

# Community Connection

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## Special Points of Interest:

- *Summerfest in Memorial Park—June 15th*
- *Information on the Adopt-a-Tree program available in Clerk's Office*
- *The Charter Review Advisory Commission has recommended several changes to the Village Charter. Council will review the proposal and may pass legislation in July to place the changes on the November ballot.*
- *Village employees are working to change out old water meters with new radio read meters!*



Ottawa Memorial Pool 2013

## MAYOR'S UPDATE

We have a lot of street projects going on in the Village of Ottawa again this year. For a list of the streets you can look on our web site at [www.ottawaohio.us](http://www.ottawaohio.us). You will see The Shelly Company in town paving streets as well as Ward's Construction doing concrete work and some street paving. This is the third year of a three year plan to address some of our major street problems. Please be patient as you travel through town while our roads are being upgraded. Thanks and GO TRIBE!!!  
—Dean Meyer, Mayor



Summerfest in the Park will be held Saturday, June 15, 2013 at Ottawa Memorial Park on Locust Street. The event will feature live music, food and beverages. This year's entertainment includes Al Felkey's Mixed Up Band from 5:30-7:30 p.m. followed by the Toledo-area rock band "Johnny Rocker & The Hitmen" from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Admission is free. Food and beverages will be available for purchase

onsite.

Summerfest is a project of the Ottawa-Glandorf Rotary Club. All proceeds benefit improvements the club makes to Ottawa Memorial Park. Past projects have included installation of a new footbridge, creation of a disc golf course and assisting the Village with annual grounds clean-up. For more information, visit [www.ogrotary.org](http://www.ogrotary.org).

## THE "DRINKING WATER NOTICE" & TTHM

Village of Ottawa residents, along with anyone who is provided Ottawa water, have been receiving a "Drinking Water Notice" with the monthly water/sewer bill. These notices provide information on Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and are required by the Ohio EPA. TTHM are formed as a by-product when chlorine used to disinfect the water breaks down. During the third quarter when the temperatures are typically the warmest, the

reading is above the standard level of 0.080 milligrams per liter. With this higher reading averaged into the other three quarters of the year, all readings will be high until one year later when the high reading is averaged out.

The Village of Ottawa has been working on the TTHM levels. A General Plan for TTHM Compliance has been designed by CH2M Hill which proposes a high cost treatment process and results would not be realized until

2015. After negotiating with the Ohio EPA, a more creative solution was agreed upon. The Village will be using a combination of aeration and advanced mixing within the distribution system. A benefit from this process should be seen by the third quarter of 2013.

For further information on TTHM, you may contact the Water Director, Jason Phillips at 419.523.5020.

## MEMORIAL POOL Open May 27 to Aug 4

### Pool Passes

Family of up to 7 = \$130.00  
Individual Pass = \$80.00  
Daily Rate = \$3.00  
Children under 8 must be accompanied by adult, parent or guardian  
Children under 2 will get in FREE every day

### Pool Hours

Mon through Sat 1 to 6 p.m.  
Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.  
The pool will remain open as noted above weather and attendance permitting.

### Swimming Lessons

Call the YMCA at 419-523-5233 for information and registration forms.

### Pool Rental

Call the YMCA at 419-523-5233 for information.

### Shelterhouses

Shelterhouses in Memorial Park and the gazebo in the Waterworks Park are available for a rental fee of \$20.00. Call the Municipal Building at 419-523-5020 for information.

### Park Board Members

Troy Yant—Council Liaison  
Dave Niese—President  
Scott Hershberger  
Brad Leis  
Carol Siebeneck

# First Fridays Showcase Farmers Market & Family Fun!

Grab the kids, grab the camera and come on over to Ottawa First Fridays! These new family-friendly events will be held on the first Fridays of June, August, September and October 2013 in the Main Street parking lot in downtown Ottawa.

The Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce is spearheading the events as a way to showcase the community and the Ottawa Farmers Market and encourage consumers to visit the local business district.

The farmers market will be open during every First Friday, and several different family-friendly activities will also be featured each month along with the market. All activities are FREE and open to the public.

Farmers markets aren't just about produce anymore. Vendors with baked goods and homemade jams, jellies, sauces and honey are welcomed along with those who



grow plants, herbs and flowers and create clothing, accessories, jewelry, greeting cards, garden art, paintings, photography, soaps and lotions. If you make it, you can sell it at the market! This is an inexpensive way to spread the word about your products and the possibilities are endless!

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the Farmers Market can access the vendor registration form online at [www.ottawachamber.org](http://www.ottawachamber.org) or email the Chamber at [ottawa-chamber@earthlink.net](mailto:ottawa-chamber@earthlink.net) or call the office at 419-523-3141.

The June 7<sup>th</sup> First Friday will feature live music, food vendors, a

YMCA Kids Zone, free ice cream cones for children sponsored by Gustwillers Clothing, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Touch-A-Truck event. This is a close-up, hands-on experience with larger than life heavy equipment, farm machinery and service vehicles usually seen from only far away. Children can touch the vehicles, sit in them and learn a little about what they do. About 15 vehicles will be onsite.

Other activities planned for First Fridays on August 2, September 6 and October 4 include dance and cheer performances, a petting zoo, bicycle rodeo, pumpkin carving demonstration and pumpkin painting, sidewalk chalk drawing contest and more.

Some downtown businesses are planning sidewalk sales or other special promotions on First Fridays and some will extend business hours to coincide with activities from 4 to 7 p.m. The Schroeder

*"Then followed that beautiful Season  
...Summer...  
Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light;  
and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."*

*- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

Center For the Arts/Cavern Club Winery is also planning special events on First Fridays featuring themed food, drinks and entertainment.

*—Amy Sealts, Executive Director  
Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce*

## Touch - A - Truck

During "Ottawa First Friday"

June 7, 2013

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

FREE FAMILY FUN!



## SUMMERFEST

Memorial Park

Saturday, June 15, 2013

5:30 pm to 11:30 pm

### Village of Ottawa Officials:

Dean Meyer—Mayor

Council Members

Tim Macke, President

Gene Hovest

Deb Bauer

Dave Beckett

Jo Deskins

Troy Yant

## WALNUT STREET PUMP STATION

The Walnut Street pump station was put into service in 1990 to increase capacity and efficiency of Ottawa's sanitary sewer system. All of the sewage collected in Ottawa goes to this station and gets pumped directly to the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant on N. Defiance Street. In August, 2007, the Walnut Street pump station was flooded, incurring damages of \$1-1.5 million. When FEMA evaluated Ottawa's infrastructure damages, the FEMA specialist reported that the Village had insurance to cover losses at the Walnut Street pump station. To receive FEMA reimbursement for these damages, Ottawa had to engage in expensive litigation and negotiations to prove there was no insurance to cover this incident. In 2011, FEMA approved the damage reimbursement, and the repair process began with a completion date of May, 2013. The repairs included replacement of engines, comminutors, hoists, gates, and electrical components, among

other items.

On January 2, 2013, when the contractor was lifting one of the two comminutors into place, the hoist failed, dropping the comminutor to the ground. The damaged comminutor had been custom made to fit and function in this particular pump station. On May 13, Village Council received information that delivery of the custom-made replacement comminutor is expected on June 10. At that point, construction can proceed, along with electrical and computer software installation. The Walnut Street pump station is expected to be back in service by the end of July, 2013.

Since August, 2007, Ottawa has been using the previous pump station, which has only 25% of the capacity of the damaged pump station. This back-up plan has kept our waste water system working, but your Village officials will rest easier when the main pump station comes back into service.

*—Deb Bauer, Council Member*