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ASHTABULA • SAYBROOK • ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP



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WHAT'S IN ASHTABULA'S FUTURE?

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/36 MO. LEASE



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DEMOGRAPHICS

CITY OF ASHTABULA	MALE PERSONS	PERCENT, 2010-2014	2010-2014	HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR HIGHER, PERSONS AGE 25 OR OLDER 2010-2014	POPULATION AGE 16 OR OLDER 2010-2014
POPULATION ESTIMATES (ALL FIGURES FROM 2010 CENSUS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) July 15, 2016	47.6 percent	1.6 percent	7,801		54.6 percent
PERSONS UNDER 5 YEARS 8.5 PERCENT	FEMALE PERSONS 52.4 percent	VETERANS, 2010-2014 HOUSING UNITS 9,087	PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD 2010-2014 2.37		MEAN TRAVEL TIME TO WORK (MINUTES), 2010-2014 19.7
PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS 26.4 percent	WHITE ALONE 82.0 percent	OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNIT RATE 2010-2014 49.9 percent	LIVING IN SAME HOUSE 1 YEAR AGO, 2010-2014 84.2 percent	83 percent	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME (IN 2014 DOLLARS) 2010-2014 \$28,682
PERSONS 65 YEARS AND OVER 14.7 percent	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN ALONE 8.9 percent	MEDIAN VALUE OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS 2010-2014 \$75,800	LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SPOKEN AT HOME, 2010-2014 7.3 percent	9 percent	PERSONS IN POVERTY IN CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, 2010-2014 33.4 percent
	TWO OR MORE RACES 5 percent			12.7 percent	
	HISPANIC OR LATINO 9.3 percent				
	FOREIGN BORN PERSONS,				

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

THE CITY OF ASHTABULA Incorporated 1891	993-8101	6 p.m.	Ann Rapose 964-3707	James Trisket 992-1302	1342 W. Prospect Wards 5A
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	WATER POLLUTION PLAN 303 Woodland Ave. 964-3030	Regular Council meetings: Council Chambers, 7 p.m., first and third Mondays Meetings on holiday Mon- days meet on Tuesday.	BOARD OF HEALTH President James Timonere 992-7103	Bonnie Cannon 341-8219	Gulfview Towers 3526 Lake Ave. Wards 3A, 4A
MANAGER/CITY COUNCIL 4717 Main Ave. Ashtabula 44004 (440) 992-7119	CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS President Josepine Misener 992-0779	MUNICIPAL BUILDING 4717 Main Ave. 992-7103	FAIR HOUSING BOARD Isabel Giangola 964-9051	Port Authority Chair Ron Kister 997-5676	Ashtabula Township Park Commission Wards 2B, 2C
CITY MANAGER James Timonere 992-7103	Vice President Chris McClure 964-2335	ASHTABULA MUNICIPAL COURT 110 W. 44th St. 992-7109	Tony Collette 998-0499	Janet Vettel 964-3788	ASHTABULA CITY SCHOOLS Superintendent Melissa Watson District office 2300 Wade Ave. Ashtabula (440) 993-2500
CITY SOLICITOR Michael Franklin 992-7101	Ward 1 John Roskovics 964-3140	JUSTICE CENTER 110 W. 44th St. 992-7172	Regina Wells 992-0873	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	Lakeside High School 6600 Sanborn Road (440) 993-2522
POLICE CHIEF Robert Stell 992-7172	Ward 2 August Pugliese 993-4363	ASHTABULA FIRE DEPARTMENT 4326 Main Ave. Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 992-7193	PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD Chair Earl Tucker 749-3769	Fred Leitert 964-0494	Lakeside Junior High 6600 Sanborn Road (440) 993-2618
FIRE CHIEF Shawn Gruber 992-7193	Ward 3 Kristy Hosken 994-0311	ILLUMINATING COMPANY Toll Free 1-888-544-4877	PLANNING COMMISSION Council President Josephine Misener 992-0779	Brian Wells 992-2099	AACS Early Learning Center 2630 W. 13th St. (440) 992-1280
PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 992-7118	Ward 4 Michael Speelman 910-459-9237	ASHTABULA COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER 2420 Lake Ave. 997-2262	President James Giannekl 998-4415	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	Huron Primary School 2300 Wade Ave. 992-1230
INCOME TAX DEPARTMENT 992-7104	Ward 5 Kris Hamrick 812-9889	ASHTABULA PORT AUTHORITY 4717 Main Ave. 964-7047	City Manager James Timonere 992-7103	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	Ontario Primary School 2302 Wade Ave. (440) 992-1240
GARBAGE AND BILLING COLLECTION 992-7155	CLERK OF COUNCIL LaVette Hennigan 992-7119	ASHTABULA PORT AUTHORITY 4717 Main Ave. 964-7047	Patricia Donato 992-3462	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	Michigan Primary School 2302 Wade Ave. (440) 992-1250
SEWER BILLING AND COLLECTION 992-7155	COMMITTEE MEETINGS/WORK SESSIONS Municipal Building 2nd floor conference room	ARCHITECTURAL AND RESTORATION REVIEW BOARD Meets: as needed Chair	Administrative board member Nick Detore 964-3181	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	Erie Intermediate School 2302 Wade Ave.
FINANCE DEPARTMENT 992-7106	PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS Pre-Council Room		Secretary Anthony Platano 964-3995	Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 501 W. 24th St.				Joseph Varchetta 964-5568	

TELEPHONE LISTINGS

(440) 992-1260
Superior Intermediate School
 2302 Wade Ave.
 (440) 992-1270

ASHTABULA AREA CITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL BOARD

President
 Steve Candela
 (440) 261-1795

Vice President
 Julius Petro
 (440) 969-0385

James Hudson
 (440) 969-1646

ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP
 Founded 1804
 Population
 (2010 census)

FORM OF GOVERNMENT
Trustee

Meeting times
 Regular meetings are
 6 p.m. on the second
 Wednesday

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Chair

Stephen J. McClure
 997-5748

Vice Chair
 Bambi Paulchel
 813-8226

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 997-9551

OFFICE MANAGER/ ZONING INSPECTOR
 Vacant

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Chair
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Vice Chair
 Jeffrey Scafuro
 998-4822

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 992-8793
 Anthony Metcalf
 992-5981

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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 Joseph Spano

Vice Chair
 Greg Kocjancic
 Joe Dragon

Chair
 Michael Meaney
Alternate

Ronald Silvius
Alternate
 Rodney Matthews

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

2718 N. Ridge E.
 993-8351
 Fax 992-4058

FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS

2718 N. Ridge E.
 Emergency: 911
 Non-emergency
 997-4641

ASHTABULA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

25 W Jefferson St,
 Jefferson
 Emergency: 911
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PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES

Ashtabula Township Park Commission
 1700 E. First St.
 Precinct 3

ODOT Facility
 492 Seven Hills Road
Precinct 2 Pentecostal Church of God
 2201 Cook Road
 Precinct 1, 4, 5 and 6

SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP
 Founded 1810
 Population
 (2010 census)
 9,853

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Trustee
 www.saybrooktownship.org

Meeting times
 Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday at 10 a.m. and fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at administrative offices, 7247 Center Road (Route 45).

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Chair

Norman Jepson
 993-8401

Vice Chair
 Robert Brobst
 969-1269
 Gloria Baum 964-2975

TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER
 Larry Johnson

969-1106, ext. 304
ZONING INSPECTOR
 Robert Vaughn
 969-1106
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT
 Marc Pope
 969-1106
FIRE CHIEF
 John Jyurovat
 969-1170
OFFICE MANAGER
 Lori Zebrasky 969-1106

ZONING COMMISSION

Tom Carr 992-9407

Vice Chair
 Alan Dalin 993-4681

Richard Zidonis
 964-5767

Chair
 Karen Keesler
 275-2352

Mary Jude English
 964-6464

First alternate
 Joseph Perry 964-6060
 Second alternative
 Daryl Upole 964-3091

BOARD OF APPEALS

Kathy Siler
 Kathleen Kennedy
 Anthony Bernato

Chair
 Gilda McQuoid
 Dean Moore
 Joseph Buccieri

ADMINISTRATIVE

OFFICE
 7247 Center Road
 969-1106 Fax 969-7450
 Email: saybrooktwpclerk@windstream.net

SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS

5714 N. Ridge W.
 Emergency 911
 Non-emergency 969-1179

ASHTABULA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

25 W. Jefferson St.
 Jefferson
 576-0055

ILLUMINATING COMPANY

Toll Free 1-888-544-4877

SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP PARK
 5941 Lake Road W.
 964-9177

PRECINCTS AND POLLING LOCATIONS

Saybrook Town Hall
 7247 Center Road
 (Route 45)
 Wards 1, 7

First Covenant Church
 3300 Carpenter Road
 Wards 3, 5, 6

Lakeside High School
 6600 Sanborn Road
 Wards 2, 4, 8

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80 years

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1258 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 998-1112
Founded 1937
Employs 8
Insurance agents

DALIN AUTO SERVICE

3041 S.Ridge Road W.
Ashtabula
(440) 997-3301
Founded 1947
Employs 3
Auto repair and service

60 years

DELTA RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION

2648 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-2997
Founded 1957
Heavy construction,
civil engineering

ASHJEN

5255 State Road, lot 18
Ashtabula
(440) 998-4063
Founded 1957
Employs 6
Mobile home rental

50 years

RICHARD'S BARBER SHOP

718 Lake Ave
Ashtabula
(440) 964-9850
Founded 1967
Employs 1 Barber shop

40 years

WENDY'S

1040 W. Prospect Road.

Ashtabula
(440) 998-1223
Founded 1977
Employs 37
Restaurant

NORTHEASTERN CARPET CLEANERS AND MAIDS SERVICE

1708 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 993-7916
Founded 1977
Employs 14
Janitorial services/carpet,
upholstery cleaning

JAMES HANNA DDS

1813 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 998-6235
Founded 1977
Employs 4
Dentist office

S&B FLOORCOVERING

4127 Main Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-2227
Founded 1977
Employs 2
Home furnishings
and equipment

COMMERCIAL BUILDING WAREHOUSE

6407 Hiram Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 997-2337
Founded 1977
Employs 2
General warehouse
and storage

PERRY'S AUTOMOTIVE

1821 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-6408
Founded 1977
Employs 2
Auto repair shop

SMITH ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING

5835 Washington Blvd.
Ashtabula
(440) 997-2127
Founded 1977

Employs 2
Electrical contractor

BARTONES ORIGINAL CAR CLEANING

751 Center St.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-5039
Founded 1977
Employs 1 Car wash

A1 HARE LOCK AND KEY SERVICE

2108 E 39th St.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-0451
Founded 1977
Employs 1 Locksmith

30 years

AYRSHIRE

1432 E. 21st St.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-0743
Founded 1987
Employs 70
Piping for
heavy manufacturing

CREATIVE MILLWORK OF OHIO

1801 W 47th St.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-3566
Founded 1987
Employs 84
Architectural products
in wood, vinyl,
aluminum and bronze

APL ELECTRIC

2131 Aetna Road
Ashtabula
(440) 998-2688
Founded 1987
Employs 20
Electrical contractor

ACTION PLUMBING

1236 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-7878
Founded 1987
Employs 5
Plumber

HICKORY OPTICAL

5904 Lake Road W.,
Ashtabula
(440) 964-2975
Founded 1987
Employs 3
Optical retailer

BRET J. CIMORELL, ATTORNEY

4366 Main Ave.,
Ste 102, Ashtabula
(440) 992-6067
Founded 1987
Employs 3
Legal services

BLOOMER'S FLORIST

4136 Main Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-8484
Founded 1987
Employs 4
Florist

THIRD DIMENSIONS

1712 E. Prospect Road,
Ashtabula

(440) 992-4333
Founded 1987
Employs 6
Tanning Salon

DAVID SPOTTS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW

6847 Lake Road W,
Ashtabula
(440) 964-6466
Founded 1987
Employs 2
Legal services

CHRISTMAS WORLD

1760 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-8843
Founded 1987
Employs 2
Christmas shop

LUNCH BOX

84 State Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-5124
Founded 1987
Employs 2

Restaurant

CAMBRIAN KENNELS

3190 Brown Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 275-3526
Founded 1987
Employs 2
Animal
production services

STYLES BY KEN

4610 Main Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-6077
Founded 1987
Employs 2
Barber shop

COMPUTERS OPTIONS

6237 Robinhood Lane,
Ashtabula
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Computer
programming
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Employs 20
Building construction

AMERICAN LANDFILL MANAGEMENT
4300 Middle Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 998-4050
Founded 1997
Employs 5
Landfill
Refuse system

THE PENNOHIO CORP.
4813 Woodman Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-7906
Founded 1997
Employs 8
Nonhazardous waste disposal

GIANT EAGLE PHARMACY
2390 W. Prospect Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 992-6165
Founded 1997
Employs 6
Drugstore

PREMIERE FITNESS AND HEALTH
2231 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-3488
Founded 1997
Employs 10
Fitness/gym

BURGER KING
3225 N. Ridge Road E.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-1182
Founded 1997
Employs 21
Restaurant

PAUL E. MADAR AND ASSOCIATES
5347 Main Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-3706
Founded 1997
Employs 5
Real estate agent

WES TRUCKING
501 W. 57th St.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-0123
Founded 1997
Employs 2
Local trucking operator

CHEAP TOBACCO
2612 W. Prospect Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-0099
Founded 1997
Employs 2
Tobacco retailer

CUSTOM AUTOMATION MACHINE
3599 Pinney Topper Road
Ashtabula
(440) 998-0444
Founded 1997
Employs 1
Wholesale industrial equipment/machinery

NEW LENGTHS NAIL SALON AND SPA
5023 State Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 992-2665
Founded 1997
Employs 3
Beauty shop

ASHTABULA ELECTRIC
7430 Whitewood Drive
Ashtabula
(440) 969-9836
Founded 1997
Employs 1
Electrical contractor

KEN'S AUTO SERVICE

5605 West Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 992-6287
Founded 1997
Employs 1
Auto repair

AMY'S ILLUSIONS
2029 Harbor Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-2697
Founded 1997
Employs 1
Beauty shop

NAIL CREATIONS
3015 State Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-0788
Founded 1997
Employs 1
Beauty shop

E COMM CAFE
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Ashtabula
(440) 997-0099
Founded 2007
Employs 6
Restaurant

HARBOR GOLF CLUB
4338 Lake Road W.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-5824
Founded 2007
Employs 5
Golf course

WILLIAM S. MIRANDO MD
2885 N. Ridge Road E.
Ashtabula
(440) 442-3376
Founded 2007
Employs 4
Doctor's office

MICHAEL SKUFCA DDS
1120 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula

(440) 964-5200
Founded 2007
Employs 4
Dentist office

ANDRE P. LASALLE, CPA
527 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-7150
Founded 2007
Employs 4
Accounting services

EASTSIDE ARMS
1114 Columbus Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-9331
Founded 2007
Employs 2
Gun store

TODAY MATTRESS FURNISHING LIQUIDATE
3045 W. Prospect Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 998-3126
Founded 2007
Employs 2
Furniture wholesaler

PATRICIA D. GRACE, OD
3551 N. Ridge Road E.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-4014
Founded 2007
Employs 3
Optometrist's office

SAMUEL ALTIER, ATTORNEY
1027 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-3311
Founded 2007
Employs 2
Legal services

ELAINES CHOCOLATE FOUNTAINS
3128 Avon Blvd.
Ashtabula
(440) 998-6273
Founded 2007

Employs 2
Food service

KISTER MARINA
950 E. Fifth St.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-3101
Founded 2007
Employs 2
Marina

JON MARSHALL, DO
524 W. 24th St.
Ashtabula
(440) 997-6915
Founded 2007
Employs 3
Osteopathic physician

GREENELIGHT WORKFORCE
1440 W. Prospect Road,
Ashtabula
(440) 998-5820
Founded 2007
Employs 2
Job training services

BLOOD ENTERPRISES TRANSMISSIONS
1330 Carson Road
Ashtabula
(440) 998-0061
Founded 2007
Employs 1
Auto repair services

LITEHOUSE AUTO AND MARINE
1404 Harmon Road
Ashtabula
(440) 964-6027
Founded 2007
Employs 1
Auto repair services

DIANA SJOSTROM, LMT
3221 State Road
Ashtabula
(440) 992-9618
Founded 2007
Employs 1

Audiologist

CIA MOWING AND LAWN CARE
5107 S. Ridge Road E.
Ashtabula
(440) 812-2430
Founded 2007
Employs 1
Landscaping services

A CLEAN SWEEP BY HEIDI AND NICOLE
927 Norman Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 466-2123
Founded 2007
Employs 1
Janitorial services

ASHTABULA YACHT CLUB
970 Bridge St.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-3129
Founded 2007
Recreational sports center

ALOHA HANDS
854 Lake Ave.
Ashtabula
(440) 964-0130
Founded 2007
Employs 4
Massage practice

LAKE ERIE DENTAL ASSISTING ACADEMY
2010 W. 19th St.
Ashtabula
(440) 813-1730
Founded 2007
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Dental training

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COMING EVENTS

JULY

29-30 — Wine and Walleye Festival, starting 10 a.m. Saturday and closing Sunday afternoon. Event includes a regatta, wine garden, beer tent, lighted boat parade, fireworks, vendors, live entertainment and more. Visit www.wineandwall-eyefestival.com.

AUGUST

4-6, 11-13, 18-19 — “The Marvelous Wonderettes,” 7 p.m. Straw Hat Summer Theatre at

the Ashtabula Arts Center, 2928 W. 13th Street, Ashtabula, Ohio. Call 440-964-3396. Visit: <http://ashtabulaartscenter.org>.

26-27 — Uncork'd Fest Festival, Lake Shore Park, 1700 E. First St., Ashtabula, Ohio. Two-day event includes fishing tournament, wine garden and tasting, helicopter tours, car show, 5 K, as well as crafters, vendors and live music. Visit <http://www.uncorkdwinest.com>. Call 440-998-6998.

26-27 — TABS, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12-5 p.m. Sunday, Bridge Street, Ashtabula, Ohio. The Arts on Bridge Street festival is an outdoor event with a wide range of artists showcasing their work as well as live music, dance, poetry, author book signings, hands-on art activities for children and live demonstrations. Visit bridgestbula.com. Call 440-964-8000.

SEPTEMBER

9-10 — Crafts in

the Park, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lake Shore Park, Ashtabula, Ohio. More than 100 juried crafters from Ohio and Pennsylvania, includes everything from yard signs, jewelry, beach glass, florals, maple syrup and jellies and jams. Call 440-645-5740.

15-17 — 15th annual Lake Shore Park Rib Burn Off, 4-10 p.m. Friday, 12-10 p.m. Saturday, 12-8 p.m. Sunday, Lake Shore Park, 1700 E. First St., Ashtabula, Ohio. A weekend of ribs, conces-

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

24 — Lights on the Lake, Lake Shore Park. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 1, with special hours on Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

25 — Santa's Arrival, noon, Ashtabula Towne Square Center Court. Photos available through Dec. 24.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS

The county's premier trail can be found along the **Western Reserve**

Greenway, a former PennCentral right-of-way that closed in 1976. The stretch was reborn in

2002 as a pathway for runners, walkers, cyclists, rollerbladers and — in the winter — cross-country

skiers. The paved trail, managed by Ashtabula County Metroparks, stretches 27 miles in Ashtabula County. It begins at West Avenue in Ashtabula and travels south through Orwell en route to its terminus in Champion in Trumbull County, according to the Metroparks website. Parking lots can be found at intervals along the trail, including Ashtabula and Austinburg townships and Rock Creek.


• The Ashtabula Township

Park Commission maintains **Indian Trails Park**, which covers 369 acres that meander along the Ashtabula River. The park, 1700 E. First St., Ashtabula, is home to the Smolen-Gulf covered bridge, a 63 feet the longest roofed span in the country. The bridge links Ashtabula and Plymouth townships.

• **Point Park** in Ashtabula, 1071 Walnut Blvd., provides a view of Ashtabula Harbor, Ashtabula River and the Harbor's historic

lift bridge. The park is adjacent to the Ashtabula Marine Museum, perched atop the harbor.

• **Lake Shore Park** in Ashtabula Township, Route 531 at State Road, is a family playland in the summer. The sprawling lakefront park features more than 100 picnic tables, several pavilions *including one of the oldest along Lake Erie) and playgrounds. Ramps to the big water can also be found at Lake



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PARKS AND RECREATION

Shore Park.

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• **Walnut Beach**, is a city-owned park in Ashtabula on West First Street (Walnut Boulevard and Lake Avenue), features a wildlife preserve, swimming beach with lifeguards, playground, volleyball courts, bocce courts, picnic tables, a concession stand and a short boardwalk, as well as a view of Ashtabula's

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Finishing work on city's wastewater plant tops Ashtabula's to-do list

BY **SHELLEY TERRY**
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ASHTABULA — Improvements at the city's 11 parks ranked high on City Manager Jim Timonere's 2017 priority list, but at the top of the agenda was completing work at the wastewater treatment plant.

The city is wrapping up an \$8 million improvement project at the city's plant, upgrading operations while maintaining compliance with the Ohio Environmental Protection

Agency's regulations.

The work has gone beyond any quick fixes the city has made in the past, he said.

"We are completing work on the current contracts for our ultra-violet lights system, final tanks, electrical work, primary tanks and will begin bidding work for our digesters," he said. "On top of the current loan we have, we are applying for another \$500,000 from Community Development Block Grant's Water and Sewer Grant Funds, which we can

use the loan proceeds as match."

The original wastewater treatment plant was built in 1925 and in need of many repairs, he said. The primary tanks were added in 1950, and the two final tanks in 1970.

City employees did the best they could to keep it going, but eventually, it had to have a complete overhaul, he said.

Last year, the city applied for a loan through the Ohio EPA to pay for the project, which includes a \$183,000

digester project, \$223,000 for a primary tank rehabilitation and \$225,000 for construction and inspection.

The city is tackling a critical need right now — the ultra-violet lights which will allow the city to stop using chlorine gas. This is a safety issue as well, he said.

City officials are confident they can pay back the \$8 million loan because other loan payments expired last year and will expire

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this year, City Finance Director Dana Pinkert said.

The city also received a \$500,000 matching Community Development grant for further repairs and replacements.

ASHTABULA HARBOR

Throughout recent years, the city has spent considerable time and money improving the Ashtabula Harbor, with its lighthouse, unique shops, brick streets and top-rated restaurants. Many folks who vacation along Lake Erie stop at Point Park for its panoramic view of

the harbor, shipping docks and lift bridge.

Last year, new stairs leading from Point Park on Walnut Boulevard were part of Phase 2 of the Ashtabula Harbor Streetscape program.

Phase 1 provided new sidewalks and a parking lot on Bridge Street in 2015. "We have much to offer in the city and we need to capture our share of the tourism dollars in the county," he said. "The success of the 2017 Beach Glass Festival and the return of the Wine and Walleye Festival to Bridge Street this year will again put the focus on the city and we will do our best to show visitors to our

community all we have to offer."

In June, the Ashtabula Downtown Development Association (ADDA) decorated Main Avenue in downtown Ashtabula with large flower pots filled with colorful flowers.

They also added 10 new black steel benches outside Main Avenue storefronts, thanks to private donations and a \$30,000 grant to the ADDA from the Civic Development Association (CDC).

City Council President Josephine Misener, who also serves as ADDA president, said she was pleased with the outcome.

Misener and her committee, as well as city workers and employees from Middle Ridge Gardens of Madison worked a full day unloading planters and flowers and then planting the flowers.

For the past 10 years, the ADDA has beautified Main Avenue with displays of flowers; but this year, the group stepped it up a notch with 35 larger flower pots.

"We plan to continue to work with the merchants and the ADDA to bring positive changes to Main Avenue like we have seen on Bridge Street," Timonere said.

The ADDA was one of 14 organizations that received grants as part of the CDC's 2015 Placemaking Campaign. Carol Johnson, chairman of the ADDA's design committee, prepared the grant application. "We are very appreciative of the grant because this is a matter of public appearance; these are things people will see,"

Misener said. "It is my hope, with the addition of the new planters, flowers, benches and whirligigs, we can create places downtown where people will want to come and spend time."

Unfortunately, the gravely deteriorated Carlisle's building continues to be the eyesore of downtown Ashtabula.

The building, which was once a thriving downtown department store and restaurant, was forfeited to the state last year, making the county auditor its agent, said Dennis DeCamillo, deputy auditor.

In May, U.S. EPA officials spent three days examining the building, taking samples of the air and building. They found a lot of asbestos and warned no one should be inside the building without respirators and hazmat suits, DeCamillo said.

Timonere initiated the evaluation with hopes the EPA will help

the city demolish the building.

"We are waiting for the final report from the U.S. EPA so we can plan for the next steps," Timonere said. "We know the building needs to come down. How and with what funds is the big question."

PARKS AND PAVING

The city is in the midst of a \$400,000 summer paving project. Eight to 10 streets and all of the alleys will be paved this year, Timonere said.

The city also will focus on its 11 parks in 2017, thanks to a parks levy passed by voters in May.

"This allowed us to dedicate staff to the parks and set funds aside for capital improvements and some equipment purchases," Timonere said. "It is so nice to see so many groups and citizens lending a hand with clean-up days and wanting to be active and involved in our parks."

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Trustees: Ashtabula Township booming with business

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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ASHTABULA TOWNSHIP — Ashtabula Township trustees are looking forward to the opening of a new lube shop on Route 20 and welcoming more economic development before the arrival of 2018.

So far this year, the township has seen additions to the strip mall just east of Wal-Mart, a road linking Wal-Mart to the mall and more stores moving into the Ashtabula Towne Square, including a new outlet store and two additions to the food court.

But the biggest news is University Hospitals Ashtabula Health Care and UH Ashtabula Urgent Care moving into the Ashtabula Towne Square mall June 1.

They moved from the Ashtabula Plaza on Lake Avenue to the mall, 3315 N. Ridge Road E. (Route 20), in the former Sears space, said Jason Glowczewski, chief operating

officer for UH Conneaut and Geneva Medical Centers.

The new location gives them more space while offering the community convenient access as well as plenty of parking, according to local developer Ken Kister, one of the mall's owners.

Stephen McClure, Ashtabula Township trustee chairman, said finding new uses for the mall has been one of the trustees' goals for several years.

"As a trustee I will continue to develop our commercial corridor, which will provide economic development, albeit small, medium or large for our township," McClure said.

The construction of the new Erie Bank, a division of CNB Bank, at 3606 State Road, wrapped up in February and serves as a good example of successful economic development for the township. The \$2 million new location employs eight local people.

Township Trustee Joe

Pete said economic development is his main goal for the remainder of 2017.

"Progress has been made on the Route 20 corridor," he said. "Adding more factory jobs paying good wages and more business are a priority of mine."

Pete would like to see more senior housing, such as apartments or condos, in the township. "They are well needed," he said.

McClure said he also would like to see new condominium projects in the township, which would ultimately increase the tax base while keeping existing residents and attracting new ones to the township.

McClure said the trustees will continue sound zoning and planning practices to protect the township's neighborhoods, which are continually enhanced by road paving projects. He also wants to see the continued development of the industrial corridor, as well as the commercial

corridor.

The newest development in the township comes from Jerrod Dixon, of Reserve Holdings LLC, who requested a zoning change on Fargo Drive in order to build 70 storage units. The units will be a tan and burgundy color, and there will be no outside storage, said Bambi Paulchel, vice chair of the board.

The property doesn't have access to water, sewer or electricity, making storage units a perfect fit, McClure said.

USA Management, the owner of the five-unit plaza on Metcalf Drive, is building a new, 10,000-square foot plaza just north of Steak and Shake.

All in all, the trustees believe Ashtabula Township is booming.

"I expect to see more excitement in the coming year," Pete said. "Ashtabula Township continues to be a great place to live and work."

MAINTENANCE

Pete said the town-

ship is working on cleaning up derelict properties, as well as mowing vacant lots.

In addition, the township's three large cemeteries also need attention this year, he said, noting the cemeteries are home to more than 80,000 graves.

"The cemeteries need new and improved water lines to provide water throughout," he said.

McClure and Paulchel said they are proud of the way the township keeps up its properties.

LEVIES

Voters in the township will be asked to renew a community policing agreement with the Ashtabula County Sheriff's Department, as well as a renewable levy for roads and bridges.

The three year, 1-mill policing agreement levy first passed in 2010 and then again in 2014.

The policing agreement will ensure that a sheriff's deputy and cruiser will be in the township at all times.

While the department does not have the manpower to conduct routine investigations, the deputy assigned to the township will take on that duty as well, when not responding to calls.

The cost of the service is about \$150,000 annually, with the county providing the cruiser and the township paying for the salaries and benefits of the officers.

If again approved by voters, it will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$30 per year, township officials said.

Voters also will be asked to renew a five-year, 0.5-mill road and bridge levy, come November.

If approved, it will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$15 per year, said Jeff Bond, road superintendent.

"The road and bridge levy is something the road department counts on," he said. "It's used for everything to do with the streets."

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Name

Mary Lisbeth Church

Age

35

Immediate family

Husband Bob and sons Vinny, Nico and baby boy No. 3 due in September

Job

Assistant Director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Ashtabula

Civic organizations

Senior Center (Ashtabula County Council on Aging) board member; Lift Bridge Community Association member

Why did you choose this area?

I was born and raised in Ashtabula. After living out of town for a few years I missed the unique small town experience that Ashtabula offers and I couldn't imagine starting a family and raising my kids any where else.

Why are you invested in the community?

Aside from my job, I feel I have a parental duty to do what I can to make this community the best place possible for my kids. I wish everyone could look past all of the negatives about our community to see and appreciate all of the progress that has been made in Ashtabula. I am invested in this community because I believe in this community.

As a young leader, what do



Mary Church

you bring to the table that can make a lasting difference? Still being relatively young, I believe I bring to the table a good mix of the millennial views while staying practical on what will “work” for the city. Sometimes change is good and I am not afraid to be the voice in support of something a little outside of the box. I try to keep in open mind, welcoming new development and ideas for the area that could interest younger generations in hopes that they'll want to make Ashtabula their home.

What direction do you see for the future of the community?

I see the community moving in a very positive direction. The Harbor has made enormous strides in economic growth and development and I see the same things sparking on Main Avenue. Working for the city has given me the opportunity to participate in projects that have been transformative for the city and I am excited to see what is still to come.

Tell us something fun or unexpected about yourself.

I love boating and have learned to love camping, both of which my husband and I do with our boys.

Paving, new snowplow top Saybrook's agenda

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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SAYBROOK TOWNSHIP — Saybrook Township trustees are looking forward to paving several streets, updating zoning and replacing a 19-year-old snow plow.

Last year, the trustees paved a long road — New London Road — which took about all of the money budgeted for paving. This summer, they will spend the \$150,000 on repaving Douglas Road, Linwood Drive, Shepard Road, Dunbar Avenue and West 59th Street. If there's any money left, they will pave Sanborn Road. If there's not enough money, they will spot patch it.

“We are being conservative with our budget to save up money for 2018 paving,” said Norm Jepson, trustees chairman.

Trustee Bob Brobst said all of the roads in the township are paved.

“We are always maintaining roads, filling in cracks,” he said. “The tar machine adds three to four years to a road's life expectancy.”

The township rents the tar machine, which costs anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000, and uses its own workers to run it.

“Why own if you can rent once a year?” Brobst said. “Paved roads do better in the winter.”

The township also has cut down on its use of salt because of known environ-

mental hazards, he said.

The trustees also are upgrading equipment in the road department, budgeting a new two-and-a-half ton snow plow truck for \$150,000.

The previous snow plow truck lasted 19 years, Brobst said.

“We try to maintain our equipment,” Jepson said.

Trustee Gloria Baum has a full plate for the remainder of the year, updating the township's zoning text. The last time it was done was 1987, she said.

“It's a major project that involves the planning and zoning commission and the county prosecutor,” she said.

Baum started the work last year and foresees it taking even more time this year. One of the township's problem zoning areas is along Lake Road, where people are remodeling summer cottages and making them year-round homes, she said.

The township administrative office is updating its accounting system with Universal Accounting Network (UAN). The program aids office staff with payroll. In addition, it means cross-training employees to do different jobs.

“For example, Gloria (Baum) can step in and do payroll if someone is off,” Jepson said.

Baum, who has office experience, said she enjoys helping out.

In May, the trustees

worked together on the township's clean-up days, planted flowers outside the administrative offices and did not replace an employee who retired this year — all in an effort to tighten the township's purse strings.

“The three of us work well together,” Baum said. “That's important; there is no in-house fighting.”

Jepson said it makes it easier to solve problems.

On the trustees' “completed list” is the construction of a salt storage building.

In the past, the township never had adequate building to store salt for the roads in the wintertime, Brobst said.

Last year, A-Tech students studying carpentry, masonry and construction began work and poured a concrete pad for the barn-like structure across from the township's administrative offices at 7247 Route 45. When students returned to school, they finished the job in early May.

The structure holds more than 850 tons of salt and only cost the township about \$10,000.

“We got a building and we saved a lot of money,” Brobst said. “I learned as much as the kids learned — and we learned a lot.”

On the business side, the township trustees said they are happy with the new

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Penny Bowers-Schebal is the owner of Formality reSale located on Lake Avenue in Ashtabula.

New business' motto: "Every bride deserves to be stunning"

BY SHELLEY TERRY

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ASHTABULA — For local brides-to-be, finding the perfect dress is usually a top priority.

But with brides spending an average of \$1,100 on wedding dresses in 2016 — and

thousands more if they want a designer label — what they want and what they get might not match up, said Penny Bowers-Schebal, owner of Formality reSale, 527 Lake Ave. in the Ashtabula harbor.

With that in mind, Bowers-Schebal recent-

ly opened a resale shop carrying new, discontinued or sample wedding dresses sizes 0-22. The average price is \$225.

"Every bride deserves to be stunning without spending a fortune," she said. "It's outrageous that a bride has to spend so much mon-

ey on a gown."

While creating her business plan, Bowers-Schebal dreamed of opening a bridal store that gives customers the feeling of "a Manhattan boutique; much different than the

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Saybrook Township Trustees (from left) Norman Jepson, Robert Brobst and Gloria Baum listen to a presentation during a recent trustee meeting.

SAYBROOK: Paving, snowplow top agenda

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NAPA auto parts store on the site of Kentucky Fried Chicken on Route 20, across from Sanborn Road. The new \$8.7 million Alzheimer's facility, The Lantern of Saybrook, at 3720 N. Ridge W. (the former Dahlkemper's store), is gaining residents. The more residents, the more employees, which is good for the township, Brobst said.

And, there's more good news — the county engineer is working with CSX railroad with plans to fix the bumpy,

uneven railroad tracks on North Bend Road. They plan to re-do 50 feet on each side of the tracks.

The township officials also are looking forward to the state resurfacing Route 84 starting in Harpersfield Township, going east through Geneva, Saybrook and Ashtabula townships.

The Ohio Department of Transportation hopes to finish the project this summer.

"North Bend Road and Route 84 are county roads, but they are in Saybrook," Brobst said.



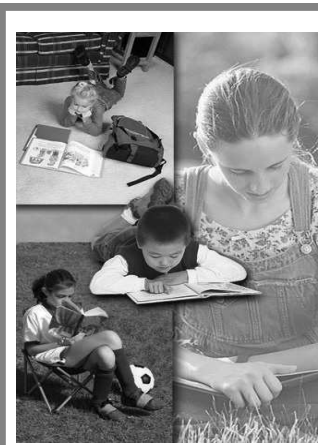
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Richard Morrison, (left), CEO of Molded Fiberglass Glass Companies.



A new Corvette is on display in the lobby of Molded Fiberglass in Ashtabula in tribute to the company's beginnings when, in 1953, the late Robert S. Morrison, convinced General Motors to build all the Corvette's parts out of fiberglass.

Molded Fiber Glass celebrates years in community

BY SHELLEY TERRY
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ASHTABULA
— There's one story Richard Morrison likes to tell — how the Corvette changed his family's life.

Morrison joined Molded Fiber Glass Companies in 1968 and in 1987 became CEO, succeeding his father and the company's founder, Robert S. Morrison. The family-owned MFG, headquartered in Ashtabula, is a molder of fiber reinforced plastic composite products and has been in business for about 70 years.

During Richard Morrison's 49-year tenure, MFG expanded to 13

manufacturing plants in North America and Mexico.

In addition to the manufacturing plants, they also have a research, development and testing laboratory in Ashtabula, a dedicated engineering services group in Portland, Oregon and a wind blade service center in Gainesville, Texas.

But the story of MFG began in 1953 when General Motors unveiled the Chevrolet Corvette. Richard Morrison's father, Robert S. Morrison, traveled to Detroit to convince General Motors to build all the parts out of fiberglass.

He was discouraged when GM announced

it decided to construct the Corvette out of steel.

Not long after, in the middle of the night, a phone call woke the entire family.

"(My father) assembled everyone in the kitchen where a big bottle of port was on the table," said Morrison, who was 9 at the time and didn't know what to make of the commotion. "He gets these little glasses and fills them with port."

When everyone had a glass for a toast, his father said, "Here's to the Corvette!"

The phone call was from General Motors. They had changed their decision to fiberglass and chose MFG to

produce the vehicle's body parts. From 1953 to 1970, MFG's main business was making parts for the Corvette and other automotive applications.

"My dad was a true entrepreneur," Morrison said.

Today, MFG is one of the largest employers in Ashtabula.

Though MFG is best known as the original manufacturer of the iconic Corvette, Morrison said the company's product line has expanded and now includes car and truck components, material handling trays, wind turbine components, HVAC parts, architectural products and more.

MFG maintains a 2,200 member workforce at 13 North American locations, with headquarters in Ashtabula.

The company had to resort to layoffs in 2008-09, during the Great Recession, but rebounded in 2014 to experience its most profitable year ever, culminating with MFG Composite Systems Company being named a General Motors 2014 Supplier of the Year.

The company did, however, announce last week it would temporarily lay off 52 full-time employees coinciding with the temporary shutdown for improvements at the General Motors Corvette assem-

bly plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. All employees are expected back to work by January.

The company is owned by about 20 shareholders and, in most cases, the board has unanimous approval and can work out any differences of opinion, Morrison said.

"We think it's a good thing for Ashtabula, we've invested heavily in the facility here," he said. "We're here to stay win, lose or draw."

REINVENTING MFG

Several years ago, soaring energy costs put Ashtabula County in a great position

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CELEBRATES: 'It's about past and present men and women at MFG'

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to take advantage of increased interest in renewable energy, according to Morrison.

In 2008, while speaking to a room full of business and community leaders, Morrison spoke of renewable energy and how MFG had to reinvent itself to take advantage of current business opportunities.

"Energy has to be a top priority for the United States and the world," he said. "Countries that control energy will have power. Wind energy is growing and Ashtabula County's plentiful farmland and

proximity to Lake Erie can be exploited for wind farms and growing corn for ethanol production, making it an important player in renewable energy."

There now are opportunities for manufacturers to produce wind-generating turbines, Morrison said.

MFG is now producing wind-turbine components at plants in Texas, South Dakota and Alabama. The South Dakota plant manufactures blades for one of the most widely used turbines in the world. The plants in Texas and Alabama produce wind turbine spinners and nacelles.

"It takes 600 man-hours to make one blade," he said. "These are very large pieces of equipment. The blades are just like an airplane (propeller) blade."

MFG does not stop at producing the blades; the company also has WGT service businesses in Kansas and Texas.

Once the turbines are operational, they need to be maintained, Morrison said.

MFG anticipates one-third of the company's 2017 gross sales to be from wind energy, as compared to 1999, when trucks made up 58 percent of sales. And, best of all, according to Morrison, these

plants produce American jobs.

Greg Myers, executive director of the Growth Partnership for Ashtabula County, said MFG is a huge asset to the county and a great success story.

"It's hard to minimize MFG's importance to the local economy and the jobs they have created," he said. "When a company makes it for 70 years, you make sure you do all you can to make them stay in Ashtabula County."

Many of the interconnected plastics and rubber materials industries, as well as landscaping busi-

nesses and machine shops in Ashtabula can trace their path to the groundwork laid by MFG, he said.

He also noted the Robert S. Morrison Foundation's generous donations to local projects, including \$500,000 in 2006 to Kent State Ashtabula Foundation for its new Health and Science Building.

The Richard S. Morrison Foundation has made donations to Ashtabula Little League to assist with the new arch at Cederquist Park, a new cardiac treadmill for Ashtabula County Medical Center and the Ashtabula Down-

town Development Association towards the Ashtabula Streetscape Project.

ACCOLADES

Three years ago, Richard Morrison was recognized for his achievements when he was inducted into the Northeast Ohio Business Hall of Fame.

"I was honored and pleased. And it's not just about me, it's about past and present men and women at MFG," he said, adding he was grateful to be recognized in a Hall of Fame that included "very, very accomplished men and women."

MOTTO: Resale shop carries new, discontinued or sample wedding dresses

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standard retail chain stores," she said.

"It's a chance for a woman to say yes to the dress for a whole lot less," she said.

She made her dream come true by furnishing her 1,500-square-foot store with a white chandelier, sleek black leather sofa, a large black and white carpet covering a small portion of the shop's hardwood stores.

There are white lights, candles, topiaries, jewelry boxes draped with pearls and rhinestones and wardrobes featuring sparkly shoes. There's even a pedestal for customers to stand on and say, "yes to the dress," she said.

The bridal boutique also offers high-end black cocktail dresses — some long, some short, sizes 2-24.

"Every woman is going to need a bridal gown and a black dress in her life," she said. "Customers also can rent wraps and flower girl dresses, saving more money."

In addition, there are new and once-used, high-end, high-heel shoes for sale, sizes 5.5 and up, she said.

If a customer comes in once and doesn't find what she's looking for, Bowers-Schebal encourages them to come back. "Everything constantly changes," she said. "We opened the beginning of June and we have had several brides-to-bes come in, includ-

ing one from Zanesville."

Formality reSale is not a consignment shop, but rather, Bowers-Schebal acquires her stock from "really good sources," she said. She also works with a local, experienced seamstress for any needed alterations, she said.

When Bowers-Schebal is not at the bridal boutique, she and her husband, Alex Schebal, are working on their farm in Austinburg, where they have a variety of pets, including a rabbit, a dog and three cats.

Formality reSale is open noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday; noon to 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday for walk-ins, or call for a private appointment.



Penny Bowers-Schebal is the owner of Formality reSale located on Lake Avenue in Ashtabula.

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