

Abundant Life Counseling & Consulting Services, LLC Celebrates 5 Years

Abundant Life Counseling & Consulting Services, LLC is proud to announce their 5-year anniversary of serving in the Huron community. Dedicated to supporting individuals, couples, and families in their journey toward mental and emotional wellness, our practice aims to provide a private, compassionate, and professional environment for all clients.

The professionals at Abundant Life understand that life can present challenges that impact emotional and psychological well-being. Their team of Masters-level, independently licensed professionals specialize in various therapeutic approaches personalized to meet the unique needs of each client in navigating their circumstances. Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Internal Family Systems, and Solution-Focused counseling are some examples of the modalities that the Abundant Life clinicians are skilled to provide.

"We are a private practice designed to help individuals, couples and families embrace life to the full through improving their mental health, relationship satisfaction, parenting approaches or limiting mind sets. We believe that if you can help change a person's life, you have the power to change the life of the family and community for generations to come," (NyCola Bouck, Owner). "Therefore our services are a commitment and partnership with our clients. Treatment can be as few as 6-12 sessions or it can continue for years based on the individual's presenting concerns."

The practice is committed to reducing the stigma surrounding mental health and promoting overall wellness within the community. The team has designed the practice to be set apart from the stereotypical clinic or agency atmosphere with their crowded waiting rooms and bustling reception desks. The lounges at Abundant Life are private and peaceful spaces to relax and unwind in anticipation

of therapy sessions.

In addition to individual and couples therapy, Abundant Life offers group sessions, intensives, and community outreach programs to offer opportunities to learn and connect through speaking engagements. Due to the high demand for the skilled therapists, expect to schedule appointments and engagements 8-12 weeks ahead.

If you think you might be interested in seeking therapy, a good first step is to check your insurance network directory to confirm that this practice is in your insurance plan's network.

Abundant Life Counseling & Consulting Services, LLC is a privately-owned counseling practice committed to providing higher-quality mental health services to individuals and families in the Huron area. The experienced team of therapists is dedicated to fostering a supportive and collaborative environment for healing and growth.

*Abundant Life does not provide emergency or crisis services. If you or your loved one is experiencing an emotional crisis or mental health emergency, please call 9-8-8 to be connected to a trained crisis counselor.

For more information - Scan QR Code for Abundant Life's website.



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From Left to Right: Elizabeth Brown, LISW-S, Taylor Dillon, LISW, NyCola Bouck, LISW-S, Allyson Heyman, LPCC-S, Mary O'Malley, M.A., Ted Fox, LPCC, Brigid O'Brien, LPCC-S, Heather McCool, LISW-S, LICDC, Roxanne King, LISW and Christa Bronner, LISW-S

City Employees Celebrate Milestones Work Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following City of Huron employees for their milestone work anniversaries in 2024!

February:

Steve Didelot, Street Foreman – 30 years

March:

Lieutenant Dan Soisson, Huron Fire – 15 years

April:

Jodi Rutherford, Finance – 25 years
Firefighter Nick Thaxton, Huron Fire – 15 years
Rick Reinbolt, Parks & Recreation – 10 years

May:

Christine Gibboney, Planning & Zoning – 15 years

June:

Lieutenant William Evert, Huron Fire – 15 years

September:

Terri Welkener, Administration – 5 years

November:

Captain Doug Nash, Huron Fire – 25 years

December:

Sergeant Nate Orzech, Huron Police – 25 years

Save the DATE

NOVEMBER

Monday, Nov. 18

Finance Committee

4:00 pm in Council Chambers

Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

5:30 pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, Nov. 26

City Council

6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Thursday, Nov. 28

Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Huron Joint Rec District

6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Utilities Commission

5:00 pm in Council Chambers

Saturday, Dec. 7

WinterFest

1:00 pm Huron Boat Basin

6:00 pm Fireworks

Monday, Dec. 9

Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)

5:30 pm in Council Chambers

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Finance Committee

5:30 pm in Council Chambers

City Council

6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Wednesday, Dec. 18

Planning Commission

5:30 pm in Council Chambers

City Council

6:30 pm in Council Chambers

Happy Holidays & Healthy 2025!

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ConAgra Development Jump Started

As one of the largest waterfront development opportunities along the Lake Erie shoreline, Huron officials value the importance of working with a developer who understands and appreciates the unique nature of the former ConAgra property.

After parting ways with the former developer late last fall, city officials made it a priority for 2024 to jump start the project and to begin soliciting interested and potential developers for the property. The city received three developer responses to its request for proposals.

A sub-committee comprised of several Council members and city administrators was formed to review and explore what each firm was proposing to begin the initial evaluation process of narrowing three proposals down to two. Important components in the selection process were the initial concepts, the feasibility of the project, and the level of infrastructure needed to complete the project.

Following the initial evaluation process, the remaining two firms were invited to present their proposed plan to the full Council, administration, and the public during the July 9th and 23rd Council Work Sessions. The interactive public work sessions allowed for a more comprehensive review of each proposal, presentations from the selected firms, and the opportunity for those in attendance to ask specific questions.

Both Council and the administration unanimously felt the strength of the partnership between K. Hovnanian Homes and Knez Homes was the greatest fit for the property and Huron as a whole. K. Hovnanian Homes is one of the top 20 homebuilders in the nation, while Knez Homes continues to be one of the largest homebuilders in northern Ohio. This type of partnership demonstrates having the financial capabilities and the capacity to undertake this type of large development project.

The K. Hovnanian Homes and Knez Homes proposal includes ninety-four 2- and 3-story townhouses, a community pool, pond, walking trail, and possibly a restaurant.

The City and the development team are currently negotiating both a development agreement and a purchase agreement for the site. Once the agreements are settled, architectural drawings will be submitted to the Planning Commission for final approval. If all goes as planned, site work could begin as early as 2025.

As outlined in the City of Huron 2020 Action Plan, public space and waterfront access are important features to maintain on the property. K. Hovnanian Homes and Knez Homes are agreeable to ensure there is public access around the perimeter for waterfront viewing and enjoyment.



Let's Connect...



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City's Text Alert System:
Text HURON to 419/258-8750



Leaf Pick-Up Program Set to Wrap Up

The final scheduled round of the automated curb side leaf pick-up will take place on Friday, December 6th. Residents who prefer to use the bagged curb side pick-up may continue to do so with unlimited weekly yard waste collection through Republic. Be sure to use Yard Waste Bags or containers well marked "Yard Waste".

If using the Automated Curb side Leaf Pick-up Option please adhere to the following:

- Leaf piles must be placed within 6 feet of the curb.
- Pickup is for leaves only (no sticks or other yard waste materials are permitted.)
- Do not place leaves in the street or behind parked cars. They will not be picked up.
- Piles of leaves that fail to meet these guidelines will be painted with an "X" and won't be collected.

Questions?

Contact the Street Department: 419-433-9504

Garbage & Recycling

Garbage, Recycling, and Yard Waste Curb side Collection Guidelines

- All containers must be stored inside or at the rear of a building (except on designated pickup dates)
- Containers cannot be stored on the side or front of a building
- Containers shall be placed at the curb by 7 AM on designated pickup dates
- Any refuse must be placed within the provided container in order to be picked up (excluding bulk pickup items)

Questions?

Contact Republic Services at 1-800-234-3429
or dispatch263@republicservices.com



Snow Parking Bans

The City of Huron would like to remind residents of the Snow Parking Ban (Codified Ordinance 351.19) that takes effect during a snow event. Whenever snow falls to a depth of two (2) inches or more, a snow emergency is declared. During the period of a snow emergency, vehicles are not permitted to be parked, abandoned or left unattended on signed City streets, public ways or designated parking areas on city streets.

Enforcing a Snow Parking Ban not only enables the Street Department to thoroughly plow and clean the street appropriately, but also enables the Police and Fire Departments access if needed.

Questions?

Contact the Non-emergency Police line:
419-433-4114

Two Million Gallon Water Tower Coming to Huron



Huron's new Water Tower Project is well underway to becoming a reality. The 2.0-million-gallon storage tank has been designed and is currently waiting approval from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Once approved, the project will go out to bid and construction will begin shortly thereafter.

The \$8.6 million project should kick off in early 2025 with a completion date of June 2026.

The City currently has two water towers equating to a combined capacity of 900,000 gallons of water, with the east side tower holding 500,000 gallons and the west side tower holding 400,000 gallons. Adding additional water storage capacity is critical following the recent water filtration plant upgrades and plant re-rating.

Due to the increased demand for water in recent years from commercial and industrial growth, as well as increased wholesale demands, a significantly larger tower is needed. The new water tower will allow the City to meet that growth and increase in demand, while still serving the City of Huron and surrounding Erie County for decades to come.

A \$5 million grant from Governor DeWine's Ohio BUILDS Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant Program through the Ohio Department of Development covers a significant portion of the \$8.6 million project. This grant is the largest allowable grant in the State of Ohio, and the largest single grant the City has ever received. Administration has applied for additional grant money and low-interest loans through Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC), with any remaining balances paid for through a low-interest loan from Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) to help offset the remaining \$3+ million balance. A project this size would have been extremely difficult to complete without the support of the State.

The water tower will be located at the end of Sawmill Parkway near the Route 6/Route 2 split. Surveying and boring samples have been completed and the site has been deemed a good fit for the new water tower. City Administration is currently working with Ardagh on site access and finalizing the acquisition so construction can begin early next year following the bidding process.

Huron's Oldest Water Mains Replaced



Following a steady stream of water main breaks to Huron's oldest and most susceptible mains over the past several years, City Administration committed to replacing 1.4 miles of pipe in 2024. The six-month project wrapped up in October with the resurfacing of the impacted roads.

There were three phases of the project that began in May on South Main Street and Mudbrook Road. The project next moved north to the neighborhoods of Valley View, Forest Hills, and Hickory Road, and then finished on Huron and Mills Streets. Each leg of the project received replacement with upsizing of the water mains to meet current and future

water demands, new copper water service taps to all customers, and new fire hydrants, which was then followed with new asphalt and curbing where necessary on those streets.

The overall construction of the project has been completed; however, the final walkthrough and punch list will be completed prior to closing out the project.

This \$2.2 million dollar project was funded through a combination of an Ohio Public Works Commission grant of \$275,000, an Ohio Public Works low-interest loan for \$137,500 and an Ohio Water Development Authority low-interest loan for \$1,787,500.00.



Huron School District News

District Rating

Huron City Schools is proud to announce that the district has been rated 4.5 out of 5 stars on the Ohio State School Grading Scale, showcasing their commitment to academic excellence and student growth. This impressive rating reflects the dedication of the teachers, the hard work of the students, and the ongoing support from the families and the community.

For details on the grading scale and a comprehensive breakdown of the included components, please visit the District Performance Dashboard hereon the Districts website: www.huronhs.com

Security Added to District Buildings

Huron City Schools is committed to ensuring the safety and security of the students and staff. As part of this commitment, the district has made significant improvements across school facilities. An additional door has been added at Woodlands in the check-in area to enhance controlled access and visitor management. The high school office has been strategically relocated to strengthen security and monitoring capabilities.

A new District Connection Portal has been launched in an effort to keep the community informed. This resource provides essential communication documents related to school safety, building-specific updates, and other key information. Explore the portal and stay connected with the latest safety initiatives and district-wide communications. Visit the Huron City Schools website for access to the portal.

www.huronhs.com

Hard Work & Talents to be Showcased

Exciting events are on the horizon for all Huron City Schools! For the upcoming festive season, each school is gearing up for concerts and special events that showcase students' hard work and talent. From musical performances to holiday-theme gatherings, there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy and support our students' efforts.

Keep an eye on the Huron City Schools Facebook page for dates, times, and additional details on these upcoming events.

Huron Fire Hosts Training



The Huron Fire Department recently hosted a commercial live burn training at the former Erie MetroParks Frost Center. Thirteen fire departments from Erie, Huron and Lorain Counties participated in the daylong event.

The Frost Center at Osborne MetroPark presented a unique training opportunity in that it was a large structure with three different floors, including a full-access basement, for expansive burn training. Because the building was constructed out of brick and block, it offered longer burn times and gave instructors more control over the fire sets. In addition, this was a commercial building with an office space layout, which allowed the 65 participating firefighters to experience realistic conditions including heavy smoke, areas of zero visibility, and hot temperatures.



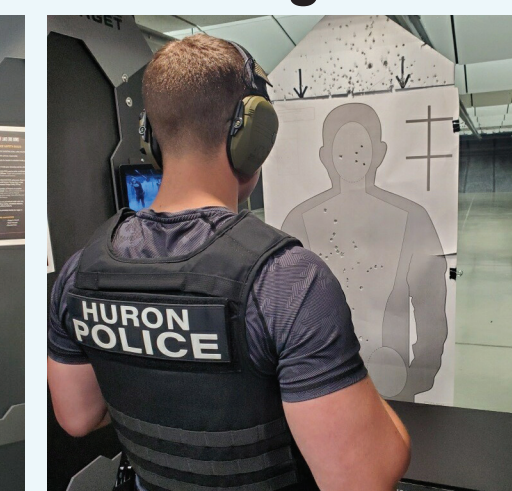
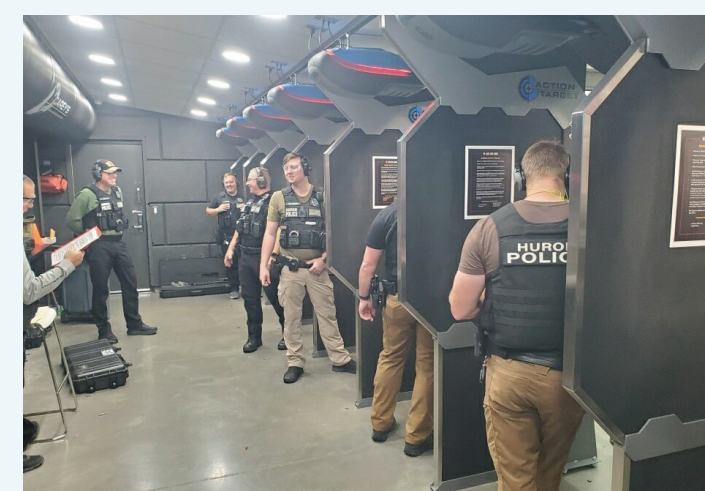
The live fire training was a huge success largely due to the manpower and teamwork from both the crews controlling the burn sets and the crews attacking each burn set.

Huron Fire is very appreciative to have had the opportunity to perform live fire training scenarios on a commercial structure like The Frost Center. Firefighters are required by the Ohio Department of Public Safety to complete at minimum twelve-hours of Continuing Education per year.

Thank you to Erie MetroParks for this valuable training opportunity and to Gathering Grounds Coffee House, Mesenburg's Catering, and the Huron Eagles for the support during the event.



Huron Police Firearms Training



All fifteen Huron Police Officers participated in a Firearms Training at Lake Erie Arms on October 29th, 2024. The Department schedules various trainings multiple times a year.

Swinging for Heroes 2nd Annual Golf Classic



The Swinging for Heroes 2nd Annual Golf Classic took place on September 11, 2024 at Plum Brook Country Club. The Huron Police Department participated in the event and received a donation of \$1,500 to be used for equipment and training purposes.

This special event honors the heroes of 9/11 and our local first responders.

Pictured left to right: Lt. Shawn Robinson, Ohio State Highway Patrol; Matt Thomson, Sandusky Steel and team's sponsor; Chief Jeff Musser, Perkins Twp. Chief of Police; and Chief Terry Graham, City of Huron, Chief of Police.

SAVE the DATE



SATURDAY
Dec. 7, 2024
1-6:30 PM

Join Huron Parks & Recreation and the Huron Chamber of Commerce for a WINTER celebration that includes HOLIDAY FUN for EVERYONE!

Winter Fest Schedule of Events

1 PM - Winter Holiday Parade

2 - 6 PM - Santa & Mrs. Claus
(inside the Boat Basin Bldg.)

2 - 6 PM Carriage Rides
(Boat Basin Parking Lot)

2-5 PM Winter Fairy
1 - 6 PM Face Painter
2:30 - 5:30 PM Elsa, Anna & Olaf

6:15 PM - Holiday Tree
Lighting Ceremony
(Boat Basin Parking Lot)

6:30 PM - Fireworks

Holiday Shopping - Main Street Businesses

Holiday Market
Harbor House - 2nd floor

Warm Hands from Young Hearts

Giving Tree

Show your sense of COMMUNITY
by donating new

HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS, and SCARVES
to the Huron Parks & Recreation
Warm Hands from Young Hearts

All donated items stay local
and help children in Huron!

The tree will be located inside of the Marina Building, 330 N. Main Street, where Santa and Mrs. Claus will welcome children on Sat. Dec. 7 from 2-6 PM during the WinterFest celebration! Drop by, place your donations on the TREE and visit Santa & Mrs. Claus all at once. If that does not work - donations may be placed in the RED "Letters for Santa" Mailbox by the Clocktower!

While you are there....
leave a note for Santa too!