

# Community Connection

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## Special Points of Interest:

- CALL Ottawa Police Department at 419.523.3449 to schedule time for an officer to come out and register your bicycles. (See details on back of newsletter)
- Council meetings—8 pm the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month at the Municipal Building
- Park Board meetings—7 pm the 4th Monday of each month at the Municipal Building
- Planning Commission meetings—3rd Friday of each month at 8:30 am
- Shade Tree Commission meetings—3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm



## MAYOR'S UPDATE

So, summer is upon us! The first official day of summer was June 20th and the weather seems to be cooperating quite nicely! Plenty of sunshine for good golfing!



Repairs to the streets are ready to begin. The Villa Drive Reconstruction Project was awarded to Hohenbrink Excavating at the regular Council meeting on June 13th. This project will be funded with low interest monies borrowed from ODOT. The Pre-Construction meeting will be scheduled in July with work to begin shortly thereafter. Council member Dave Michel wrote an article this month about other streets that will be paved this summer / fall.

The Industrial Park is expanding! Two new businesses are locating on a new street to be called "Tawa Drive." This new street is located off of Industrial Drive and will start with a stone base which may be completed by the time this newsletter reaches you. Hohenbrink Excavating submitted the low bid and is doing this work.

There have been some questions about the new tax laws passed by the State of Ohio related to estimated payments. Here is what I know:

- The 1st quarter estimates are due with your prior year return by April 15th.
- RITA is sending bills out for the 2nd quarter estimate in waves. If you have not received one yet, you will, and then you will have 30 days from the billing date to pay. I'm guessing this extended due date will not be an annual event.
- If the estimated tax due is below \$200, you do not have to make estimated payments and no bill will be sent. Some



people who have gotten quarterly bills in the past, may not receive a bill this year for this reason.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter estimates – RITA will be sending out bills for the due dates of 9/15 and 12/15.
- A penalty is only calculated if the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter estimate is not paid by the due date or is underpaid. PHEW! What a lot of taxing information!

On a totally different note, if you use an on-line bill pay, make sure you have the proper name, account number and service address so we can credit the proper account when the check arrives.

Continue enjoying the summer weather and I wish you all a Happy 4th of July! Be careful!

You should know by now... the Cavaliers won the NBA Championship!

**Awesome! Go Cleveland!  
Go Tribe!**

—Dean Meyer, Mayor



## Village of Ottawa Council

Dean Meyer—Mayor

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Jo Deskins

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## Planning Commission

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## New Look to: [www.ottawaohio.us](http://www.ottawaohio.us)

In an effort to become "mobile friendly," beginning June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Village of Ottawa website, [www.ottawaohio.us](http://www.ottawaohio.us), took on a new appearance. *Civic Plus*, a company specializing in municipal websites, has been instrumental in helping to create this inviting, user-friendly website, in the hopes of providing information important to our current residents and information important to prospective businesses and future residents, as well. This site is presently a "work-in-progress" and therefore welcomes input from Ottawa residents to enhance its use, enable user ease in locating important information, and sharing ideas related to the kinds of information which would make the site most beneficial to Ottawa residents. Suggestions for enhancing the site may be emailed to [bhermiller@ottawaohio.us](mailto:bhermiller@ottawaohio.us) and will be taken into consideration as improvements are made to benefit residents' accessing information related to Village issues. —Jo Deskins, Council Member

## Ottawa Pool Puts on “New Face”

The Ottawa Municipal Pool opened its 2016 season on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with a facelift that included over \$50 thousand dollars in pool improvements. Heading the list of upgrades was the sandblasting of the pool to remove layers of paint that had accumulated over the years, and then the application of a fresh coat of paint to the entire pool interior. The pool slide was also renovated by a sandblasting and resurfacing of the slide itself, a sandblasting and painting of the lattice work on the slide steps, and a replacement of the pump to the slide. The Village of Ottawa takes great pride in its pool and encourages residents to make use of these upgraded facilities, sharing pool time with family and friends over the upcoming summer months.

Ottawa Memorial Pool is open from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Sundays, weather permitting. Daily admission is \$3.00/person, with a special admission of \$1.00/person on Fridays. Should the pool close due to inclement weather before 3:00 p.m. on any day, those swimmers paying the daily admission will be issued “rain checks” for admission to the pool on another day. Individual (\$80.00) and Family (\$130.00) season passes can be purchased at the Ottawa YMCA, for use at the Ottawa municipal pool. Persons holding individual or family passes may continue their swimming at the YMCA pool, any day that the municipal pool closes due to inclement weather.  
—Jo Deskins, Council Member



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## 2016 Street Repairs

It's that time of year again when the Village starts undertaking street paving and repair. We have projects slated all around town that we will complete this year and we ask for your patience while these projects are going on. We have work scheduled on Charloe Circle, Jackson St, a section of Third St east of the I & O railroad, Pratt St, and Second St from Grant to Oak. In addition to these, we have the road replacement project on Villa Dr. and we will be putting in Tawa Drive in the industrial park for several new businesses locating out there. We have other patching, curb replacement, catch basin, and side walk repairs, all scheduled to be completed by the end of October. As in all construction zones, please drive with care and watch out for the people working. Have a great summer.  
—Dave Michel, Council Member

## Fill and the Floodplain

Years ago, if a landowner wanted to develop floodplain area they simply trucked in enough soil to raise the property; and, they built. Since that time it has been learned adding ground to the floodplain can create “adverse impact” by raising flood levels for neighboring properties or communities.

Floodplains serve an important purpose. Spring snow thaws and heavy summer thunderstorms fill waterways and inundate the floodplains meant to serve as storage areas for this overflow. Filling in the floodplain pushes that overflow onto land that may not have flooded in the past, and causes flood water to back up - creating a rise in flood levels.

To illustrate this concept, imagine the Blanchard River watershed (yes, the whole watershed, not just the area located in Ottawa's corporation limits) as a bathtub. Now imagine your bathtub watershed contains several rows of bricks. These represent existing development (structures, fill etc...). Fill the tub with water, almost to the edge. This demonstrates the base flood elevation of the floodplain. Finally, start adding more bricks (more development and fill), one at a time. Soon your developed “watershed” (bathtub) will overflow your “floodplain” and create “adverse impact” (flooding) to your bathroom floor – a simple demonstration of how fill affects the floodplain.



## REGISTER YOUR BICYCLE

The Ottawa Police Department would like to let everyone know that they have a FREE Bicycle Registration Program. This program was set up to help return lost or stolen bikes to their owner after an incident. Over the years, the Department has recovered abandoned bicycles from Memorial park and other places around the community that have been left overnight or for multiple days. Without names or information, they have been unable to locate the owner to return the bikes.

You can contact the Ottawa Police Department if you have any questions or would like to set up a time for us to come and register your bicycles. The number is (419) 523-3449. If no one answers, please leave your name and number and an officer will contact

you as soon as possible. Thank you!

