

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.
- ◆ Meetings available via Zoom - Contact the Clerk's Office for information
- ◆ All meetings held at the Municipal Building



Mayor's Update

As I smell the aroma of bbq's in the air, see flowers blooming and buds on the trees, it's a sure sign that spring is here to stay! Before I leave winter completely behind, I want to say a quick "Thank you!" to our Public Works department. We got a lot of snow in a short amount of time & they did a phenomenal job keeping up with it and our streets clear & navigable! In other news the recently completed diversion channel has already been tested with snowmelt and rain and I'm happy to report it has been a success! The river was estimated to crest much higher than the river gauge projected. More to come on the land surrounding the channel in the future.

I'm looking forward to the addition of the Titan Trolley to the Village! There seems to be a lot of interest in this new endeavor and they have started taking reservations. Get some friends together and enjoy an afternoon or evening pedaling around the Village while enjoying some adult refreshments!

Look for Food Truck Thursdays in June. This has been a great success, especially with the addition of music! This will be the third year for this weekly summer event. A lineup of musical acts will be provided in the June newsletter.

Dominion Gas will be starting their line replacement project this spring/summer. This project was initially slated to begin in October 2020 & was delayed due to the pandemic. E. Third, E. Fourth, Locust, Main, Oak, Thomas, Court and Hall Street, among various alleyways, will be affected by this project.

The deadline for filing Village municipal income tax returns with the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) as been extended to May 17, 2021.

Congrats to the Titan Boys & Girls Basketball teams on a great season and Go Tribe!!

~ Mayor Meyer



Village of Ottawa Council

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The Chamber in Ottawa has stood with our local business community for 100 years! We have advocated for our local businesses during times of growth, recession and change. We continue to advocate for business now, providing a helpful voice through the uncertainties and impacts of this pandemic. We know many businesses have been affected over the last 12 months but we feel like our members see a Chamber membership as a worthwhile investment for their business. There are many benefits to being a member of the Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce! If you would like to reach out to us or see what the Chamber has to offer, please check out our website at www.ottawachamber.org. We are looking forward and planning for another 100 years!

Becky Fruchey, Executive Director



Donor Recognition Levels



- Sponsor's name will be on the entrance sign to the site
- Naming rights to the specific project
- Sponsors named in an annual Council Resolution

SPONSOR

- Donor's name on plaque at the site
- Sponsors named in an annual Council Resolution

\$5,000 +

DEVELOPER

- Donor's name on brick @ Rex Center Park
- Sponsors named in an annual Council Resolution

\$1,000 to \$4,999

MAYOR'S

Donors named in an annual Council Resolution

SUNSHINE	GREENSPACE	BLANCHARD
\$500 to \$999	\$300 to \$499	\$100 to \$299

Spring's Coming!

As we see the weather begin to change, we can all see that the winter doldrums are almost over. Along with that, our local health professionals, doing a fantastic job of getting the COVID vaccine out there for us, gives us the hope that we can put much of the pandemic pain in the rear view mirror soon. That light at the end of the tunnel isn't another train coming.

As a reminder, as we start to do yard work and the mowing season begins, please do not put yard waste and grass clippings out on the street. It not only creates hazards for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, it clogs up storm water drains causing street flooding when mother nature dumps heavy rains upon us. All of that waste can be dropped off behind the municipal garage on Defiance St.

The Greenspace Committee continues to do outstanding work trying to best utilize our vacant properties from the flood mitigation. There is no better example of that than the Rex Center on Main Street. Virtually all of the Thursday nights are booked this summer with concerts and food truck activities along with "Little Nashville", scheduled for the first Friday in August. The new soccer fields off W. Fourth Street will be utilized this fall for the kids leagues. The committee continues to seek out grants and funding for canoe/kayak landings at Arrowhead Park and build upon the trails that opened last year. If you would like to become a part of this great effort, they have set up many different donor levels with recognition that individuals and businesses can be part of. There will also be volunteer opportunities as spring arrives and cleanup needs arise. You can follow them on Facebook and/or Twitter at Geenspace Development of Ottawa or monitor the Village of Ottawa's website at ottawaohio.us. It's going to be a great year.



Submitted By,
Dave Michel
Council President

On The Road Again...



In legislation approved by Ottawa Village Council in February, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), identified the need for a project that proposes to mill and pave asphalt on state routes passing through the Village of Ottawa, beginning this spring and running through the summer months. The proposed project will target the following State Routes:

- On US 224 in Ottawa from where US 224 leaves Glandorf and enters Ottawa, to the CSX railroad crossing,
- On SR 15 from the north corporation limits of Ottawa to US 224,
- On SR 65 from County Road J to US 224,
- On SR 65 from SR 15 to just north of Blackthorn St. in Ottawa.
- On SR 189 from the west corporation limits of Fort Jennings to the east corporation limits of Ft. Jennings,
- On SR 190 from the south corporation limits of Ft. Jennings to SR 634,
- On SR 190 in Putnam County for approximately 0.15 miles in the area of Township Road Q, and
- On SR 224 within the Village of Ottawa to the I & O tracks west of town.

For the safety of county and village residents, you are being asked to stay alert to ODOT roadway workers, and slow down and use caution when entering, traveling through or exiting these identified zones.



Submitted by
Jo A. Deskins, Council Member