

CHC COALITION NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



Happy October CHC Coalition Team! I just wanted to thank you all for an amazing FY2025 and for being so cooperative and patient since I began this position in the spring. Our 2025 projects have been wrapping up very nicely and coming to a close. We will begin our FY2026 projects on October 1st and start brainstorming our FY27 projects to choose in the spring! A reminder that we may or may not meet in December for our FY26 Quarter I Coalition Meeting - I will keep everyone posted. Please let me know if you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns!

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FY2025 PROJECTS

North Fairfield Food Pantry- all tasks have been completed for this project! Sydney will set up a time in the fall to check in on Jane to see how their numbers have been doing since wrapping up.

Willard City Park/ Kiddie Land- Willard City Park slide addition is completed! Kiddie Land is wrapping up; a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Kiddie Land will be TBD. Sydney will do a post assessment survey for the community.

Greenwich Bicycle Infrastructure- the crosswalk signage, paint, concrete pads, and bike racks have all been installed. One hydration station has been installed as of 9/23.



OCTOBER LOCAL EVENTS

October 15, 22, and 29 - Mercy Health Willard is hosting cooking classes for the public!

10/4: Huron County Public Health's Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic 7:30am-10:30am

10/12: Maple City Half Marathon 6:30am

10/18-19: Willard Goods in the Woods 10am-4pm

10/21: Willard Second Harvest Distribution 3pm

10/26: Milan Pumpkin Palooza 12-3pm

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FY26 PROJECTS

Monroeville Pedestrian Infrastructure- Sydney will be hosting a walk audit on 10/1 from 9-11am. The Village Mayor, administrators, police chief, and small business owners will be in attendance. Please let Sydney know if you would like to attend to get a better understanding of the project.

Willard Woodbine Park- all current materials are ordered. Sydney will be going on a site visit to take more pre photos.

Willard Community Garden- Sydney will set up a site visit in October to take pre photos.



TRICK OR TREAT SCHEDULE

Monroeville- 10/26 1-2:30pm

Norwalk- 10/30 6-7:30pm

Bellevue- 10/31 5-7pm

Willard- 10/31 5:30-7pm

Greenwich- 10/31 5:30-6:30pm

Plymouth- 10/31 5:30-7pm

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!

ENJOY THE HOLIDAY GOODIES BUT BE SURE TO PACE YOURSELF AND ADD FRUITS, VEGGIES, WHOLE GRAINS, AND MOVEMENT INTO YOUR DAILY ROUTINE THIS FALL!



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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Salad Bars to Schools (SB2S): Expanding Access to Fresh Fruits and Vegetables in School Meals Open to K-12 school districts that participate in the National School Lunch Program with an enrollment of at least 100 students per school site. <https://www.saladbars2schools.org/>

USDA Opens FY 2026 Farm to School Grant Program Grant Cycle: Deadline: December 5, 2026. USDA posted the Request for Applications (RFA) for the Patrick Leahy Farm to School Grant Program. Projects can range from \$100,000 to \$500,000 and USDA will award up to \$18 million for this grant cycle. <https://www.fns.usda.gov/grant/f2s/fy26>

