

## WINTER IS FINISHED?

Spring is here and the golf course is open for play. It has been another long winter but somehow like years past we have survived. The golf shop is starting to take shape with new golf shoes and golf shirts coming in. The Pro Shop will carry a great variety of shirts and shoes along with the usual bags, gloves, balls, putters and caps. Last year's shoes and shirts are on sale until they are gone. So come on in and see us and get stocked up on your golfing needs. Let's have a great spring and summer and we will see you on the links.



### Unlimited Memberships

Adult . . . \$825    Husband & Wife. . \$1350  
Senior . . \$775    Husband & Wife. . \$1290  
Junior . . \$330

SAVE \$25 on any unlimited membership if purchased before April 15.

### Limited Memberships

Adult . . . . . \$415 . . . \$6.00 Add Fee  
Senior . . . . . \$365 . . . \$6.00 Add Fee  
Young Adult . . . \$210 . . . \$6.00 Add Fee  
Junior . . . . . \$115 . . . \$5.00 Add Fee



Limited Weekday Only Membership (Monday – Friday, no Holidays) . . . . \$89  
\$10 Add Fee to walk 9 or 18 holes  
\$15 Add Fee to ride 9 or 18 holes

Senior is age 62 or older  
Young adult is age 18 to 23  
Junior is age 17 and younger

## NEW RECYCLING CARTS COMING SOON

The Sanitation Department will begin providing curb-side recycling services May 1, 2015. Recycling carts will be provided to each refuse customer free of charge to use for recyclable materials only. The carts are 64 gallon capacity with a lid and wheels. The carts will be delivered to customers April 13th – April 30th, 2015.

The new carts should not be put out for collection until May 2015. Rumpke will continue to pick up recycling in the red bins until May. Rumpke will collect the red bins during their last week of service.

Collection routes have been consolidated to provide more efficient collection of trash, recycling, yard waste, and bulk items. Customers will receive a post card in April with their new collection day listed. A map of the new routes is also available at [www.piquaoh.org](http://www.piquaoh.org).

Please contact the Sanitation Department at 778-2060 if you have any questions.



**Piqua Community Clean Up Day**  
May 9, 2015

The City of Piqua is encouraging all residents, clubs, civic groups, churches and organizations to participate in the Piqua Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 9th, 2015 from 9 am until noon. This annual event has been held the last four years and continues to get bigger and better each and every year. Let's work together and give our public areas a nice spring cleaning!

Residents and groups are encouraged to contact Melissa Kinney at 937.778.2060 or via email at [mkinney@piquaoh.org](mailto:mkinney@piquaoh.org) to register to participate in the Community Clean Up Day.

## TIPS FOR SAVING ENERGY THIS SPRING!

**Sunny savings!** – take advantage of extended daylight hours by opening blinds and letting the sunshine light your home.

**Reduce the extra heat!** – When you replace your frequently used incandescent bulbs with Energy Star certified lights, you will not only save on your lighting costs but you will also reduce extra heat in your home. Only 10 to 15 percent of the electricity consumed by incandescent bulbs results in light; the rest produces heat and will make your air conditioner work harder.

**Enjoy the fresh air!** – Now that the outside temperatures are warming up, take advantage of free fresh air by opening windows instead of using air conditioning.

## WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

The City of Piqua held a groundbreaking ceremony on the morning of January 28, 2015 for the new water treatment facility. Peterson Construction Company has been hard at work ever since that afternoon preparing the site and excavating. Approximately half of the excavation work has been done. The anticipated completion date for the project is late summer of 2017.



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## LAND REUTILIZATION

In the effort to improve neighborhoods, spur reinvestment and reduce vacant properties, the City of Piqua has stepped up use of the Land Reutilization Program. At the March 8th City Commission meeting, the commission voted to accept three foreclosed properties from Unity National Bank.

The three properties, 534-536 W. Water Street, 628-630 W. Water Street and 403-405 South Street will be evaluated for either rehabilitation or demolition. The goal of the Land Reutilization Program is to put properties back into productivity as opposed to deterioration.

In addition to receiving the bank properties, the City of Piqua is working with Miami County elected officials to identify severely tax delinquent and vacated properties that may also be eligible for the Land Reutilization Program.

The City of Piqua would like to thank Unity National Bank for their continued commitment to the betterment of the Piqua community. For more information regarding the Land Reutilization Program, please contact Justin Sommer, Assistant City Manager.

# 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OGCA RIVER SUMMIT

Piqua was well represented at the River Summit this year which was held on Friday, March 20, 2015 at the University of Dayton. There are truly some remarkable things happening along the 99 mile river corridor that defines the Miami Valley, aka, Ohio's Great Corridor. Presentations highlighted the findings of the recently completed Army Corp of Engineers Great Miami River Corridor Study, which includes a listing of the many existing or proposed amenities along the corridor – truly an impressive list – and cites the challenges and opportunities to better capitalizing on the economic potential of the corridor.

Representatives from Owensboro, KY offered the keynote presentation and shared a remarkable story of how they successfully induced over \$140 million in private sector investments in their community over the past decade. Owensboro successfully primed the pump for this investment by revitalizing their downtown riverfront park, removing truck traffic from their downtown business district, positioning themselves as a business friendly community, and making sure downtown destinations were well connected at a pedestrian and bicycle friendly level.

Owensboro noted their success is rooted in staying true to the 3 P's, as follows: 1) Placemaking – Build places that are memorable, places that people can connect with, places where people socialize and engage in active and passive interests. 2) Programming – Activate the places with events and activities for all interests and

age groups, and maintain the places to a high standard of cleanliness and public safety. 3) Partnerships – Partner with other organizations and entities to support the operation and maintenance of the places and programming and to deliver the baseline services necessary to ensure high standards are a constant, and to provide partners with the resources or leeway needed to execute successful events. Owensboro's Mayor Payne encouraged us to take BIG BOLD bites of the apple!

Today Owensboro is about twice the size of Piqua. Ten years ago that wasn't the case. Owensboro's story ten years ago was very similar to Piqua's in many ways. Today, Owensboro has a new chapter in the story they tell, and because they were willing to take BIG BOLD bites of the apple, they now have a much different – very impressive - story to share <https://youtube/CA5xdQOH-GM> **Piqua's Downtown Riverfront Redevelopment Strategy**, the direction **Historic East Piqua Master Plan** is headed, the **Complete Streets Policy** goals and objectives, the **Bicycle Friendly Community** efforts, the growing offering of experience based events such as **Rock Piqua**, the **Active Piqua Cyclovia**, **Bikefest**, the **St. Patty's Day Beer Run**, etc., all represent the 3 P's referenced by the keynote presenters. Piqua is clearly on the right path to make some truly remarkable things happen in our community. Now, who's ready to take some BIG BOLD bites of the apple!

## HISTORIC EAST PIQUA HEALTH SURVEY - PLEASE PARTICIPATE

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EastPiqua>

The City of Piqua is currently undertaking a master planning process for the Historic East Piqua neighborhood, defined as the area east of Spring Street and bordered by the Miami River to the north, east, and south. The neighborhood is important for several reasons. It includes some of the oldest housing stock in

Piqua, it provides unique civic opportunities for the community, it is a primary gateway to Downtown, and it provides access to a significant portion of the City's downtown riverfront. As part of the Historic East Piqua master planning process, we are asking residents to complete a survey in order to gain insight into the health issues in their community. This will allow us to think through how redevelopment (for example, new infrastructure, new buildings, new businesses, new programs, etc.) can help provide solutions

to existing health challenges. We also want to think through how redevelopment can build on the good things that already exist in the community to promote health and wellness.

Please take a moment to complete the quick 15 question survey about health in Piqua and the Historic East Piqua neighborhood. All Piqua residents are encouraged to participate in the survey. The results will help to evaluate the impacts of existing land uses on residential health in the neighborhood and will impact the final recommendations of the master plan. The survey can be accessed at the web address above.



## 2015 MIAMI VALLEY CYCLING SUMMIT

Registration is now open! The host committee has been working diligently on planning the 2015 Miami Valley Cycling Summit scheduled to take place on Friday, May 29th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Fort Piqua Plaza. The session content is pertinent to a broad range of community interests, the lineup of speakers is top notch, registration is free, lunch is included, and our sponsors have cool giveaways to offer and awesome items to raffle off to those in attendance.

Register now at <http://cyclingsummit.com/> and please print, post and share the attached event promotional piece with friends, co-workers, family. Also, attendees are invited to 311 Drafthouse for an Advocacy Social immediately following the Cycling Summit! Rest up and be sure to return to downtown Piqua on Saturday, May 30th for the Active Piqua Cyclovia!

## ACTIVE PIQUA CYCLOVIA!

Piqua is expecting around 400 cycling and outdoor recreation enthusiasts, advocates, and champions to converge on Piqua for the cycling Summit, so why not throw a party that celebrates all things human powered! On Saturday, May 30th downtown Piqua streets will be all a buzz with fun to watch, fun to participate in, fun to explore, human powered activities, demonstrations, and exhibits. Right in the middle of Main Street, you will experience everything from yoga to high intensity training, drum circles to guitar solos, basketball to human checkers, bikes to trikes, and everything else you can imagine. Come early in the morning and join one of the destination rides and visit the attractions in Piqua or a nearby attraction in a neighboring community. Mark your calendar for May 30th and save the date. Please watch our website at [www.piquaoh.org](http://www.piquaoh.org) for more information

### City of Piqua Calendar of Events

May 9th – **Piqua Community Clean Up Day**

May 15 – **Piqua Taste of the Arts**  
Downtown Piqua – 5PM - 9PM

May 21st – September 10th  
**Piqua Community Farmers Market**  
3:30PM - 7:00PM – [www.piquafarmersmarket.com](http://www.piquafarmersmarket.com)

May 29th – **Miami Valley Cycling Summit**  
Fort Piqua Plaza

May 30th – **Active Piqua Cyclovia!**  
Downtown Piqua

June 2nd – **i LOVE Piqua “For the Love of Cities”**  
Community Workshop – Fort Piqua Plaza

June 20th – **Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series**  
Lock Nine Park

July 4th – **Fourth of July Celebration** – Fountain Park

July 10th & July 11th – **Downtown Sidewalk Sales**

July 18th – **Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series**  
Lock Nine Park

August 1st – **Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series**  
Lock Nine Park

August 6th – **i LOVE Piqua “Positive Energy”**  
Community Workshop – Fort Piqua Plaza

August 22nd – **Down A River, Down A Beer**  
Recreational Trail Celebration – Lock Nine Park



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