



# Fall 2011

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**Mayor:** Kevin Gilmore  
**Vice-Mayor:** Robert Reichert  
**Council Members:** Rex Decker, Jeffrey Gibbs, Norma King  
Jack Straub, Jim Walter  
**Clerk-Treasurer:** Katherine O'Connell  
**Village Manager:** Marc Thompson

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## November 8<sup>th</sup> Election 6:30 am – 7:30 pm

Residents will be voting on Tuesday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> on a variety of State and County candidates and ballot issues, as well as candidates for Village Council and the Ottawa Hills School Board.

You can view a list of candidates and issues as well as information on your polling location at the Lucas County Board of Elections website [www.co.lucas.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=74](http://www.co.lucas.oh.us/index.aspx?NID=74) or contact them at 419-213-4001.

## Town Hall Meeting Mon., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm High School Auditorium

A forum for local candidates seeking election in November will be held in the high school auditorium. There are contested races for the Board of Education, Village Council and Toledo Municipal Court judge. All candidates will be invited to address the audience.

## Homecoming Parade – Oct 14<sup>th</sup>

Sponsored by the Joint Recreation Board, October 14<sup>th</sup> will be the date of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Homecoming Parade which involves fall high school sports, cheerleaders and lots of other groups and individuals from the community. The parade will begin at approximately 5:30 pm and will travel on Evergreen, Brookside, and Sulphur Spring, ending at the football stadium prior to the game. In the past a great time has been had by everyone involved.

## Fire & EMS Update

The Ottawa Hills station has a new person in charge. Captain John Vedra has replaced Captain Ken Gehring who was recently promoted to Battalion Chief. Captain Vedra actually started his career as an Ottawa Hills firefighter and since 1988 has been a member of the Toledo Fire Department.

We continue to survey our residents who receive fire or emergency medical service. The surveys consistently average 5 out of 5 in all areas including overall satisfaction. Responses from our station average 13 per day, with about one call per day being within the Village. Fire personnel have been very involved in community events including the Plat 1 Memorial Day Parade, Plat 3 Block Party, Return-to-School 5K Run/Walk, and the Shoe Bowl.

We have received some calls from residents this summer about siren noise. Primarily the calls are from the Bancroft Road area. It is important to note that vehicles with sirens have always traveled through the Village as Bancroft, Secor, Talmadge and Richards Road are common routes in this area and Toledo and St. Anne's hospitals are nearby.

Residents have asked whether emergency vehicles could travel without sirens in the Village. This would be both illegal and unsafe for the emergency personnel and our residents.

## Trick-or-Treat!

Trick-or-treating in the Village will take place on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> between 6:00 and 8:00 pm. We will continue our very successful "pedestrian only" traffic in Plat III.

## Work Hour Limitations

Just a reminder that lawn care and other contractors have restricted hours to operate in the Village. For the benefit of all residents, contractors are restricted to working only between 8 am and 6 pm Monday-Saturday, and work is not permitted on holidays. These limits do not apply to residents working on their own homes, but your help to avoid disturbing your neighbors is appreciated.

## Downspout Disconnection

In Ottawa Hills downspouts are often connected to the sanitary sewer system. In times of heavy rain this can contribute to sewer backups which can result in flooded basements. Even if you have not experienced water in your basement, you may be contributing to a problem for your neighbors. Disconnecting downspouts is a simple and inexpensive thing that citizens can do that will both improve the water quality and reduce the potential for basement flood. The process is simple, allowing water from downspouts to splash onto the ground. We will be happy to inspect and assist citizens with examining their connections. Feel free to call 419-536-1111 for assistance.

## Storm Sewer Improvements

This summer storm sewers west of Talmadge have been televised and cleaned in preparation for a lining project. Lining storm sewers prevents water from leaking out of the older pipes and can reduce basement flooding. The lining project will take place this fall, along with some spot repairs where the pipes are too damaged to be lined. The total cost of the project is expected to be \$465,000 with 22% (\$102,000) being funded by a state grant.

## Councilwoman Norma King to Retire

Norma King, who was appointed Clerk Treasurer in 2002, was elected to that position in 2003, and was elected to Village Council in 2007, is retiring from her position. Norma has been an excellent representative for the Village, serving as chairperson of the Human Resource Committee along with other committee assignments. Her contributions have been highly valued by her fellow elected officials and the Village staff.

## August 2011 Financial Recap

<b>OPERATING REVENUES (000's)</b>	<b>AUG. YTD ACTUAL</b>	<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>
Income Tax	2,434	2,884
Property Tax	568	670
Estate Tax	105	550
Interest Income	80	208
Other Income	572	710
Operating Income	3,759	5,022

<b>OPERATING EXPENSES (000's)</b>	<b>AUG. YTD ACTUAL</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
Personnel	1,909	2,989
Other Operating	1,128	2,021
Operating Expense	3,037	5,010

Village revenues through August reflect an increase in income tax collections, but estate tax and interest receipts that are falling below budget.

From an expenditure standpoint, we are slightly below budget and are working hard to control expenses. Factors such as weather and fuel prices put stress on the Village budget, much as they do for our residents.

As part of Ohio's budget legislation, the estate tax has been eliminated as of January 2013. This will result in a reduction of approximately \$700,000 in annual revenues to the Village. Historically estate tax revenue has been used to fund capital improvements in the Village, such as road and sewer work.

# Office of Village Life Newsletter

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## **FOR ALL AGES:**

The Office of Village Life is offering many opportunities for participation:

- Knitting Club, Wed. 2:30-3:30 Comm. Rm.
- Open Bridge, Wed. 12:30-2:30 Comm. Rm.
- Family Movie Night, Fri. Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m. Aud.
- Sculpture Garden Tours, Saturdays in October.  
11 a.m. - Noon
- Homecoming Parade, Fri. Oct. 14, 5-7 p.m.
- Town Hall Meeting, Mon. Oct. 17, 7:00 - 9 p.m.  
H.S. Auditorium
- Community Reads, Thurs. Dec. 1, 7:30-9 p.m.  
Comm. Rm. Book: The Help by Kathryn Stockett

## **Directors of Village Life**

Sandy Brown & Shelly Jamieson

### **Contact us:**

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## **OH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

Monday, October 17, 7-9 P.M. OHHS Auditorium

All village residents are invited to this highly informational meeting. Candidates for Mayor, Village Council, School Board and Toledo Municipal Court Judge, will address the audience. There will also be a question & answer period. The evening will include reports from Mayor Kevin Gilmore on the State of the Village, and Gary Wilson, on the State of the Schools. In addition Dr. Kevin Miller will speak regarding the school levy. This is your opportunity to get first hand information before you vote in November. Be informed - Come to the Town Meeting!

### **GET FIT!!!!**

ZUMBA, PILATES, YOGA, WEIGHT & STRENGTH TRAINING AND DANCE LESSONS

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### **SUPERCALIFRAGILISTICEXPALIDOCIOUS!!**

Come see a movie classic with your family, neighbors, friends or date. It's on the big screen at the OHHS Auditorium with popcorn, candy & drinks available. What a deal at \$3 a person..... Fri. Oct. 7, 7-9 p.m.

## **EMPTY NESTERS.....TO.....MATURE ADULTS WE WANT YOU!!!!**

- **STRENGTH & WEIGHT TRAINING**  
IMPROVE MOBILITY & PRESERVE BONE DENSITY
- **OPEN BRIDGE AND GIN RUMMY**  
BRING SOME FRIENDS, JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS, PLAY CARDS, HAVE FUN, EVERY WEDNESDAY 12:30-2:30
- **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**  
FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH 12-12:30 IN COMMUNITY ROOM & STAY FOR BRIDGE OR GIN RUMMY
- **MAH JONGG**  
LEARN THE RUMMY-LIKE GAME PLAYED WITH TILES
- **KNITTING CLUB**  
MAKE SCARVES FOR THE HOMELESS
- **HISTORY OF OTTAWA HILLS**  
MEET THE AUTHOR AND LEARN ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY
- **COMMUNITY READS**  
Read the book: The Help and come and discuss with friends

## **CHECK OUT FALL BROCHURE!**

New Offerings –Always Changing

### **FREE!!**

VILLAGE LIFE PARADE, SCULPTURE GARDEN TOURS, CAREGIVERS CLASS, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING, TOWN MEETING

### **FUN FOR ALL! YOUNG, OLD & IN BETWEEN**

COMMUNITY READS, HISTORY OF OTTAWA HILLS, KNITTING CLUB, OPEN BRIDGE, COOKING CLASSES, WINE TASTING, DOG TRAINING, MOVIE NIGHT, MAH JONGG  
**JR. HIGH HALLOWEEN DANCE GR. 7-8**  
Monday Oct. 31 7:30-9 p.m. OHES gym  
Volunteer Chaperones needed.

# OTTAWA HILLS 2011 LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

Do not place branches or other materials in leaf piles - these can damage equipment and slow pick up.

Please notify your lawn service of the leaf schedule so that they can coordinate their leaf raking.

Refrain from parking in the street during leaf pickup weeks.

Leaf pickup crews will be on each street at least once every two weeks, weather permitting,

<b>Leaves will be picked up WEEKS OF:</b>					
<b>Oct. 3 &amp; 10 - Throughout the Village</b>					
<b>AREA 1</b>			<b>AREA 2</b>		
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Oct. 31</b>	<b>Nov. 14</b>	<b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>Nov. 7</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>
Ashborne Place			Avatar Court		
Bexford Road			Bancroft Street		
Brantford Road			Bonnie Brae Circle		
Brookside Road - 4300 to 4700 ONLY			Bonniebrook Road		
Brookview Drive			Boshart Way		
Central Avenue			Brittany Road		
Cheryl Lane			Brookside Road - 3300 to 4200 ONLY		
Darlington Road			Canterbury Court		
Dunkirk Road			Carriage Hill Drive		
Evergreen Road - 2200 to INDIAN ONLY			Challedon Court		
Falmouth Road			Chestnut Hill Road		
Forestvale Road			Citation Road, North & South		
Forestview Drive			Collinway Street		
Gallatin Road			Damascus Drive		
Grimsby Road			Dauber Drive, East & West		
Halifax Road			Derby Road		
Hardale Blvd.			Dundas Road		
Hempstead Road			Edgehill Road		
Indian Road			Edgevale Road		
Inlands Court			Emkay Drive		
Kirkwall Road			Evergreen Road - 2100 to 2199 ONLY		
Manchester Road			Exmoor		
Miner Road			Fordway Street		
Northmoor Road			Hasty Road		
Olde Brookside Road			Hawthorne Road		
Orchard Road - 2274 to 2600 ONLY			Hillandale Road		
Orkney Road			Innisbrook Road		
Osborn Road			Orchard Road - 2000 to 2241 ONLY		
Pelham Road			Parke Road		
Pembroke Road			Richards Road		
Scarborough Road			Ridgewood Road		
Sheraton Road			Riva Ridge Road		
Talmadge Road - North of River			Secretariat Road		
Valleyview Drive			Stableside, North & South		
Westchester Road			Sulphur Spring Road		
Woodhill Road			Talmadge Road - South of River		
			Underhill Road		
			Whitehall Road		

## Tree Limb Disposal

Storms and high winds can cause large limbs to fall from trees. The Village will pick up these storm-damage limbs at the curb. This pick up is intended for larger limbs that will be chipped, not for twigs that can be easily handled by the resident or lawn crew. Small quantities, "handfuls", of twigs can be put in the trash. The landfill will not allow larger quantities of yard waste from our refuse trucks.

**The Village will not pick up** limbs from trimming or general yard cleanup. This type of material should be taken to a yard waste disposal site.

### **Final 2011 Bulk Item Pick Ups Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

Bulk trash pick up is for items that cannot be collected during normal refuse collection. The Village has contracted with Waste Management to run the program. The final pick ups for 2011 are scheduled for Friday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. The cost for a pick up is \$50. To register, stop by the Village offices. Registrations are accepted up to one week before the pick up, as long as there are openings.

## Personnel Changes

The Village is welcoming two new full time dispatchers. Both Diana Ruble and Penny Wilson have been working as part time employees and were recently promoted to full time positions. They are welcome additions to our staff and will maintain the excellent dispatching services that our Village enjoys.

Long time DARE Officer Jim Knallay resigned his position in August to take a job closer to his home in Wood County. Jim worked for the Village for over 19 years and we wish him much success in his new position. Filling his full time police position is Mike Worden. Mike has been working as a part time officer for the Village since November 2009. He came to the Village from the Northwood Police Department.

## Safety Tips

Residents can take steps to help the Police prevent crime in the Village. A common problem is vehicles left unlocked in driveways. Open vehicles are an invitation for thieves and allow for quick access and escape. In addition, leaving valuables visible in vehicles, even when locked, is another risk. Cell phones, laptops, wallets, keys, etc. are enticing for criminals.

Keeping your garage and house doors locked and outside lights on at night will help discourage illegal activity.

Ottawa Hills residents are vital in making the Police Dept. aware of suspicious activities. Do not hesitate to call the police when you notice something of concern. Often we receive information during an investigation that if it had been called in, might have actually prevented a crime. The more detail you can provide, such as make, model, color, and license plate information for vehicles, or height, weight etc. for people, the better.

## When do I need a Zoning Permit?

Projects such as fences, paving, roofing, interior remodeling, exterior structure changes, outdoor structures including garages, sheds, mounds, fountains etc. all require a zoning permit from the Village. There is no charge for the permit and forms are available on the website. If you have a question about your project or the need for a permit, call the Village Manager's office.

Information required for the permit depends on the nature of the project, but may include:

- Contractor information - Federal ID#
- Estimated cost
- Plot plan
- Square footage of lot, existing and proposed structures
- Drainage analysis

Contractors need to be registered and in compliance with the tax office before receiving a permit.



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## **E-Mail Newsletter**

This summer the Village began sending out a newsletter to our residents via e-mail. The newsletter is brief and is sent out every week or two. It contains information on Village meetings, community activities and alerts to important information. If you would like to get on our email list, just send an email to Judy Hayden at [HaydenJ@ottawahills.org](mailto:HaydenJ@ottawahills.org) and reference Resident E-mail List. This newsletter along with postings on Facebook allow us to communicate with our residents in a more frequent and informal manner.

## **Child Car Seat Assistance**

Police Officer Chris Sargent and Dispatcher Kim Bunce have been certified in child car seat safety. They received special training to assist with the installation and use of car seats. If you need assistance in using a child car seat or have questions about the laws related to child car seats, please call Officer Sargent or Dispatcher Bunce in the Police Dept. at 419-531-4211.

## **Disposal of Unused/Expired Medications - Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**

On **Saturday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am – 2 pm**, the Ottawa Hills Police Department will be collecting unused or expired medications for safe disposal. While many people put these unneeded medications in the trash or flush them down the drain, these are not safe disposal methods. Take this opportunity to look through medicine cabinets and bring these medications to the Police Department.

### **2011 HOLIDAY CALENDAR**

#### **Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>**

Offices closed, Thursday Recycling on Wednesday, Friday Recycling normal

#### **Christmas Eve observed, Friday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Offices closed at noon, Normal Recycling Schedule

#### **Christmas holiday observed, Monday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Offices closed, All Trash 1 day delayed

#### **New Years Eve observed, Friday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

Offices closed at noon, Normal Recycling Schedule

#### **New Years Day holiday observed, Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Offices closed, All Trash 1 day delayed