CITY OF PIQUA AWARDED $300,000 CDBG CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (ODSA, OCD) awarded the City with a $300,000 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program Grant. ODSA received seventy-four (74) Community Development Program Competitive Set-Aside applications this year. Funding requests for the Competitive Set-Asides, which include Neighborhood Revitalization, Downtown Revitalization, and Critical Infrastructure projects, totaled $19,982,200. ODSA was able to fund thirty-five (35) top ranking proposals.

The $300,000 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program Grant along with the City’s PY 2015 CDBG Community Development Allocation of $75,000 will be used to install 1256 new water meters in the Southview Neighborhood. The Southview Neighborhood boundaries can be viewed on the City of Piqua’s website under the Community Development Department. All residential and commercial properties within these boundaries will have their existing water meter replaced with new meters that utilize Automated Meter Reading (AMR) technology to remotely read customer meters and relay the data to the City’s Billing Office.

The Southview Neighborhood was selected because they were the only area in the City that is over 51% low and moderate income according to the 2010 US Census making them eligible for the CDBG funding.

The City anticipates installing the new meters next year in late spring. All work must be completed by August 31, 2017.

CITY OF PIQUA AWARDED $526,000 FOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The City of Piqua and the Miami County Board of Commissioners partnered together this year to submit an $850,000 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Grant application. We were notified this month by the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (ODSA, OCD) that our competitive CHIP application was funded. Piqua will be receiving $526,000 of the $850,000 for housing improvements for low income households. The last time the city received a CHIP grant was in 2010.

The goal of the CHIP program is to preserve and improve the affordable housing stock for low- and moderate- income Ohioans and strengthen neighborhoods through community collaboration.

Per ODSA, we were required to select a target area to focus the CHIP funding. The City selected the Southview Neighborhood and the Historic East Piqua Neighborhood to focus our funding. Implementation will begin January 1, 2016 and run through October 31, 2017 or until funding is exhausted.

The City has funding to complete 4 Owner Home Repair Projects; 9 Private Owner Rehabilitation Projects, 2 Rental Home Repair Projects; and 3 Rental Rehabilitation Projects. Please refer to the City’s Community Development web page for a more detailed description of the CHIP eligible activities and target area boundaries.

The City will be mailing applications out this month to those applicants in our target area. Applicant selection will be completed in November this year and implementation will begin the first of next year.
SUMMER & FALL RESIDENCE PRIDE RECIPIENTS

On, Tuesday, August 4, 2015 the Piqua City Commission announced the Summer 2015 Residence Pride Awards and on October 6, 2015 the Fall 2015 Residence Pride Awards were announced.

The Residence Pride Award is based on the following criteria:

- Property appearance
- Landscape appearance
- Helpful neighbor in regards to landscape or home improvement project
- Home improvements-general clean-up of a property
- Business owner/landlord property

The Residence Pride Committee meets on a regular basis to select the winners and the Committee encourages Piqua Citizens to submit nominations. Nomination forms are available on the City’s website at www.piquaoh.org or the Municipal Government Complex in the City Managers office or in the Utilities Department. Nominations or questions may also be emailed to: residencepride@piquaoh.org.

Congratulations to our Summer & Fall Residents Pride Recipients!

CITY COMMISSION

John Martin
Commissioner, 1st Ward
Home: 773-2778
Ward1comm@piquaoh.org

William Vogt
Commissioner, 2nd Ward
Home: 773-8217
Ward2comm@piquaoh.org

Joseph Wilson
Commissioner, 3rd Ward
Home: 778-0390
Ward3comm@piquaoh.org

Julia (Judy) Terry
Commissioner, 4th Ward
Home: 773-3189
Ward4comm@piquaoh.org

Lucinda L. (Lucy) Fess
Mayor & Commissioner
5th Ward
Home: 773-7929
Ward5comm@piquaoh.org

The following properties and individuals were selected to receive the Summer award:

Fredia & Roy Summers
1616 Washington Avenue
Jean Maniaci
126 Staunton Street
Marilyn & Jan Hissong
911 Broadway Street
Patricia & Ronald Hardin
1801 New Haven Road
Charity & Thomas Kinnison
903 Clark Avenue

The following properties and individuals were selected to receive the Fall award:

Charlyne Jamieson
25 Marymont Drive
Charity & Thomas Kinnison
903 Clark Avenue
Josh & Elaine Worley
925 Washington Avenue
Cheryl & John Lange
400 Gill Street
Faye Shaw
724 Broadway Street
Brett & Chanda Victor
1010 Hancock Street

TRICK OR TREAT!!

It’s time to get the costumes out and the candy ready for Trick or Treat night in the City of Piqua. Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, October 29th from 6 - 8 pm.

Other trick or treat outings are:

- Miami Valley Centre Mall Trick or Treat – Monday, October 26th from 6 - 7:30 pm
- City of Piqua Municipal Government Complex Trick or Treat – Wednesday, October 28th from 4 - 5 pm
- Downtown Piqua Trick or Treat – Wednesday, October 28th from 5 - 6 pm
- Kiwanis Halloween Parade – Wednesday, October 28th. Judging from 6:15 - 6:45 pm in the parking lot across from the gazebo on the square. The parade begins at 7 pm.
CELEBRATING TWO NEW OPENINGS IN PIQUA WITH HARVEST PANTRY & WINANS CHOCOLATES AND COFFEES

The City of Piqua would like to welcome Harvest Pantry to their downtown location of 325 N. Main Street and Winans Chocolates & Coffees to their relocation at 310 Spring Street.

Harvest Pantry, a bulk food store, has everything imaginable to fill your pantry shelves! From candy to dried vegetables and from grains to flour, this shop has it all, including gluten-free and sugar-free items. Harvest Pantry also offers a deli counter with meats, a variety of cheeses, fresh eggs and butter all of which are locally sourced from Holmes County, known as Amish Country.

Rod and Lisa Dotson, owners of Harvest Pantry, stated they always wanted to be a small business owner, and since Piqua did not have a bulk food store, they found this to be the perfect time and opportunity to do so.

Harvest Pantry’s hours are Mondays from 10am to 8pm, Tuesdays through Fridays from 10am to 6pm and Saturday’s from 8am to 4pm and closed on Sundays.

For more information on Harvest Pantry please visit their website at www.harvestpantrywholefoods.com or call at 937-916-4202.

The Grand Opening of Winans Chocolates and Coffees took place on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 10 AM at their new location of 310 Spring Street.

This new facility brought all of their operations under one roof which includes; the Coffee Roastery, Gift Basket Operations, Offices and the Chocolate Factory. Huge windows were installed at the retail store to give passer-byers a view of the chocolate making production. Community tours and bus tours will also allow visitors an inside-look as well.

Joe and Laurie Reiser, owners, stated they are thrilled to be considered an anchor for the Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment in the City of Piqua and they look forward to other businesses joining in what will become the heartbeat of Piqua!

Winans Fine Chocolates and Coffees trace its roots to the late 1800’s. In 1961, Max Winans opened the factory and candy store in one building. Growth over the years forced the expansion from one location to three separate locations.

From cashew wurtels to pecan bark and from toffee squares to mints, when you taste Winans hand-made traditional confections you are tasting a piece of Winans history. Another specialty of Winans are their coffee and tea selections which they are famous for.

“The success of downtown businesses is an indication of the overall economy. We are excited to have Winans and Harvest Pantry choose downtown Piqua and are pleased to support their growth,” stated Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager/Director of Economic Development.

For more information on Winans Chocolates & Coffees please visit their website at www.winanscandies.com or contact the store at 773-1981.

ECHO HILL’S GOLF COURSE MEMORIALIZE A FAN OF “THE GREEN” WITH A TREE OR BENCH

Whether a hacker or a pro, if you’re looking for a unique way to memorialize a fan of the green, Echo Hills Golf Course is now offering tree and bench memorials.

“It doesn’t necessarily have to be someone deceased;” explained Chip Fox, golf professional and manager for the course, of this unique offering. “It could be someone wanting to honor someone, a birthday or an anniversary.”

The lasting tribute helps to beautify the local golf course with a decorative composite bench that includes an engraved backrest, indoor winter storage, and may be placed at a tee location. It can be placed anywhere along the 18 holes or at putting greens, says Fox, as they have room for benches.

Tree choices include the following species: Red or White Oak, Sugar Maple, Sweetgum, Honey Locust (thorn less) and Black Locust, or White Pine, and come in either 2.5” caliper ball and burlap or 1.5” caliper ball and burlap. Marble stone memorials may also be purchased with a tree. These markers will be planted into the ground by the purchased tree, with a plaque inside the clubhouse as well that will state the name and location of the memorial. Trees will be planted according to desire, but they also must fit the general landscape and time of year for planting.

For more information on memorial tree and bench policy and pricing, contact Fox at (937) 778-2086.

BIKEPATH TIPS/REGULATIONS

The City of Piqua would like to remind citizens about the rules while traveling on the bike path. Safety is our concern for all users of the bike path.

Bicycles are considered moving vehicles so cyclists should stop for stop signs and wait until traffic clears before proceeding from the bike path onto street intersections. Automobiles have the right of way due to not having a stop sign at bike path crosswalks.

Please use caution when traveling the bike path at crosswalks.

Be safe and enjoy the beautiful path in the City of Piqua!
City of Piqua
Calendar of Events

PIQUA ARTS COUNCIL: Contact - 773-9630
Steven Walker Public Demonstration
Monday, October 12
Edison Theater from 7 – 8:30 pm

MAINSTREET PIQUA: Contact – 773-9355
Downtown Trick or Treat
Wednesday, October 28 from 4 – 5 pm

Piqua Community Holiday Open House
Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21

Small Business Saturday
Saturday, November 28

Christmas on the Green
Friday, December 4 from 6 – 9 pm

Holly Jolly 5K/10K Run
Saturday, December 5, Registration at 9 am

Downtown Piqua Holiday Parade
Saturday, December 5 beginning at 2 pm

CITY OF PIQUA: Contact – 778-2051
Trick or Treat in the Municipal Government Complex
Wednesday, October 28 from 4 – 5 pm

City-Wide Trick or Treat
Thursday, October 29 from 6 – 8 pm

MIAMI VALLEY CENTRE MALL: Contact – 778-8100
Trick or Treat at the Mall
Monday, October 26 from 6 – 7:30 pm

KIWANIS HALLOWEEN PARADE
Wednesday, October 28 - Judging from 6:15 – 6:45 pm
In the parking lot across from the gazebo on the square.
The parade begins at 7 pm.

City of Piqua
Municipal Government Complex
201 West Water Street
Piqua, OH 45356

Residential Customer
Piqua, OH 45356