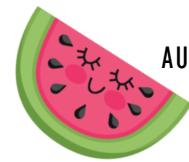


# Community Connection



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## Special Points of Interest:

- *Join Us Downtown...* Little Nashville will be Friday, August 2nd, 2019!
- Council meetings - 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month
- Shade Tree Commission - 2nd Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission - 3rd Friday of each month @ 8:30 a.m.
- Park Board - 4th Monday of each month @ 6:30 p.m.
- Food Truck Thursdays - 3rd Thursday of August & September at Rex Center Park
- Other committee meetings are held on an "as needed" basis & posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building

**\*All meetings held at the Municipal Building\***

**SUMMER**  
IS TIME FOR **WARM NIGHTS**  
**WATERMELON**  
**BARE FEET AND BARBEQUES**  
**SWEET CORN SUNFLOWERS**  
**RIP EPICNICS CAMPFIRES**  
**TOMATOES LEMONADE**  
**LIGHTNING STORMS LOVE**

## Mayor's Update



July was a beautiful month with warm weather and plenty of sunshine to help the crops grow! The Village has seen some action downtown these warmer months with Rockin' At The Rex and Food Truck Thursdays. The Rex Center Park and Ark Stage were constructed for the enjoyment of residents, local businesses and social organizations within the Village and some great events are being held utilizing the space! If you have not checked them out, be sure to stop up, socialize and enjoy some yummy food or great music!

In addition to the many projects happening within the Village, a grant was recently awarded for the Lincoln, Buckeye, Jackson Streets Reconstruction Project. This project involves the installation of curbs and gutters, sidewalks, upgraded sanitary sewer lines and improved roadways and will go out for bid this fall.

I would like to take a moment now to express my gratitude and appreciation for a Village employee who has recently retired. Erin Hughes was the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer with the Village for 19 years. She performed her duties with the utmost care and attention to detail and always had a smile to share. I've enjoyed working with and getting to know Erin over the years and wish her all the best in her future endeavors. I have no doubt Erin will enjoy her retirement spending time with family and living each day to the fullest! Thank you for all you have done, Erin... you will be missed!

That concludes my update for this month. As always, Go Tribe! - Mayor Meyer

## Village of Ottawa Council

Dean Meyer—Mayor

Dave Michel, President

Jo Deskins

Troy Yant

Jeff Ducey

Tim Maag

Tom "Duffer" Rosenbauer

## Planning Commission

Dean Meyer—Chair

Tim Maag

Bill Hanna

Denny Recker

Randy Verhoff

## Ottawa Memorial Pool

The pool may have opened a little later this year, but there is still time to swim!

**The season has been extended through Labor Day,  
September 2, 2019!**



Regular Hours of Operation  
Sun - Mon - Tues - Thurs - Sat: 1-6 p.m.  
Wed & Fri: 1-8 p.m.

**Beginning August 18th:**

Fridays: 4-8 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: 1-6 p.m.

OG Rotary presents  
**LITTLE NASHVILLE**  
Friday, August 2, 2019  
Downtown Ottawa Businesses'  
specials & sidewalk sales  
throughout the day



## Council Member's Email Addresses:

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**Village Website:**  
**www.ottawaohio.us**

## Golf Cart Use & Safety Within the Village of Ottawa

With the wonderful summer weather, it is great to see the number of residents taking advantage of Ottawa's ordinance for golf cart use within the Village limits. To ensure the safety of operators, riders and pedestrians, the following steps to golf cart use and safety are provided within the ordinance.

Before any golf cart is operated within the village, it must be inspected and approved for compliance with the State's statutory requirements for motor vehicles. Appointments for inspections can be scheduled through the Ottawa Police Department. Owners must present a Certificate of Title from the Clerk of Courts, at the time of inspection.

Safety and insurance requirements pertaining to motor vehicles, also apply to golf cart operation, requiring that golf cart operators have a valid driver's license and follow the same laws as passenger vehicle drivers.

- Golf carts must be maintained within 2 feet of the right side curb and give right of way to passing passenger vehicles.
- Golf carts are only to be operated on Village streets where the posted speed does not exceed 35 mph, preventing use on State Route 65 and U.S. 224 within the village limits. Highlighted street maps of acceptable golf cart use are found within ordinance 12-18, exhibit B, on the Village web site.
- Golf cart operators must exit the highway with right turn only, when driving on State Rt. 15 and allowable sections of St. Rte. 65 and U.S. 224.
- Lap belts must be worn by operators and all riders of a moving golf cart. Operators must ensure that all passengers are in compliance with child restraint laws. There is to be no more than two seating positions in any row of seating in a golf cart.

Obviously, golf carts are not to be operated ON sidewalks.

**SAFETY** doesn't happen by ACCIDENT...thank you for making it a reality!

Jo A. Deskins, Council Member



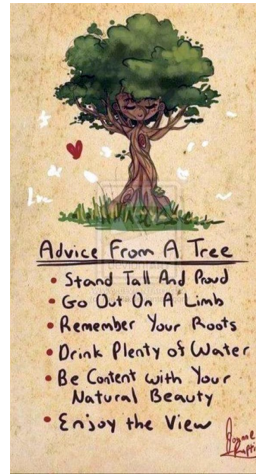
## VILLAGE OF OTTAWA IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR:



*\$500—picnic table*  
*\$300 to \$500—bench*  
*\$250—tree*

Call the Village office at 419-523-5020 to discuss the options available to include potential locations such as the reservoir or any of the parks in the Village.

*Make a long-lasting gift for memorials or "In honor of" a loved one!*



## Some Words on Trees...

The Village of Ottawa is fortunate to have a group of dedicated individuals willing to volunteer their time to be a part of the Shade Tree Commission (STC). One project the STC has recently been working on is a *Strategic Plan*. The goals of this plan are:

- ◆ Maintain the health, vigor, and safety of all trees in the urban forest
  - ◆ Promote the safety for citizens and visitors to the Village of Ottawa
  - ◆ Maximize the urban forest canopy
- The objectives of this plan include:

- ◆ Establish maintenance procedures for the existing tree population
- ◆ Establish a diverse population of tree species and ages
- ◆ Beautify the Village of Ottawa
- ◆ Educate the community about the value and need for a sustainable urban forest
- ◆ Advise the Village regarding arboricultural and urban forestry best management practices
- ◆ Promote the ecosystem services provided by Ottawa's urban forest

The *Strategic Plan* can be found in its entirety on the Village website on the Shade Tree Commission page which can be found under the "Government" tab at the top.

Pat Kaple was appointed to the Shade Tree Commission at the July 22nd Village Council meeting. Pat is the newest member of the STC and we look forward to her insight and wisdom. Welcome Pat & thank you for helping to improve our community! Other members include: Bob Fawcett, Lynne Hirzel, Stan Beckman, Jo Deskins, Mayor Meyer, Jack Williams and Secretary, Lori Moenter.



RITA has been mailing notices to taxpayers who have neglected to file a municipal income tax return. Please supply the requested information which may include proof of your current address. Returns may be e-filed online or mailed to the following address:

Attn: Compliance Department 198  
Regional Income Tax Agency  
PO Box 470538  
Broadview Heights, OH 44147-0538  
- or faxed to-  
1-440-922-3510