

Community Connection

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Special Points of Interest:

- Don't forget to keep the sidewalks clear from snow and debris.
- 2012 income taxes are due and payable to RITA by Monday, April 15. Call 1-800-860-7482 or visit www.ritaohio.com for more information or to e-file your taxes.
- Renter Occupancy Form is due by January 31, 2013.
- Ottawa Police Department will be ready to inspect golf carts by March 1st
- Information on the Adopt-a-Tree program available in Clerk's Office



MAYOR'S UPDATE



CDBG – OPWC – ODOT –
ODOD – FEMA – LGIF –
RLF – HMGP – ODOPS –
FDFRG – PSIC – OEMA
CEDAP – EDA – AFG –
ODNR. Don't ask me what all
those acronyms stand for. Just

What's on the website...

- River Levels
- Current Events
- Council minutes
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- Ordinances
- Pay water/sewer bill
- and so much more!



know that they represent agencies from which we have successfully secured grant dollars from over the past eight years. In fact, our Village Administrative Staff has brought in over \$9 million in grant money during that time to help with street improvements, water and sewer replacements, flood mitigation, tree removal, fire training and much more. Many other communities actually pay consulting firms or other agencies to write these grants. We are extremely fortunate to have a very qualified staff to do this work saving the town hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I'm sure you've heard by

now that Jeff Loehrke has left his long time position with the Village to take a job with the Ohio Department of Transportation. I want to once again thank him for all he has done for Ottawa, and wish him the best of luck with his new position. Exactly how we will fill the vacancy has not yet been determined.

As usual, the weather has been unpredictable this winter. Here's a thought that might help you to know that spring is just around the corner...pitchers and catchers are to report to spring training in Arizona on February 10th. GO TRIBE! Until then, stay warm my friends.

—Dean Meyer, Mayor

HEARTLAND TO REPUBLIC. WHY THE CHANGE?

In early December, quotes for refuse and recycling within the Village of Ottawa were received and reviewed by the Recycling Committee in a formal quote process.

The proposal from Heartland included a 9.5% increase over the 2012 rates while the proposal from Republic Service (Republic) was less than ½% increase over 2012. To achieve the best rate for residents, the Committee recommended to Council that the change be made and all residential trash be hauled by Republic.

Republic has also agreed to furnish the roll-off containers presently located at the Municipal Garage, Memorial Park, and the Water Treatment Plant at no charge to the Village. This will provide an approximate savings to the Village of \$2,416 per year. The contract with Republic is for a 2 year period with an option for a third year.

—Jo Deskins, Council Member

Please reference the back page of this communication for contact information and further details about Republic.

FLOOD INSURANCE CHANGES —Deb Bauer, Council Member

Several changes are coming to the rate structure of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). All of these changes are due to a law passed by the U.S. Congress in 2012. Starting January 1, 2013, subsidized flood insurance rates for pre-FIRM non-primary residences in high-risk flood areas will begin to increase by 25% per year until the premium reflects the full rate without subsidy. A pre-FIRM building is one that was built before a community's first flood map became effective and has not been substantially damaged or improved. (Ottawa's first flood map was initiated on February 15, 1979.) A primary residence is a building that will be lived in by the

insured or the insured's spouse for at least 80% of the 365 days following the policy effective date. If the building will be lived in for less than 80% of the policy year, it is considered to be a non-primary residence. Non-primary residences include residential rental properties. Also, keep in mind that only primary residences receive replacement cost coverage on the building.

Starting on August 1, 2013, subsidies will be phased out at 25% per year for commercial properties, severe repetitive loss properties consisting of 1-4 residences, and properties that have incurred flood-related damages where claims payments exceed the fair market

value. New policies written on pre-FIRM buildings due to a sale or deliberate lapse will be issued at full-risk, non-subsidized rates.

Beginning in 2014, FEMA has indicated that premium rates for other properties, including non-subsidized properties, will increase as new or revised flood maps become effective and full-risk rates are phased in for these properties. It is not yet clear how this will be implemented.

As you can see, flood insurance is complicated. The Village of Ottawa is fortunate to have on staff a certified floodplain administrator, Denise Balbaugh. Denise can be reached at the Ottawa Village office 419-523-5020.

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Dean Meyer—Mayor

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Tim Macke, President

Gene Hovest

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RECYCLING GUIDELINES

If you have your trash picked up curbside, Republic Services has recently provided a recycling container to place and store your recyclables for collection day (Thursday or Friday). Set your recycling material at the curb, next to your trash on the regular collection day in your area. It is only necessary to place recyclables at the curb when the container is full. Many times, this can be done "every-other" week. For customer service or assistance please call 1-800-491-1115.

Follow These Simple Steps to Recycle

Collect your GLASS, PLASTIC & METAL recyclables and place them together in your bin.

GLASS

All food and beverage containers made of glass can be recycled, regardless of color. Simply remove the cap, rinse them and place in the bin. No need to remove labels. Please, no herbicide or pesticide containers, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors or ceramics.

PLASTIC

All Food and Beverage containers and other plastics with the #1 thru #7 printed on the bottom can be recycled. Again, please rinse and place in your bin. Motor oil, antifreeze, pesticide and herbicide containers should be placed in your trash when empty.

ALUMINUM AND STEEL CANS

Rinse all metal food and beverage containers and place them in your bin. Removing labels is not required. For added space in your cart, consider cutting tops and bottoms out and flattening the cans.

MILK & FOOD CARTONS

These cartons usually contain milk, cream, gravy and a variety of food items. Rinse all coated cartons and place in recycle bin.

PAPER & JUNK MAIL

We accept white paper items including junk mail, catalogs, magazines and envelopes. Placing in a brown paper bag will keep items from blowing on collection day.

NEWSPAPER AND OLD CORRUGATED CONTAINERS (OCC)

Newspapers should be placed in brown paper bags to contain them from blowing on collection day. Old corrugated containers (OCC) should be cut down to fit in the container. If you're placing it outside the container, after cutting it down into squares, secure with a string or masking tape. OCC or cardboard that is lined with foil, plastic, wax coated, soiled or wet should be included with the trash as these types of materials will contaminate the good paper products.

ITEMS THAT ARE NOT A PART OF THE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Aerosol Cans	Light Bulbs
Batteries	Mirrors
Pyrex	Oil/Paint
Wood	Window panes
Ceramics	Windshields
Crystal	Metal Caps
Tires	Clothing
Glass Doors	Hazardous Chemicals
Contaminated Food Containers	Car and machinery parts
Food Service paper cups and plates	

Note: New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas will cause your collection date to be delayed one day.