

PIQUA Spirit



SPRING 2011

Spring It Here...It's Time To Golf!

Spring is here and it's time to dust off your golf clubs and get ready to play some golf. Echo Hills golf course is open and waiting for your arrival. No need to walk around the block for your exercise when you can grab your sticks and take a stroll down the fairways of our beautiful city golf course. You can walk nine holes during the weekday for \$14 or on the weekends for \$16. If you want to get in four miles of walking try eighteen holes of golf at \$19 during the weekday or \$22 during the weekend. If you want a golf cart to play, Echo Hills G.C. has eighteen hole weekday and weekend specials. As long as you get a tee time after 11:00 AM during the weekend you can ride eighteen holes for \$27. The weekday special is \$24 for the same eighteen holes with a riding cart.

Echo Hills has two different types of membership if you think you are going to play more than just a few times during the year. An adult unlimited membership is \$825 and a senior membership is \$775. We also have a junior unlimited membership, which costs \$330. The age for a senior is 62 and for a junior it is under 18 years of age. There is a \$25 discount if you purchase an unlimited membership by April 15th. The other type of membership is a limited membership. With this membership you pay a reduced fee each day you play. The fee is either \$6 for adults and seniors or \$5 for juniors. The adult limited membership is \$415 and the senior is \$365. The junior limited is \$115 and the newest limited membership is called the young adult membership and it is \$210. The young adult membership is for golfers from 18 to 23 years of age. All different types of memberships and different prices for different days of the week but the main thing is to get active and start playing some golf. If you don't know how to play and want to learn then come on out and I can answer any questions you might have. Better yet, Echo Hills G.C. is now on facebook and I will be report-

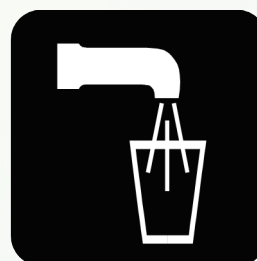
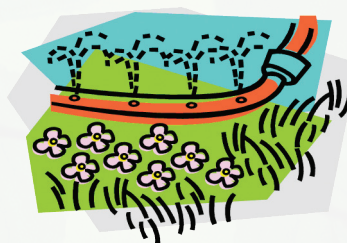
ing all the happenings and some of my golfing knowledge to the masses just as soon as I work out the kinks. If you go to the Echo Hills G.C. wall on facebook you will see a link to our website (piquaoh.org/golfcourse.htm) also. This website has all the rate and membership information you need.

So come on out or check us out on the computer! You can call me at 778-2086 if you have any questions or to make your next tee time. We are open every day except Thanksgiving and Christmas from here until the end of the year. Thanks and have a great 2011. See you on the links!

Golfingly Yours,
Chip Fox, PGA Professional
Echo Hills G. C., Piqua, Ohio

Lawn Watering Tips

Did you know that watering your lawn during the heat of the day can actually do harm to your lawn? After about 10 a.m. evaporation robs the soil of moisture, so watering after this time doesn't get absorbed efficiently. Running a sprinkler or watering at night can also lead to root rot and create excessive moisture that can lead to lawn disease.



Did you know that tap water is the original health drink? Tap water has no calories, no cholesterol, no caffeine and no fats or sugars. Every glass of water you drink nourishes your body and mind!

Watch Out for those Orange Barrels

As the warm weather approaches, so do the orange barrels. The City has a number of construction projects scheduled for this summer.

After taking the winter months off, construction has resumed on the U.S. 36 bridges over Interstate 75 (I-75). The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is replacing the bridge decks on both of the U.S. 36 bridges over I-75. Also included in this project is the landscaping of all four quadrants of the I-75/U.S. 36 interchange.

The first phase of this project was completed last year which included the completion of the southern bridge. The second phase will close the westbound bridge to traffic and crossover the two thru westbound lanes on to the completed eastbound structure so work can proceed on the northern bridge. The completion date for this project is August 15, 2011.

The City of Piqua will also be completing a street resurfacing program this year in addition to an in-house paving program. Tentatively, County Road 25-A (south) between Hemm Avenue and the south corporation limit and a portion of Fox Drive have been identified for the Street Resurfacing Program. The in-house paving program will consist of the City of Piqua Street Department performing patching/repairs to multiple streets throughout the City.

ODOT will be repaving SR 185 from Spring Street to Washington Avenue and US Route 36 from Spring Street to Downing Street this summer. This is part of ODOT's Urban Paving Program in which the project costs are split between ODOT and the local jurisdictions. In conjunction with this project, the City will be

contracting out for all of the concrete work associated with upgrading the handicap ramps along the resurfacing corridor to meet ADA requirements.

The Water Street Streetscape Project construction will also commence this summer. The proposed improvements will compliment earlier phases of streetscape improvements already completed, primarily focusing on the area between the curb line and the face of the buildings adjacent to the public right of way. The project will include the installation of new curbing, brick pavers, concrete sidewalk, catch basins, light poles and sign posts, streetscape furniture, trees and bio-retention areas.

CITY COMMISSION

John Martin

Commissioner, 1st Ward
Home: 773-2778
Ward1comm@piquaoh.org

William Vogt

Commissioner, 2nd Ward
Home: 773-8217
Ward2comm@piquaoh.org

Joseph Wilson

Commissioner, 3rd Ward
Home: 778-0390
Ward3comm@piquaoh.org

Julia (Judy) Terry

Commissioner, 4th Ward
Home: 773-3189
Ward4comm@piquaoh.org

Lucinda L. (Lucy) Fess

Mayor & Commissioner,
5th Ward
Home: 773-7929
Ward5comm@piquaoh.org

The project limits include both sides of Water Street from Main Street to Wayne Street.

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.

Piqua Pool 2011

The City of Piqua Public Pool is looking forward to a fun and exciting 2011-swim season. With a new manager and an assistant manager on board, the City provides two managers that are qualified to teach swim lessons and bring fresh new ideas to the pool. Both managers bring years of pool experience with them and are excited to be part of revitalizing the Piqua Pool.

Gold Medal Products will be the new food vendor for the concession stand. With their low prices and great tasting food, patrons are going to be in for a treat. Not only will there be new food items on the menu, the prices are going to be super reasonable! Patrons will be able to buy hotdog or pizza combo meals with chips and a drink, which may be less expensive than fast food.

Maybe the most exciting part of the 2011 swim season is the addition of a Teen Night and the extended time of Family Night. Teen Night will be for teens 13-18 and will be every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, door prizes and lots of food deals. The event will be well chaperoned with pool management, lifeguards, and City staff. Family Night will also see door prizes; big give a ways and at times food fresh off the grill. There will also be weekly meal deals for a family at the concession stand. You won't want to miss out on these new adventures!

2011 GENERAL INFORMATION AND RULES

Days Open	Memorial Day Weekend (May 28, 29, 30) Daily (June 4 through August 21)
Hours of Operation	Mon., Wed., Thurs. 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Tues. 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tues. Teen Night 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri. & Sat. 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Sun. Family Night 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Daily Admission Fees	Adult (18 Yrs. & older) \$4.00 (\$2.50 after 5:00 p.m.) Student (1st - 12th grade) \$3.50 (\$2.50 after 5:00 p.m.) Preschoolers (3-5 Yrs. old) \$1.50 Daycares/Organizations of 15 or more \$2.50
Yearly Membership Fees	Family of Two \$100.00 \$20.00 Each Addition Family Member *All family members must be indicated at time of purchase of family membership. *All members must live in same household to qualify. Single Adult \$65.00 Senior Citizen Family of Two \$65.00 (both must be 62 or older) Senior Citizen (62 or older) \$40.00 Student Membership \$40.00 (1st - 12th grade) Preschoolers (3-5 Yrs. old) \$20.00 Replacement Cards \$4.00

*All ages and grades calculated as of Memorial Day 2011
For further information on group rentals, teen night or family night please visit our website at www.piquaoh.org

ReDO - Revitalizing Piqua through Economic Redevelopment

An aggressive initiative known as project ReDO kicked into high gear in 2010. Developed using the Plan It Piqua 2007 Comprehensive Plan Update as a guide, the Redevelopment Analysis Report completed for the project identified twenty areas of interest with redevelopment potential. Each location identified provides an opportunity to enhance current aesthetic and/or economic conditions within the immediate area. The objective of the ReDO project is to transform under-performing or non-performing properties to the "highest and best" use, using revitalization and/or redevelopment strategies to renew the targeted properties, the surrounding areas, and the community as a whole.

The twenty areas identified in the report represent hundreds of acres and owners in industrial, commercial, retail and residential zones, and have varying degrees of complexity and potential. Each was evaluated and rated as to current level of productivity, relative simplicity of controlling and marketing the area and long term contribution to Piqua's economic and social well-being. Through this process of analysis, the report identified 5 properties recommended for the first phase of the ReDO project. The properties include:

Former Piqua Hospital
CR 25-A Corridor – North
Clark Avenue Industrial District
Riverfront Mill District
East Ash Street Corridor

Creating "shovel ready" sites to accommodate modern commercial facilities will help supply new jobs and economic security for Piqua. Making room for riverside parks and improving public amenities will support the aggressive economic development campaign that is already underway. By eliminating structures that are not only unnecessary, but also unsightly, hundreds of acres can be made available to pursue Piqua's determination to "Preserve the past and empower the future."

Significant strides towards renewing our community occurred in 2010, including:

- The completion of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at the former Power Plant site.
- Work commencing on the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the former Power Plant using a \$219,955 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant secured for the project.
- The completion of the Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at the former Piqua Hospital site.
- The completion of the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at the former Piqua Hospital site using a \$195,000 Clean Ohio Assistance Fund grant secured for the project.
- The preparation of a Clean Ohio Redevelopment Fund application to request \$2 million in grant dollars to pay for the remediation and demolition of the remaining structures at the former Piqua Hospital site.

- The completion of the construction documents for the East Ash Street reconstruction project.
- The submittal of an application to USEPA requesting \$400,000 to provide Community-Wide Assessment Grant opportunity to local Brownfield property owners.
- The launching of the Retail Recruitment Strategy to better define and target retailer opportunities and prospects.

The scope of the ReDO project is technically and financially ambitious. Realizing redevelopment goals will require vast amounts of time, patience and commitment over many years as the recovering local and national economies ebb and flow. Competition from nearby and regional communities will be formidable as other cities and towns plan their own revivals. However, the collective findings and opinions resulting from the research and analysis conducted by the team assembled to execute this project reflect that Piqua has many of the necessary elements already in place to successfully execute a diverse and expansive redevelopment plan. With the ongoing cooperation of residential, commercial and political factions and a system that encourages healthy inter-communication and consensus-building, the City of Piqua, Grow Piqua Now and the Plan It Piqua team can look forward to a productive future for its city and the surrounding areas.

Chris Schmiesing, City Planner

Underground Utilities Visit Piqua Jr. High School

The City of Piqua Underground Utilities Department had the opportunity to visit the Piqua Jr. High School on March 7, 2011. During the visit the Underground Utilities Department gave presentations on specific topics related to the studies of the 7th grade students. The topics covered were: Wastewater treatment, Water treatment and Storm Water regulations. Refuse and recycling tips were given from the Sanitation Department.

The event was outstanding and we had great participation from the 7th grade students. The students were all very interactive and they were using the information we gave them for a student project they were currently working on.

On March 22, 2011, approximately 200 students and staff took a field trip to our Water & Wastewater facilities. The students took a tour of each plant, where city employees gave a more in depth description of how Water & Wastewater are treated in the City of Piqua. This overview gave the students a more "hands on feel" for the process that our water goes through to be treated.

The City of Piqua and Piqua Jr. High do plan on making this an annual event for students to participate in.

Devon Alexander
Storm Water Coordinator

Notice

Please check city website or call the Utilities Office for outstanding utilities before purchasing a property.

City Events

Echo Hills Golf Course
Now Open!

Piqua Municipal Pool Opens
Memorial Day Weekend ~ May 28, 29, 30
Daily ~ June 4 - August 21

Piqua Community Farmers Market
Downtown Piqua - Canal Place
Each Thursday - May 26 - September 15
2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
www.piquafarmersmarket.com

Downtown Brown Bag Series
Thursday, July 7, 14, 21 & 28
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dancing in the Moonlight
Moonlight Stride & Ride
Downtown Piqua
Saturday, September 24th ~ 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
(Date Tentative)

Piqua Spirit is a quarterly
newsletter from the City of
Piqua. The purpose is to keep
you informed about what is
happening in your City.

CITY MANAGER

Fred Enderle

Articles and photos by
City Staff

Design and Layout by
Cori Graphics, Inc.

Your comments and questions
are welcomed.

Call (937) 778-2051
ebarton@piquaoh.org
dstein@piquaoh.org
www.piquaoh.org

Western Ohio TV Consortium (WOTVC) Update

"We're baking from scratch. We just need to get the money for the ingredients but, man, what a dessert it's going to be!"

Guy Fogle is upbeat and optimistic the citizens of Piqua will rally around the new makeover underway for the community's television station, Piqua Channel 5. The new Executive Director of the Western Ohio TV Consortium, the governing body of Piqua Channel 5 TV, has kicked off fundraising efforts here in Piqua to begin redesigning the station.

Currently, it's a two person staff as Fogle and Jan Koon handle all the duties with Koon maintaining operations and Fogle building a financial base for the upgrade.

"It's important for the folks here in the city to know this is their station. Our mission statement says in part, we want to promote the positive news of Piqua. But in order to do it we need the financial help. This benefits the schools, local government, and it gives citizens a voice," Fogle said.

The initial goal of the fundraising is to get the much-needed new equipment. The move into the digital age will improve the quality of the picture and the addition of new equipment will open more doors to community programming.

Fogle adds, "When we get the funding and make the upgrade, trust me, Piqua will be very proud of the accomplishment. We can and should be the voice for many of our local groups such as The Chamber of Commerce, MainStreet Piqua, and Grow Piqua Now, among others. With the possibility to reach 20,000 residents, our local community TV station can get a message out quicker and cheaper than a mailing or a flyer."

To contribute or to learn more please visit the new website at
westernohiotvconsortium.com



Piqua Municipal Government Complex
201 West Water Street
Piqua, OH 45356

PRESORTED STANDARD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PIQUA, OH 45356
PERMIT NO. 266

Residential Customer

Piqua, OH 45356