

HURON

THE LIGHT

Summer 2026



Improvements Coming to South Main Street

Huron residents and visitors can look forward to some exciting upgrades and improvements to South Main Street early this fall. As the welcome mat at the southern entrance of the City, South Main Street is home to several local shops and dining establishments, balanced with a little green space.

As the final segment of the Main Street Corridor Project outlined in Huron's Vision 2020 Action Plan the South Main Street Streetscape Project covers the area of Main Street from US 6 south to Bogart Road. The goal of the project is not only to increase vehicle and pedestrian flow but also to expand pedestrian space and opportunities for businesses to enhance their visibility.

City leadership voted unanimously during a special council meeting held on Thursday, June 4, 2026, to enter into an agreement with DL Smith Concrete, LLC for the construction services relating to this project. DL Smith Concrete LLC, the same contractor working on the US 6 project in Huron, will relocate to South Main as soon as US 6 is complete.

Changes coming to South Main Street will include roadway repaving, streetscape improvements including adding a multi-use path, decorative lighting, wayfinding signage and landscaping from the intersection of RT 6 to Bogart Road.

"The South Main Street Streetscape project has been years in the planning. This area has not received the investment it deserves," stated Stu Hamilton. "As a gateway to our City, it's about creating a memorable first impression and reinforcing our community's identity. By investing in ourselves we are showing we are a welcoming community, people will want to visit, want to move here, and ultimately want to invest in us as well."

The plan not only places emphasis on appropriate safety enhancements for the public, but it also further looks at public parking, suitable land uses, and overall improvements to assist in defining the southern gateway into downtown Huron.

Timeline of South Main Street Improvements

2024 – South Main Street Water Main Replacement and Street Resurfacing Project took place following a steady stream of water main breaks due to aging pipes. These improvements took place around South Main and Forest Hills, Valley View, and Hickory Streets. The \$2,549,899 project was paid for through the Ohio Water Development Authority, a low-interest loan program, with payments being made by revenue generated through water sales.

2025 – Two high visibility crossings with flashing beacons on South Main Street were added at the intersections of Valley View Drive and Forest Hills Drive to increase safety and promote connectivity. The total \$92,935 project was 90% funded by the Ohio Department Systematic Safety Program grant leaving the 10% match coming from the City's general fund.

South Main Street Project Costs/Funding Sources

Estimated Construction Cost:	\$2,154,474
Erie Regional Planning Commission Funds:	\$360,000
Highway Safety Improvement Program Funds:	\$410,000

Huron Farmers Market Lake Front Park & Beach 2nd & 4th Tuesday

The Huron Farmers Market takes place every second and fourth Tuesday from 4 PM to 7 PM at Lake Front Park in Huron. The Market focuses on locally grown, handmade, and farm-based products, creating a relaxed evening market where the community can shop, enjoy the lakefront, and support local producers.

Come shop LOCAL. Fresh produce. Handmade goods.
Delicious Treats. And a BEAUTIFUL Park!

The Market runs bi-weekly through August.

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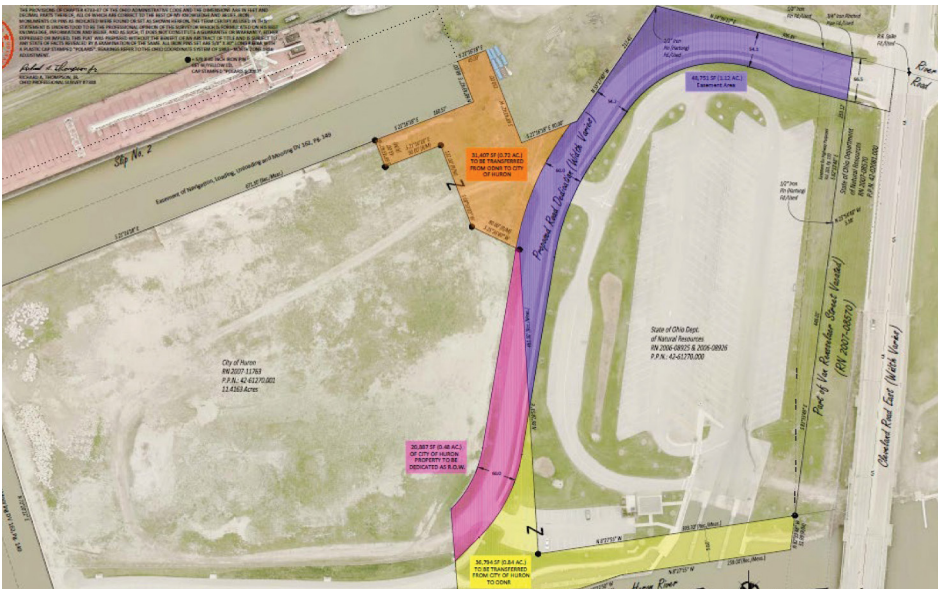
PROJECT UPDATES

US 6, Phase II

The US 6, Phase II project is well under way. This transformative project will check off a number of issues that have been lingering in the area of US 6, Center Street, and Jim Campbell Blvd., such as: removal of the unwarranted traffic light at US 6 and Center Street, alleviating the confusion of the US 6/Jim Campbell Blvd./ Center Street intersection by closing Jim Campbell Blvd. at Center Street, slowing traffic entering and leaving the City from Route 2, and making school traffic flow more efficiently. This will create a more aesthetically pleasing entrance or gateway into the downtown area of Huron.

The plan includes extending the bike lane from Williams Street, where it currently ends, west through Van Rensalaer. Future plans include adding a multi-modal pathway along Jim Campbell to connect the bike path at Van Rensalaer to the Lake Erie Electric Trail.

For project updates, visit the news section at the bottom of the homepage at: cityofhuron.org



Huron Harbor Development

The City and ODNR worked together to formally dedicate a portion of the state owned boat ramp property to be used as a public right of way. The dedication was reviewed by Erie County and legislated by Huron City Council during a June meeting. The easement allows access to the proposed Huron Harbor development. The easement and new roadway will allow for ingress and egress and the installation of utilities for the development site.

For construction purposes the new public roadway has been temporarily named "Access Street", with a permanent name to be determined in the future.

We would like to thank our partners at ODNR for their assistance in making this a reality

Military Banners

The City of Huron is proud to have supported Huron High School Class of 2026 graduate, Grant Bauer, in his senior project of developing the Huron Hometown Heroes Banner Program. Grant's hard work and dedication to the project shows in the 42 colorful banners proudly hanging along Cleveland Road from Berlin Road to the Huron River bridge. Grant's vision was to recognize and honor the brave men and women from our Huron community who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Bauer's goal was to have as many banners up on light poles as he could prior to his graduation. Positioning himself with groups such as the Lion's Club, Latanik Equipment, and the City of Huron ensured longevity in his efforts in supporting our local service members. Latanik Equipment donated manpower costs for manufacturing the flagpole mounts. The Huron Lion's Club has graciously accepted to lead the administrative functions of the Hometown Hero Banner Program moving forward as Grant moves on to attend college, and the City will continue to provide personnel power towards displaying the banners on the poles.

Mayor Monty Tapp expressed pride in Grant's efforts in launching the program, saying, "Our veterans and service members are the backbone of this country and this community. The Hometown Hero Banner Program is a small but meaningful way for us to show our gratitude and ensure their dedication is recognized by all who live in or visit Huron. Grant did an outstanding job making this program become a reality and for that we are grateful."

For more information regarding the Huron Hometown Hero Banner Program please email: huronhometownheroes@gmail.com



Huron Parks & Recreation Offers Fall Golf Skills Academy

Huron Parks & Recreation is pleased to announce a new program offering this fall season!

FALL GOLF SKILLS ACADEMY (ages 10-17)
September 13, 20, & 27 from 4-6:30 PM at Sawmill Creek Golf Course
Registration Fee: \$130.00

This program is open to young golfers with previous golf experience. Participants will work on putting, short game, and proper techniques.

Instructors: Frank Gioffre, Cody Martin, PGA Golf Professional, Shayne Fischer, and Abby Cook
To sign-up online: www.cityofhuron.org, Parks & Recreation, Youth Programs



Congratulations!

Staff Members Celebrating WORK ANNIVERSARIES:

- 40 Years:**
Terry Ochs, Water Distribution - 04/14/1986
- 30 Years:**
Julie Ortega, Municipal Court - 11/04/1996
- 25 Years:**
Gerald Baum, Water - 01/29/2001
- 20 Years:**
William Steuk, Municipal Court - 07/23/2006

- 15 Years:**
Brian Clayman, Police - 07/03/2011
Ryan Blainey, Water Distribution - 07/25/2011
- 10 Years:**
Kevin Bower, Fire - 08/10/2016
- 5 Years:**
Chad Bouck, Streets - 03/22/2021
Jason Chaffee, Police - 06/27/2021
Logan Bethard, Police - 07/01/2021
Michael Clavette, Fire - 09/06/2021

Staff Members Celebrating RETIREMENTS:

Nick Zappa, IT Manager - 33 years of Service
Steve Didilot, Street Department - 32 years of Service



Jackson Schaefer Hired as Service Manager

The City of Huron is pleased to introduce Mr. Jackson Schaefer as the new Service Manager. With extensive experience in the utility and water industries, Jackson brings with him a strong background in infrastructure maintenance, construction management, and field operations, as well as deep knowledge of water distribution systems. His leadership skills and wealth of knowledge are the perfect match for Huron's service operations.

In this role, Jackson will oversee the water distribution process,

the stormwater system, the functions of the street department, and the maintenance of the facilities and buildings. "Throughout my career, I've developed strong problem-solving skills, the ability to manage projects and personnel, and a commitment to providing reliable service to the public. Having worked directly in the field, I understand the challenges our crews face and the importance of safety, efficiency, and teamwork."

Jackson brings with him the confidence, energy and desire to make a direct impact on the Huron community. He enjoys tasks that require leadership and problem-solving, while working with the teams to improve operations and deliver high-quality service to the public.

In the short- term, Jackson's goals are to learn the department's current

operations, build strong relationships with the staff, and assess the condition of Huron's streets and water infrastructure. His plan is to focus on identifying immediate maintenance needs, reviewing ongoing projects, and ensuring City operations are safe, efficient and within budget.

Jackson's long-term goals as service manager are to build a strong, efficient, and well-trained team that consistently provides high quality service to the Huron residents. "I want to improve the reliability and maintenance of our water and street infrastructure through proactive planning, preventative maintenance, and responsible budgeting and spending. Ultimately, my goal is to leave the departments in stronger positions than I found them!"

Outside of work, Jackson enjoys spending time with his family and working on their family farm in Monroeville. Jackson, his wife, and three children (daughter, 15 and two sons, 11 and 8) are often found cheering one another on at sporting events such as volleyball games, track meets, baseball tournaments, and wrestling matches and working on 4H projects together.

Jackson began his new career as Huron's Service Manager in the middle of May. "Every interaction I have had with the staff and members of the community has been very positive, which has confirmed my decision to join the team!"

A motto a previous co-worker shared and has stayed with Jackson from the beginning of his water industry career is, "One customer out of water is one too many!" With that said, the City of Huron is pleased to welcome Jackson and looks forward to his contributions in managing and supporting the Service Department and Water Distribution service.

Sean Berendt Hired as Technology Manager

The City of Huron is pleased to introduce Sean Berendt as the new Technology Manager. With a strong background in IT management, Sean has several years of experience working in IT infrastructure, network administration, and system support. His background includes managing servers, network security, virtualization, and troubleshooting complex technical issues across large environments. "I enjoy improving systems, solving problems, and helping organizations run more efficiently through technology," stated Sean.

Sean welcomed the opportunity to support a community-focused organization and help maintain the technology that keeps city operations running smoothly. He was also drawn to the collaborative environment and the chance to contribute to the long-term reliability and security of the City's systems.

Improving reliability and security while making sure staff have the technology and support they need to serve the community effectively are Sean's top priorities. "In the short term, my goal is to fully learn the city's infrastructure and workflows so I can support the team effectively. Long term, I hope to continue improving system stability, security, and efficiency while supporting future technology initiatives that benefit both staff and residents."

Originally from the southern Huron County area, Sean and his wife have three daughters who keep them busy and active outside of work. In his free time, he enjoys playing the guitar and drums, working on technical projects, spending time outdoors, and attending live music events and festivals.

As a very "hands-on" person, he enjoys figuring out how things work. Whether it be electronics, DJ equipment, home theater systems, appliances, vehicles or even car audio, he enjoys troubleshooting and bringing things back to life when they stop working.

A fun fact about Sean is when something breaks he is the go-to person. Sean looks at no challenge being too large, "and he can fix just about anything; from electronics and appliances to working on vehicles, so there's almost always a project waiting for me."

"Slow is smooth, and smooth is fast" are words that speak to Sean. A quote widely attributed to the US Navy Seals highlighting the importance of precision over haste.

Sean's dream vacation consists of unplugging and spending time outdoors in the mountains or a national park. One of his favor places to visit is the Pigeon Forge/Gatlinburg area of Tennessee.

Please join us in welcoming Sean to Huron. We are excited to have him on board and look forward to his contributions as the Technology Manager for the City.



UNDERSTANDING THE RULES OF THE ROAD

With the popularity of new modes of transportation **EXPLODING**, there has been a considerable amount of **concern for safety** and **confusion** over the **Rules Of The Road**. The graphics below identify each mode of transportation, their abilities, limits, and acceptable locations for use.

AS A REMINDER....

- **ALL modes of transportation**, including traditional pedal push bicycles, scooters, e-bikes and e-scooters are required to **OBEY ALL TRAFFIC LAWS** when traveling on **CITY STREETS**.
- Obey all traffic signals and signs
- Use hand signals for turns
- Ride in the same direction as traffic
- Use bike lanes when available
- Bicycles, scooters, e-bikes (excluding class 3 e-bikes), and e-scooters are permitted to travel on the sidewalks; however, e-bikes and e-scooters may only do so under push power and NOT in “pedal assist” or the “throttle” mode.
- All riders of bicycles, scooters, e-bikes and e-scooters are highly encouraged to wear helmets.
- When traveling in crowded areas or passing pedestrians use extra caution.



GOLF CARTS

- Inspected, Registered & Plated to travel on City streets
- Operational on streets 35 mph or lower
- 17 yrs or older with a valid driver’s license to operate
- Seat belts must be worn
- Golf Carts are NOT permitted in the BIKE LANE
- Babies and children in CAR SEATS or BOOSTERS are not permitted on golf carts

E-SCOOTERS

- An e-scooter is an electric motorized scooter where the rider stands up on a large deck centered over 2 wheels and is propelled by an electric motor.
- An E-Scooter is NOT considered a motor scooter, a motorcycle, or a non-motorized scooter

E-BIKES

- Class 1 E-Bikes**
- Pedal Assist Only
 - Max. speed 20 mph
 - Max. 750W motor (1-horsepower)
 - No Throttle
 - No statewide minimum age
 - Permitted on shared-use paths and bike lanes
 - Permitted on sidewalks ONLY when NOT USING the motor
 - Class 1 often includes: mountain bikes, townies, low-end commuters, and hybrids
- Class 2 E-Bikes**
- Pedal Assist and has a THROTTLE
 - Max. speed up to 20 mph
 - Max. 750W motor (1-horsepower)
 - No statewide minimum age
 - Permitted on shared-use paths and bike lanes
 - NOT permitted on SIDEWALKS
 - Class 2 E-bikes are more or less a low-end scooter and are a low- to no-exercise form of transportation
- Class 3 E-Bikes**
- Pedal Assist
 - Max. speed up to 28 mph
 - Max. 750W motor (1-horsepower)
 - Must be 16+ yrs or older to operate
 - Speedometer Required
 - Helmet Required
 - NOT PERMITTED on shared paths, bike lanes, or sidewalks
 - Class 3 E-bikes include high end commuters, cargo bikes, gravel bikes, and road bikes



HPD Sensory Bags

New Ways of Providing Comfort

The Huron Police Department is proud to announce the availability of sensory bags designed to assist individuals with disabilities or sensory sensitivities during interactions with law enforcement and emergency situations.

The sensory bags are intended to provide comfort and support to children and adults who may experience sensory overload, anxiety, communication challenges, or other sensory-related needs. Each bag contains a variety of calming and engaging items such as noise-reducing headphones, fidget tools, visual aids, and other sensory-friendly resources selected to help individuals feel more at ease.

Police officials say the initiative is part of the department’s continued commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive response for all members of the community.

“The goal of this program is to ensure every person feels safe, supported, and understood during interactions with officers,” the department said. “These sensory bags are one more way we can meet people where they are and better serve individuals and families with unique needs.”

The bags will be available for officers to use when responding to calls for service and during community events throughout Huron. The department hopes the resources will help reduce stress during encounters and provide an added level of comfort for individuals and caregivers.

The Huron Police Department encourages residents to learn more about the program and share information with family members or caregivers who may benefit.

By continuing to expand accessible resources and strengthen community partnerships, the department remains committed to serving all residents of Huron with compassion, understanding, and care.

SGT. BOESCH GRADUATES

POLICE EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COLLEGE



Sgt. Ryan Boesch graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). PELC is a three-week executive leadership training program spread out over three months. PELC is based on the premise that leadership skills can be learned, and that given the opportunity for feedback and practice, executives can substantially improve their abilities to lead. PELC provides law enforcement executives with one of those rare moments in their professional careers to learn how to practically apply leadership concepts. It is an intensive learning experience focused on leadership skills vital to long term personal success and change in the organization – both for the benefit of the community.



Voluntary Camera Registry Program

to Strengthen Community Safety

The Huron Police Department is introducing a new voluntary Camera Registry Program designed to enhance public safety and support criminal investigations through community partnership.

The program invites residents and business owners throughout Huron to register privately owned surveillance cameras with the department. The registry will help officers identify where cameras may be located in the event of a nearby crime or emergency, allowing investigators to quickly request video that may assist with an active case.

Participation in the program is entirely voluntary. Registering a camera does not provide police with direct access to surveillance systems, live feeds, or recorded footage. Camera owners will retain full control of their systems and will only be contacted if an incident occurs in the area and footage may be relevant to an investigation.

Police officials say the initiative is intended to improve investigative response times and strengthen neighborhood crime prevention efforts.

“This program creates another valuable partnership between law enforcement and the community we serve,” the department said. “By voluntarily registering surveillance cameras, residents and business owners can play an important role in helping deter crime and assist with investigations while maintaining complete control over their personal security systems.”

The Camera Registry Program may assist investigations involving theft, vandalism, suspicious activity, missing persons, and other incidents where video evidence could provide important leads.

The department encourages homeowners, businesses, and neighborhood organizations to participate as part of an ongoing commitment to keeping Huron safe.

For more information or to register a camera, residents may contact the Huron Police Department directly.

Program to Support Residents

& Families Navigating Autism & Special Needs

The Huron Police Department is offering an Autism and Special Needs Registration Program to help officers better serve residents with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental, medical, or special needs.

The voluntary program allows individuals, parents, and caregivers in Huron to share important information with the department that may assist first responders during emergencies or interactions with law enforcement. Information may include communication preferences, sensory sensitivities, medical conditions, emergency contact information, and other details that could help officers respond more effectively and compassionately.

Police officials say the registration is intended to improve communication, increase awareness, and provide officers with helpful information that can reduce stress and create safer, more positive interactions for individuals and families.

“This program helps our officers better understand and respond to the unique needs of community members who may require additional support,” the department said. “By voluntarily sharing this information, families can help us provide a more informed and compassionate response when it matters most.”

The department emphasized that participation is completely voluntary, and all information provided will be kept confidential and used only for legitimate public safety purposes.

The Autism and Special Needs Registration Program is designed to support residents during a variety of situations, including emergency responses, welfare checks, and other interactions where prior knowledge can help officers communicate and respond appropriately.

The Huron Police Department encourages individuals, families, and caregivers who may benefit from the program to learn more and consider registering.

Through programs like this, the department continues its commitment to strengthening community partnerships and ensuring every resident of Huron feels safe, respected, and supported.





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Tree Planting Ceremony Celebrates America 250

In honor of America's 250th anniversary, the Erie County Master Gardener Program, OSU Extension and students from St. Peter's Catholic School Garden Club came together to plant a commemorative tree as a lasting symbol of growth, stewardship, and community pride in Dancing Waters Park on Berlin Road in Huron this past week.

The tree planting ceremony brought together Master Gardener volunteers, students, educators, and community members to celebrate this historic milestone in our nation's history. Participants learned about the importance of trees in our environment and the role each generation plays in preserving natural resources for the future.

The newly planted Swamp White Oak tree will serve as a living reminder of America's semiquincentennial and the shared commitment to cultivating strong communities and a healthy environment. Garden Club students actively participated in the planting process, gaining hands-on experience while helping create a meaningful legacy for future generations.

The Swamp White Oak was selected as it plays a vital role in our ecosystem. Known for attracting butterflies and birds, it also bears acorns and is native to Ohio. "This tree represents not only our nation's rich history but also our hopes for the future as we continue to grow, learn, and work together," explained Erie County Master Gardner Pat Frey.

"We are honored to partner with the St. Pete's Garden Club in celebrating America 250," stated Frey. We have worked with the students under the direction of Principal Beth Telenko. This past school year the club had eight members from grades Kindergarten through third grade participating.

The Master Gardener Program extends its appreciation to the students, faculty, volunteers, and community supporters who helped make this

special event possible. The Swamp White Oak was 80% funded through the Backyard Mini Grant through Erie Soil & Water with the balance paid for by the Erie County Master Gardeners. Huron Parks & Recreation donated the land for the tree to be planted.

As America approaches its 250th anniversary, projects like this tree planting help connect communities to our nation's heritage while investing in a greener future for generations to come.



SAVE the DATE

July
Friday, July 3
Independence Day
Administrative Offices - CLOSED
Saturday, July 4
Independence Day
Monday, July 13
Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)
5:30 pm in Council Chambers

July
Tuesday, July 14
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers
Wednesday, July 15
Planning Commission
5:00 pm in Council Chambers
Tuesday, July 28
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

August
Wednesday, Aug 5
Utilities Commission
5:00 pm in Council Chambers
Monday, Aug 10
Building & Zoning Appeals (BZA)
5:30 pm in Council Chambers
Tuesday, Aug 11
Finance Committee
5:30 pm in Council Chambers
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

August
Wednesday, Aug 19
Planning Commission
5:00 PM in Council Chambers
Tuesday, Aug 25
City Council
6:30 pm in Council Chambers

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