

“Trotwood” Through the Lens of the Historical Society

Included in the next several newsletter editions, will be a look back at the City of Trotwood, its rich legacy and its people, from our friends at the Trotwood Madison Historical Society.

Madison Township Remembered

The history of Trotwood begins with the story of Ohio, Montgomery County and Madison Township. Ohio became a state on January 11, 1803. On March 24, 1803 state legislation created Montgomery County which was much larger at the time, reaching Ohio’s north and western borders. As the population increased in outlying areas more counties were formed and Montgomery County reached its present size about 1808. Within counties each township was formed as areas were settled. 1804 state legislation provided that 80 persons within a 36 square mile area was sufficient to become a township. Madison Township was formed March 7, 1809 and named in honor of James Madison who had just become president 3 days earlier. Its boundaries changed somewhat, reaching its present size in 1820. The first recorded land purchase within Madison Township was Robert Wilson on March 3, 1802 for section 23. Gradually the population increased and small settlements were established. Trotwood, a centrally located village on the railroad, was incorporated September 16, 1901 and reached city status in 1971. In 1930 the adjacent city of Dayton began annexing tracts of Madison Township, totaling 3370+ acres by 1996. To preserve the area’s integrity and form a unified local government a proposal for the merger of the City of Trotwood and Madison Township was presented to and approved by voters on November 8, 1994. This became effective January 1, 1996 and Madison Township ceased to exist.



The City of Trotwood is starting fiscal year 2016 off with a very ambitious agenda. We are pleased to announce the city will be providing you with an opportunity to join other citizens to gain “buying power” on your electric rates. On March 15, 2016, our community will have the issue of electric aggregation on the ballot. By casting your vote for electric aggregation, you will allow your locally elected officials to purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for Trotwood. Furthermore, voting for aggregation does not mean you have to participate. If you have already chosen an alternative supplier and aggregation is approved by the voters you will stay with your chosen supplier. You will have the option to join the aggregation program when you decide its best. It’s your choice. For those wondering, what is aggregation? Here is a simple and easy definition:

“Government aggregation is an easy and effective way for a large group of consumers to save money on their energy bills. Under governmental aggregation, local officials bring citizens together to gain group buying power for the purchase of competitively priced electricity from a retail generation supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.”

I would also like to recognize our city council and staff on achieving a balanced budget for fiscal year 2016, which will allow the city to continue to deliver a quality service to the citizens of Trotwood. Similarly, the city anticipated the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates. Therefore, it took advantage of the low interest rates, before the rate hikes and was able to refinance its long-term and short term debt obligations from paying 4% to 2.92% interest and saving the city roughly \$158,000 in interest over the term of the debt.

The city is also pleased to announce it applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to resurface and pave Main Street on North Broadway to the bridge just before Trotwood-Madison High School, and Wolf Creek Pike from Olive Road to Main Street. The total funding awarded for these projects are roughly \$163,000. The city also pursued and was awarded joint funding from the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPLC) with the City of Clayton in the amount of \$350,000 to resurface and pave portions of Westbrook Road, Union Road, and Diamond Mill.

Finally, I know many of you are aware of the catastrophic situation in Flint Michigan. The people of Flint drinking water has been contaminated and been declared by President Obama as a State of Emergency. Therefore, our newly elected Mayor Mary A. McDonald exercised leadership and initiated a regional water drive that included the Cities of Clayton and Huber Heights to help the people of Flint. Mayor McDonald’s efforts not only resulted in water donations of 3,402 cases of bottled water and 557 gallon containers of water, but her efforts spearheaded a local, state, and national effort to help the people of Flint Michigan. Our community should be proud of Mayor McDonald’s efforts, and in particularly, you should be proud of yourselves for rising to the call for help.

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Parks & Recreation "Springs" Into Action

With spring right around the corner, Trotwood's Park & Recreation department has been busy finalizing details of several special community activities:

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 26, 2016
10:00am
Madison Park, 301 South Broadway
12 years and under
FREE
Hosted by: Trotwood Parks & Recreation
and The Point Church

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PITCH, HIT & RUN

(In conjunction with the EASTER EGG HUNT)
Saturday, March 26, 2016
12:00pm
Madison Park, 301 South Broadway
AGES: 7-14
FREE

Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit & Run (PHR) is an exciting skills event providing boys and girls the opportunity to compete in four levels of competition, including Team Championship events at all 30 major league ballparks and the National Finals at the MLB All-Star Game.

1st ANNUAL HOOP FITNESS "HOOP-A-THON"

DATE: Saturday, March 26, 2015
12:00 - 4:00pm
Madison Park, 301 South Broadway
AGE: Ages 4 years—Adult
FREE (Physical Fitness and Family Fun Activity)
Presented by: Hoop Fitness and Trotwood
Parks & Recreation

Included will be ribbons, awards and prizes; space is limited. Participants must be registered to participate. For more information, contact Kelly Adams at (937) 854-7227.

"RUNNING RAMS" UNITED STUDENTS— SPRING YOUTH

April 11, 2016 - May 13, 2016
TIME: TBA
Madison Park, 301 South Broadway
Grades 3-6

Learn the basics of running, jumping and throwing. For details, contact Shawn Tucker at: (937) 854-7217 or stucker@Trotwood.org.

OPENING DAY POOL PARTY

Saturday, May 28, 2016,
3:00 - 7:00pm
Trotwood Municipal Pool - United
Theological Seminary
COST: \$1

Come and celebrate the opening day of the swimming season. There will be vendors, concessions, games and activities.



Trotwood Rallies to Support Flint, MI!

In early January, Trotwood's new Mayor, Mary McDonald was watching NBC's Nightly News about the tragic story of contaminated water in Flint, MI and the message of one resident became a *call to action*. "In the middle of the story, there was a young woman from Flint who said she needed water for her baby," said Trotwood Mayor Mary McDonald. "And before I knew it, I was tearing up." Mayor McDonald then began asking herself what she could do to help. Like she did throughout her campaign, she took to social media. "I put the message out on Facebook that I needed water and I needed a truck going to Flint," and she immediately got the response she was hoping for. After getting the support from city staff and the use of a city fire station, the people of Trotwood and neighboring communities rallied with an overwhelming response, ultimately donating 3402 cases of water, the equivalent of 52 tons of clean water. With the help of A Plus Expediting of Dayton who generously provided the truck and driver, on January 30, Mayor McDonald, Vice-Mayor Bettye Gales and other elected officials traveled to Michigan to personally deliver the donated water to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver. "It's all about collaboration and partnership...things we need in order to move Trotwood forward," said Mayor McDonald. "Everyone saw a need and stepped up to meet it. I just can't say enough how proud I am to be the Mayor of such a caring community."

Trotwood Receives Grant to Resurface North Broadway Avenue

Spring 2016 is quickly approaching and with warmer weather, the Department of Public Works has begun planning road and street projects. One of the many projects is North Broadway Ave. resurfacing and restriping beginning at E. Main Street. Milling and resurfacing of N. Broadway Ave. will commence from E. Main north approximately 2,370 feet ending at the beginning of the North Broadway bridge. The curb & gutter portion of the project will encompass approximately 34 residential and business properties that will take place prior to the completion of the resurfacing.

This project was made possible as a result of a 2015 Montgomery County Community Development Block Grant totaling \$85,000, which the city applied for and was awarded. One stipulation of the grant is that damaged curb and gutter must be replaced prior to the resurfacing of this section of N. Broadway Ave. The replacement of damaged curb and gutter will be the sole responsibility of property owners.

The Public Works Department will submit publication of legal advertisement soliciting proposals for milling/grinding and resurfacing. Once the project has been awarded, the expected completion of all phases is October 31, 2016.

Scope/Phases of Work:

- Replacement of Damaged Curb/Gutter (property owner)
- Milling/Grinding of Deteriorated Surface
- Application of Tack Coat, Asphalt Surfacing
- Restriping

The Department of Public Works and the City of Trotwood will continue to inform the citizens of any and all major traffic redirection and progress of project(s) via <http://www.trotwood.org/> and Facebook. Any additional questions may be directed to the Public Works Department at 937-837-1702

Please Remember

...to check the City website,
www.trotwood.org for continuously
updated information on meetings,
events and special programs.

