

SOME ATHENS AREA OCTOBER 2020 EVENTS

Visit the **American Red Cross** website at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> to find dates, times, and locations of nearby blood drives. Please check the website to confirm.

The Plains United Methodist Church	September 29, 2020	1 pm-7 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	September 29, 2020	2 pm-7 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	October 6, 2020	12 noon-6 pm
Richland United Methodist Church, Athens	October 8, 2020	12 noon-6 pm
Christ Community Wesleyan Church, Albany	October 9, 2020	12 noon-6 pm
The Plains United Methodist Church	October 12, 2020	1 pm-7 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	October 13, 2020	10 am-3 pm
Stuart's Opera House, Nelsonville	October 13, 2020	10 am-4 pm
The Plains United Methodist Church	October 27, 2020	2 pm-7 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	October 28, 2020	1 pm-7 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	October 29, 2020	10 am-3 pm

The **Athens County Public Libraries** has re-opened its buildings with some changes to be able to stay open during the Coronavirus Pandemic. For information and important updates, visit <https://www.myacpl.org/coronavirus/>. Visit **Athens County Public Libraries** website at <https://www.myacpl.org/> for access to eLibrary resources, wifi hotspot locations, and much more.

APRIL 15-DECEMBER 31 (Wednesdays and Saturdays) – Athens Farmers Market

The Market on State, 1000 East State Street, Athens Saturdays 9 am-12 noon
SNAP recipients can come to the market manager's tent for a Wednesdays 9 am-1 pm
free reusable tote plus \$20 match in produce perks when using their SNAP cards. For more information, visit <https://www.athensfarmersmarket.org/>.

JUNE 13-OCTOBER 31 (Days vary) – Hocking Valley Scenic Railway Train Rides

Hocking Valley Scenic Railway, 33 West Canal Street, Nelsonville Thursdays - Sundays
Advance reservations highly recommended. Visit <http://www.hvsry.org/trainlist/> for details/tickets.

JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30 – Summer Crisis Program Appointments Offered

Hocking Athens Perry Community Action July 1-September 30, 2020
The Summer Crisis Program is designed to help qualified households pay for summer cooling. Visit <https://hapcap.org/utility-services/summer-crisis/> for details. Call 740-868-1908 for an appointment.

SEPTEMBER 1-30 – Alzheimer's Association Webinars

Webinars include *Effective Communication Strategies, Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia, 10 Warning Signs of Dementia, Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors, Living with Alzheimer's for the Caregiver, Introduction to Alzheimer's, Dementia Conversations, Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body*, and more. For details and registration, visit https://www.alz.org/media/cincinnati/documents/Cincy-Education_sept.pdf.

SEPTEMBER 1-27 – Registration for Building Bridges of Opportunity Community Experience

Free. Online Event: October 1-2, 2020 9 am-3 pm
Discuss and discover what is truly needed to support successful reentry into communities. Visit www.westohioumc.org/buildingbridgesofopportunity for details and registration.

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER – Boxes for Vets Project

Airline Church of Christ is collecting personal care items for the Boxes for Vets project, with the goal of sending 300 gift boxes to residents of the Chillicothe VA Hospital. Shampoo and mouthwash cannot contain alcohol, and razor blades should not be included. To help, please call 740-698-7041.

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER – Athens County Children Services Santa Tree Project

Friends of Children Services, PO Box 1046, Athens, OH 45701
Due to COVID-19, only financial donations, Kroger and Walmart gifts cards, Amazon Wish List gifts will be accepted this year. Call 740-592-3061 ext 300, email athenscountysantaproject!@gmail.com or visit <https://www.athenschildrenservices.com/pages/get-involved/2020-santa-tree/2020-santa-tree>.

SEPTEMBER 22 & 29 – Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) Info Session

Zoom Event

Tuesday, September 29 12 noon-1 pm

Attend an Info Session to learn more about what you can learn in CHIP. For registration and details, visit <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/news-events/> or email amy@livehealthyappalachia.org .

SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 30 (Fridays) – Virtual Fields Trips with Rural Action's Young Naturalist Club

Zoom Events

Fridays 10:30 am

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/761841868000761/> for information on events/registrations.

SEPTEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 8 – OhioMeansJobs Virtual Workshops

Visit <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/ExploreIt/Events.aspx> to find in-person and virtual career fairs or workshops in Ohio for job seekers.

SEPTEMBER 25-DECEMBER 10 – Small Business Development Centers Online Events

Visit <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx> for information on events and registrations.

SEPTEMBER 26 (Saturday) – 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's – Athens

Visit https://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk2020/OH-GreaterCincinnati?fr_id=13661&pg=entry for details.

SEPTEMBER 26 (Saturday) – Clothing Give-Away Day

Airline Church of Christ, Albany

September 26, 2020 8 am-12 noon

For details or to donate items for the give-away, contact Minister Willard Love at 740-698-7041.

Please practice social distancing and wear a functioning face mask.

SEPTEMBER 26 (Saturday) – Thrift Store, Makerspace Open House and Recycling Dropoff

751 West Union Street, Athens

September 26, 2020 10 am-3 pm

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1483433498483542/> for details.

SEPTEMBER 26 (Saturday) – Registration for Wake Up for Recovery Virtual Fundraiser

John Clem House, Athens

Event: October 3, 2020 9 am-1 pm

The Clem House is hosting a virtual breakfast fundraiser to support the goal of assisting men to gain and maintain sobriety and get a new chance at life. Visit <https://clemhouse.org/763-2/> to register.

Register by September 26, 2020 to receive coffee/tea and coffee mug.

SEPTEMBER 30 (Wednesday) – Athens County CSEA Coloring Contest Entries Due

Athens County Child Support Enforcement Agency

September 30, 2020

For details, visit "News & Announcements" at <http://www.jfs.athensoh.org> . Register by September 26, 2020 to receive coffee/tea and coffee mug.

SEPTEMBER 30 (Wednesday) – Sow the Seeds of Hope in the era of COVID-19

Virtual Conference

September 30 9 am-4:15 pm

Free virtual suicide prevention conference. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/sow-the-seeds-of-hope-in-the-era-of-covid-19/767989293935128/> for details.

SEPTEMBER 30 (Wednesday) – Webinar: Money Concepts for Teens and Young Adults

online by GreenPath Financial Wellness

September 30, 2020 1 pm-2 pm

Visit <https://www.greenpath.com/calendar/money-concepts-for-teens> for details.

OCTOBER 1-31 – Atomic Credit Union Coat Drive

Atomic Credit Union branch in Athens and other Ohio towns

M-Th 8:30 am-5 pm

New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves for

F 8:30 am-6 pm

adults and children may be donated at any of the 13 branches.

Sa 8:30 am-1 pm

OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 30 – Ohio Outdoor Open Burning Ban in Effect

Ohio

October 1-November 30, 2020 6 am-6 pm

Ohio Revised Code 1503.18 Ohio DNR Forestry prohibits outdoor open burning and prescribed fires in the months of March, April, May, October, and November between 6am and 6pm. This ban includes burning of yard waste, trash, and debris, even in a proper burn barrel. Call Ohio Division of Forestry at 1-877-247-8733 for more information.

SEPTEMBER 17, 24, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22 – Drive-thru Flu Vaccination Clinics

Rear of Holzer Clinic, 2131 East State Street, Athens Thursdays 11 am-2 pm
Patients must be established with a Holzer provider. Insurance can be billed. Self-pay cost \$25 for ages 6 months to 64 years, \$55 for ages over 64 years. Visit <https://www.holzer.org> for details.

OCTOBER 1 & 15 (Thursdays) – NAMI's Family Support Group +

Via Zoom 6 pm-7 pm
Meets first and third Thursday of each month. Open to family members and friends of adult loved ones with a mental health condition. For more information and the meeting link, email info@namiathensohio.org, or text or call 740-249-9249 .

OCTOBER 2 (Friday) – Athens Area Stand Down

Athens County Fairgrounds, West Union Street, Athens Veterans Only 10 am-12 noon
Addresses homelessness in Athens County. Drive-thru style Open to Public 12 noon-2 pm
due to COVID-19 pandemic. Visit <https://www.athensareastanddown.org/> for more information.

OCTOBER 3 (Saturday) – Wake Up for Recovery Virtual Fundraiser

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The Clem House is hosting a virtual breakfast fundraiser to support the goal of assisting men to gain and maintain sobriety and get a new chance at life. Visit <https://clemhouse.org/763-2/> to register.

OCTOBER 3 (Saturday) – Athens County Fall Recycling and Shred Day

Athens County Fairgrounds, 286 W Union St, Athens October 3, 2020 9 am-1 pm
Visit <http://ahswd.org/recycle-days/> for details. Includes Scrap Metal Drive for Habitat for Humanity.

SEPTEMBER 12 & OCTOBER 3 – Film Division Screenings

Athena Cinema, 20 South Court Street, Athens Saturdays
The Athena Cinema hosts the First and Second Year MFA Film Division screenings. Admission is free. For more information, visit <http://athenacinema.com/film-division-screenings/> .
10/03/2020 7 pm: Second Year MFA Screenings

OCTOBER 5 (Monday) – Voter Registration Deadline for November 3 General Election

Register to vote or update voter registration by October 5, 2020. For more information on voting, visit <https://www.boe.ohio.gov/athens> .

OCTOBER 5-APRIL 15 – PUCO Approved Winter Reconnect Order

The Winter Reconnect Order helps Ohioans served by PUCO-regulated utilities reconnect or maintain electric and natural gas service during the winter heating season. For details, visit <https://puco.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/puco/news/puco-approves-winter-connect-order> .

OCTOBER 5 (Monday) – OU Science Café: Random Acts of Anatomy ...

YouTube October 5, 2020 5 pm
Random Acts of Anatomy-A Live Tour of WitmerLab with Larry Witmer & Students
Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ur1P7pfTYU&feature=youtu.be> . For additional events, visit <https://www.ohio.edu/sciencecafe> .

OCTOBER 5-10 – Ohio University Homecoming (Virtual)

Online October 5-10, 2020
Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/homecoming> for the most current details.

SEPTEMBER 7-9, 21-23, OCTOBER 5-7, 19-21, NOVEMBER 2-4, 16-18 – Virtual Fall Sustainability Film Series

Athena Cinema Alternating weeks
The Athena Cinema is partnering with Environmental Studies and Alden Library to show documentaries on sustainability. Admission is free. Panel discussion after Wednesday screenings.
10/05-07/2020 7 pm *An Evening of Shorts*
10/19-21/2020 7 pm *Cooked*
11/02-04/2020 7 pm *We are the Radical Monarchs*
11/16-18/2020 7 pm *Taking Root*
For more information, visit <http://athenacinema.com/sustainabilityseries/>.

OCTOBER 6, 20, NOVEMBER 3, DECEMBER 1 (Tuesdays) – Nourishing Networks Glouster

Online via Zoom

6 pm-7:30 pm

Community Food Initiatives is hosting a series of Nourishing Network sessions to help the Glouster community support food access projects. Email ashley@communityfoodinitiative.org or visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1983696185087911/> to learn more.

OCTOBER 6-NOVEMBER 24 (Tuesdays) – NAMI's Family to Family

Online via Zoom

6 pm-7 pm

A free, 8-session education program for family, partners and significant others of adults living with mental illness. For details and registration, email info@namiathensohio.org, or call 740-249-9249 .

OCTOBER 7... (Wednesday) – Social Enterprise 101

Online Event hosted by Rural Action

October 7, 2020 12 noon-1 pm

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1291762407826577/> for information.

OCTOBER 7 (Wednesday) – Business Identity Theft Webinar: How to Protect Your Accounts

Visit www.oucu.org for information and registration.

October 7, 2020 12 noon-1 pm

OCTOBER 7... (Wednesday) – Girls Who Code: Virtual Club

Athens County Public Libraries

begins October 7, 2020 4:30 pm

Girls in grades 3-12 are invited to join a live virtual club teaching the skill of computer coding. Visit <https://events.myacpl.org/events/girls-who-code-virtual-club-32> for details and registration.

OCTOBER 7 (Wednesday) – Parent Support Group (Phone Meeting)

Call 740-592-0155 Conference ID: 55515 PIN: 1234#

October 7, 2020 6 pm

For parents who have experienced a child suffering with addiction. Questions: Call 740-592-3208.

OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 17 (Tuesdays) – OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital Virtual Tobacco Cessation Classes

Zoom

Tuesdays 4 pm-5 pm

Classes are once a week for six weeks. To register or for more information, call 740-592-9457 or email Kathy.Partisch@ohiohealth.com or Megan.Beatty@ohiohealth.com.

OCTOBER 13 (Tuesday) – Athens Area Memory Disorder Support Group

Athens Community Center, 701 East State Street, Athens

October 13, 2020 5:30 pm

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/823461054792243/> for details. Helpline: 1-800-272-3900.

OCTOBER 15-DECEMBER 7 – Annual Election/Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Plans

Visit <https://www.medicare.gov> for details.

OCTOBER 15 (Thursday) – The Great ShakeOut

The Great ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to protect you and others during an earthquake. Visit <https://www.shakeout.org/> for more details including earthquake safety guides ("Drop, Cover, and Hold On") for people with and without disabilities.

OCTOBER 15 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Food for Thought Program - Vitamin D: It's more than sunshine

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

October 15 10 am-11 am

Free education workshop. Call 740-566-4680 to learn how to join by computer or phone. Details: <https://woub.org/event/upbeat-food-for-thought-program-vitamin-d-its-more-than-sunshine/> .

OCTOBER 15 (Thursday) – Lunch and Learn

OU Innovation Center

October 15 12:30 pm-1:30 pm

Opportunity to learn more on a business related topic and network with business owners and professionals. Call 740-597-1460 or email twyman@ohio.edu to register or for information.

OCTOBER 17 (Saturday) – “Pup”Kin Walk

Live Healthy Appalachia

October 17, 2020 10 am-2 pm

Socially-distanced, non-competitive walk on the Athens bike path. At the finish line, pups will receive plant-based dog treats and a festive bandana. Email info@livehealthyappalachia.org or visit <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/news-events/event-calendar.html> for information and registration.

OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 5 – WHAT? HOW? WOW! The Whole-Food Plant-Based Solution

Live Healthy Appalachia online Tuesdays and Thursdays 7 pm
Six session online program. Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn and family will include information and skills needed to start or continue eating whole, plant-based foods. For details and registration, visit <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/news-events/> or email info@livehealthyappalachia.org.

OCTOBER 21 (Wednesday) – Webinar: Options for Dealing with Debt

online by GreenPath Financial Wellness October 21, 2020 1 pm-2 pm
Visit <https://www.greenpath.com/calendar/options-for-dealing-with-debt> for details.

OCTOBER 21 (Wednesday) – OU Science Café: Paul Benedict, Director of Center for Entrepreneurship

Online October 21, 2020 5 pm
Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/sciencecafe> for details.

OCTOBER 22 (Thursday) – UpBEAT History Group - Moundbuilders

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital October 22 10 am-11 am
Free education workshop. Call 740-566-4680 to learn how to join by computer or phone. Details: <https://woub.org/event/upbeat-history-group-moundbuilders/>.

OCTOBER 23 (Friday) – Athens Area Women's Summit

Virtual conference streaming from Stuart's Opera House October 23 9:30 am-1:30 pm
Visit <https://athenschamber.com/events/summit/> for details and registration.

OCTOBER 24-31 – Virtual Halloween Costume Parade

hosted by Ohio Valley Museum of Discovery October 24-31, 2020
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/324931168572370> for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 1-MARCH 1 – Scheduling Appointments for Winter Crisis (Emergency HEAP)

Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action schedules appointments for Winter Crisis (Emergency HEAP), a program designed to help households who are facing an emergency situation to maintain electric/gas service or provide a bulk fuel (propane, wood, coal, fuel oil, kerosene). An emergency situation is defined as having a disconnect notice on electric or natural gas, or having less than a 25% (tank) supply of bulk fuel, or less than a 10-day supply of firewood. For Winter Crisis (Emergency HEAP) appointment scheduling, call 740-868-1908.

NOVEMBER 4 (Wednesday) – OU Science Café: Geoff Dabelko, Professor, Environmental Studies

Online November 4, 2020 5 pm
Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/sciencecafe> for details.

NOVEMBER 4 (Wednesday) – Parent Support Group (Phone Meeting)

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Via Zoom 6 pm-7 pm
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NOVEMBER 18 (Wednesday) – OU Science Café: Antibiotic Resistance and Protective Blood

Online November 18, 2020 5 pm
Nathan Weyand, Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences. Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/sciencecafe> .

DECEMBER 12 (Saturday) – Deadline – For the Love of Athens Photo Contest Submissions

Arts/West, 132 West State Street, Athens December 12, 2020
For details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/877980042674017/> .

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

World Health Organization (WHO): https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus#tab=tab_1

Ohio Department of Health: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>

Ohio Department of Education: <http://education.ohio.gov/>

Athens City-County Health Department: https://www.athenspublichealth.org/get_more_help/COVID-19.php

OhioHealth: <https://www.ohiohealth.com/>

OhioHealth blog: <https://blog.ohiohealth.com/series/covid-19-coronavirus-toolkit/>

AARP: <https://states.aarp.org/ohio/health-food-help-coronavirus-covid-19-ohio>

Athens Chamber of Commerce COVID19 Toolkit: <https://athenschamber.com/news/covid-toolkit/>