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## EAST PALESTINE PROGRESS

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## **Glenview Cemetery Undergoing Improvements**

Historic Site Receives Upgrades to Preserve Its Legacy for Future Generations

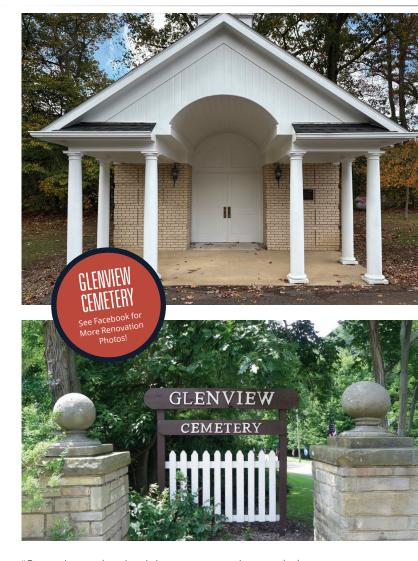
The Village of East Palestine is pleased to share updates on the ongoing improvements at Glenview Cemetery, a historic landmark that has served the community since 1880. Located at 335 S. Market Street, Glenview stands as one of East Palestine's most cherished sites – a place of remembrance, reflection and local heritage.

Thanks to the leadership of **Karen Gorby**, who has been instrumental in moving these efforts forward, and the generous support of the East Palestine Community Foundation and the East Palestine Eagles, the village has begun a series of restoration and improvement projects designed to protect and enhance the cemetery for years to come.

Recent work has focused on preserving and beautifying the cemetery's entrance. Crews completed a repointing of the front entranceway giving visitors a refreshed and welcoming first impression. Inside the chapel, the flooring has been replaced and a vapor barrier installed, ensuring a more stable foundation and long-term protection from moisture. The chapel exterior has also been resealed and repainted to guard against weather damage. Additionally, the Street Department has completed the installation of a French drain along the outside of the chapel to help reduce water intrusion.

Starting in late October, attention will turn to the mausoleum, which will undergo repointing to maintain its structural integrity. Looking ahead, future improvements include repairing downspouts around the chapel exterior, as well as adding new chapel signage to complement the updated entrance.

Village manager **Antonio Diaz-Guy** expressed deep appreciation for the combined efforts behind these projects,



"Operating and maintaining a cemetery is a costly, but necessary, responsibility of the Village. With the help of local volunteers, our own village staff and the generosity of those who take their time and resources to support the cause, I have no doubt that we can continue to invest in our town's most cherished assets."

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## CALENDAR

#### Halloween Trick-or-Treat and Parade

Thursday, October 30
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Parade: 7:30 p.m.
85 North Market Street
Get your costumes ready – it's time for
Trick-or-Treat. Stay for the Halloween
Parade at 7:30 PM – a fun community
tradition you won't want to miss!!

Sponsored by The Village of East Palestine

#### ■ EP Memorial Annual Book Sale Friday, November 7 Saturday, November 8 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. both days 309 North Market Street Sponsored by Friends of the East Palestine Memorial Public Library

#### ■ EP Alumni Scholarship Association Family Feud Night

**Saturday, November 8 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**320 East Taggart Street
Come support scholarships for EP graduates. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., play starts at 6:00 p.m. Teams of 5 = \$100.
Sponsored by the East Palestine Eagles #1506 and EP Alumni Scholarship Association

#### ■ "Journey to Christmas" Home Tours

Fri, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sat, November 15

- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$15

Sponsored by the Town & Country Garden Club of East Palestine

## **East Palestine School District to Host Annual Veterans Day Program**

The East Palestine School District cordially invites all veterans and community members to join us for our annual Veterans Day program, a tribute to the brave men and women who have served our nation.

This year's program will take place on **Tuesday**, **November 11th**, **at 8:30 a.m.** in the East Palestine High School Auditorium. Following the ceremony, a complimentary breakfast will be served for our veterans and their guests in the EPHS Cafeteria.



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We kindly request that all participating veterans arrive by 8:15 a.m. at the high school. Please enter through door HS-4, located on the west side of the building. Student volunteers will be on hand to assist with parking and guide veterans to the auditorium.

We look forward to honoring our veterans and expressing our gratitude for their sacrifices and dedication to our country.



#### **Street Lights Out?**

To report street light outages, contact First Energy or click here.

#### **Downtown Surround Sound Now Playing**

The village has partnered with Brown Audio to bring music to the downtown corridor through a new Downtown Surround Sound system. The first two of six planned speakers have been installed on the Municipal Building, with additional speakers to be added as future downtown projects progress.

Beyond creating a welcoming atmosphere for everyday visitors and shoppers, the new speakers will enhance future festivals, car shows and community gatherings – bringing an extra note of excitement to the events that make East Palestine special.

Keep an ear out – you might just catch your favorite tune!

#### **Curbside Leaf Pickup Resumes!**

Curbside leaf collection will begin again on **November 3rd through the second week in December**, weather permitting. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper leaf bags and set at the curb for pickup as time/manpower permits. Plastic bags, sticks or other yard waste will not be accepted. Biodegradable leaf bags can be purchased locally at **T&M Hardware** and **Rental Center** and **Fuller's True Value**. Thank you for helping keep our village looking great this fall!

**Curbside Leaf Collection**November 3rd – Second week in December

**Brighten Our Future Campaign Returns for Second Year** 

Continuing to Build Momentum for the Downtown Revitalization

The East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation (EPCIC) is bringing back its Brighten Our Future Fundraising Campaign for a second year, continuing a tradition that is already making a visible impact downtown.

Launched in 2024, the campaign raised \$161,500 in its first year – funds that were used to purchase the former drivethrough lot on North Market Street, a site now slated to become a future community plaza and retail space. This year's effort will carry that momentum forward, with the results announced on **December 6** during the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Snowflake Festival.

The new plaza is envisioned as more than just an attractive gathering spot. Plans call for it to become a hub for events, performances and everyday community activity, paired with retail space that will generate revenue to support future

revitalization efforts. This project represents an important next step in the long-term vision for a vibrant, thriving downtown.

To make this vision a reality, EPCIC is once again reaching out to businesses and community partners to participate as campaign sponsors. Sponsorships are available at several levels –Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Supporter – each offering meaningful marketing opportunities, from social media promotion and signage to visibility on the village website, in newsletters and during Snowflake Festival activities. Thousands of residents and visitors are expected to attend the December event, making it a strong platform for community engagement and business visibility.

Contributions can be made online at **epohio.org/fundraising/give** or by mailing a check payable to East Palestine



CIC, attention Chris Page, EPCIC Board President, at 50 N. Sumner St., East Palestine, OH 44413.

The Brighten Our Future campaign is more than a fundraiser – it's a community-wide effort to turn plans into places and momentum into meaningful change. With continued support, East Palestine is not just rebuilding; it's growing stronger and looking ahead.

Thank you to ms consultants, the first Brighten Our Future Corporate \$10K Gold Sponsor of 2025!



## A Trusted Firm with Local Knowledge

ms has been a partner with the Village of East Palestine for more than 2 decades, building and maintaining parks, roadways, and water/wastewater facilities.







#### **BUSINESS HIGHLIGHT**

#### **New Businesses Bring Fresh Energy**

Downtown East Palestine is buzzing with excitement as several new locally owned businesses open their doors, bringing new services, creativity and opportunity to the community. From a vibrant new beauty salon to handcrafted embroidery and professional pet care, these openings reflect a renewed sense of pride and momentum as East Palestine continues its recovery and revitalization. Residents are encouraged to support these and other local businesses as they help write the next chapter of East Palestine's comeback story.

# OPEN FOR BUSINESS Welcome

#### **Faye's Elegant Beauty**

**Where Elegance Meets Empowerment** 

A fresh wave of style and confidence has come to downtown East Palestine with the opening of Faye's Elegant Beauty, a full-service salon located at 65 North Market Street. Owned and operated by stylist **Hannah White**, the salon offers professional haircuts, coloring and waxing in a warm, uplifting environment designed to make every client feel both beautiful and at ease. With a mission to help people feel "comfortable in the bodies they were uniquely and wonderfully created in," Hannah has created a space where elegance and self-expression truly shine.

"I'm incredibly grateful to have opened my own salon at just 19 years old, right here in the heart of East Palestine," Hannah shared. "This community has been nothing but loving and supportive, and I'm proud to be part of such a special place. With an amazing team by my side, I'm looking forward to the future and to helping more people feel beautiful in their own skin."

Address: 65 N. Market Street Phone: 234-201-4558

**Hours**: Tues-Fri 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sat 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Closed Sun-Mon

facebook.com/Faye's Elegant Beauty



Hannah White, Owner

#### **Sew Be It Custom Embroidery**

**Stitching Community Spirit into Every Design** 

Creativity and craftsmanship have a new home in East Palestine with the opening of Sew Be It Custom Embroidery at 39 North Market Street. Owner **Beth Reed** brings years of experience in custom embroidery and printing to her new storefront, offering everything from oneoff personalized shirts to 200+ piece bulk orders. The shop handles both single and multi-color designs and can customize a variety of items including cups, tumblers, blankets and varsity jackets. What started as a home-based business has now grown into a full retail space ready to serve the community with quality, creativity and care.

"When Cold Duck Screen Printing and Embroidery had to close, I took the leap and started working from home with some of their equipment," Beth shared. "That experience inspired me to build something of my own – and now that we have a storefront in East Palestine, I'm beyond excited to start this new adventure and continue growing with our community."

Address: 39 N. Market Street

Phone: 330-831-3692

**Hours**: Wed-Noon-6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m.-3 p.m.;

appointments available upon request

Website: sewbeitcustomembroidery.com

facebook.com/SEWBEITCUSTOM



Beth Reed, Owner

#### **Figley's Kennel Services**

Where Every Tail Wag Matters

Pet owners in East Palestine have a new reason to smile - Figley's Kennel Services has officially opened, offering loving, personalized care for dogs of all breeds and personalities. Whether families are heading out of town or just need safe, fun daytime care, owner Olivia Figley provides a warm, engaging environment where "every dog is treated like family." The facility features enrichment activities like food puzzles, ball pits, rope pulls and frisbee play, plus optional bathing, light grooming and seasonal photo sessions. As an experienced dog handler and trainer, Figley also offers Canine Good Citizen (CGC) testing and up to seven official AKC training tests to help dogs build confidence and learn new skills

"Figley's Kennel Services is more than just a business – it's truly my calling," Figley shared. "Every tail wag, every cuddle, and every happy pup reminds me how blessed I am to do what I love – providing loving, affordable care for the pets that bring so much happiness to our lives."

Address: 160 N. Sumner Street Phone: 330-550-0600

**Hours**: Appointment-based (generally 7:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; flexible drop-off/pick-up available)

facebook.com/figleyskennelservice



Olivia Figley, Owner

#### **Elite Pharmacy Now Open in East Palestine**

A Trusted New Resource for Local Healthcare

East Palestine has officially welcomed a new business that fills an important gap in the community. Elite Pharmacy, an independently owned company led by pharmacists Dan Jones and Jacob Sweet, opened its doors on **October 1** at 49 E. Taggart Street.

For many residents, this opening comes as welcome news. Since the departure of national pharmacy chains, East Palestine has faced challenges in accessing basic healthcare services. Elite Pharmacy is stepping in to restore convenience and peace of mind with a wide range of offerings, including free prescription delivery, vaccinations, custom medication packaging, compounding, and a full selection of over-the-counter items. Most insurance plans will be accepted, making the pharmacy accessible to nearly everyone.

Village Manager **Antonio Diaz-Guy** called the arrival of Elite Pharmacy "a strong sign

of confidence in our community, and a meaningful investment that directly improves the quality of life for our residents."

Jones and Sweet already operate three other pharmacies in Ohio, but the East Palestine location will be their first in Columbiana County. Both say they are excited to become part of the community. "We plan to shop, eat, and support other small businesses every chance we get," Jones said. "We're honored to serve the people of East Palestine."

A grand opening celebration is scheduled for **October 29**, featuring food, family-friendly activities, and opportunities to meet the Elite Pharmacy staff. Local and state leaders are expected to join in marking the occasion.

The opening is about more than just filling prescriptions – it represents progress and momentum for the Village as a



whole. New businesses, infrastructure improvements and community projects are building confidence in East Palestine's future.

"East Palestine is strong, and getting stronger," Diaz-Guy added. "This isn't just about opening a pharmacy – it's about expanding access, investing in our future and proving that East Palestine is not only resilient, but ready to grow."

For more information, visit www.elitepharmacy.com.



#### A Proud Legacy: EPFD Celebrates 150 Years of Service

Community Turns Out to Honor East Palestine's Firefighters

The Village of East Palestine came together on **October 18** to celebrate a truly historic milestone – the 150th Anniversary of the East Palestine Fire Department. The all-day event was packed with activities for all ages, including live demonstrations, family-friendly entertainment and special performances that highlighted both the department's proud history and its vital

role in the community today. Residents enjoyed everything from bounce houses and food trucks to hands-on CPR training, drone and extrication demos and the lively EPGO Witches Dance. The celebration was capped off with a closing ceremony honoring the men and women who have protected East Palestine for generations.























## Fire Prevention Week = Unforgettable Experiences

Thank You to EPFD



The East Palestine Elementary School (EPES) had a thrilling start to Fire Prevention Week this year, with a special visit from the East Palestine Fire Department (EPFD)!

The week's educational activities began with our preschoolers, who eagerly engaged in learning vital fire safety lessons. Students were introduced to the sound and purpose of a smoke alarm and were prompted with the phrase "Get Out – Stay Out!"

A highlight of the visit was getting an up-close look at the fire truck and exploring the equipment used by our local heroes.

The East Palestine School District thanks the EPFD for providing such a memorable and critical learning experience for our students!





### STEM Success: East Palestine 8th Graders Cook with the Sun



The East Palestine School District's 8th-grade STEM class enhanced their solar energy unit with a sweet treat: solar-oven s'mores!

Students put science into action by building and optimizing their own solar ovens. This hands-on project required them to apply real-world principles of insulation and energy capture to cook their treats using only the sun's power.

This lesson is a fantastic example of how our STEM curriculum uses experiential learning to make science engaging and, in this case, quite delicious!





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#### Stay Up to Date on EPCIC Revitalization Projects

New Web Page Tracks Progress and Invites Community Involvement

Big things are happening in East Palestine – and now you can follow every step. The East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation (EPCIC) has launched a new online hub to keep residents informed about major projects shaping the village's future.

Located at **epohio.org** under Economic Development, the EPCIC Projects page highlights ongoing community initiatives. The current three listed are:

- · Revitalizing the Historic Train Depot into a vibrant downtown destination
- Transforming the former PNC drive-through into a lively community plaza and retail space
- · Fueling progress through the Brighten Our Future campaign, which raised \$161,500 in its first year, and is starting this year's campaign.

Each section features real-time status updates, so you can see what's been accomplished and what's coming next – from planning and fundraising, to construction milestones.

EPCIC's work is powered by community support, local partnerships, and a shared vision for a thriving downtown. Visit the new page to explore projects, track progress and discover ways to get involved in East Palestine's exciting revitalization journey.

