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Weather is definitely warming up and hopefully the farmers will get a chance to get their crops in between the rains. Projects are starting to take off here in the village also:

- Work is underway in Community Park on the new parking lot. So long as weather permits, work should be completed by June 1st in time for the majority of ball season and the swim season. This lot will add approximately 50 parking stalls which should help out the parking situation tremendously.
- We are finalizing some plans to make some hydraulic/piping improvements to our lagoons that will help us meet our needs for the foreseeable future and allow us to continue to meet the Ohio EPA requirements. Work should be completed this summer.
- Council is working on a paving project that will be bid out here shortly to overlay most if not all the streets that were trench patched as part of the sewer separation project. Now that we have gone through a winter season and had very little trench settling issues, we will proceed with getting them re-paved to give us a number of years until we can complete street reconstruction projects. More info and timetable to follow. A separate note – ODOT will be overlaying all of SR 119 through the village as part of a state paving project sometime in August/September.
- We are working with Project Recovery to complete a master community plan that will assist us in taking an in-depth look at our community and will hopefully provide us with some new ideas, direction and consensus on what we foresee Fort Recovery's layout being for the next 25+ years. We will be looking at specifically commercial, residential and industrial opportunities and planning for those growth areas for our future. Without the planning we will likely end up with scattered areas that may interfere with growth opportunities when it comes to zoning for the future. This will be a very in depth plan and will include an opportunity for various groups, including the Fort Recovery residents, to provide their input and thoughts on the future layout of our community. This will also include some economic research that will help us with what has worked in other communities and what hasn't. Again more will follow including notice of the public meetings for this purpose.
- We are trying to wrap up some plans to improve the turning radius at the intersection of the two highways and again hope to be able to complete that work this summer.

Reminders:

- Brush pick-up is always scheduled for the first Monday of each month (or the next day if weather is an issue) usually through December.
- As mowing season is definitely upon us a quick reminder to avoid throwing your grass into the streets if possible to avoid that grass creating problems in our storm receivers and lines. If you have a receiver in the curbing near you, please help us out by making sure it is not blocked with debris causing road flooding. Your help is appreciated.
- Cruise-In this Friday night uptown on the Brick Street (& surrounding streets) from 6:00 – 10:00 pm. Be sure to stop up and view the many vehicles and talk with your neighbors and friends. It is always a great time!

Upcoming dates of interest in the Fort Recovery Community:

- May 8th – Fort Car Club & Merchants Cruise-In on the Brick Street 6:00 - 10:00 pm
- May 16th – Spring Clean-Up Day – Maharg's Trash Service – all items must be out by 6:00 a.m.
- May 16th – Mad Run – Ambassador Park
- May 25th – Ambassador Pool opens