

# ODOT News



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## Goodbye Winter... Hello Spring!

With the winter season coming to an end, let's take a look back to see some of the great things accomplished...

### Seneca County Roundabout Opening



In September of 2022, Seneca County's first roundabout was completed. It received a lot of praise including, "Thank you to everyone who planned, budgeted, constructed and implemented the new roundabout... Seriously, I love this engineering and am proud to be in a state that delivers this type of safety in roads for us."

### Connecting Kids to Meals



During 2022, District 2 was able to host multiple CCC events for Connecting Kids to Meals, including the pancake breakfast, raising a total of \$2,154.55! To put that into perspective, that comes out to over 8,600 meals for kids!

### Wauseon High School Road Safety Event



ODOT partnered with Wauseon High School to teach young drivers about safe driving with stations teaching about road signs, closures, flagging and more.

### I-75 Major Reconstruction & DiSalle Bridge Replacement



Work for this project began in 2018 and includes widening and reconstructing I-75, reducing the curve between Wales Road and Miami Street; reconfiguring I-75 interchanges with the Anthony Wayne Trail, South Avenue, and Miami Street to enhance safety; and replacing the I-75 (DiSalle Bridge) over the Maumee River. According to Michael Benton, the project is 85% complete.

QR Codes on ODOT Trucks... More on page 4!



# New Hires



**NATHAN  
STRIBRNY**



**JEREMEY  
DURDEL**



**SPENCER  
CONKLIN**



**ANTHONY  
JUHASZ**



**JOSHUA  
DOYLE**

# Congratulations!



Welcome to the world Mayvis Ruth Hoagland! She was born Feb. 24 at 5:48 p.m. weighing 7lbs, 4oz and 20.5 inches in length. Mayvis is the fourth child of Kelsie and Tanner. All are doing well!



Congratulations to Dale Calcamuggio on retirement. "He finally decided to go" on February 23, 2023! Congratulations and happy retirement! We'll miss you!

# DEER SEASON DRIVING TIPS

1. Be careful driving during dusk and dawn.

- Deer are the most active during sunrise and sunset through mating season (Oct.-Dec.).

2. Pay attention to deer crossing signs.

- Deer are more abundant in certain areas, typically forested areas, as marked by signs.

3. Stay alert if you spot a deer.

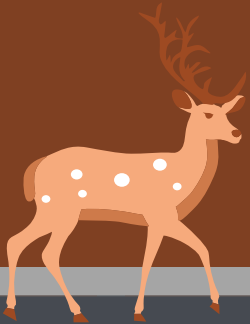
- Deer usually travel in packs, so if you see one, others might be coming.

4. Don't swerve to avoid hitting a deer.

- By swerving, you put yourself at risk for a worse collision with another vehicle or running off road.

5. Brake and honk.

- a. If you see a deer, break calmly and firmly, stay in your lane and honk your horn one long blast. Honking can actually scare deer off to avoid collision altogether.





# QR Codes on ODOT Trucks

In July of 2022, during the process of performing service on pool cars, Lori Middlebrough and Brian Drewes began working together to incorporate QR codes into make servicing vehicles and equipment more streamlined.

"I kind of came up with the idea of, well, wouldn't it be nice if we could just scan a QR code with an ODOT device or a non ODOT device where anybody that's in the car can just scan it and fill out the form. So that's how I kind of came up with the idea of the QR codes," said Middlebrough.



The QR codes are on most of the door jambs of the trucks in District 2. When you scan the code (which can be done on any mobile device, with or without the ODOT network) a form comes up with spaces for your name, phone number and a description of the issue with the vehicle. Before the QR codes, a paper form was to be filled out and submitted to a secretary, who would then submit it to a mechanic.

"...When you got out of the car you had a problem. You went up to your office. You filled out the form. By then you forgot what car you were in. You know there were some gaps in there that just needed filled, it needed to be easy enough to where you weren't putting somebody out," said Drewes.

Now, once the service request is submitted using the form from the QR code, it goes directly to the appropriate parties, and isn't the driver's concern anymore.



"They've washed their hands of it. They don't ever see it again. I get the email, Robert [Shirey] gets the e-mail and the mechanics get the emails," said Drewes.

**Snow & Ice Equip Inspection**



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## What to Keep in Your Car During Winter

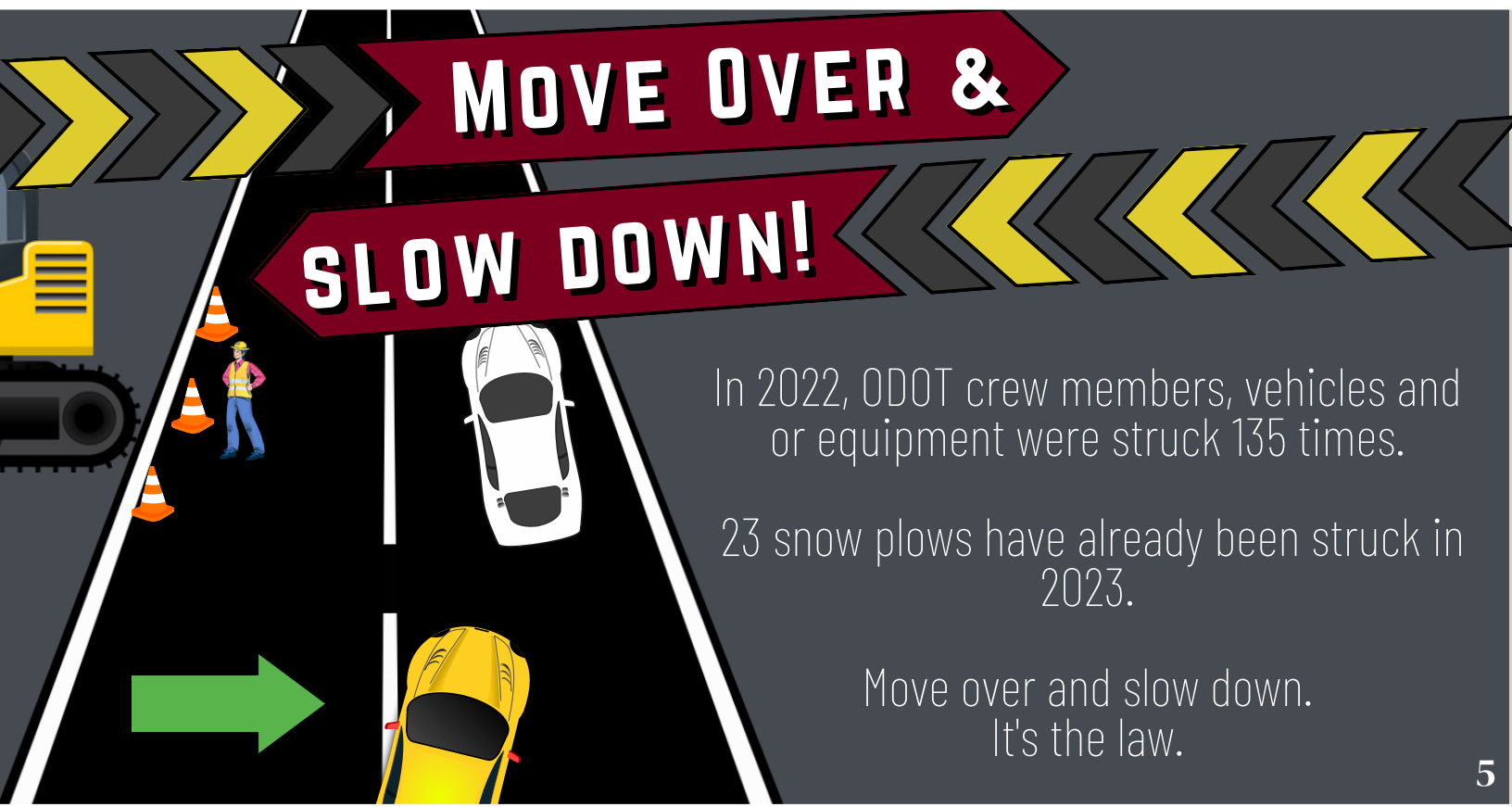


# VIRTUAL ODOT COURSES

Are you interested in taking an ODOT course but don't want to stress about time, money or travel? Check out these FREE virtual classes!

- 1 Intro to DISC:** DISC is a behavior model that focuses on patterns of external, observable behaviors. This training will provide a link to the DISC assessment. After completing the assessment, you will learn more about DISC, your personal DISC style, and how to adapt your DISC style.
- 2 Train the Trainer:** For anyone that teaches, trains, or even does presentations lasting over ½ hour can benefit from this 1 day course. During the morning session learners will discover their Learning Style through an assessment and understand how adult learners learn.
- 3 BOSS:** In this class, you will review the State of Ohio expectations of a supervisor, discuss key administrative aspects of management, learn the most common mistakes new managers make, understand the importance of having good communication and coaching skills, the importance of creating SMART goals for developing direct reports, and understanding your role in motivating and engaging your team. (For current managers)
- 4 Intro to Lean:** This class introduces participants to the basic concepts of Lean. Participants will learn how to identify the 8 deadly wastes that cause inefficiencies in processes and how to create better, faster, simpler, and less costly work flows. Students will also get an overview of some tools that can be applied to everyday tasks to get organized, focused and increase productivity.

If interested, please reach out to Jessica Bidinger  
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In 2022, ODOT crew members, vehicles and or equipment were struck 135 times.

23 snow plows have already been struck in 2023.

Move over and slow down.  
It's the law.

# LCEO Awarded Federal Grants for Three News Roundabouts in 2028

Jan. 19 2023, the Office of the Lucas County Engineer published a press release reading:

The Lucas County Engineer's Office has been awarded federal grants for the construction of three new roundabouts in Lucas County in 2028.

Part of the County Engineer's Association of Ohio's Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), the goal is to fund projects that significantly reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries on all public roadways. It requires a data-driven, strategic approach to planning safety improvements that correct or improve an identified road, intersection or bridge. These can include a road improvement, reconfiguration or relocation, widening, road safety tools like rumble strips and skid-resistant surfaces, installation of a traffic calming feature and more. The grant does have a matching requirement with an 80/20 ratio; 80 percent of the total cost comes from federal funds and 20 percent from the local agency.

"As a result of additional funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Governor DeWine's priority on highway safety, we are pleased to receive funding for another three roundabouts in Lucas County," Lucas County Engineer Mike Pniewski said.

The three proposed intersections for roundabout construction are E Angola Road and S. Crissey Road in Springfield Township, Bancroft Street and Centennial Road in Sylvania/Springfield Townships and Dutch Road and Anthony Wayne Trail (Old U.S. 24) in Waterville Township.

"These intersection improvements will improve traffic flow while improving safety for the citizens of Lucas County," Pniewski added. "We are proud in continuing to be successful in receiving these competitive funds to build these safety projects in Lucas County."

After construction of these projects, there will be 41 roundabouts total in Lucas County, outside of the city of Toledo.

For updates on this project and more, follow us on Facebook and Twitter at Lucas County Engineer's Office. If you have any questions, call our office at 419-213-2860.



# HOW MUCH SALT DOES ODOT REALLY USE TO TREAT THE ROADS?

During the winter season, ODOT uses an average of 600,000 tons of salt to treat the roads. In addition to standard rock salt, ODOT also uses treated salt- a mixture of rock salt and corrosion-inhibited chloride that is designed to be more effective when treating the roads. In District 2 alone, an average of 7000 tons of salt is used. For reference, 7000 tons of salt is equivalent to...



**2,333,333**

gallons of gas



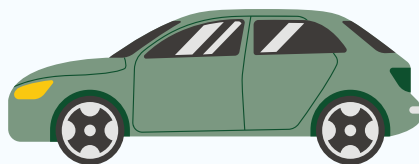
**280,000**

50 pound car tires



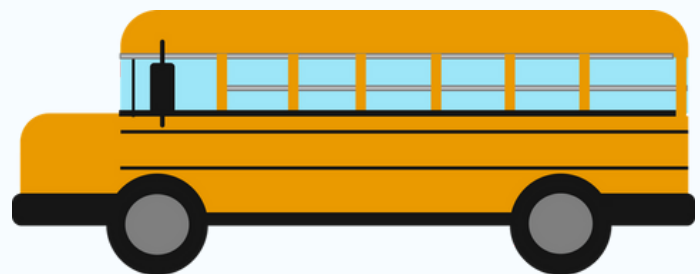
**20,000**

700 pound snowplow blades



**3,420**

4,100 pound cars



**933**

15,000 pound school buses!



# TRANSPORTATION OFFICE RENOVATIONS



THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE  
IS CURRENTLY BEING RENOVATED  
AND WILL BE COMPLETE IN APRIL  
2023. HERE'S A LOOK AT THE  
PROGRESS SO FAR...

**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**



**COMING SOON!**



# Lucas County YMCA Visit



**YMCA kids ages 4-5 came to visit the Lucas County garage. They learned about semi trucks, excavators, dump trucks and more. The kids even got to climb in the excavator and skid scraper! And after they discovered the horn in the excavator, it was an immediate favorite.**

