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Environmental concerns raised about Intel project

Chip maker, it's data centers under scrutiny

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After an hour and a half of discussion by three presenters about the impact of the Intel project and data centers being built in western Licking County, questions came rapid-fire from the more than 40 people attending a town hall meeting 3 miles from the Intel campus. What chemicals does the company

use or emit? Could they get into the air and water? How dangerous are they? Could they explode?

The biggest concern right now, said presenter Madhumita Dutta, an assistant professor of geography at Ohio State University, is the unknown.

"It's not so much that they will explode, but that we can't see them," she told the audience at the Mary Babcock Public Library in Johnstown, which was the site of an informational town hall meeting hosted Aug. 13 by Policy Matters Ohio and the grassroots Clean Air & Water for Alexandria and St. Albans Township.

By "can't see them," Dutta was referring to agreements by government officials and agencies — including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — to shield the specific details about the chemicals used in computer-chip manufacturing from public view based on corporate concerns about revealing trade secrets.

Intel announced in January 2022 that it would come to Ohio. It is now building what it said would be a \$28-billion computer-chip manufacturing campus on former Licking County

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Re-enactors fire a canon during a special 'Civil War School Days' event for school-aged children on Sept. 15, 2023, in Zoar. ANDREW DOLPH/TIMES-REPORTER

Zoar's epic reenactment weekend is Sept. 20-21

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ZOAR — Ohio's largest Civil War re-enactment returns to Historic Zoar Village Sept. 20-21.

According to a community announcement, the event will feature a recreation of the Battle of Appomattox, marking the 23rd anniversary of the Zoar Civil War event and the 160th anniversary of the battle itself. The Battle of Appomattox, fought on April 9, 1865, was a pivotal moment in the Civil War, leading to General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses S. Grant and the Union troops.

"The Battle of Appomattox was a key battle that led to the end of the Civil War," Tammi Shrum, site director, said

in the announcement. "This highly anticipated reenactment will be the perfect event for history enthusiasts and families looking for a fun, educational day out."

The event is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 20, with a surrender ceremony planned for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 21.

Special demonstrations to bring history to life

Visitors can expect a variety of activities, including an artillery night fire on Saturday night and a historical ball with food provided by the Anvil Tavern. Special demonstrations and reenactors will be stationed throughout the village, including Camp Chase display, New York Herald reporter, Spring Hill Historic Site, National Museum of Civil War

Medicine Traveling Exhibit, Abraham Lincoln, Harriet Tubman and more.

Programming for area schools will take place 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 19 during Historic Zoar Village's Civil War School Day.

Tickets are \$12 for adults and free for children 12 and under. All proceeds go toward the preservation and educational efforts of Historic Zoar Village.

Both reenactor registration and pre-event ticket sales are available on historiczoarvillage.com.

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County homes sold for more recently

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Newly released data from Realtor.com for May shows that potential buyers and sellers in Tuscarawas County saw higher home sale prices than the previous month's median of \$186,191.

The median home sold for \$217,500, an analysis of data from Realtor.com shows. That means May, the most recent month for which figures are available, was up 16.8% from April.

Compared to May 2024, the median home sales price was up 26.1% compared to \$172,500.

Realtor.com sources sales data from real estate deeds, resulting in a few months' delay in the data. The statistics don't include homes currently listed for sale and aren't directly comparable to listings data.

Information on your local housing market, along with other useful community data, is available at data.dispatch.com.

Here is a breakdown on median sale prices:

- Looking only at single-family homes, the \$210,000 median selling price in Tuscarawas County was up 13.5% in May from \$185,000 the month prior. Since May 2024, the sales price of single-family homes was up 25.1% from a median of \$167,810. No single-family homes sold for \$1 million or more during the month.
- Condominiums and townhomes increased by 2.8% in sales price during

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