



**Important Phone Numbers**

Police	911 or 884-0080
Billing Questions	583-4944
Clerk's Office	583-0089
Waste Management	866-797-9018
Streets and Water	583-3430

**Councilmen**

Daniel Klumpe	414-0830
Jackey Apache	491-4594
Doyle Allison	307-8505
Amy Brown	376-0366
Rick Hadley	418-5742

**Don't forget to "Spring Ahead"**

**Daylight Savings Time begins 2 am, Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Limb Pick-Up Resumes April 4<sup>th</sup>**

\*Begins the 1<sup>st</sup> **Monday** of each month/\*Please have limbs to curb by 6:00 am

\*Maximum diameter - 8 inches/\*Maximum length - 8 feet

Only limbs can be put through the chipper; **no shrubs and bushes!** If it's not a limb, or is very small; it can be placed in your trash can. If these criteria's are not met, it will be left behind. Rain can delay limb pickup due to the fact that wet limbs can cause damage to the chipper. We will start on the first Monday, and continue until we have made a pass down every street. **Remember Ordinance 2019-0702, Wood Chipping.** No restricted amount, but needs to be stacked and placed accordingly. Charges will be based on time taken to collect and chip limbs. The first 15 minutes is free and a courtesy of the town. **After the first 15 minutes, there will be a charge of \$75 per hour.** For additional information, Otterbein Town Codes are accessible via the Town's

**Calendar  
March 2022**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- 17<sup>th</sup> Town Council Meeting 6:00 PM
- \*\*\*Trash Every Friday\*\*\***



Pay your bill online or by text

Go to: [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov) and click the link  
or

[Invoicecloud.com/OtterbeinIN](http://Invoicecloud.com/OtterbeinIN)

**2022 Golf Permits**

**2022 Golf Permits are available for the new year.** All Golf Carts and ORVs must be registered at the Town Hall in order to operate within the Town Limits. (Ord.2021-0415 and 2021-0506B)

Golf Cart owners must show proof of insurance and pay a \$15.00 permit fee.

ORV owners must show proof of insurance and ORVs are required to register their ORV with the State of Indiana and show proof that it is.

Reminder: Always make sure insurance is updated when need to be.

Make sure you familiarize yourself with the Ordinances. They are located on the Town website [www.otterbein.in.gov](http://www.otterbein.in.gov) or you may request a copy at the Town Hall.

**Code Red:** It's not to late to sign up! The Town of Otterbein uses the system to notify Otterbein residents of community events and alerts such as water issues, boil advisories, trash updates, street closings, and etc. Benton County uses the Code Red system to notify the communities of severe weather conditions and other emergency situations. Code Red is a service which can send out information thru phone calls, text messages, and/or emails. **A link to sign up for Code Red can be found on our website, [Otterbein.in.gov](http://Otterbein.in.gov) at the bottom of the homepage under Benton County.** If you need assistance, feel free to contact us by telephone for help at 765-583-4944.



# Otterbein Rotary's Annual Flower & Plant Sale



## Benefits Many Otterbein Community Projects:

Little Free Libraries	Holiday Lights Contest
Imagination Library	Pickle Ball at Park
Elementary School Tree	RYLA Program
Food Vouchers	Scholarships
Library Furniture	Playground Equipment

*Your support lets us support Otterbein - Thank you!*

**Be sure you get the flowers  
and vegetables you want  
by pre-ordering your plants  
by April 10th.  
Pick-up your plants at our  
live sale, May 6th & 7th.**



**Here's how to  
pre-order  
your plants :**

**Order on-line at  
otterbeinrotary.org**



**or email us at  
otterbeinrotary@gmail.com**

**Paper order forms may be  
picked up and returned to:  
Alliance Bank,  
Farmers & Merchants Bank,  
or the Otterbein Town Hall.**

Follow the Otterbein Rotary Club on FaceBook or call/text 765-426-7468 for more information

**Preschool Registration is open for 2022-2023!**

Fun and Creative Activities for ages 3-5!

Otterbein United Methodist Church: [www.otterbeinumcorg](http://www.otterbeinumcorg).



**Library News:** Every Tuesday at 10:30am- Mother Goose on the Loose & Every Thursday at 10:30am- Ready, Set, Read: Preschool Storytime

Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> 3:30pm- Read Across America Storytime and Craft/Activity

Monday March 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm- Embrace Life Now Workshop

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm- After Hours Book Club: The Brennans by Tracey Lange

Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm- Board Meeting: Public Welcome

NO Red Tent Gathering

Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm- Movie Monday and Free Popcorn

Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm- Try It Tuesday

Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm- Special School Age Storytime

Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm- Pinterest Night

Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm-5:00pm- Lego Club

## **New Project Forming to Preserve Otterbein History**

**Otterbein, IN** – In honor of the town of Otterbein’s Sesquicentennial, or 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a committee is forming to celebrate the history and people of Otterbein. The goal of the project is to preserve the history of Otterbein, IN and its people for the next 150 years. With that being said, we are looking for stories, photographs, and personal mementos to be put on display in an exhibit set to open at the Otterbein Public Library later this year. The project also hopes to publish a book of Otterbein stories, collected through this process.

For those interested in learning more or getting involved with the project, an initial call-out meeting will be held at the Otterbein Public Library on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1:30 PM. RSVP is requested, but not required. Please fill out the form [bit.ly/Otterbein150CallOut](https://bit.ly/Otterbein150CallOut) (case sensitive) to be added to the list. We will discuss project ideas and goals for the exhibit at this meeting.

The Otterbein 150 Project is currently seeking volunteers of all skill levels and time commitments. This is a special, once-in-a-century opportunity for town historians, active community members, and those who love history. Stay tuned for more information, as the committee will soon be reaching out to current and former Otterbein residents. Follow the project online at [Facebook.com/Otterbein150](https://Facebook.com/Otterbein150). For questions, please reach out to Committee Chairperson, Brooke Sauter at [Otterbein150@gmail.com](mailto:Otterbein150@gmail.com).

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### **“Otterbein— from the Originating Years —into the town of Otterbein’s Expansion and Incorporation” - John Edgerly**

Reflecting back at Otterbein’s beginning as a community and commercial center (of Bolivar Township, southeast Benton County), original postmaster/town namesake William Otterbein Brown’s (who, prior to his 1879 passing, lived in the South Main Street “Coach House” — which may or may not have been the actual site for reported first home here in town, supposedly built by Dr. John Thompson) land donations and stock—dealing/agricultural ventures joined with Henry Moore’s general store (the town’s initially-created business) — both being important pieces to solve the layout puzzle for what was slowly transforming into downtown Otterbein.

Undoubtedly, Mr. Moore’s mercantile establishment was situated somewhere along what became Otterbein’s uniquely—widened and most distinctive Main Street. It’s precise location could have been the aged brick structure between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets (the precise location where the new town hall/community center was constructed in 2020) — which earlier contained the Laird Brothers stove dealers, besides the Riffle and the Johnson groceries. This departed but recalled building (also possibly holding the first school in town on the second floor: 1873-74) was further noted for a sandstone plaque to denote the 1895—chronicled I.O.O.F (International of Odd Fellows) Lodge, but indications are the structure may have well preceded this date. The post office stood just south of this two-story brick site — across a separating passageway in a wedge formed between 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and the railroad easement/right of way. This Otterbein track joined a duo of 1870’s-laid, intersecting rail lines: the “Big Four” connection of Chicago to Cincinnati, via Lafayette and along what was locally labeled the “Kankakee Route,” adjoined at Templeton with the Lake Erie and Wabash (formerly, the Lafayette, Muncie, and Bloomington, Ill) another Illinois—stemming train-passage from Hoopston, to Ambia (1875) on the state line, on to Boswell (also started in 1872) and through the former county seat of Oxford — as this steel pathway pointed (via Otterbein) to Lafayette, Indianapolis, and other Midwest commerce centers.

What had been 1840—formed Benton County (namesake Senator Thomas Benton; his senatorial Missouri, pro-western influences would sponsor the formation of the famous Santa Fe Trail—later, a geographical blueprint for the USA lore-iconic, Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad), had now branched out into more settled county towns; it’s new 1874 county seat/courthouse was opened at Fowler—besides Earl Park— 1872, Raub, Dunnington, Talbott, and Wadena — all communities owing their emergence to these new railroad tracks. Such proximity to vital rail-links richly paid off through transporting farming produce and livestock to the larger cities. By the 20<sup>th</sup> Century’s turn, Benton County’s population had mushroomed to 13,123 residents. Otterbein’s growth, though, was not just commercial (partly due 1880’s-onward, field drain tile becoming widespread to reduce the area’s marshes).

A local need for government saw an 1899 incorporation. The Otterbein Community set up and wire-strung its first telephone system during this same year (electrification didn’t come to town until 1913). For cultural purposes, the town first set up a reading room on the west side (by the 1890’s) of town, which led to a site-shifting: onto former blacksmith shop/adjoined home on South Main Street. Pretty much where the first wooden structure (1910-1920?) and the later brick public library (1934 –by the Public Works of Administration/P.W.A.) would be built. Another building (still standing) on the north edge of the downtown district’s widened Main Street became the Ward Brothers (later Burns) Drug Store (now, the Kerkhoff and Associates Components Offices), separated by North Main from a two-story grocery (a series of IGA’s) on the northeast corner of Main and Oxford Streets. Downtown Otterbein’s oldest building (so inscribed) operated by 1894 in a new, permanent structure at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and South Main (catty-corner from the Otterbein Public Library/OPL’s location): a hardware and — from indications—a livery stable and blacksmithing business (essential for farming-tool repairs), organized by the Westfall Family. Otterbein’s Main Street materialization (right after 1906) was immortalized by a panoramic photograph obviously snapped from the top of the newly-opened, 1906 water tower (later, the Rowe, location).

## CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (CCD) FUND RE-ESTABLISHMENT HEARING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the hearing to order at 6:01 p.m. with members Jackey Apache and Daniel Klumpe present. Members Doyle Allison and Richard Hadley were absent.

Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles explained that this is to re-establish the CCD Fund back up to the maximum of \$0.05 per 100 of assessed value.

There were no public comments.

Amy Brown made the motion to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022 AT 6:00 PM

Council President Amy Brown called the hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. with members Jackey Apache and Daniel Klumpe present. Members Doyle Allison and Richard Hadley were absent.

Angela Hands with the Otterbein Elementary presented a map of the annual 5K and asked permission to use the streets as shown on the map. The 5K will be on May 7, 2022. Ron Shoup and Jason Pritchett asked a few questions to clarify the route. The Council unanimously agreed they can use the streets as presented.

Marcus Castellanos requested the Council reduce or remove the liens against a property in town that he purchased through tax sale. Clerk-Treasurer Treeva Sarles explained to Council that there is \$2,611 of liens from the town on the property for past due utility bills and for mowing of the abandoned property. The Council and Mr. Castellanos' discussed what he would be doing with the property. Jackey Apache made the motion to reduce the liens down to \$1,300. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The Council conducted a hearing on utility disconnects for non-payment. No one was present to discuss their situation. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve those listed be disconnected. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Deputy Town Administrator Lukas Darling asked if there were any questions regarding the ADA Policy, the Title VI Policy or the Workplace Safety Policy. There were none. Resolution 2022-0217A a Resolution Adopting the updated ADA Transition Plan was presented. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0217A. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Resolution 2022-0217B a Resolution Adopting a Title VI Implementation Plan was presented. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0217B. Amy Brown seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Resolution 2022-0217C a Resolution Adopting a Safe Workplace Policy was presented. Jackey Apache made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0217C. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Lukas and Town Administrator Ron Shoup updated the Council about what their department has been working on. Lukas presented an in-house Project List of projects that are planned for 2022. If the Council has anything to add they are to let him know. Daniel would like for them to investigate putting lights on the pavilion to have on all year round.

Town Marshal Jason Pritchett gave his department report.

Treeva announced the Town was successful in receiving a \$700,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. This will be used for the water system upgrades. Grant Writer Shannon McLeod will be here on March 2, 2022 to work with the engineers and town employees to put together a schedule for the project. She updated the Council on the American Recovery Plan Act Grant. The final rule on how the grant can be used, goes into effect April 1 2022. It has broadened what municipalities can use the grant for. In our case, with the exception of a few items; we can basically use it for any governmental purpose. However, we need to seriously consider what we can use it as match funds against other grants to best utilize the funds. The Town is getting about \$283,000. Treeva presented Resolution 2022-0217D A Resolution Signatories for contracts regarding the Street Festival. This Resolution lists the Clerk-Treasurer and the Town Administrator. Jackey Apache made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-0217D. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Treeva presented Ordinance 2022-0217A An Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property surplus and worthless. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0217A. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Ordinance 2022-0217B An Ordinance Declaring Certain Personal Property Surplus and Authorize its Sale. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0217B. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion, and all were in favor. Ordinance 2022-0217C An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Cumulative Capital Development Fund was presented. Amy Brown made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-0217C. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the January 2022 Minutes as written. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of claims for the February 3, 2022 meeting that was cancelled due to the weather. The total of claims was \$245,985.01. Jackey Apache made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor. Amy Brown read the summary of Claims presented for tonight's meeting. The total of claims was \$80,827.12. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to approve the claims as presented. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Lastly, it was explained that employee Kenny King is not able to attend a conference already paid for and Ron inquired if employee James Crain to go in Kenny's place. Daniel Klumpe made the motion to send James to the conference instead of Kenny. Jackey Apache seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

With nothing else to come before the Council, Jackey Apache made the motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Daniel Klumpe seconded the motion and all were in favor.