



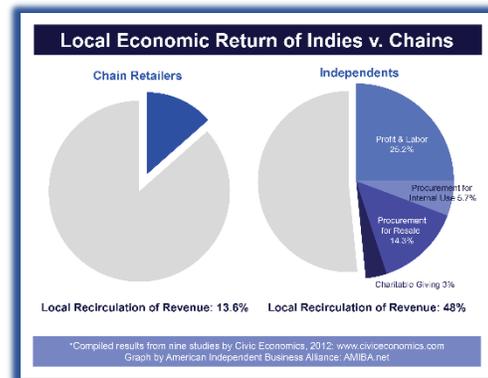
The Village of Leetonia • Mayor Kevin Siembida September Community Update

Look around and see the many great things that are happening to our community! So far, 2017 has been an incredibly productive year for Leetonia. Not only have we been reinvesting in our infrastructure, but we have also cut the operating cost of the government by over \$50,000. Our businesses are growing and we have seen new businesses opening up. Things are changing and we are moving in the right direction!

Support Our Community, Support Our Business

Supporting local businesses can boost our local economy by as much as 300%. I have stated before, in the past few months, new businesses are finding Leetonia to be more and more attractive. Revitalization is seen in businesses like the old Sissy's, which will reopen as the Leetonia Market. Linda Durham decided to relocate her store, Off Main, from Washingtonville to Front Street in Leetonia because of the new energy that has been created here.

It is important to remember that every dollar spent in Leetonia will have a higher potential of recirculating. According to the American Independent Business Alliance, nearly 48 percent of all money spent in a community stays in that community; compared to just 14 percent if spent at a franchise, like Walmart. Keep that in mind the next time you need something small! Consider stopping by one of our local stores. The more we support our businesses, the more attractive Leetonia becomes for entrepreneurs and other businesses looking to set up shop.



Provided by the American Independent Business Alliance

Fighting Drugs, Saving Our Youth

I want to ensure you that I am committed to ridding our community of drugs. No, this is not an easy battle, but it is one we must wage. Our youth is too easily exposed to dangerous drugs, like heroin and methamphetamines. These drugs destroy futures. Because we know the consequences of addiction and drug usage, we have started a program in Leetonia to help individuals get the help they need. If you are a user, or a parent or grandparent of anyone who has a substance abuse problem, you can come to me or the Leetonia Police Department. There are no criminal charges related to a self-referral. Our job is to steer our community in the right direction and get people the help they need for a complete recovery. You can contact us for non-emergency issues at (330) 427-6733: LPD or (330) 427-6721 ext. 108: Mayor.



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Community Projects

Leetonia will be doing some major projects over the remainder of the year and into the next few years. As you may have noticed, the Beehive Coke Ovens trailway connector has officially opened. This was a joint project with federal, state, and county governments that will help promote Leetonia and bring individuals to our community. Starting this fall, we will begin The Home Street Widening Project. This will be funded through the Community Development Block Grant, the Columbiana County Port Authority, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and local funds. This project's purpose is improvement of transportation to the industrial park.

Recently, I signed an agreement with Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc. (HRG). We will be working to develop a masterplan on economic revitalization and growth in our business district. HRG will be holding public meetings and welcome your thoughts and insight as we develop a growth plan that fits the needs of Leetonia. The meeting dates will be posted in the monthly newsletter with the water bill and online at Leetonia.org.

Community Happenings

The 32nd annual Artisan Festival will be held September 16th and 17th. Come on out and enjoy local entertainment and vendors. This year, proceeds will go to supporting our community parks. There will be live entertainment both days.



Leetonia Dairy Queen Car Show Aug 20th 2017

There will be three public hearings on the new zoning book on September 6th, September 20th, and October 4th at 7:00pm in Council Chambers. You can find a copy of the proposed book at <http://leetonia.org/ZoningOffice.html>. Please take a look and give us your feedback.

We have also provided a form for citizen complaints. Complaint forms can be submitted by email to policechief@leetonia.org, by fax to (330) 427-8088, or in person at Village Hall. You are welcome to file the complaint anonymously, if you so desire. The form can be found at http://leetonia.org/Police_1.html.

Addressing Change

Finally, I want to address some of the changes going on. We have started streamlining government in order to save tax dollars. We have cut costs through modernization of operations, such as updating our phone system (that will potentially save tax payers up to \$6000.00 annually). Every effort we have made has been done so to reduce government waste and reduce cost. With each and every dollar saved, we can reinvest in our community. I want to leave by reminding you that you cannot expect anything to change if nothing changes. As always, it is a pleasure to serve as your Mayor for our great community.