

# 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

As 2020 comes to an end, I want to take time to thank Village personnel who keep the Village running smoothly... the Public Works department has kept our streets clean, lines cleared, water flowing & parks clean, among countless other projects throughout the year - *thank you!* Our Water Treatment Plant personnel has been working tirelessly to ensure the Village is in compliance with ever-changing EPA regulations, preparing plans for our WTP upgrade coming in 2022, all while producing quality water for four communities! - *thank you!* Our Wastewater Treatment Plant personnel worked through a plant upgrade this year & also ensure the Village is in compliance with EPA regulations and treats wastewater for two communities - *thank you!* Our Police and Fire personnel who work diligently to keep our community safe and face danger so we don't have to - *thank you!* The Clerk-Treasurer's office personnel keep the administrative duties of the Village operating efficiently & the bills paid - *thank you!* Our Municipal Director who wears numerous hats and whose wisdom is a sought after authority on countless projects - *thank you!* To our Council members who make the hard decisions & ensure the best interest of our community is always a priority... not an easy task - *thank you!* Our Law Director who ensures we are following the letter of the law - *thank you!* To the myriad of volunteers that give of their most precious commodity - time - to serve the Village on boards & commissions - *thank you!!* And to anyone I may have forgotten - *thank you!*

You all are appreciated and needed! See you all in the new year!

*Go Browns, Go Titans, 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



## Happy Holidays From Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce...

Small Business Saturday was a huge success! Shoppers were able to once again participate in the Chamber's passport program and earn stamps while they shop at local businesses. Two lucky, local shoppers will receive some extra spending money this holiday season. Unfortunately, the annual Welcome Santa Parade was cancelled, but we're looking forward to a bigger & better 2021 event! During this holiday season & beyond, the Chamber urges everyone to *Shop Local, Eat Local & Support LOCAL!* Stay healthy & Happy Holidays!

*~ Becky Fruchey*

Executive Director, OACC



# SOMETHING NEW ON THE HORIZON...



*"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."*

-John Muir

Due to the efforts of individual members of the Ottawa Greenspace Development Committee and volunteers from the community, Ottawa residents now have two beautiful walking trails on which to commune with nature. At a unique time in our history when people are encouraged to stay at home, you are now being encouraged to get out with family, friends, or a solo trek through the trails, for a much needed respite. Facebook has become a gallery of photos in which smiling residents have shared their own walks along these new trails, located at Arrowhead Park west of Ottawa and behind the Ottawa Reservoir. Open year-round, free of charge, good times, clear minds and exercise guaranteed...

These recreational spaces were acquired, in part, through flood mitigation efforts and those wishing to donate to their continued maintenance or to the Greenspace Development Committee specifically, can do so at:

Village of Ottawa  
ATTN: Greenspace Development  
136 N. Oak St.  
Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Submitted by Council Member,  
Jo A. Deskins



## ARROWHEAD PARK . phase 1 improvements

*with your support*



*sponsorship donations may be sent to*

Village of Ottawa  
ATTN: GREENSPACE DEVELOPMENT  
136 N. Oak St.  
Ottawa, OH



The Blanchard River is a valuable natural resource to the Village of Ottawa. Not only is it a source of drinking water for four communities, it also provides recreational opportunities including canoeing, kayaking and fishing. Recent years of conservation and cleaning efforts have made the Blanchard River a viable location for catching a "big one". And with recent clearing of downed trees by community volunteers, fishing from the shores of the river is possible.

In addition to beautifying Arrowhead Park, the Greenspace Development Committee's goal is to install two Blanchard River access points; one behind the reservoir and another at Arrowhead Park. These points provide a leisurely four (4) mile paddle down the Blanchard. The points commonly used by those wishing to utilize the river for canoeing or kayaking are steep and rugged making launching a watercraft more arduous than necessary. The Village wishes to provide safe access through the construction of concrete steps and hand-rails at a gradual incline. Patrons will then be able to safely access the river and have a stable landing to board their canoe, kayak or other small watercraft.



We NEED you! The cost for the installation of two access points is approximately \$100,000. Through donations and sponsorships this underutilized recreational asset right in our own backyard can become a reality! Please consider contributing to the Greenspace Development Committee for this great cause!