



July 25, 2014

## VILLAGE OF PEMBERVILLE

### PARKS AND RECREATIONS



Recreation opportunities that affect the quality of life for our residents deserve dedicated funding for continued development. Current and previous Mayor's and Village Council have done a credible job of receiving grants, slowly making improvements and managing costs, but a number of costly projects lay ahead. The Parks and Recreation Fund receives no ongoing financial support through a tax levy or assessment. Funding for Memorial Park, Oberhouse Park, Northwest Park, and the walking trail comes from the General Fund, grants or donations. Included in these parks are the ball diamond, tennis courts, playground and equipment, and shelter house. Daily operations of the Community Pool are funded through annual fees as well as supported by the general fund. Any major repairs and upgrades to the Community Pool are sought by grants or donations. The Village will continue to pursue every opportunity for grant funding, but grants will not fund all of our needs.

Grants that the Village has received the past few years include:

**2011--** \$2,135 for new reclining lounging chairs at the pool.

**2012--** \$11,000 for handicapped chair lift.

**2013--** \$10,800 for new gas-fired pool heater; \$1,713 for new fixtures and plumbing at the Pool change house.

**2014--** \$5,688 for resurfacing the tennis courts at Memorial Park.

During the next five years, some foreseen projects currently in the planning stages include:

#### COMMUNITY POOL

**1.** Remove pool lights and seal the openings (and other cement repair). The Community Pool loses over 2000 gallons of water per day (pool capacity is 250,000 gallons). The in-flow and out-flow pipes from the filter system were relined in 2013, which helped but did not correct the problem. *Estimated cost:* \$12,000

**2.** Replace collapsed drainpipe from pool to sanitary sewer. The drainage from around the pool converges at a drain 15 ft. below ground behind the pool and travels through a row of trees before it joins the sanitary sewer in the Valley. *Estimated cost:* \$8,000

**3.** Paint the pool. Every three to four years, the inside of the pool requires a coat of special rubberized paint, costing over \$60/gal. The effect of chlorine and water deteriorates the paint rapidly. *Estimated cost:* \$4,800 for paint plus \$500 in equipment and supplies provided Village employees complete the work.

#### NORTHWEST PARK DEVELOPMENT

**Phase I:** Install 550 ft gravel access road and 50' X 100' gravel parking lot along the west side of Northwest Park (10 acres just west of north water plant on Rees Rd.) See diagram (PG.3). *Estimated cost:* \$17,436

**Phase II:** Install gravel-walking trail around the perimeter of Northwest Park. See diagram (PG.3). *Estimated cost:* \$19,035

**Phase III:** Construct 18'X24' shelter house with concrete floor at Northwest Park. See diagram. *Estimated cost:* \$19,800 for shelter house; \$3,500 for concrete pad.

**Phase IV:** Soccer field or Skateboard Park. See diagram. *Estimated cost:* \$27,425 plus seeding, grading; \$10,000 for equipment; \$17,000 electrical improvements.

**Phase V:** Build Restrooms. See diagram. *Estimated cost of structure:* \$65,000 plus infrastructure costs of restrooms (sanitary sewers, storm water sewers, waterlines. Electrical) \$98,000

**Arboretum.** Tom Oberhouse has pledged to plant 8-10 trees per year in the south-central part of Northwest Park creating a diverse horticultural area, at his expense.

At some point, the Village may ask for financial support from the residents to help pay for these capital improvements to our parks. A one-mil property tax levy for a person with a home valued at \$100,000 would be approximately \$35 per year. That would provide an estimate of \$23,482 per year to pay for the up-keep and improvements to our parks—a wise investment for all to enjoy.

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### MAYOR BOWMAN'S REMARKS AT THE MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE, MAY 26, 2014 AT THE PEMBERVILLE AMERICAN LEGION



For nearly 40 years before the Battle of Fallen Timbers, the Ohio frontier at times resembled a war zone. The Indians vowed to keep white settlers from crossing north over the Ohio River, while settlers voracious in their desire for more land, kept coming. After the American Revolution, settlers demanded the young United States government provide protection and President George Washington attempted to comply. An army commanded by General Josiah Harmar raided Indian villages in present-day Fort Wayne, Indiana in October, 1790 and then marched right into a series of ambushes, suffering heavy losses. A year later, a second army, under General Arthur St. Clair, marched along the Wabash River near present-day Fort Recovery, Ohio (which is near the Ohio-Indiana line southwest of Lake St. Mary.) They made camp on November 3, 1791, believing there were only a few Indians in the area. Waiting for them in the woods, however, were over 1000 armed and ready warriors from 8 tribes. They attacked at dawn, and it was the worst defeat ever of an American army by Indians, over 600 dead (that's over twice as many as the more famous Battle of the Little Big Horn).

In 1792, President Washington selected an ill-tempered general named Anthony Wayne, a veteran of the Revolution and given to attacks of gout. He was vain, self-promoting, irritating and disliked by fellow officers. But, He was also a conservative strategist and a strict disciplinarian. In battle he led from the front, and he was ferocious in attack. He started in 1792 to recruit an Army of 4000 soldiers, officially known as the Legion of the United States, from East Coast cities—and jails. He moved his Army west slowly, marching and training and building supply forts. In the summer of 1794, he arrived at the Maumee River and camped in the Roche de Boeuf area (called Camp Deposit) near present-day Waterville. The tribes that had gathered all summer in present-day Maumee, had expected battle for several days at a place where a tornado had knocked down hundreds of trees near the Maumee River. The Indian practice of fasting the day before battle left many very hungry when no battle came for 3 straight days. Many tired and hungry warriors headed back to the Maumee encampment. On Aug. 20, 1794, dreary and rainy, Mad Anthony Wayne sent 800 troops backed by 1500 Kentucky militia into the area of downed trees. One hundred yards into the area, the air was filled with smoke and the roar of gunfire. The Indians had concealed themselves in the tall grass and saplings, and fired at will. The Legion troops retreated. Many of the Indians broke their lines and pursued the troops with just tomahawks and knives. They soon found themselves surrounded by the remainder of General Wayne's army. The warriors who had remained at Fallen Timbers fled back to the British Fort Miamis, along the Maumee River, where they had been promised protection. When the Indians got there, the British wouldn't let them in, fearing reprisal by Wayne's army. The Indians surrendered. The next year, The Treaty of Fort Greenville (Aug. 3, 1795), when the Miami chief Little Turtle, representing the confederation of tribes, ceded to the **United States** most of Ohio and parts of Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. This didn't end the fighting with the Indians and British, but paved the way for thousands of settlers to Ohio, and eventually to the Great Black Swamp and to The Forks.

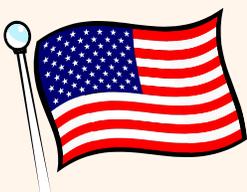
The first land entry in present day Freedom Township was made by Asahel Powers in August, 1833, being 40 acres of section 10, which is now Pemberville. After Powers located his land, he returned to his old home in Lorain County. The following November, Powers came back to "The Forks" with 2 two-horse wagons, with his wife, two

sons, Herman and Hiram, and two sons-in-law, James Pember and Benjamin White, with his wife and daughters. It took 5 days to travel the 80 miles to Wood County. The last part of the trip they travelled on the Portage River from Woodville to their land. It was told that before the sun sunk in the West, they had raised a substantial cabin, 18 by 30 feet, covered by shakes and bark. The next spring, James Pember brought his family to the Forks, where he purchased land and built the first of 3 sawmills along the banks of the Portage. Times were very hard for those early settlers. First, there was the mud. Water covered the land's surface for most of the year, save for the height of a dry summer or when frozen solid in cold winter. Summer brought swarming clouds of mosquitoes and to ward them off, settlers perspired in thick clothing, mittens and head wraps. Their poor horses were similarly attired. Smoke hugged the ground in the evenings as smudge pots, lit to keep mosquitoes away, made the settlers like so many hams in a smokehouse. The nights were flooded with the baritone croaking of thousands of frogs, accented by the tenor sounds of howling wolves and screeching owls. And the rattle-snakes—hidden in any grassy area, ready to strike an unsuspecting traveler. The treatment for snakebite in those days was Whiskey. One fellow, so full of whiskey, that when he was bitten, he was barely affected—while the snake keeled over and died straight away. But the worst warm weather affliction was the dreaded ague, or swamp fever, which came in late summer and flattened its victims with soaring fever, then deep chills, and violent shaking. It would be four decades before quinine was discovered to alleviate some of the symptoms.

The fall of 1842 was a mild one according to historical accounts. But, on the afternoon of November 25, the sky turned gray as lead and a cold rain began to fall. It soon became a wind-driven sleet and by morning, snow. In the weeks that followed, the snow kept falling and the temperature bottomed out, eventually freezing the River to its bed. When April began, there was still enough snow and ice on the ground to pull a sleigh. It may have been the worst winter of that century. Does that winter remind you of anything?

Not everyone who challenged the Great Black Swamp made it. But the settlers kept coming. There was land to be had and dreams to be realized, even if they had to wage war against the swamp. They felled the trees, killed off the wild animals and drained the land. They saw the promise of the future. They persisted and were determined. **And they are your and my ancestors.**

Later, when it came time to protect this valuable land and their way of life, 41 brave men from Freedom Township in 7 wars gave their lives to preserve what we value so much today. It is fitting to remember and honor these men for their sacrifice, and all the veterans who so honorably have served this country. And it is fitting to remember and honor all those pioneers who helped create our beloved Pemberville and Wood County. I hope you will take a moment to remember all of them this Memorial Day.

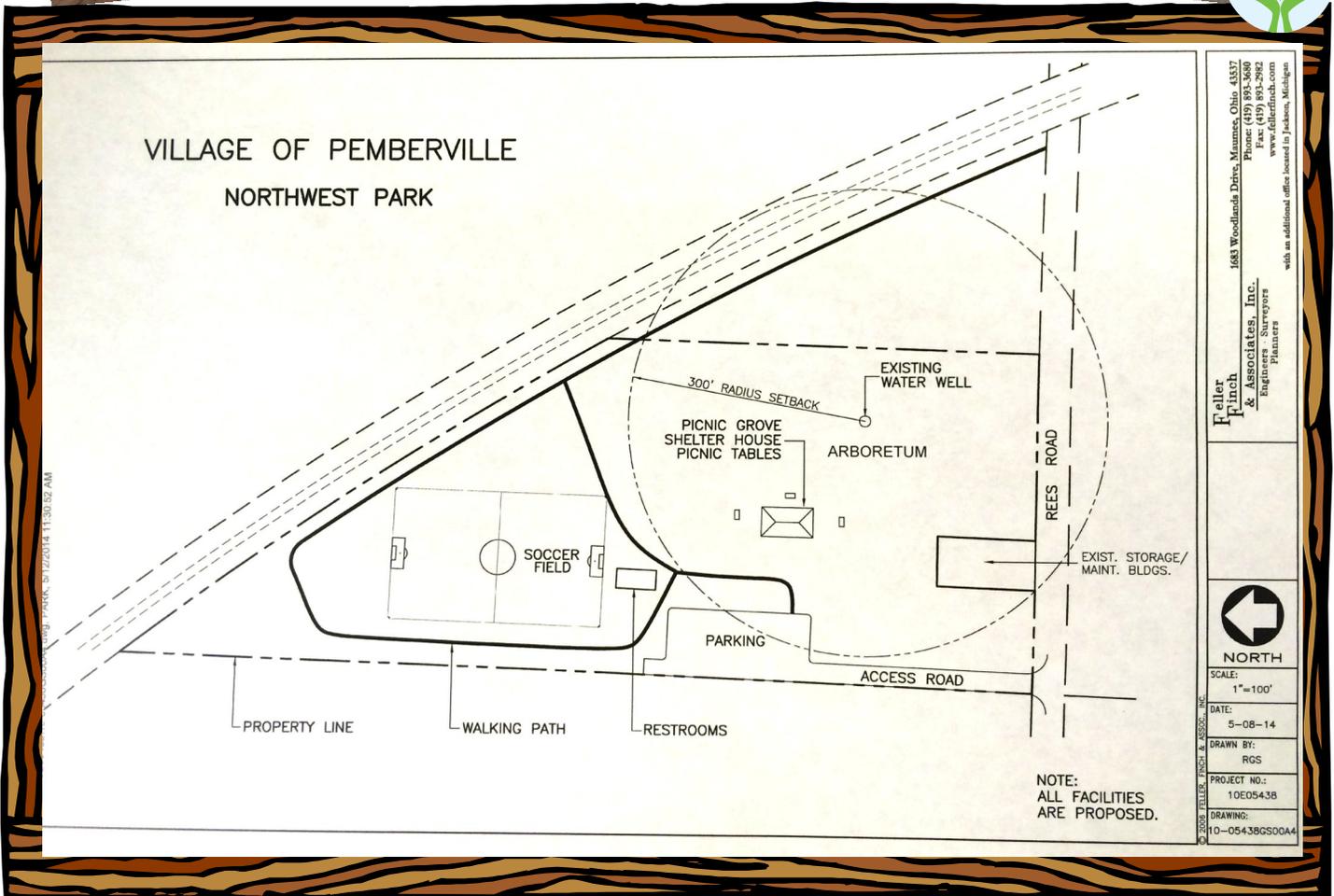




# National Arbor Day



National Arbor Day, Friday, April 25, 2014, saw the donation and planting of a Blue Spruce tree, from North Branch Nursery, in Elihu H Mason Park. Assisting with the planting were the Second Grade classes of Mrs. Frantz and Mrs. Briggs. Council President Randy Rothenbuhler welcomed those attending. Tree Commission President John Lockard spoke to the classes about the planting and care of trees, and their importance to our quality of life. He explained about protecting our environment, reminding them that this is their tree for many years to come. Each of the students received a White Spruce Seedling from one of the Tree Commission members, which they were encouraged to plant and water. "Every tree that grows helps clean our air and keep us healthy," said Lockard. Pemberville has achieved the "Tree City USA" distinction award for over 20 years. Councilperson Randy Rothenbuhler, Tree Commission President John Lockard, and members of the Tree Commission Ruth Phillips and Terry Nigh attended the ceremony.





## DOES SOMEONE YOU KNOW—A SENIOR OR ADULT WITH A DISABILITY – DISPLAY ANY WARNING SIGNS OF MISTREATMENT?

### NEGLECT

- Lack of basic hygiene, adequate food or clean and appropriate clothing
- Lack of medical aids (glasses, walker, teeth, hearing aid, and medications)
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Person confined to bed is left without care
- Home cluttered, filthy, in disrepair or having fire and safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities (stove, refrigerator, heat, cooling, working plumbing and electricity)
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores

### FINANCIAL ABUSE OR EXPLOITATION

- Lack of amenities that victim could afford
- Vulnerable elder/adult “voluntarily” giving uncharacteristic excessive reimbursement/gifts for needed care and companionship
- Caregiver has control of elder’s money but is failing to provide for elder’s needs
- Vulnerable elder/adult has signed property transfers (Power of Attorney, new will, etc.) but is unable to comprehend the transaction or what it means

### PSYCHOLOGICAL/EMOTIONAL ABUSE

- Unexplained or uncharacteristic changes in behavior; such as withdrawal from normal activities, unexplained changes in alertness, etc.
- Caregiver isolates elder (doesn’t let anyone into home or speak to elder)
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling, overly concerned about spending money, or uncaring
- Depression, withdrawal, fear, guilt, denial

### PHYSICAL/SEXUAL ABUSE

- Inadequately explained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores or burns
- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS IN A LIFE THREATENING SITUATION OR IMMEDIATE DANGER, CALL 911 OR THE LOCAL POLICE OR SHERIFF. You don’t have to be afraid or feel isolated. If you or someone you know is being hurt or abused, you can also call WOOD COUNTY DEPT. OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, 419-952-7566.



## Message from Village Utilities

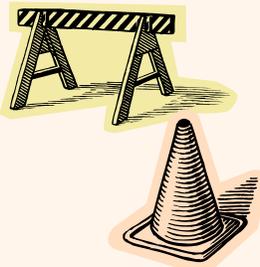


Road projects have started all over Wood County so please be careful and watch out for workers along the side or in the road!

The workers use signs and wear high visibility clothing but they depend on you to pay full attention to your surroundings when driving. The start of school is not far off, and a record corn crop is expected. Be extra cautious as you approach intersections and visibility is limited.

### 811 Know what's below!! Call before you dig 1-800-362-2764 or 8-1-1

Unauthorized digging is one of the leading causes of natural gas leaks. By law, you must call the Ohio Utilities Protective Service (OUPS) at 8-1-1, at least **two working days** (M-F) before digging for any landscape or construction project on your property. Keep in mind that lines have been hit digging fence post holes, anchoring supports for decks and swing sets, planting trees, removing tree roots and driving landscaping stakes into the ground. By not calling, you are breaking the law and risking injury to yourself, your family and your fellow community members.





Dear Mayor Bowman,

Thank you for notifying us regarding the sounding of train horns in your community. We have forwarded your concerns to the local CSX community affairs representative.

We appreciate that the sound of train horns can be disruptive to some people, but in the interest of public safety, our locomotive engineers are required by law to sound train horns at crossings, tunnels, bridges, passenger and commuter rail stations and any situation that may present a safety hazard.

All railroads are required to follow strict safety rules enforced by the Federal Railroad Administration. The FRA requires that at every public crossing, engineers sound the train horn in a four horn sequence—two long, one short, and one more long. To learn more about the train horn rule, you may visit the FRA's web site at www.fra.dot.gov.

You may also contact the FRA directly at:

Office of Railroad Safety  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Mail Stop 25  
Washington, DC 20590

Our first, priority is safety. CSX strives to be a good neighbor in communities in which we operate. Again, thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

TellCSX Team



FREE FAIR SALSA CONTEST



GORDON AND LYNNE BOWMAN, CHAIRPERSONS  
COME ONE, COME ALL THURSDAY, AUG. 14, 2014

Show your neighbors the YOU make the best fresh salsa!  
Auction by Todd Schling, Auctioneer

1. Open to all interested parties. Each entrant must provide TWO sample jars of the same fresh salsa: one 8 oz. and one 16 oz.
2. All entries must be registered between 2 pm. and 4:30 pm. Thursday afternoon, August 14, 2014 in front of the Boy Scout Cabin. Total entries limited to 30.
3. Entry samples must be labeled with a descriptive name of salsa, not the entrant's name.
4. Blind judging will take place at 5 pm. on the Free Fair Main Stage by "celebrity judges".
5. Fresh salsas will be judged on appearance, consistency and taste.
6. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the top four places.
7. After prizes are awarded, the 16 oz. jars will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the auction go to Pemberville Free Fair, Inc.



LEARN TO SALSA DANCE!

There will be live "Salsa" dancing demos and lesson during the contest!  
Provided by Julie's Dance Studio.

Friday, August 15, 2014, 6:30pm

**Hosted by:** Pemberville Community Pool and the Pemberville Fair Board  
**Course: Certified** (OH89039) five mile course starts at the Pemberville Fire Hall, through Village streets, along River Road, with an exciting finish at the Fair grandstand.

**Fun Run:** 1 Mile Fun Run, free to all, (no shirt). No need to pre-register for the Fun Run. Starts approximately @ 6:10pm. (Course is the first mile of 5-Miler run backwards)

**Features:** Ample parking, fast, paved course, split times each mile, three water stops, chip timing provided by The Toledo Roadrunners, pool and showers available at the finish, and many very enthusiastic fans. Enjoy the fair while you wait for awards!

**Age Groups:** 12 and Under, 13-15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70 & over

**Awards:** First overall male and female receive special award  
First Local\* male and female receive special award  
First male and female masters runner receive special award  
First three in each age group, male and female, receive award  
First three local\* in each age group, male and female receive award  
*\*Pemberville mailing address (Some age groups may go deeper than three)*

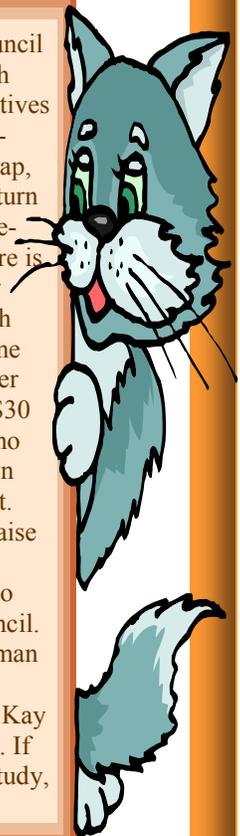
**Team Competition: New for 2010!!**

Boys and Girls High School Teams can compete for the title of "Pemberville's Top Team". The first 5 runners to finish for each team will be scored by overall Place. To determine the top teams. Middle school runners may compete for their high school team. No graduates or alums. Bring your team to the fair and strut your stuff! See how you stack up against other area teams!

All pre-registrations must be completed online at  
[www.runsignup.com](http://www.runsignup.com)

MAYOR APPOINTS CAT COMMITTEE

Just prior to the July 15, 2014 Village Council meeting, the Council and Mayor met with Wood County Humane Society representatives to discuss the feral cat problem in Pemberville. The Humane Society proposes a "Trap, Neuter & Release" program that would return the neutered animals to Pemberville, but reproduction would be greatly reduced. There is significant cost to this procedure, but after multiple trappings, the cost would be much less. The cost of transportation to a Humane Society veterinarian would be \$2 or less per cat, and the surgical cost would be about \$30 per cat. Traps may be provided for use at no additional cost. If there are 500 feral cats in Pemberville, these costs will be significant. Wood County Humane Society hopes to raise money to defray part of the costs. Mayor Bowman appointed an ad hoc committee to study the problem and report back to Council. Members of the Cat Committee are Chairman Councilman Eric Campbell, Councilman James Opelt, resident Keith Madaras, and Kay Chapman, Wood County Humane Society. If you have interest in the committee or its study, please contact any of the members.



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**JOIN THE MAYOR ON FACEBOOK**

Three or four times each week, Mayor Gordon Bowman posts INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OHIO, WOOD COUNTY & PEMBERVILLE on his Facebook wall. Using a wide range of topics that include history, biography, current events, science and transportation, he tries to write 100 words or so on a specific topic. If you would like to be included, send a friend request to [www.facebook.com/mayorbowman](http://www.facebook.com/mayorbowman).

**EXPERIENCE WORKS**

Are you 55 years of age or older? Unemployed with little or no income? In urgent need of a job?

If so, you might qualify for the Experience Works Senior Community Service Employment Program and be eligible to update your job skills while earning a wage and contributing to your community through community service employment. The Experience Works Senior Community Service Employment Program is supported through a grant from the US Department of Labor and other state funding sources.

Employers are looking for dependable, experienced, mature workers. This training program can lead to part time or full time positions such as cashiers, clerical (office), clerical (sales), health care, food service, drivers, janitorial, maintenance, and more. For more details or to see if you qualify, call 877-496-6439 or visit [www.experienceworks.org](http://www.experienceworks.org)

We're on the web: [www.pemberville.org](http://www.pemberville.org)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JULY**



- 4—Independence Day (Town Hall Closed)
- 10—Car Show
- 12—Recycling

14—Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

19—Community Garage Sale

**AUGUST**



- 4—Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 4—Brush Collection
- 7—Car Show

9—Recycling

10—Community Church Service

13-16—Pemberville Free Fair

18—Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

20—1st day for Eastwood Students resume

**September**



1—Labor Day (Town Hall Closed)

2—Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

4—Car Show

4—Opera House Concert Series

13—Recycling

15—Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.



**MONTHLY MEETING DATES & TIMES**

**Council Meetings:** The first and third Tuesday of each month

**BPA Meetings:** The Monday preceding Council Meetings.

**Parks/Swimming Pool:** meets fourth Monday at 3:30pm

**Personnel:** meets third Tuesday at 6pm

**Planning Commission:** meets third Wednesday at 7pm

**Lands & Buildings, Streets, Alley & Sidewalks:** meets third Thursday at 3:30pm

**Tree Commission:** meets last Thursday of each month at 3pm

**Utilities:** meets during BPA meeting

**Finance:** meets the first Tuesday at 6:15pm

**Brush Collection for 2014**

April 7<sup>th</sup>

May 5<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

October 6<sup>th</sup>

December 8<sup>th</sup>

