



Geauga County Department of Emergency Services

Good day, Township Officials,

Geauga County Department of Emergency Services (DES) is writing to you about SITUATIONAL AWARENESS regarding April 8, 2024, "The Great North American Solar Eclipse".

DES, over the last several months, has been determining the interest and planned activities that may occur in Geauga County during the eclipse.

We are sure this list is not the total of all activities planned. Here are some highlights of what we have learned:

- Estimated population influx into Geauga County is 195,000
- Geauga Parks is hosting an event at Great Geauga County Fairgrounds, estimated attendance 6,000 - 8,000.
- Thompson KOA is booked
- Berkshire Local Schools are closed for the day
- The city of Chardon is hosting Eclipse on the Square
- Four Libraries are hosting viewing watches

Emergency management learned from the 2017 partial eclipse experience that there were great difficulties managing the mass influx and departure of the populous.

The County's GIS Department created a "Hub Link" encompassing all the events in the county that we know about.

Hub Link : <https://geauga-county-eclipse-events-geauga.hub.arcgis.com/>

Below are other helpful links regarding the solar eclipse:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4b012c3f1395478a9ac7d7bf2fd80497>

<https://ema.ohio.gov/media-publications/ohio-total-solar-eclipse>

<https://geaugaparkdistrict.org/activity/special-events-art-shows/>

<https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/see-the-sights/solar-eclipse-2024/solar-eclipse-2024>

<https://www.chardon.cc/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=232>

It's never too late to start preparing for the influx of people that events like this may bring. You should also expect people to visit your township parks and community centers to view the Solar Eclipse.

We're providing you this situational briefing so you may make informed decisions on operations during the days of April 6th – April 9th.

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