

SOME ATHENS AREA JANUARY 2021 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	December 23, 2020	1 pm-7 pm
First United Methodist Church, Nelsonville	December 29, 2020	1 pm-7 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	January 14, 2021	10 am-3 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	January 14, 2021	12 noon-6 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	January 18, 2021	10 am-4 pm
Nelsonville Wesleyan Church	January 18, 2021	2 pm-7 pm
Athens Community Center	January 19, 2021	12 noon-6 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	January 19, 2021	12 noon-6 pm
Nelsonville York High School	January 22, 2021	8 am-2 pm
The Plains United Methodist Church	January 27, 2021	1 pm-7 pm
Federal Hocking High School	January 28, 2021	8 am-2 pm
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OU Baker Center, Athens	February 2, 2021	12 noon-6 pm

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the **Athens County Public Libraries** only offer curbside service through January 3, 2021. Visit **Athens County Public Libraries** website at <https://www.myacpl.org/> for access to eLibrary resources, wifi hotspot locations, and much more. Visit <https://www.myacpl.org/coronavirus/> for details and important updates.

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

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

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.athenschilddrenservices.com/pages/get-involved/2020-santa-tree/2020-santa-tree>.

SEPTEMBER 26-DECEMBER 31 – 2020 Walk to End Alzheimer's

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

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/utilities/gas/resources/winter-reconnect-order-maintain-electric-and-natural-gas-service>.

NOVEMBER 2-MARCH 31 – Scheduling Appointments for Winter Crisis (Emergency HEAP)

Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action schedules phone 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). Visit <https://hapcap.org/2020-winter-crisis-program-will-be-by-phone-appointment-only/> for details. For Winter Crisis (Emergency HEAP) appointment scheduling, call 740-868-1908.

NOVEMBER 14-DECEMBER 31 – Athena Cinema's Haiku Contest

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AthenaCinema/> for details.

NOVEMBER 21-DECEMBER ?? – Salvation Army Angel Tree Donations

Walmart, East State Street, Athens
Adopt a child from the Angel Tree at Walmart, donate new toys or items at the Salvation Army office. Call 740-797-1305 between 10 am and 4 pm for more information or to schedule a donation drop-off.

NOVEMBER 23-JANUARY 4 – Holiday Recovery Line

You are not alone. Hopewell Health Centers' support is accessible 24/7 by calling 740-656-2175.

NOVEMBER 25-DECEMBER 31 – 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.

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 24 – Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed

Call 740-797-1305 Mon-Thurs 9 am-4 pm or email justin.gray@use.salvationarmy.org to sign up and support the Salvation Army's mission to help families in need year-round.

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 20... – AUBA Uptown for the Holidays

Find the Yeti roaming around Athens Uptown businesses, take a picture and tag the business the Yeti is in while using the hashtags #AthensYeti2020 and #LoveAthensKeepItLocal to enter the drawing. Visit <https://athenschamber.com/holidays/> for more details and other uptown activities including free parking times and locations.

DECEMBER 1-JANUARY 31 – Athens County Dog Licensing Period

Visit <https://www.athenscountyauditor.org/dnn/Licensing/Dog-Licenses> for details.

DECEMBER 3-31 – ACEnet Virtual Holiday Open House

Visit <https://acenetworks.org/support-us/virtual-holiday-open-house/> or <https://www.facebook.com/acenetathens/> for details.

DECEMBER 19 & 26 – USDA Farmers to Families Food Box Program

Athens County Fairgrounds, 286 West Union Avenue, Athens Saturdays 1 pm-4 pm
Free drive-thru grocery distribution. All are welcome. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/acvso/photos/a.131714980189809/4098787080149226/> .

DECEMBER 19-? – Athens Public Transit Updates

Athens Public Transit is implementing changes temporarily until further notice. For details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pg/AthensTransitOH/posts/> .

DECEMBER 21-JANUARY 5 – Ohio University Mandatory Furlough Days

Most Ohio University employees will not be working.

DECEMBER 22, 29 & JANUARY 5 – Tuesday Nite Live

Zoom Tuesdays 6 pm
Opportunities to receive and give support to each other during the holiday season. Moderated by Reggie Robinson, Certified Peer Recovery Supporter. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/2887181028171353 .

DECEMBER 23 (Wednesday) – UpBEAT Singing Group Program – Sing-A-Long

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital December 23 10 am-11 am
To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/VirtualSingingDecember> .
To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 021 3338 #

DECEMBER 23 (Wednesday) – Christmas Meal from United Campus Ministry

United Campus Ministry, 18 North College Street, Athens December 23 4 pm-6 pm
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/436626390843561/> for details.

DECEMBER 25 (Friday) – Christmas Day

Many agencies will be closed for the holiday. Please call to confirm the agency is open.

DECEMBER 29-JANUARY 31 – Athens City Free Live Christmas Tree Pickup

Athens City Tuesdays and Fridays
Athens city residents should place live Christmas trees at the curb and call 740-592-3343 to schedule pickup. Visit <http://www.ci.athens.oh.us/civicalerts.aspx?aid=2668> for details.

DECEMBER 31 (Thursday) – New Year's Rockin Eve Special

Zoom

December 31, 2020 9 pm

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/2887181028171353 . Join the Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/94608690426?pwd=L0c4THB1cnEwNmglZDV5QjU1V3Q2UT09> .

JANUARY 1 (Friday) – Ohio Minimum Wage to Increase to \$8.80/hour

Visit <https://www.10tv.com/article/news/local/ohio/ohio-minimum-wage-increase-2021/512-29fb6920-98df-4c8d-83a7-a1708274850d> for more information.

JANUARY 1-31 – Alzheimer's Association Webinars

Free Online Education Programs 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, Dementia Conversations, Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body* and more. For more information and registration, visit https://www.alz.org/events/event_search?etid=6&cid=0&zip=45203 .

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JANUARY 1-28 – Small Business Development Centers Online Events

Visit <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov/events.aspx> for information on events.
Call 740-593-1797 or email twyman@ohio.edu to registration information.

JANUARY 1-MARCH 31? – Virtual Hikes of State Park Trails

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) will offer tools and online resources for hikers to safely plan a self-guided outing. Visit <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/news/virtual-winter-hikes-replace-traditional-guided-hikes> .

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JANUARY 7 & 21 (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@namiatensohio.org or text or call 740-249-9249.

JANUARY 6 (Wednesday) – Parent Support Group (Phone Meeting)

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

December 6, 2020 6 pm

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

JANUARY 13 & 20 – Virtual Lunchtime Seminars – Human Trafficking Program Series

Human Trafficking 101

January 13, 2021 12 noon-1 pm

What Healthcare Providers Need to Know

January 20, 2021 12 noon-1 pm

Presented by Christi Bartman, MPA, JD, PhD: Eyes Up Appalachia. For more information, contact AHEC at OU-HCOM at 740-593-2258 or conrath@ohio.edu.

JANUARY 14 (Thursday) – UpBEAT History Group Program – First Family Pets

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

January 14, 2021 10 am-11 am

To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/HistoryGroupJanuary> .

To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 338 9405 #

JANUARY 18-23 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at Ohio University

Via Zoom or at various sites at Ohio University, Athens

January 18-23, 2021

Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/diversity/dr-mlk-jr-celebration> for events details.

JANUARY 20-21 – Food Protection Manager Training

Online January 20-21, 2020 8 am
ACENet is offering a 2-day virtual ServSafe Food Protection Manager Training/Certification. Visit <https://acenetworks.org> for details and registration.

JANUARY 21 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Food for Thought Program – Be Well Through Eating and Moving Well

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital January 21, 2021 10 am-11 am
To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/FoodForThoughtJanuary> .
To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 453 7015#

JANUARY 22 (Friday) – UpBEAT Singing Group Program – Sing-A-Long

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital January 22, 2021 10 am-11 am
To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/VirtualSingingJanuary> .
To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 453 7015#

JANUARY 28 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Food for Thought Program – Consumer Protections

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital January 28, 2021 10 am-11 am
To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/UpBeatConsumerProtections> .
To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 143 6824 #

JANUARY ??-APRIL 15 – IRS Tax Filing Season

Information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/> .

UPCOMING EVENTS:**FEBRUARY 13 (Saturday) – Polar Bear Plunge**

Lake Snowden, Albany, Ohio February 13 Assigned time
Plunge options range from \$15-\$40 a person. Teams of 10 people: \$300. Proceeds go to the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities-Beacon School and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Register by February 4, 2021 for a t-shirt at <http://athensbdd.org/polarbearplunge2021/> or in person at WSEO 107.7, Larry's Dawg House or Steak 'n Shake. Call Brian Johnson at 740-856-9404 for information.

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/>