messenger
- Recognition as sponsor on signage at the Horse & Carriage Station
- Exclusive area to display your promotional materials during the Christmas Hop
- Sponsorship of the full \$1,500 will receive six (6) tickets for a horse and carriage ride.
- Sponsorships of \$500 will receive two (2) tickets for a horse and carriage ride.

Kid's Train Ride Sponsor - \$200

- Recognition as sponsor in all media outlets: Facebook, Village Newsletter, Village Website
- Logo prominently displayed on signage at Christmas Hop
- Recognition as sponsor on signage at the Kid's Corner Station
- Exclusive area to display your promotional materials during the Christmas Hop
- Two (2) tickets for horse and carriage ride

Hot Chocolate Bar Sponsor - \$200

- Recognition as sponsor in all media outlets: Facebook, Village Newsletter, Village Website
- Logo prominently displayed on signage at Christmas Hop
- Recognition as sponsor on signage at the Hot Chocolate Bar
- Exclusive area to display your promotional materials during the Christmas Hop
- Two (2) tickets for horse and carriage ride

Jingle Bell Sponsor - \$100

- Recognition as sponsor in all media outlets: Facebook, Village Newsletter, Village Website
- Logo prominently displayed on signage at Christmas Hop



LAKE ERIE TO OHIO RIVER TRAIL

This is a great opportunity to see how Ohio's waterways moved boats through our nation!!!

The link to the new trail is:

<https://america250-ohio.org/lake-erie-to-ohio-river>

Lake Erie to Ohio River Trail
The Waters that Moved a Nation

Ohio TRAILS & TALES
LAKE ERIE TO OHIO RIVER
AMERICA 250-OHIO PROGRAM

"The Great Lakes are a diamond on the hand of America."
- Pat Dailey, Singer/Songwriter from the "Great Lakes Song"

Ohio's waterways didn't just move boats—they moved a nation.
Lake Erie, the Ohio River, and the canals that connected them fueled industry, carried dreams, sparked innovation, and sustained life. From sternwheelers to freighters, from lighthouse beacons to canal locks—these waters shaped America's story. **The Lake Erie to Ohio River Trail** invites you to drive your own adventure, exploring the people, places, and innovations that transformed Ohio into a national powerhouse.

- Lake Erie opened the Midwest to the world.
- The Ohio River carried dreams westward.
- Canals turned wilderness into commerce.

And today, these waterways still support our lives—through clean drinking water, outdoor recreation, fisheries, shipping, research, and thriving waterfront communities.

Explore more than 150 sites along the trail:
america250-ohio.org/lake-erie-to-ohio-river

Trails & Tales are presented in partnership with America 250-OHIO and the Ohio Travel Association.

Discover the Backbone of America—One Ripple at a Time

Ohio's waterways built more than ports—they built possibilities. Lake Erie, the Ohio River, and the historic canals powered commerce, transported people and goods, and helped shape our communities. Today, they're still flowing with beauty, history, and purpose.

Trail Highlights
Explore themed sites across Ohio:

- Lake Erie Lighthouses** – Tour historic beacons that guided ships and now preserve maritime heritage.
- Boat Rides & Ferryboats** – Cruise Lake Erie, canals, and the Ohio River—step into history on the water.
- Lake Erie Museums & Historic Sites** – Dive into stories of commerce, war, and innovation.
- Ohio Canal Museums & Historic Sites** – Walk towpath trails, view hand-dug canal paths, and marvel at locks that helped shape the state.
- Ohio River Museums & Historic Sites** – Uncover stories of frontier life, freedom seekers, and industrial growth.
- Natural Areas & Overlooks** – Visit wetlands, parks, and preserved landscapes shaped by water.
- Aquatic Science & Research Sites** – Explore aquariums, science centers, and labs working to protect our water future.

Learn more at:
america250-ohio.org/lake-erie-to-ohio-river



Backyard Flooding & Drainage Problems

How to Mitigate Common Drainage Issues

Considering "water" is in our name at Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, we get lots of calls from residents and organizations about flooding and drainage problems around Franklin County. It's very common in the spring especially, and following a heavy rain event, we expect lots of calls the next day. Although it's been relatively dry *lately*, let's talk about why these drainage issues are occurring and how we can work to mitigate them.

Why Does it Flood After Heavy Rain?

Central Ohio was once a big farming community with a lot of clay and hydric soils. Clay soil holds water particularly well, sometimes too well, and is slow to drain. Following a heavy rain event, the soil has a maximum amount it can hold. After it reaches the max, the water pools on top of the soil, which causes flooding.

With increased development comes increased amount of impervious surfaces (roads, parking lots, concrete, roofs). Impervious surfaces cannot soak up stormwater. The water just runs right off of it. So, with an increased amount of impervious surfaces from development, we're seeing more flooding. Plus, the amount of precipitation has increased in recent years - check out the graphic below.

Flooding can be a nuisance and even dangerous when it is severe, but in the moment, time is needed to let the water soak into the ground, sometimes even days. However, there are some things we can do to reduce and prevent future flooding.

How to Reduce Flooding: Soak It In!

There is no easy, immediate fix unfortunately. However, there are several ways we can try to reduce flooding. All of these work in some way or another to capture and soak stormwater back into the ground.

- Install a rain garden. While rain gardens won't solve the problem of poorly draining soil, they CAN help to soak up water faster and better than regular old turfgrass or flower beds.
- Replace unused pavement or turfgrass with native plants or a rain garden. Native plants have strong, deep roots that are great at capturing and soaking in stormwater - better than non-native plants or turfgrass. Plus, it will save you some time, effort, and money on mowing, and it adds a nice landscaping feature.
- Install vegetative buffers along streams. Don't mow all the way to the edge of a stream. A vegetative buffer is fantastic at capturing and soaking in water. Plus, buffers help hold the soil in place, thereby preventing erosion. Bonus - use native plants and trees to provide habitat and food for native wildlife and pollinators.
- Utilize a rain barrel. Capture some of the rainwater coming off your roof and use it to water your lawn or gardens.



HAMILTON

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Mark your calendars! The district is excited to welcome students and families back for Open House on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, tour classrooms, and get ready for an amazing school year!

Hamilton Township Schools can't wait to see you there and kick off another incredible year together!



First day back for Hamilton Schools is August 14th.



2025-2026 District Calendar

AUGUST 2025						
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DECEMBER 2025						
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LEGEND						
NO SCHOOL - Teacher Professional Meeting Day						
NO SCHOOL - P/T Comp Days						
NO SCHOOL						
End/Start of Quarter						

*Parent-Teacher Conferences vary per building

GRADING PERIODS						
						Days
1st Quarter	Aug. 14 - Oct. 10					40
2nd Quarter	Oct. 13 - Dec. 19					46
3rd Quarter	Jan. 5 - Mar. 13					46
4th Quarter	Mar. 16 - May 21					45
Students Total						176
Teachers Total						185

Board Approved 12/9/2024

EVERY RANGER ★ EVERY REASON ★ EVERY DAY

news



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Hamilton Township Fire Department

OPEN HOUSE

September 21, 2025

**Station 172
(6410 Lockbourne Road)**

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Franklin County Engineers Office is excited to share that Franklin County has received a \$25 million BUILD grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation to improve Alum Creek Drive, a vital freight and commuter corridor in Central Ohio.

The project will:

- Widen 2.6 miles between SR 317 and Groveport Rd
- Add a third lane in each direction
- Improve access to Rickenbacker International Airport
- Enhance safety, reduce congestion, and support future growth

Franklin County Engineers Office would like to thank Senator Jon Huston and Bernie Moreno for their support, and our local partners for helping bring this investment home. This is a major win for our infrastructure, economy, and community.

For more details, view the full press release on our website: <https://www.franklincountyengineer.org/media/>



VILLAGE CHURCHES

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025, 12PM

FREE BACKPACKS WITH SUPPLIES!

(LIMITED QUANTITY, FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED)

FREE COOKOUT

FUN ACTIVITES FOR THE KIDS

165 MECHANICS STREET
LOCKBOURNE, OH 43137
(POLE BARN LOCATED BEHIND MINNIE CLARK MEMORIAL)

LOCKBOURNE CCCU



**Bethel Lutheran Church
Box Lunch
Saturday, August 9, 2025**

Menu

Ham sandwich, potato chips, veggies, zucchini bread

It will be curbside pick-up
between 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

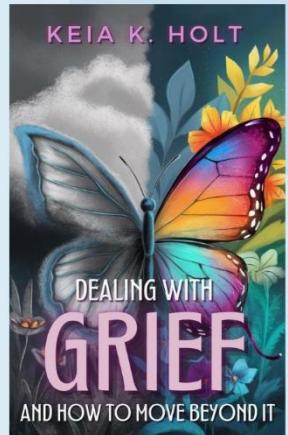
Book LAUNCHING

Join us for the launch of
Keia Holt's first book.
• Book Signing
• Author Interview

Dealing with Grief and How
to Move Beyond It

- Saturday
Sep 13, 2025
- 11:00am-1:00pm
- 85 Commerce St.
Lockbourne, OH 43137

More Information
www.keiaholt.com



Pre-purchase on Amazon or
buy your book on site.

Memory Lane



LOCKBOURNE SCHOOL

MAY 1934

1ST AND 2ND GRADERS



This article will tell you the history about navigation through Lockbourne.

Navigating Lockbourne's history

- The village of Lockbourne was laid out in 1831, when the Ohio and Erie Canal was constructed, and formally incorporated in 1901.
- The canal was 309 miles long from Cleveland on Lake Erie to Portsmouth on the Ohio River, which provided a shipping link to the Mississippi River.
- Ground was broken July 4, 1825, at Licking Summit near Newark. The Ohio and Erie Canal was completed in 1831, and the Miami and Erie Canal from Cincinnati to Toledo was finished in 1845. The last remnants of the canal system were destroyed by the 1913 flood.
- A toll was paid by boats using the canal, and passengers paid a penny a mile to ride. A record \$799,024 in tolls was collected in 1851 but then declined because of railroad competition.
- Morgan horses pulled wood boats that were 90 feet long and 15 feet wide and carried up to 80 tons of cargo.
- The 30-mile central Ohio portion of the canal began at a reservoir now known as Buckeye Lake. The waterway helped boats navigate a 202-foot descent with 30 locks.
- Community names featured canal terminology including Lockville, Canal Winchester, Groveport and Lockbourne.
- What is now Big Walnut Creek was called the Gahanna River by a law enacted in 1838, reportedly from an Indian name meaning "three united into one".
- Remnants of the canal and towpath may be seen along Canal Road and Rowe Road, which links Lockbourne to heavily traveled Rt. 23.
- While a considerable amount of grain was produced by area farmers, no storage building was needed. All of it was used by a local distillery to produce whiskey.

