

SOME ATHENS AREA FEBRUARY 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.

Athens County Chapter, Athens	February 11, 2021	10 am-3 pm
OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, Athens	February 12, 2021	11 am-5 pm
The Plains United Methodist Church	February 15, 2021	1 pm-7 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	February 17, 2021	12 noon-6 pm
Richland United Methodist Church, Athens	February 18, 2021	12 noon-6 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	February 23, 2021	10 am-4 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	February 24, 2021	1 pm-7 pm
Athens County Chapter, Athens	February 25, 2021	10 am-3 pm
Alexander High School, Albany	March 1, 2021	8 am-2 pm
OU Baker Center, Athens	March 3, 2021	12 noon-6 pm

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the **Athens County Public Libraries** only offer curbside service until further notice. 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.

COVID-19 Vaccination Program: Visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/covid-19-vaccination-program/welcome/covid-19-vaccination-program> for information. To find vaccine provider locations, visit <https://vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov>. Each provider manages its own schedules and appointments. Phase 1A for healthcare personnel and resident of long-term care facilities has already started. Phase 1B timeline begin dates are:

Week of January 19 - Ohioans ages 80 and older.

Week of January 25 - Ohioans ages 75 and older; people with severe congenital or developmental disorders.

Week of February 1 - Ohioans ages 70 and older; employees of K-12 schools that wish to remain or return to in-person or hybrid models.

Week of February 8 - Ohioans ages 65 and older.

As of January 27, ACCHD is **not** taking sign-ups until further notice. To be added to the *Athens City-County Health Department* (ACCHD) vaccination interest list, residents of Athens County that qualify for Phase 1B are encouraged to fill out the 65 & Older COVID-19 Vaccine Interest List form online at <https://forms.gle/wNyQ5Ct9JKKkMx4RA>. Appointments will be scheduled when the vaccine is more readily available. Visit <https://www.athenspublichealth.org> for more Athens City-County Health Department COVID-19 vaccine information.

Shrivers Pharmacy locations: Patients can register online at <https://www.shriverspharmacy.com/covid-19-vaccination> or call 470-447-9201. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/shriverspharmacy> for the latest information.

Hopewell Health Centers Athens: Call 740-592-3091 and ask for Madison Sprankle to schedule an appointment or be put on the waiting list.

Hopewell Health Centers Nelsonville: Call 740-797-2352 and select dial tone option 0 to schedule an appointment.

Kroger is offering vaccine appointments at locations including Athens, Nelsonville and Trimble. To schedule an appointment, visit <https://www.kroger.com/rx/guest/get-vaccinated> or call 886-211-5320.

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

DECEMBER 1-MARCH 31 – Athens County Dog Licensing Period

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

JANUARY 1-MAY 31 – Heating Assistance Available for Eligible Ohioans

Ohio Development Service Agency

Visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov to apply online, download application or find contact information for a local Energy Assistance Provider (EAP). Applications must be received by May 31, 2021.

JANUARY 1-DECEMBER 31 (Saturdays) – Athens Farmers Market

The Market on State, 1002 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/>.

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>.

JANUARY 15-APRIL 15? – IRS Free File

Visit <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free> to learn more about preparing and filing federal income tax online for free.

JANUARY 19-FEBRUARY 7 – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest

United Campus Ministry is hosting an art contest with a theme of “Where do we go from here: Community or Chaos?” Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/234194658291392/> or call Lacey at lacey@ucmathens.org for details.

JANUARY 20-MAY 15 – Athens Area Lions Clubs NexTrex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge

Every 500 pounds of clean plastic film produce bags, store bags, ice bags, ziploc/reclosable bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, bubble wrap, etc. will be turned into a polymer-composite park bench for a local community. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/AthensOhioLionsClub> for post.

JANUARY 25-APRIL 21 – Spring Sustainability Series

Athena Cinema, 20 South Court Street, Athens

The Athena Cinema, OU Environmental Studies and University Libraries present documentaries on sustainability. Admission is free. Zoom discussion for each screening at 7 pm Wednesday.

01/25-27/2021	<i>Public Trust</i>
02/08-10/2021	<i>Into the Okavango</i>
02/22-24/2021	<i>There's Something in the Water</i>
03/08-10/2021	<i>No Time to Waste</i>
03/22-24/2021	<i>Rebuilding Paradise</i>
04/05-07/2021	<i>Motherload</i>
04/19-21/2021	<i>The Need to Grow</i>

For more information and registration, visit <http://athenacinema.com/sustainabilityseries/>.

JANUARY 29, FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26 (Fridays) – Spring 2021 Fundamentals of Mediation

Athens Area Mediation Service, Athens

9:30 am-12 noon

Visit <http://www.athensmediation.com/events.html> to register. Email athensmediation@gmail.com or call 740-594-6169 for details.

FEBRUARY 1-28 – 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://training.alz.org>.

FEBRUARY 1-25 – 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 register.

FEBRUARY 2-26 – 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.

FEBRUARY 2-14 – Ground-Hug Adventure – John Knouse Groundhog Hike

Strouds Run State Park

February 2-14, 2021

A hike-it-yourself adventure. Visit <http://bit.ly/3p7zSDG> for information and free registration.

FEBRUARY 4 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Connect and Share: Wayne National Forest Nature Topic

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

February 4, 2021 10 am-11 am

To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/ConnectAndShareFeb2021> .

To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 553 8822 #

FEBRUARY 4 & 18 (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.

FEBRUARY 4 (Thursday) – World Cancer Day - Relay for Life Kickoff: A Virtual Event

Virtual event hosted by American Cancer Society

February 4, 2021 8 pm

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/2444576099182387> for details and to join.

FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, & 27 – USDA Farmers to Families Free Drive-Through Grocery Distributions

Athens County Fairgrounds, 286 West Union Avenue, Athens

Saturdays 11 am-2 pm*

The Food Soldier Hunger Coalition will be distributed 30 pound boxes of free farm fresh food.

* Deliveries will be Saturdays from 11 am-2 pm or until the food runs out.

FEBRUARY 7 (Sunday) – Superbowl Sunday

FEBRUARY 8 (Monday) – Salvation Army and Butterfield Blanket Drive

The Salvation Army of Athens and Meigs Counties, The Plains

February 8, 2021 10 am-2 pm

Handing out blankets, coats, clothes, etc. Masks and social distancing required.

FEBRUARY 8 (Monday) – UpBEAT Book Club – *Rabbit Run* by John Updike

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

February 8, 2021 10 am-11 am

To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/UpBeatBookClubFeb2021> .

To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 651 9895 #

FEBRUARY 8-17 – Registration for FEAST at Home: Sweet Potato Shepherd's Pie (Program to Go)

Nelsonville Public Library

February 17, 2021 4 pm-5:30 pm

Visit <https://events.myacpl.org/events/feast-home-sweet-potato-shepards-pie-program-go> for details.

FEBRUARY 8 – OEFFA Annual Conference (Virtual) Registration Closes

Online

February 10-15 9 am-5:30 pm

Six days of learning, sharing, and networking for people committed to local food, sustainable agriculture, and green living. Visit <https://conference.oeffa.org/> for details and registration.

FEBRUARY 11 & 18 – Virtual Complete Health Improvement Program (CHIP) Info Sessions

Visit <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/what-we-do/chip/upcoming-chip-classes.html> , call 740-856-6100, or email amy@livehealthyappalachia.org to learn more and register for a virtual info session.

Virtual sessions from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays, February 25-April 29, 2021.

FEBRUARY 11 (Thursday) – National 211 Day: “From Hello to Help, 211 is Here.”

211 nationally is a critical service to millions of people, connecting people in communities with the human services they need. In Athens County, visit <http://www.211athenscounty.org/> or dial 2-1-1 or call 1-866-784-3132 for 24/7 information and referral.

FEBRUARY 12 (Friday) – A Day in the Woods: Advice from the Woods

Virtual event hosted by ODNr and OSU Extension February 12 10 am-12 noon
Question and answer session with professional foresters and wildlife biologists via ZOOM. Visit https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_akf-sS7UQDCfU5cP1RJO6g to register. Forestry, wildlife, and natural resources related questions may be submitted to apsley.1@osu.edu by February 5, 2021.

FEBRUARY 12-APRIL 15 – IRS Tax Filing Season

Information can be found at <https://www.irs.gov/> .
Ohio tax filing information can be found at <https://www.tax.ohio.gov> with access to municipal websites at https://www.tax.ohio.gov/municipalities/municipal_income_tax_forms.aspx .

FEBRUARY 13 & 27 (Saturdays) – Athens County Food Pantry's "On The Road" Program for Athens County

Locations include Albany on February 13, 2021 and Jacksonville on February 27, 2021
Online registration opens three weeks before the date and closes one week before the date. To register, visit <https://athenscountyfoodpantry.org> and click on "EVENTS". For more information, call 800-338-4484 or 740-590-7051, or email register@athenscountyfoodpantry.org.

FEBRUARY 13 (Saturday) – Polar Bear Plunge: The Reason for Freezin'

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.

FEBRUARY 14 (Sunday) – Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 15 (Monday) – Presidents' Day Holiday

Many offices will be closed for the holiday.

FEBRUARY 16 (Tuesday) – Acid Mine Drainage Presentation

Zoom hosted by Rural Action February 16, 2021 6:30 pm
Visit <https://www.facebook.com/events/1425674504443416/> for details. To register, email Sherrel@srieger@doverlibrary.org

FEBRUARY 18 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Food for Thought Program – Home and Auto Insurance 101

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital February 18, 2021 10 am-11 am
To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/FoodForThoughtFeb2021> .
To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 566 8105 #

FEBRUARY 18 (Thursday) – Lunch and Learn (online)

Zoom meeting from OU Innovation Center February 18, 2021 12 noon-1 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.

FEBRUARY 22-28 – National Eating Disorders Awareness Week

Visit <https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org/get-involved/nedawareness> for more information.

FEBRUARY 24 (Wednesday) – Athens Lift Project Class Begins (online)

Zoom Begins February 24 10 am-11 am
Live Healthy Appalachia offers a 10 week online program for seniors aged 55+ to boost moods and improve health. Visit <https://livehealthyappalachia.org/what-we-do/the-athens-lift-project.html> for details. Cost to participate is \$10.00.

FEBRUARY 24 (Wednesday) – OhioMeansJobs – Virtual Job Fair

Online February 24, 2021 10 am-2 pm
Visit http://jfs.athensoh.org/news_detail_T2_R173.php for information.

FEBRUARY 24 (Wednesday) – OU Science Café: Karen Coschigano and Guy Riefler

Online

February 24, 2021 5 pm

Visit <https://www.ohio.edu/sciencecafe> for details.

FEBRUARY 25 (Thursday) – UpBEAT Food for Thought – Conversations with Purpose with Mark Mangia

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

February 25, 2021 10 am-11 am

Estates planning discussion. To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/ConvoWithMangia> .

To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 003 3721 #

FEBRUARY 26 (Friday) – UpBEAT Singing Group: Sing-A-Long

Virtual event hosted by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital

February 26, 2021 10 am-11 am

To connect by computer: URL: <http://bit.ly/VirtualSingingFeb2021> .

To connect by phone: Call: 1 (650) 479-3208 Meeting access code: 172 201 1636 #

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH 1-MAY 31 – Ohio Outdoor Open Burning Ban in Effect

Ohio

March 1-May 31 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.

MARCH 3 (Wednesday) – Parent Support Group (Phone Meeting)

Call 1-833-626-4516 PIN: 3252164

March 3, 2021 6 pm

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

MARCH 8-17 – Registration for FEAST at Home: Unstuffed Cabbage Roll Casserole (Program to Go)

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March 17, 2021 4 pm-5:30 pm

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MARCH 19 (Friday) – Relay for Life of Greater Athens

Walter Fieldhouse, 50 South Green Drive, Athens

March 19, 2021 5 pm

Visit <https://cancer.org> for information.

APRIL 9-18, 2021 – Athens International Film + Video Festival (COVID-19 impact: rescheduled from 2020)

APRIL 10 & 24 (Saturdays) – Athens County Food Pantry's "On The Road" Program for Athens County

APRIL 14-MAY 19 – OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital Virtual Tobacco Cessation Classes

Zoom

Wednesdays 3 pm-4 pm

Classes are once a week for six weeks. To register by April 12, 2021, call 740-592-9457 or email

Megan.Beatty@OhioHealth.com .

CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION:

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/>

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

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

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and FEMA: <https://www.coronavirus.gov>

Federal Resources for U.S. Small Businesses: <https://covid-sb.org>

Holzer Health System: <https://www.holzer.org>

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI): <https://nami.org/Support-Education/NAMI-HelpLine/COVID-19-Information-and-Resources/COVID-19-Resource-and-Information-Guide?fbclid=IwAR37DAQ2RbsgnDGVpyn-AFog83sJtrABZ4-YozwrOcTLMLyAKZztpo6CD68#top8>

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

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

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

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

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