

# Community Connection

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## Special Points of Interest:

- December Council meetings will be held on Monday, Dec. 12th at 8 pm and on Monday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- The meeting to reorganize for 2017 will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd at 4 pm. **HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome 2017!**
- All meetings are held at the Municipal Building and are open to the public.
- Village offices will be closed to celebrate Christmas on December 23rd, 26th and 27th and on January 2nd for New Years.
- Park Board will reconvene on Monday, January 23, 2017.
- Please do not rake leaves into the streets or right-of-way.



## MAYOR'S UPDATE



I hope each of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday as much as we did! Grandchildren are such a joy and we feel blessed as our family continues to grow! We have so much to be thankful for! The Christmas parade was a great success as always even with the more seasonal temperature! I guess it was almost December and we should start to expect that!

Well, as 2017 moves in and 2016 is almost left behind, I would like to look at some of the accomplishments around the Village this past year.

Most noticeably, is probably Street Project 2017. Second Street was in pretty bad shape as was Villa Drive, Chippewa Drive, Short Street and Charloe Circle. All of the paving work has been completed and it looks terrific! The seeding will have to wait for better weather in the spring.

If you get a chance to check out our new development, Tawa Drive on the south side of the Industrial Park is also progressing nicely. There are already two businesses ready to locate here, one has broken ground, and we look forward to more development. One Energy has started construction of the new wind turbine which will help to power Whirlpool. One Energy is out of Findlay and I really look forward to seeing what they plan to do with this area. It is exciting to see positive changes and new investments in our community.

A big THANK YOU to Village residents for supporting the Fire Levy this year! This renewal levy will provide monies to pay our firefighters a small stipend in exchange for the fantastic protection and services they offer. Thank you Ottawa Firefighters for everything you do!

Another notable endeavor this year was the launching of our new Village website. This continues to be a work in progress, so if you would like to see anything added or have suggestions, please contact the Clerk's Office and we will see what we can do. The address is [www.ottawaohio.us](http://www.ottawaohio.us).

I guess I'll throw in a quick bit about snow... Be sure to keep your sidewalks clear for pedestrians and give some thought to removing vehicles and trailers from the street to make plowing just a little bit easier for our road crew! Stay safe and warm this winter!

**I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas!**

**And let's have a toast to 2017!**

**May our hearts be touched as we move forward in unity  
and gratitude for this great Village and Country we are blessed  
to live in!**

**Go Tribe! Go Titans!** —Dean Meyer, Mayor



## Village of Ottawa Council

Dean Meyer—Mayor

Council Members

Tim Macke, President

Jo Deskins

Troy Yant

John Salsburey

Dave Michel

Jeff Ducey

## Planning Commission

Dean Meyer—Chair

Tim Macke

Bill Hanna

Denny Recker

Randy Verhoff

## Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, December 4th

Memorial Park

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:  
New Creation  
Lutheran Church



# AGGREGATION

**ELECTRIC**—All eligible residents should have received a letter to opt-out of the electric aggregation program with AEP Energy. If you did not receive a letter because you had a contract with a different supplier, but that contract has since expired, you can call 1-877-726-0214. This number is for Customer Service at AEP Energy and they will help you enroll in the Aggregation Program. The new rate of .05495 begins December 1, 2016 and ends November 30, 2019.



**NATURAL GAS**—At the regular meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, Council approved an agreement with Constellation Energy for the supply of natural gas to Village residents. The new fixed rate is \$4.907/Mcf for a 12 month term. A variable rate will also be offered at the NYMEX (which is currently \$2.83) plus \$1.632. If you choose the variable rate, you may not be able to convert to the fixed rate should the variable rate increase. There are no opt-out fees if you leave the program at any time and if you have a contract which is expiring and want to enroll late, you can join at the contract price for the remainder of the term providing there has not been an extreme weather issue to impact pricing. As of this writing, the plan is to send letters similar to the electric ones, and begin with the new rate on February 1, 2017. If you have questions about aggregation, please call the Village offices, AEP Energy at the number listed above or Constellation Energy who will have a dedicated toll free number for us... which was not available at the time of this printing!  
—Dave Michel, Council Member

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**Village website—www.ottawaohio.us**

## Water For Your Teeth?

Recently the Ohio Department of Health informed the Village of Ottawa that we have received a Water Fluoridation Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in the water to a level that is optimal for preventing tooth decay.

Community water fluoridation is recognized by the CDC as one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The CDC and the Ohio Dept. of Health recommend water fluoridation as an effective and safe method of preventing tooth decay in people of all ages. As one of the most cost effective public health measures, every dollar invested in fluoridation saves approximately \$38 in costs for dental treatment. We are pleased to be able to provide our residents optimal fluoride levels thus improving oral health in our community.



—Dave Michel, Council Member



**“Thank you”**

- All volunteers
- Those who serve
- Firefighters
- EMS personnel
- Members of the Police Department
- The many service organizations
- Those who work in any capacity to make our Village a great place to live!

## Replacement of Main Street Traffic Light

As most residents of Ottawa are well aware, the Village is still without the traffic light at the intersection of Main and Hickory Streets. Many may not know, however, the reasons behind the removal, or the obstacles recently encountered in its replacement.

On Memorial Day, an unfortunate car accident left the pole to the traffic light damaged, after which it was determined that the pole needed to be replaced. Shortly thereafter, the arm of the traffic light was also removed, for safety considerations, and the intersection became an active 4-way stop. The Village then made inquiry into a replacement pole, learning that the type of pole previously installed was no longer available. Eventually a replacement pole was located, and because it was a different type than the original, the concrete pole base would now also need to be replaced.

Engineering on the new base has been completed, and the Village is awaiting a contractor who will pour the new concrete base for the replacement pole. Once this base is poured, there is a required period of time for “curing” to sustain the added weight. Once cured, the new, replacement pole will go up sometime after the first of the year.

—Jo A. Deskins, Village Council Member