

Community Connection

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Special Points of Interest:

- May Council meeting dates will be Monday, May 12th and May 19th due to Memorial Day holiday.
- Information on Adopt-a-Tree program available in Clerk's Office.
- 2013 income taxes are due and payable to RITA by April 15.
- Call 1-800-860-7482 or visit www.ritaohio.com for more information or to e-file your taxes.
- Save-the-date! Friday, June 6th is the First Friday event in Downtown Ottawa.



MAYOR'S UPDATE



Is it Spring yet? This winter has been a long one, but we do have some things to look forward to.

The Memorial Park Capital Campaign Committee is working on the priority project which is new lighting for Memorial Field. There is more information on the flip side of the *Community Connection* including a tear off sheet to make donating easier. Help us to restore the tradition of night baseball in Ottawa!

Arbor Day will be April 25th this year. This practice originated in Nebraska City, Nebraska back in 1872. A little history lesson... Julius Sterling Morton was a journalist who wrote and spoke about the environment. He presented a resolution to the State Board of Agriculture "to set aside one day to plant trees, both forest and fruit." So it all started on April 10th, 1872 with the first Arbor Day. Prizes were offered to the county and/or individual who planted the largest number of trees on that day and more than a million were planted in Nebraska that day. Today, the last Friday in April is recog-

nized as Arbor Day and is celebrated in all fifty states.

The Village has initiated a rain barrel program. This program is administered cooperatively by the Village of Ottawa and the Blanchard River Watershed Partnership with support from the Putnam Soil & Water Conservation District. Upon inspection by Village of Ottawa personnel, there will be a one time \$20 rebate offered to Village residents who properly install a rain barrel with a minimum capacity of 40 gallons before October 15th, 2014. Any questions or comments about this program may be directed to: Council President Tim Macke at tmacke@ottawaohio.us or call the Village offices at 419.523.5020. An application is also available on the Village website at www.ottawaohio.us.



And there is always golf to look forward to! Welcome Spring! Go TRIBE!

—Dean Meyer, Mayor

New Contact Info

New email addresses are now available for Council members!

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Dean Meyer—Mayor

Council Members

Tim Macke, President

Gene Hovest

Jo Deskins

Troy Yant

Jeff Ducey

John Salsburey



COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Communication is the key to a business's success. Here in Ottawa we want the residents to feel comfortable contacting our Administration, Mayor, or Village Council members with any issues that they might have. For this reason on the Ottawa Village website, www.ottawaohio.us you will now find it even easier to contact us with any concerns. We have included each Council member's email address if you have a particular question that you would like to ask.

It is very important for us to hear

what is important to you, the taxpayers. Only in this way will we know what we are doing right, and hopefully what we continue to do well. If there is a problem, we also want to know. Our knowledgeable staff is ready and willing to answer any questions that they can. If a question cannot be answered, they will know who to ask and be able to get back with you. Also, Council meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would appreciate hearing

from you. If you have a particular issue that you would like to have addressed, please call 419-523-5020 the week before so that this can be put on the agenda. (This will also allow time to get together any information that might be needed to answer your questions.)

This is where you live, send your children to school, go to work, attend worship, and enjoy life. We are here to serve you, as you are our best customer! Thank you.

Council Member —Jeff Ducey

First Fridays Are Back!

Featuring the Ottawa Farmers Market, food vendors, the 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event and live music.
Friday, June 6th from 4 to 7 p.m. in Downtown Ottawa @ Main & Oak Streets



Memorial Park Capital Campaign Fund?

When the windstorm of 2012 damaged the lighting system at Ottawa's Memorial Field, a group of concerned citizens who wished to return night baseball to Ottawa and help fund future projects in Memorial Park, met to determine a way in which funds could be raised to this end. The *Ottawa Memorial Park Capital Campaign* was born out of these efforts.

The purpose of the Capital Campaign is to establish a fund for future park renovations and improvements, with donations used for expenditures that have been reviewed and prioritized by the Ottawa-Glandorf

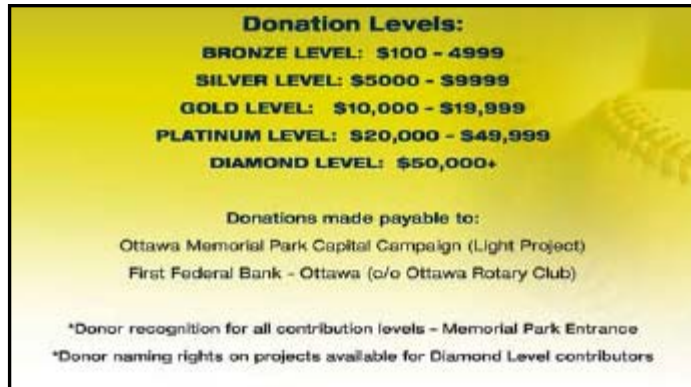
Rotary Club and the Ottawa Baseball Association, in collaboration with the Ottawa Park Board subject to approval from Ottawa Village Council. In support of the campaign, Village Council has drafted an ordinance setting forth terms for providing municipal assistance for the Memorial Park Capital Campaign Fund not to exceed \$114,000 dollars over the next ten years. As specified in the Resolution draft, a contribution of \$15,000 dollars will be made to the Capital Campaign in 2014, with payments of \$11,000 dollars payable in each of the next nine years. Authority for such expenditure is contained in the Village Charter Article II, Sections 2.01, 2.02, and 2.03 adopted by the residents of the Village of Ottawa under authority of the Ohio Constitution Article XVIII, Sections 3 and 8.

While a new lighting system is a priority project of the Campaign Committee, they would like residents to know

that future projects are to include restroom renovations, playground equipment and landscaping, among others. The Ottawa-Glandorf Rotary Club, a supporter of the campaign, has graciously provided the use of their foundation (Ottawa-Glandorf Area Foundation) for the receipt of tax-deductible donations which may be made using the form found at the bottom on this page. Checks should be made payable to Ottawa Glandorf Area Foundation 501(c)3. Forms and checks may be taken to either the Ottawa or Glandorf locations of the *First Federal Bank*.

Consider helping to support the return of night baseball to Ottawa in 2014 and future park renovations and improvements that enhance Ottawa's Memorial Park in the future.

Capital Campaign Committee and Council Member —Jo Deskins



Date	Donor Name (s)
Address	
Home Phone	Mobile Phone
Donation Amount \$	Check #

Checks payable to: Ottawa Glandorf Area Foundation 501(c)3
First Federal Bank Ottawa or Glandorf location

Donor Name(s) to be recognized at Memorial Park _____

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