

Community Connection

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Special Points of Interest:

- 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.
- Council meetings are available via Zoom. Contact the Clerk's Office for meeting details.

All meetings held at the Municipal Building



Mayor's Update

It's hard to believe the end of summer is near! I hope everyone has stayed healthy & been able to enjoy somewhat of a "normal" summer in light of the pandemic. In case you have not made it to a Food Truck Thursday yet, you're not too late...August 20th & September 17th are the remaining food truck events scheduled for the year. Bring the family to Rex Center Park for dinner from 4:30 - 7:30 & a movie beginning at 7:00. Social distancing is encouraged during these events, as are masks.

The Village's **natural gas** aggregation rate with Constellation will be expiring September 30th. Be on the look out for new rate information in the coming weeks. If you are currently enrolled with Constellation through the Village's program, you will automatically be enrolled with the new supplier & no action is necessary on your part. The electric aggregation rate through Dynegy is still in effect & does not expire until December 2021.

The Pleasant Drive Roadway Reconstruction Project was awarded to Hohenbrink Excavating at the July 13th Council meeting. It has been a lengthy process, but I'm happy to say the end is in sight! This project will complete the improvements to Pleasant Drive which include sanitary sewer, waterline & roadway upgrades.

At the end of September, the Clerk's Office will be saying goodbye to Accounting/Payroll Coordinator, Lori Moenter. Lori has been with the Clerk's Office for 13 years! Of course her thoroughness & attention to detail will be difficult to replace, but it is her kind heart and "can-do" attitude by which she will be remembered fondly. The Village wishes she and her husband happy trails as they move onto a new adventure in life.

As we say goodbye to one employee, we are welcoming a new one! Kyria Schroeder joined the Clerk's Office on July 13th & will be training with Lori until her departure. Kyria received her degree in accounting from Rhodes State College & lives near Columbus Grove with her husband & two children.

This feels good to say again... Go Tribe!! - Mayor Dean Meyer

Village of Ottawa Council

Dean Meyer - Mayor

Dave Michel, President

Jo Deskins

Tim Maag

Tom "Duffer" Rosenbauer

Matt Black

Troy Yant

Planning Commission

Dean Meyer - Chair

Tim Maag

Bill Hanna

Denny Recker

Randy Verhoff

Welcome Back!

The Village welcomes Troy Yant back to Council, filling the vacancy left by Councilmen Ducey's departure.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO SWIM @ THE OTTAWA POOL...

Sunday • Monday • Tuesday • Thursday • Saturday

1:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday • Friday

1:00 - 8:00 p.m.



THE POOL WILL BE CLOSING AUGUST 23RD

Visit

www.ottawaohio.us for Village information & updates, permit applications, ACH authorization forms, calendar of Village meetings, events & much more!

Thank You!



Pictured left are Nick Hohenbrink, Hohenbrink Excavating, and members of the Village's Greenspace Development Committee; Teresa & Don Croy, Gillian Stechschulte & Tim Macke. Through the donation of their time, services & equipment, Hohenbrink Excavating was instrumental in the West End Soccer Field project becoming a reality! Thank you!!



What R.I.T.A. Is and Isn't:

The Regional Income Tax Agency, or RITA, is **not** a municipality and cannot levy its own income tax, so there is actually no such thing as the "RITA Tax." Instead, the municipal income taxes that RITA administers belong to each of the Ohio cities and villages that have joined with RITA; the Village of Ottawa being one of those. The income tax is created by the laws of the Village of Ottawa and RITA administers these taxes on its behalf.

The municipal income tax is levied on residence tax (individuals that live within the village), workplace tax (individuals that earn taxable income within the village), and net profit tax (businesses that earn taxable income within the village). Ottawa's present tax rate is 1.000%. Residents of Ottawa who earn income in another municipality, will also owe income tax to the municipality where they work, however most individuals have this tax automatically withheld by their employer. Quarterly tax statements, based upon one or more of these taxes, are mailed directly to Ottawa residents from RITA.

The Village of Ottawa has been a RITA member since 1997, so village-specific questions related to its tax rules and regulations, tax ordinance, balance due/overpayment information, and *estimated* payment requirements can be found on the RITA site, at <https://www.ritaohio.com/Municipalities/Home/MemberPage?id=606>.

As a member of RITA, Ottawa benefits from its comprehensive tax collection and processing services, increased accuracy and efficiency, not to mention cost savings and increased tax revenue.

Jo A. Deskins

Village Council Member



What's Happening at Rex Center Park in August???



Aug 6th : Alvey's Mixed Up Band/7 - 9

Aug 13th: Antique Mayhem/6 - 8

Aug 20th: Food Truck Thursday*

Aug 27th: Faith Over Fear/7 - 9

**Food Truck Thursday from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. with a movie starting @ 7:00 p.m.*

Memorial Park... Have you visited lately?

Memorial Park has seen several improvements this year! An upgraded stone walking path provides for a leisurely walk through the park & is stroller & wagon friendly! The playgrounds have new five-inch deep pea gravel ground cover, courtesy of the Rotary Club. This is a much cleaner option over mulch & a little softer if a child takes a tumble. The replacement of the aging split-rail fencing has begun with the section off Park Lane. A black post and chain fencing was selected for a cleaner look. The disc golf course has also received a freshening up with the baskets being painted, renumbered & repaired along with new sponsor signage. Consider a donation of a memorial paver, bench or tree to honor your loved one and add to the beauty of Memorial Park. If you haven't lately...take a drive to the park and take advantage of this great Village offering!

