

SAINT PARIS QUARTERLY



September 2026 | Fall Edition

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pony Wagon Days:** Sep. 10-13; **Parade:** Sep. 10 @ 6pm
- **JSP Chili Supper:** Sep. 10 @ 5pm
- **GHS Homecoming Game:** Oct. 2 @ 7pm
- **JSP Breakfast:** Oct. 3 @ 8am
- **Spooktacular Day in St. Paris:** Oct. 25 @ 12pm
- **St. Paris Trick or Treat:** Oct. 31 @ 6pm
- **Summer Meters Due:** November 1, 2026
- **Christmas in the Village:** December 5



Thornton Memorial Park Ribbon Cutting
Photo by HM Photography

VILLAGE DEDICATES THORNTON MEMORIAL PARK

The St. Paris community gathered Sunday, August 23, for the dedication of Thornton Memorial Park, honoring the lasting impact of Dale and Michael Thornton on the community.

The afternoon included the unveiling of the park's commemorative plaque, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, personal reflections, and the dedication of Brock's Borrowed Books. Family, friends, and community members came together to share memories, stories, smiles, and plenty of laughter.

The gathering reflected the impact Michael had on those around him and the continued contributions Dale has made to the St. Paris community. Their example is seen in the way they have treated others, supported their community, and simply shown up when they were needed.

Thornton Memorial Park will provide a lasting place for remembrance, friendship, and community, while honoring the lives and contributions that helped make it possible.

"The future of every community lies in capturing the passion, imagination, and resources of its people." –

Ernesto Sirolli

OLD SOULS FARMS CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING

A new chapter of growth for St. Paris began as Old Souls Farms broke ground on its expanded operations at West Champaign Commerce Park. The project is expected to bring about 90 employees to the site each day and will support the company's continued growth in the years ahead. Village officials and community partners joined the Snyder family for the groundbreaking and celebration of the investment in St. Paris. Mayor Anthony Whitman noted the potential for the project to make a lasting difference, saying, "I see this as an industrial park that will help St. Paris grow". The Village is pleased to welcome this investment and looks forward to seeing the opportunities it brings to the community.

45TH ANNUAL PONY WAGON DAYS FESTIVAL

St. Paris will celebrate the 45th annual Pony Wagon Days Festival from Thursday, September 10, through Saturday, September 12, 2026. This longtime tradition celebrates the history of the Walborn-Riker pony wagons and the heritage of St. Paris.



*Old Souls Farm Breaks Ground
Photo by Andy Grimm Photography*

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Be sure to check our **village calendar**
for more events and information.

The festival will feature the JSP Fire Association Chili Supper, parade, basket auction, Farmers Market, Community Breakfast, First Baptist Church Chicken Dinner, Pony Wagon Museum, wagon rides, live entertainment, games, vendors, food trucks, car show, kid-friendly activities, and the introduction and crowning of the Royal Court.

For 45 years, Pony Wagon Days has brought the community together to celebrate local history and enjoy downtown St. Paris. A full schedule of events can be found at www.stparisohio.org/pony-wagon-days.

NEW STOP SIGN

A new stop sign has been installed at the intersection of N. Springfield street and W. Elm street to help slow traffic entering and exiting the village. Please be aware of the new stop sign and use caution when traveling through the intersection.

FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES IN ST. PARIS

St. Paris offers a variety of fitness opportunities Sunday through Thursday, including yoga, Zumba, Senior Balance & Chair Dance, Senior Step, and Chair Yoga. With options for different ages and fitness levels, there's something for everyone. For the full schedule, visit the Village website or call the Village at 937-663-4329 for more information.

FALL LEAF CLEAN UP

The Village will begin leaf pickup in November. Please rake leaves to the curb and keep storm drains clear. Remove all sticks and debris, as these can clog the leaf vacuum and delay cleanup.

Orange bags are available at the Municipal Building, with a limit of five bags per household. If your leaves are not picked up right away, please be patient. Crews may return later in the week.

VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING

The Municipal Building will be closed November 26 and 27 for Thanksgiving. Payments are still due November 28, 2026. Payment can be made through the online portal using your account number and CID number, which can be found on your billing statement or by calling the Municipal Building.

FINAL NOTES

Just a reminder: Please watch for school buses and students, slow down, and stop when buses have flashing red lights and an extended stop arm. Help keep our students safe. Go Falcons!



GHS Dancin' Band from Falconland. Photo by Ohio Picture Post (Nathan Parke)