

## July 15, 2014

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We now are at the midway point of summer and as always things remain busy here in Fort Recovery. Sunday evening concerts are in full swing and I have heard great feedback about the shows to-date. Be sure to stop down and check out the upcoming performances on Sunday night at 8:00 pm. This Saturday the Fort Recovery Merchants are sponsoring a "Kid's Palooza" on the brick street from 1:00 - 3:00 in the afternoon. There will be many activities for the kids to enjoy including some arts & crafts projects, big wheel races and much more. We are also nearing the annual NTPA Tractor Pull which will be held this year on July 25th & 26th. This is always an opportunity to showcase Fort Recovery to our many visitors that weekend along with the chance to volunteer to help the Ambassador Club in their annual signature event.

Work continues to progress nicely with the Sewer Separation Project as St Rt 49 reopened to traffic today. Work continues on east with service taps and storm receivers being installed on the block between First St and Third St. Beginning on Monday, July 21st the work will move onto St Rt 119 which will be closed beginning Monday until approximately August 22nd. This is the final stage of this project and our sewer separation phases for the entire village. As with any project this large there will be a few isolated homes and areas that we will be addressing yet this year to complete the sewer separation for the entire community. As previously stated, we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this long but much needed project.

We also are making final plans to install new playground equipment in Community Park. Thanks to some generous local donors we will be installing a rubberized surface under the new equipment which will create a very nice improvement to our park system that will incorporate something for all ages and be accessible to everyone. Changes will start here in the next couple weeks and volunteers will be requested in the upcoming construction phase. More in next week's blog regarding the work schedule, etc.

A quick reminder - prior to beginning construction on any type of structure or improvement, please check with the Village Hall regarding any zoning permit requirements. This can help avoid any serious issues with projects that do not meet the zoning standards.

I also want to welcome some new businesses to the Fort Recovery community. Perham Egg Ohio has taken over and renovated the former M&R Egg facility on Wabash Road and will begin production here in the next couple weeks. They have shown themselves to be a highly professional company and will make a great addition to our agricultural base. Also, Trusty Woods Restaurant held a preview/soft opening this past weekend in the former Meinerding's building and look to be opening full time here shortly. What a nice sight and improvement to have that building back in operation! We welcome both and wish them luck in their new business ventures and I am sure they will receive great support from our community.