

Community Connection

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Special Points of Interest:

- Council meetings—8 pm the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at the Municipal Building
- Reminder: Quarterly tax payments for those who do not withhold Municipal Income Tax at their place of employment are due and payable to RITA.
- E-file your annual municipal income tax return online at www.ritaohio.com
- Open House sponsored by Ohio Department of Agriculture on the treatment of gypsy moths—Wednesday, February 18th between 6 and 8 pm at the Agner Street Fire Station
- Make sure the Utility Department has a current phone number in case of emergency



MAYOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS



It's been another good year for Ottawa in 2014. It was our first full year with the CIC and they were a great help on several projects, including the Putnam Parkway Extension that completed the street and allows traffic to go from SR 109 to SR 15. We developed a Community Reinvestment Program, a CRA, for our community which will encourage development by offering tax incentives for improvements as well as new construction. This program was established with Tim's guidance and the Community Development Committee which is working to steer the direction of growth in the Village.

There has been new construction in many areas of the Village. Trilogy opened their new facility on Putnam Parkway. This is a great looking building and a much needed addition to our community. Industrial Millwright built in the Industrial Park and they continue to make improvements in their office area. Putnam Heritage is progressing on Phase 3 of their project which includes a wing on the north side of their building to match the south wing and Dale's Concrete has put up a building behind Northwest Physical Therapy.

A couple of new safety-service items were purchased in 2014. A much needed ladder truck to replace the 1980 Sutphen was purchased for the fire department, which will help to maintain our ISO rating, and a new cruiser was secured for the police department. We are making progress with flood mitigation and with the help of Representative Lynn Wachtmann and Senator Cliff Hite, the Village was able to secure \$8 million in monies for the lower Blanchard River Flood Project. The Maumee Conservancy Dis-

trict has agreed to take over the project and they will have authority over all political entities involved.

The Public Works Department was very busy this year. About \$500,000 was spent for street repairs and miscellaneous concrete work. They had numerous repairs to water and sewer lines due to breaks, and several big storm sewer projects.

In the Utilities Department we were able to repair and replace several problem water lines. Water tank maintenance was also addressed by entering into a contract with Utility Services. They made improvements to the water treatment system that will help us address the TTHM requirements.

We ordered a camera to help find and fix problem areas in our sewers. Some new technology was used this past year to fix broken sewer lines instead of tearing out the entire street to repair or replace the lines. At the Wastewater Plant, engineering has started on an odor control and screening facility project. This will make a few residents happy when we have the funding to complete the project.

Our volunteer boards have had some projects going on too. The Park Board has some good things happening in the parks with the new entrance sign and the gazebo area. The Rotary Club is working on a restroom upgrade in Memorial Park and the Capital Campaign Committee has talked about helping them with that project. The fundraising project to light Memorial Park continues and I understand it is making some good progress. The Shade Tree Commission is the benefactor of about \$90,000 in grant monies which will be used to purchase and plant 700

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trees which around the Village in 2015. And, the Planning Commission was busy too. We had building permits totaling almost \$3,500,000.

Looking ahead to 2015, we should see continued economic development activity and discussions surrounding the regionalization of our utilities. In closing I'd like to say a big thank you to all of our employees and also to Council for a job well done.

Go Bucks, Titans, Indians and Browns!!!!!!

—Dean Meyer, Mayor



Latest Word on the Gypsy Moth: Learn more at February Open House

A news release from the Ohio Department of Agriculture has recently been received by the Village, outlining their treatment programs aimed at managing the gypsy moth in Ohio. The gypsy moth is a non-native species that has been advancing into Ohio from Pennsylvania and Michigan over the past decade. In its caterpillar stage, it feeds on the leaves of over 300 different tree and shrub species and is especially fond of oak. As these moths grow, they become very “hairy” and develop conspicuous blue and red dots on their backs.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture operates three programs aimed at managing the gypsy moth in Ohio, each one mirroring the three zones defined in a spreading infestation. Fortunately, our area of Ohio is considered to be in an un-infested zone, and therefore the program to be used is a mating disruption treatment.

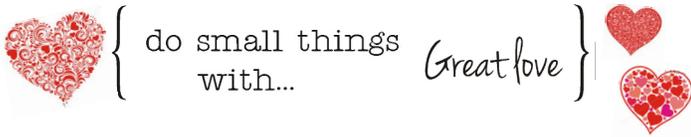
Spray applications typically begin in mid-June, but no definite date or time for spraying any particular county area can be determined in advance. Treatment applications usually take place from early

morning hours to mid-late afternoon, depending on the weather and are applied from planes flying at approximately 100 to 200 feet above treetop level.

There is no cost to residents for the treatment, as the program is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the USDA Forest Service.

For more information or questions related to the treatments, residents are encouraged to contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture Gypsy Moth Program at 614-728-6400, check out their website at <http://agri.ohio.gov/divs/plant/gypsy/gypsy-index.aspx> , OR attend the Open House scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Fire Station , 850 North Agner Street .

Council Member—Jo Deskins



GARDENING ANYONE?

Have you ever wanted to grow a big garden and just don't have the space? How about growing flowers to help beautify the Village? If you are interested in doing something like this, you are in luck. Through the flood mitigation work that has been going on in town, the Village has acquired several lots that are now vacant. (See list to right)

While no permanent structures can be built on these properties, there are many things we can do with them such as planting flowers or gardens, picnic shelters and gazebos; provided there are no walls. The cost to lease one of these lots is one dollar per calendar year. If you are interested in doing something like this, stop in at the Municipal Building to fill out the application and get the process started. You can also pick up a list of what can and can't be done with the vacant lots. Together, we can continue to make Ottawa a great place to live.

Council Member—Dave Michel



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Properties available to lease immediately:

205 E. Second 438 W. Third 442 W. Third

Properties available to begin the lease process:

225 W. Second 229 N. Maple 235 W. Second
 257 N. Maple 258 N. Maple 305 N. Maple
 315 N. Perry 345 W. Third 404 W. Third
 411 W. Second 421 W. Second 457 S. Walnut
 473 S. Oak 517 W. Fourth 529 W. Third
 530-532 W.
 Fourth

Reminder: No snowmobile shall be operated inside the corporation except for emergency travel as designated by the Police Department.