

HISTORIC EAST PIQUA MASTER PLAN COMPLETED

The recently completed Historic East Piqua Master Plan enunciates a community driven vision for how the public and private sector working together can revitalize



a historic neighborhood and enhance the quality of place and quality of life experienced in our community. The citizen and stakeholder aspirations outlined in the Plan clearly reflect high expectations and ambitious goals for our community.

The Historic East Piqua Master Plan was made possible through funding secured by the City of Piqua from ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substance Disease Registry). Recognizing the correlation between community health and the built environment allowed the City to secure the funds necessary to complete the master plan for this important gateway neighborhood. The securing of these dollars from a rather unlikely funding source illustrates the City's progressive thinking in terms of finding the resources necessary to get things done. Likewise, the Historic East Piqua Master Plan developed by MKSK, an award winning Landscape Architecture – Urban Design – Planning firm, reflects the 'thinking big' vision of the community as expressed through an open and inclusive planning process. MKSK translates the community input and feedback into a well-articulated set of objectives that focus squarely on revitalizing the neighborhood through strategic interventions and deliberate investments that leverage existing assets and better connects the neighborhood to amenities in the adjacent downtown area, as well as the leisure and recreation opportunities presented by

the adjoining Great Miami River corridor.

Already this planning effort is producing results as key properties are being acquired by private development interests and real estate developers are inquiring about the opportunities in the Historic East Piqua neighborhood. The forward looking vision of this planning document and others are inspiring confidence in local interests such as Winans Chocolates & Coffees and start-up businesses like Harvest Pantry who are choosing to make significant investments in downtown locations. Couple this activity with the redevelopment efforts already underway in the Riverfront District, and the ever-increasing community festivals and special events happening in downtown Piqua, and the progress is readily apparent.

As city government and groups like the iPiqua Fund continue efforts to prime the pump for new investment and redevel-

opment activities, it is essential that partners from both the private and public sectors engage in the efforts. The positive contributions of private-public partnerships in recent times are readily visible throughout our community...The Fort Piqua Plaza, Alexander Stadium, the Municipal Government Complex, the new Piqua City School buildings, Veterans Memorial, the Power Plant Riverfront Overlook, the downtown streetscaping and building facade improvements, the multi-use recreational trails, and more, are all the result of community interests contributing positively to the built environment that defines the quality of place and quality of life in our community. The Historic East Piqua Master Plan suggests additional servings of public and private investment that will continue to satisfy community cravings for BIG BOLD BITES of the APPLE!



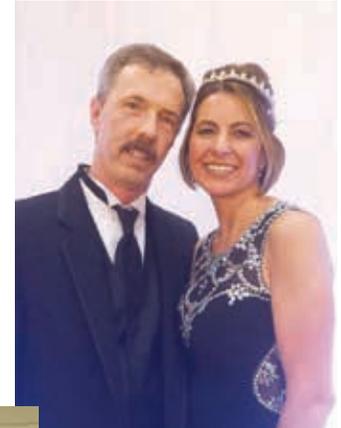
CITY EMPLOYEES SUPPORT GREAT CAUSES BY BEING ACTIVE

City Employees are rewarded for staying fit through their health insurance benefits and they stay fit in a variety of ways. The City of Piqua has been recognized repeatedly for being one of the Healthiest Employers. The employees also give back to the community in a variety of ways whether it is through City clean-up efforts or providing food to the backpack program. However, employees also combine their efforts to stay fit and support great causes. For example, Law Director Stacy Wall (partner Piqua Firefighter Bill Hogston) and Assistant City Manager Justin Sommer participated in Dancing with the Piqua Stars this year and helped raise over \$37,000 for the Piqua Arts Council. Detective Jeremy Weber organized for the second year the Pennies for Malissa 5K. Detective Weber was the lead investigator in a 2013 homicide of Malissa, a 4 year old girl. Detective Weber seeks to promote awareness about abuse of children. Last year all the money raised went to Dayton Children's Hospital and this year over \$2,800 was raised, going to the Miami County Domestic Abuse Shelter. If you are aware of child abuse, please contact the Piqua Police Department at 778-2027.



Left to right: Law Director Stacy Wall, Health & Sanitation Director Amy Welker and Detective Jeremy Weber from the May 2, 2015 Pennies for Malissa 5K.

Absent from photo are employees Dani Davis, Dave Davis and Jason Newton.



Stacy Wall and partner Firefighter Bill Hogston.



Justin Sommer and partner Sarah Jones.

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RECYCLING PROGRAM OFF TO A "GOOD START"!

On May 1, 2015 the Sanitation Department began operation of the city's recycling program. For many years the city contracted out this service. The decision was made to bring the service in-house to better manage the costs of the program and to better serve the customers. As part of the program, each customer was provided with a new 64 gallon recycling cart. The carts hold more materials and have a lid to contain materials better.

The amount of recyclable materials collected in May 2015 was 119.70 tons and 116.64 tons in June. The amount of customers who are participating in the program has increased significantly. A participation study revealed that 73% of customers are now recycling compared to only 52% in 2013. This increase is exactly what the program needed to help contain costs. The more materials that can be recycled and pulled out of the solid waste stream the more it helps to defray landfill costs.

All customers are encouraged to recycle! Items that are acceptable for recycling include: Plastic bottles; Glass bottles and jars; Paper of all kinds including newspaper, junk mail, cardboard, cartons; Cans such as aluminum beverage cans, steel and tin food cans.

Customers who did not receive a cart or would like a second cart should call the Sanitation Department at 937-778-2060. Any customers who may be interested in a smaller 32 gallon cart should sign up by emailing mkinney@piquaoh.org or by calling the office. A limited supply of smaller carts may be available later in the year if enough customers are interested.

For more information on the recycling program visit the Sanitation Department on the city webpage at www.piquaoh.org.



POSITIVE ENERGY PEOPLE 'PEP' RALLY ANNOUNCED!

For the Love of Cities author Peter Kageyama kicked off the i LOVE Piqua Community Workshop Series with a highly successful event. Peter's presentation was attended by over 100 community members in the morning session and nearly 100 city administrator types from all corners of Ohio in the afternoon session. The feedback from both sessions was very positive. Attendees in the afternoon session offered positive comments about the speaker and our community, and those who attended the morning community session described the presentation as invigorating and inspiring. Stay tuned for some cool projects that folks are already working on executing as a result of the workshop.

The second i LOVE Piqua Community Workshop promises to be as good

as the first! On August 6, 2015 Brandon W. Johnson, aka "Positive Energy Guy" will facilitate an interactive community workshop like none you have ever experienced. The P.E.P. Rally will deliver an environment that brings people together to learn, connect, and create POSITIVE ENERGY and RESULTS in their life and career. Brandon is a Top 30 Global Guru in the Hospitality Industry and an award-winning author/speaker that has been coming to Piqua since 2011 to share his powerful tools, strategies, and message of Positive Energy and HEART. Over the years Brandon's message has been received by numerous staff members, executives, citizens, board members, and community leaders representing area businesses, schools, organizations, and families in Piqua. If you have never attended one of Brandon's trainings this is your chance to experience his message firsthand. If you have attended one of Brandon's trainings then you already know that you will not want to miss this opportunity to refill your energy tank. This workshop is not about fluff and rah rah...It is about infusing your career and life with POSITIVE ENERGY and RESULTS. Brandon makes that case that, "You cannot create a positive business or life from a negative perspective or place." Brandon gives you the tools to focus on creating positive outcomes in your life and your career and to be your very best. Best of all, you will have a great time while participating in this workshop! Register now at <http://pep-rally.eventbrite.com> or by visiting the i LOVE Piqua Community Workshop Series Facebook page. The four-hour workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the cost to participate is \$30 per person.



REGISTER TODAY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVE PIQUA BIKE CHALLENGE

Since May 1st, seventy-three local riders have traveled over 13,000 miles by bicycle as part of Active Piqua's Bike Challenge. The local challenge is made possible by way of the National Bike Challenge sponsored by People for Bikes. Join the Active Piqua Bike Challenge today and be a part of the cycling movement. All miles ridden on a bicycle count, so it is a great opportunity to challenge your friends, co-workers, and classmates to ride their bikes for recreation and or transportation purposes. Best of all you can associate your profile with team, a workplace, and or school that you select or create and see how your group is performing compared to others located locally or across the nation. So whether you take short family bike rides, ride to the park, ride to work, ride to school, ride to church, ride to a store, or ride a road bike long distances, all of the miles count. Great opportunity for businesses to engage employees in achieving wellness program goals!



SPRING RESIDENCE PRIDE RECIPIENTS

On, Tuesday, May 19, 2015 the Piqua City Commission announced the Spring 2015 Residence Pride Awards.

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

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



Cindy & Kris Brown
503 N. Parkway Drive



Robert D. Godsey, Jr.
929 Camp Street



Chad Spruance
324 W. Ash Street



Paula & Rick Monnin
222 Walker Street



Sue Teach
510 N. Wayne Street

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 Spring Residents Pride Recipients!

CITY OF PIQUA RECENTLY SELECTED!

The City of Piqua was recently selected as a 2015 Career Based Intervention (CBI) Program Partner of the Year. This award was given in recognition of the Employee G.I.V.E (Generosity, Involvement, and Volunteerism by Employees) Committee's backpack program. This program began in the Fall of 2013 to provide non-perishable food items to High School students who may not have enough food to sustain them through the weekend. The City employees were very generous with food and cash donations and we were able to provide food to students several times during the school year. The program has continued during the summer as well with food distributions in June and July. We are very proud to have received this award and continue to work with school personnel, Mary Jo Hines and Sondra Schneider, to provide assistance to the young people in our community.



City of Piqua Calendar of Events

July -September 10th

Piqua Community Farmers Market
(Thursday's) 3:30 pm – 7:00 pm
www.piquafarmersmarket.com

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

August 6th – **Rock Piqua Unplugged**
At Farmers Market

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

September 3rd – **Rock Piqua Unplugged**
At Farmers Market

Groovy Gourd Bike Tour
Saturday, October 10

Enjoy a 6, 25 or 50 mile bike tour that starts and ends on the Piqua PATH. Details coming late summer.

Piqua Community Holiday Open House
November 20 & 21

Visit Piqua's locally owned independent retailers and get a start on your Holiday Shopping.

Christmas on the Green

Friday, December 4 - 6 - 9 pm

Community caroling, horse-drawn carriage rides, strolling characters, children's activities and live entertainment.

Holly Jolly 5K/10K Run

Saturday, December 5 - 10 am

This annual 5K/10K run makes use of the beautiful Piqua PATH. Same day registrations are accepted.

Downtown Piqua Holiday Parade

Saturday, December 5 - 2 pm

Families and friends, young and old, fill the streets for this festive event. After the parade kids can visit with Santa in the lobby of the Fort Piqua Plaza.

BIKE PIQUA CHAPTER OF BIKE MIAMI VALLEY ESTABLISHED



On May 29, 2015 the Bike Piqua chapter of Bike Miami Valley was established. Bike Piqua was formed by a local group of cycling champions to advocate, promote, and create opportunities for all forms of bicycling in Piqua and the Miami Valley. Like and Follow the Bike Piqua Facebook page to receive notifications about upcoming chapter meetings and to receive news and information about cycling happenings in the community.



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