

# Community Connection

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## Special Points of Interest:

- Ottawa Memorial Swimming pool opens June 7th!
- Hosting a summer party? Reserve the gazebo or a shelter house for just \$20! Call 419-523-5020 to make a reservation.
- Information on Adopt-a-Tree program available in Clerk's Office.
- Friday, June 6th is the First Friday event in Downtown Ottawa.
- Friday, August 1st - "Little Nashville" will be held in Downtown Ottawa.
- Questions about a tree in the right-of-way? Call the Village @ 419-523-5020

## MAYOR'S UPDATE



So, here we are getting ready for summer! So much is happening around the Village. School will be out and summer vacation in full swing by the time you receive this newsletter. The swimming pool is opening on Saturday, June 7th and Street Project 2014 is underway with approximately \$400,000 budgeted for street repairs.

More news is that the Fire Department located a 2007 vehicle to replace the current 1980 aerial truck. Council approved the purchase at the May 19th meeting. So, we should be seeing a "new" 100' Smeal / Spartan ladder truck in a couple of months to help keep firefighters, residents and property safe in an emergency. Go TRIBE! —Dean Meyer, Mayor

## Pool Opening June 7th for 9 weeks

### 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

Monday through Saturday 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.

## Village of Ottawa Council

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## COMMUNICATION via: [nixle.COM](http://nixle.com)

### Receive up-to-date information affecting the Village of Ottawa by e-mail and text message:

The Village of Ottawa Police Department has been instrumental in setting up a "Nixle" account for the village. This account can be accessed by all residents of the village at no cost, simply by registering and creating a User Name and Password. Emergency information affecting the village or its neighborhoods will be posted by the Ottawa Police on the [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com) web-

site and then forwarded to those residents, who have registered for the service, via email or text or both. Street closures related to repairs, flooding issues, and general emergency information will be posted at the discretion and review of the Ottawa Police Chief. This is very similar to the program available through the Ottawa-Glandorf school district which sends text alerts regarding delays, closures, or changes in athletic events to its residents. Please take a minute to

stay informed, by following the registration steps below.

To register:

- Go to [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)
- Click "Sign Up Free!"
- Create an account by choosing a User Name and Password
- Enter an e-mail address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- Click "Sign Me Up"

Council Member —Jo Deskins

**Email addresses for Council members!**

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**CONTACT INFO**

# Little Nashville

The Ottawa-Glandorf Rotary Club has scheduled an event for August 1, 2014... "Little Nashville!" For the last five years, Summerfest has been held in Memorial Park. This year it will be held downtown and the scene is "Little Nashville." There will be several live entertainers at different venues located along Main Street. At the end of the evening Nashville Crush will perform in a tent at the Municipal Parking Lot. There will be food and beverages available. This is an annual fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting Ottawa Memorial Park. More information will be posted on the Rotary website at ogrotary.org.



# GOLF CARTS

As the temperatures begin to warm we are starting to see more of our residents out and about after a cold and snowy winter. Whether walking, biking, or jogging, we are getting out to enjoy the warmer temperatures. With this comes another type of activity that most residents don't know a whole lot about. A few years ago Ottawa Council approved the use of golf carts on the Village's streets. This is just another way of getting out to meet your neighbors, do a little shopping, or perhaps stop at one of the many eating establishments in town. It's also much easier to parallel park a golf cart than some big SUV! Who knows, you might see some businesses having "golf cart" night instead of Bike Night. We want you to get out of your houses and enjoy YOUR town. The parks are now open, the swimming pool should be open soon, and the fish in the reservoir are ready to be caught. So however you decide to enjoy the weather, just remember that golf carts are allowed!

The ordinance as written is as follows:

### 345.03 OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS .

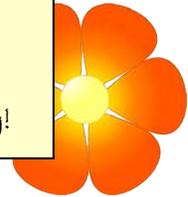
Ord. 12-18. Passed 12-10-12

- (a) While operating a golf cart on the streets within the Village, any owner or operator shall comply with any and all laws pertaining to motor vehicles including, without limitation, safety requirements and insurance requirements.
- (b) While a golf cart is being operated on the streets of the Village of Ottawa, it shall at all times be in compliance with the requirements of the Golf Cart Underspeed Vehicle Inspection Sheet.
- (c) The operator of the golf cart must have a valid driver's license.

# First Fridays Are Back!

First Friday's kick off is on Friday, June 6th in downtown Ottawa from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Come enjoy the Ottawa Farmers Market featuring local produce, baked goods and more! There will be live musical entertainment, food and FREE family activities! First Friday features the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Touch-A-Truck event. Over a dozen pieces of farm equipment and service vehicles will be on site for children to touch, sit on and learn about. Local businesses will also be holding First Friday sidewalk sales and special promotions. For more information contact the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce at 419.523.3141.

There are so many  
beautiful  
reasons to be happy!



- (d) The operator must maintain the golf cart within two feet of the right side curb giving right of way to passing passenger vehicles.
- (e) No person shall operate a golf cart upon any street in the Village where the posted speed limit is greater than 35 miles per hour.
- (f) Except for the purpose of crossing over the street, no person shall operate a golf cart upon that portion of State Route 65 and U.S. 224 located within the Village limits as highlighted on the map of the Village of Ottawa, a copy of which is attached to Ordinance 12-18 as Exhibit "B".
- (g) When driving on State Route 15 and allowable sections of State Route 65 and U.S. 224 , the operator shall exit the highway with right turn only so as not to cross in front of passing passenger vehicles.
- (h) Lap belts shall be properly installed and available with respect to each seating position located on a golf cart . There shall be no more than two seating positions in any row of seating on a golf cart . All persons shall wear lap belts while operating or riding in a moving golf cart on a public roadway.
- (i) The driver of any golf cart shall be responsible for ensuring that all passengers are in compliance with all child restraint laws in effect for motor vehicles.
- (j) Any golf cart approved for operation on the streets of the Village shall have no fewer than four wheels.
- (k) No golf cart shall be operated on any sidewalk, except to cross the sidewalk.

*Council Member —Jeff Ducey*