WALKING TOUR OF DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The City of Piqua and the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting a walking tour of downtown riverfront redevelopment projects on Tuesday, April 26th. The walking tour is your exclusive opportunity to get inside these historic structures and take the first look of redesigned public spaces.

Small group tours will begin at the Fort Piqua Plaza at 5:00 p.m. If you plan to take the tour, please show up a bit before 5:00 p.m.

Stops on the tour include:
- Zollinger Building
- Mo's Building
- Lock Nine Park/Piqua Granite
- Edison Illuminating/Weaver's
- Canal Corridor

Each stop on the tour will allow you to learn the history of the buildings, appreciate the architecture and view the redesign plans. We look forward to seeing you on the tour!

EARLY SPRING “HOORAY”

Spring is here and the Echo Hills Municipal Golf course is open for play. It has been what seems like a short winter for once. I had no need to use my snow blower this year and had to only use a shovel a few times. The golf shop is starting to take shape with new Footjoy and Adidas golf shoes and golf shirts from Adidas and Under Armour.

I am going to 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 I will see you on the links.

Limited Memberships:
- Adult $415
- Senior $365
- Young Adult $210
- Junior $115
- Limited Weekday Only Membership (Monday-Friday no Holidays) $89

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

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The annual Piqua Community Clean-Up Day will be held Saturday, May 7, 2016 from 8:30 am until noon. Last year there were 85 participants for this event and this year we hope to have 100 or more. There will be projects for all ages and skill levels. Free lunch will be provided at Mote Park for all volunteers.

Please consider joining us while we “spruce up” our City. For more information or to register, please contact Melissa Kinney in the Piqua Health Department via email at mkinney@piquaoh.org or by phone at 778-2060.

This event will occur RAIN or SHINE!
PIQUA 4TH FEST

It’s new this year and it’s called the Piqua 4th Fest! The City of Piqua stepped forward to assume responsibility for maintaining the tradition of celebrating this national holiday. The plans for this event are coming together for a wonderful Fourth of July celebration!

City Manager Gary Huff stated, “There will be big name entertainment in the evening at Lock 9 Park ending with a gala fireworks display.”

To kick off the festivities, Fountain Park will be the scene of face-painting, zip-lining and Cincinnati’s Madcap Puppet shows. COSI out of Columbus (a big hit with the kids) will provide demonstrations. There will be a bicycle parade along with various music groups providing musical entertainment while you enjoy your afternoon at the park. Careflight will be on hand for questions and a look into the helicopter; as well as various demonstrations and displays by City Departments such as our Police, Fire and Power Departments.

Maybe you have been to a city where they have cut-out wooden displays for photo shoots? We will have that too, so be sure to bring your camera! Children attending the festivities will be given patriotic hats and Piqua 4th Fest wrist bands. All of these activities are free to the public with festivities beginning at Fountain Park from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the festivities will pick back up at another location, with that being our beautiful Lock 9 Park, along the Great Miami River. The nationally known vocal group, “The Coasters” will be the lead vocal performer of the evening. You won’t want to miss this show!

There will be several food truck vendors in the Lock 9 Park area too! Topping off the evening will be the major event, FIREWORKS! This promises to be an amazing show!

The City of Piqua wants you to enjoy festivities in our hometown, so please come out and enjoy the Piqua 4th Fest with us!

2016 CONSTRUCTION SEASON UPDATE

➢ The 2016 Sidewalk ADA Compliance Program will be underway shortly with construction completion prior to the beginning of the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program. The project will consist of the installation of ADA compliant handicap ramps at the intersections located within the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program.

➢ The 2016 Street Resurfacing Program will begin mid-summer. The project will consist of the planing of asphalt, adjustment of manholes and water valves, and the placement of an asphalt surface course and pavement markings. The tentative list of streets included in the 2016 Street Resurfacing Program is as follows:
  • Adams St. between Young St. and Commercial St.
  • Grant St. between Main St. and Weber St.
  • Orr St. between Young St. and South St.
  • Roosevelt Ave. between Young St. and Garnsey St.
  • Wayne St. between Wood St. and Clark Ave.
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For those residents living along the tentative streets to be resurfaced this year, if you are thinking about making improvements to your drive approach, curbs, or sidewalk in front of your property, please plan on having this work completed by the first of July so that it will not interfere with the paving of your street. Questions about doing this work – please call the Engineering Department at 778-2044.

➢ The N. Main Street Streetscape Project will also kick off this summer. The City received a grant from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) and from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for a portion of this project. The project will consist of the removal and replacement of sidewalk, curbing, street signs, light poles, and the installation of brick pavers, benches, trash receptacles and other streetscape amenities where right-of-way permits. The project limits are on N. Main Street between Greene Street and North Street.

➢ The Ohio Department of Transportation, on behalf of the City, will be resurfacing SR 185 (Sunset Drive) this summer from Covington Avenue north to Stratford Drive.

➢ The painting of the CSX Railroad Bridge over E. Ash Street will also occur this summer.

Please make every effort to proceed with caution through all construction zones. By slowing down and watching out for road crews and equipment, we can all do our part to help prevent accidents and save lives.
City of Piqua
Calendar of Events

An Evening with Mark Twain
(Reservation Event)
Thursday, April 21 – 6:30 p.m.
Fort Piqua Plaza Ballroom
Contact – Johnston Farm – 773-2522

Piqua Community Clean Up Day
(See article in this edition)
Saturday, May 7 – 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Contact – City of Piqua – 778-2060

Downtown Piqua Clean Up Day
Saturday, May 7 – 8:30 a.m. - Noon
Contact – Mainstreet Piqua – 773-9355

WOTVC Golf Tournament
(Fund Raiser)
Friday, May 13 – 1:00 p.m.
Echo Hill Municipal Golf Course
Contact – City of Piqua – 778-2051

Taste of the Arts
Friday, May 20 – 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Contact – Mainstreet Piqua – 773-9355

Piqua Community Farmers Market
Thursday, May 26 – Thursday, September 1
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (NEW TIME)
www.piquafarmersmarket.com
Contact – Mainstreet Piqua – 773-9355

Family Day at the Johnston Farm
Saturday, June 11th
Contact – Johnston Farm – 773-2522

Rock Piqua! Riverfront Concert Series
June 18, July 16 & August 20 – Lock 9 Park
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Contact – Mainstreet Piqua – 773-9355

Piqua 4th Fest
Monday, July 4 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Fountain Park – Family Entertainment & Food
Monday, July 4 – 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Lock Nine Park – Bands, Food Trucks &
Fireworks Display
Contact – City of Piqua – 778-2051

History Alive Days at Johnston Farm
Saturday, July 9 & Sunday, July 10
Contact – Johnston Farm – 773-2522

Downtown Sidewalk Sales
Friday, July 15 & Saturday, July 16
Contact – Mainstreet Piqua – 773-9355

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

Residential Customer
Piqua, OH 45356

KEEP YOUR LAWN GREEN AND THE WATER BLUE

It is almost that time of the year again when we all love to get out and work on the house and more importantly, work on beautifying our yards. In doing that, lets always keep in mind the effects we may be causing on our water ways.

Using too much fertilizer and other lawn care products can cause water pollution. The same rain that helps turn your lawn green also washes excess fertilizers, pesticides, and other pollutants into the nearest creek, turning the water green, or worse. Much of it makes its way downstream through our creeks to our local water ways. One big tip is to use lawn care products as instructed on the product labels. Always remember using less yard products is always the best application.

Fertilizer is a pollutant when it is washed off lawns and gardens into streams, rivers and other bodies of water. Fertilizer consists of plant nutrients that help plants grow and reproduce. In the water these nutrients feed naturally occurring algae and can lead to massive algae blooms, particularly during the warm summer months.

Remember, Less is more!
Storm Water Coordinator
Devon Alexander