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**POSITIVELY  
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PIQUA**



**PPP Meeting  
January 19 - 5pm  
Hartzell Propeller ("All Hands" area)**

### **Next PPP Event at Hartzell Propeller on January 19**

We hope to quickly grow the ranks of Positively Promoting Piqua and we need to do it "virally." We will be having our next public event in the All Hands meeting area at Hartzell Propeller, One Propeller Place, Piqua, at 5 PM on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. We are asking all who support the goals of Positively Promoting Piqua to please attend this event and bring at least two new people with you. Please reach out to members of your family, your friends, your associates at work, or others who you believe would be willing to step forward and help make Piqua a great community. Your assistance in the outreach effort for the January 19 meeting will be crucial to our success.

We ask you to help us in Positively Promoting Piqua. We look forward to working together with you and the many others who share our commitment to Piqua and its future. Please join us on January 19th!

### **PPP Kickoff Event a Success**

Positively Promoting Piqua's kickoff public event on November 30, 2010 was a great success. PPP spokesman Jim Brown said, "We were very gratified with the strong turnout and support from many responsible, committed Piqua citizens." PPP Executive Committee member Dan Ramer noted that the turnout went "beyond our expectations."

Jim Brown told those attending that "if this group presents our views properly, it can change the community for the better." Ramer agreed, noting that he believes Positively Promoting Piqua will "allow citizens who have high hopes for the city to join together and stand up for positive changes."

Ramer reviewed for those attending the mission statement and key principles of PPP (set forth in the margins of this newsletter). He noted that while many people believe that Piqua's best days may lie ahead, "we realize that a great future for our community is not inevitable. We need to stand up and pull together constructively to help Piqua improve and grow. We have to make it happen."

Following Ramer's presentation, PPP Executive Committee member John Brown addressed some of the upcoming challenges and plans for the organization, including its plans to mount an aggressive campaign to defeat the effort to recall four of Piqua's five city commissioners. He noted that the recall effort "is destructive to the city and we want to be a constructive force." He then explained some of the scheduling details relative to the recall effort and the importance of staying informed and acting energetically.

PPP Executive Committee member Dan French concluded the formal presentation by noting that "the need to positively support the community will not end with the defeat of the recall effort." He said that PPP plans to continue to support the community and positively promote Piqua in any way that it can. He then reviewed a number of ways that Piqua citizens can further this cause (see p. 3 of this issue for a list of ways you can get involved).

A lively question-and-answer session followed the formal presentation, with numerous persons in attendance expressing enthusiastic support for Positively Promoting Piqua's objectives and plans. It was agreed that the group would meet again soon.

## Mission statement

We are Positively Promoting Piqua, a diverse group of Piqua citizens, including wage earners, retirees, responsible property owners, and local business, professional and civic leaders, united to help Piqua be the best it can be and focused on positive efforts to help Piqua improve and grow as an outstanding community in which to live and work.

# We Believe In

## Striving To Be an Outstanding Community

Piqua needs a comprehensive program to make our community a great place – and a more attractive community for our citizens, our businesses, their employees, and business leaders.

## Keeping Piqua on a Path Forward

We need to keep our City on a positive, progressive path – poised for economic development and providing an excellent quality of life for our citizens.

## Speaking Up for Positive Solutions

Affirmative, positive action by the many Piqua citizens who agree with our principles is needed to oppose the forces of negativity in our community. Remaining a silent majority on Piqua's future is not a viable option.

## A Well-Informed Community

We need to work together to provide the community with accurate information on issues that affect the citizens of Piqua.

## Forward-Thinking Leadership Committed to Working for Piqua as a Whole

We need elected representatives and city officials who are intelligent, well-informed, experienced and forward thinking, who are committed to working for the benefit of Piqua as a whole, who face our problems squarely, who want Piqua to be a strong, clean, and safe community in which to work and live, and who develop and implement innovative programs to achieve these objectives.



## PPP Opposes Recall

*“We believe this recall effort is unwise, unjustified, and, if successful, would have a very detrimental impact on Piqua.”*

The recently formed community-improvement group Positively Promoting Piqua reaffirmed its intent to defeat the effort to recall selected Piqua city commissioners. Jim Brown, spokesman for the group, said, “We still believe the recall effort is misguided and destructive.”

Brown's comments came in response to the Miami County Board of Elections announcement that it had finally certified petitions that seek to recall Piqua Commissioners Bill Vogt, Joseph Wilson, Judy Terry, and Mayor Lucy Fess.

Brown stated, “We believe this recall effort is unwise, unjustified, and, if successful, would have a very detrimental impact on Piqua.” Brown noted that the commissioners targeted by the recall petitions “were properly elected by the citizens of Piqua and have truly done nothing to justify recall. They have worked honestly and diligently to serve their community; they deserve to complete their terms of office, so they can continue the job of working for all the citizens of Piqua and not just a narrow faction.”

Positively Promoting Piqua is a diverse group of Piqua citizens, including wage earners, retirees, responsible property owners, and local business, professional and civic leaders, united to help Piqua be the best it can be. The group is “focused on positive efforts to help Piqua improve and grow as an outstanding community in which to live and work.”

Brown notes that PPP intends to wage an aggressive campaign to defeat the recall effort. “We believe in Piqua and its future and we believe Piqua

can be a great community,” said Brown. “Part of making that happen is to assure that we have elected representatives who are intelligent, well-informed, experienced and forward thinking, who are committed to working for the benefit of Piqua as a whole. We believe the commissioners targeted by the recall effort meet this standard. Their actions have demonstrated that they are working for all of Piqua and helping this be a strong, clean, and safe community.”

Brown suggested that the recall efforts, if successful, “would send an intensively negative and detrimental message about Piqua and where it is headed, making it extremely difficult to recruit new employers and jobs into our community. For this reason, our group will be working to mobilize Piqua citizens to defeat the recalls.” He stated that PPP will be communicating regularly with its supporters and others in the coming weeks, noting that the group will “coordinate a community-wide effort” to defeat the recalls.

Brown concluded by reiterating that Positively Promoting Piqua is dedicated to constructive measures to better the community. “Our objective is to defeat the recall efforts and then help heal the unfortunate divisions that brought us to this point, so all of us in Piqua can refocus on cooperative positive efforts to improve and grow this city as an outstanding place to live and work.” He noted that those interested in learning more about PPP can visit its web site at [positivepiqua.org](http://positivepiqua.org) or find Positively Promoting Piqua on Facebook.

# How to Get Involved



## Be Positive! Enlist Positive Friends to Join Us

- Attend PPP Meetings and Join a Committee
- Visit Positively Promoting Piqua on Facebook
- Attend City Commission Meetings
- Write Letters to the Editor
- Attend Community Events
- Support Public Amenities
- Take a Constructive Role in Civic Life
- Vote Positively when Needed
- Contribute Financially

### Money Matters

Financial support for our cause is important and appreciated. If you wish to assist in this way, please make your check payable to Positively Promoting Piqua and mail it to: Positively Promoting Piqua, P.O. Box 1644, Piqua, OH 45356.

Make your commitment today by downloading the form shown below at [www.positivepiqua.org](http://www.positivepiqua.org)

I care about Piqua and support the ideals and principles of Positively Promoting Piqua.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to further my commitment to Positively Promoting Piqua by


Attending City Commission Meetings

Writing letters to the Editor

Attending Community Events and Supporting Public Amenities

Taking a Constructive Role in Civic Life

Contributing Financially     \$20     \$50    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## We Believe In

### Supporting Our Public Amenities

Our public amenities, including our streets, our city parks and other recreational areas, our schools and our public library, make up an important part of the fabric of the Piqua community. We must work together as a community to support them and keep them in good condition and appropriately funded.

### The Importance of Great Neighborhoods

We want Piqua and its neighborhoods to be the best they can be. The appearance of our neighborhoods, and our willingness as a community to stand up for their appearance, are vital. The majority of Piqua people take pride in their property and our neighborhoods. But we cannot afford to ignore neighborhood blight and its negative effect on our community as a whole. For this reason, Piqua needs to continue its focus on improving our neighborhoods.

### Putting Our Best Foot Forward, to Help Grow Piqua Now

We need to constantly recognize that Piqua competes with many other communities for businesses, jobs and people. We need to act and look our best, to help **Grow Piqua Now** succeed.

### A Great Future for Piqua

We see Piqua as a community with a great future before it. We need to work together, in a positive and cooperative manner, to achieve this vision and sustain it, for Piqua's citizens today and those coming after us.

## PPP's Featured Piqua Organization

# Grow Piqua Now

In 2004, the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce, the Piqua Improvement Corporation, and the City of Piqua discussed the need to have the private and public sectors of the community work together in a collaborative process to enhance economic development in Piqua, Ohio. This culminated in the creation of *Grow Piqua Now* in 2006. The organization is funded through the generous support of the City of Piqua and the area's leading businesses and civic-minded organizations and institutions.

Our work is accomplished through five standing committees: Long-Range Planning, Membership

& Fundraising, Retention & Expansion, Marketing, and Workforce Development.

*Grow Piqua Now* exists to strengthen the community's business environment by coordinating an array of resources with an effective regionally-integrated economic development program. Through a focused Plan of Work, and with the assistance of our State & Regional Partners, committed Board Members and Rapid Assistance Team, *Grow Piqua Now* is creating economic development opportunities for Piqua area businesses and residents.

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## Calendar of Events

### January 11, 2011 - 6pm - Planning Commission

**Commission Chambers, Municipal Government Complex, 201 W. Water Street, Piqua**

*Purpose: The Planning Commission shall have such powers as may be determined by ordinance of the commission concerning the plan, design, location, removal, relocation and alteration of any buildings or structures belonging to the city.*

### January 12, 2011 - 7pm - Park Board

**Administrative Conference Room (2nd Floor), Municipal Government Complex, 201 W. Water St., Piqua**

*Purpose: Inspect city public parks and playgrounds and make recommendations and suggestions to the City Manager for the equipment, managing, controlling or maintaining thereof. May also recommend rules and regulations for the public use of parks.*

### January 18, 2011 - 7:30pm - City Commission Meeting

**Commission Chambers, Municipal Government Complex, 201 W. Water Street, Piqua**

### January 19, 2011 - 5pm - PPP Meeting

**Hartzell Propeller (All-hands area), One Propeller Place, Piqua**

*The public is invited to attend and bring two positive people with them!*

### January 20, 2011 - 5:45pm - Piqua Area Chamber Annual Dinner and "Order of George" Ceremony

**Piqua Country Club, 9812 N. Country Club Road, Piqua**

*Purpose: To report on the performance of the Chamber of Commerce during the past year, outline the goals and strategies for the upcoming year, and induct the new Chairman of the Board. Awards given at the Annual Dinner include: Order of George, Business Person of the Year, Chamber Achievement Award, and Beautification Award.*

### January 26, 2011 - 4pm - Community Development Block Grant Public Hearing

**Commission Chambers (2nd Floor), Municipal Government Complex, 201 Water Street, Piqua**

*Purpose: The City of Piqua will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 26th at 4:00 p.m. to inform residents of various Community Development Block Grant programs in which the City of Piqua can apply. The meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at the Municipal Government Complex, 201 West Water Street.*

*For more information about public meetings held in Piqua, visit [www.piquaoh.org](http://www.piquaoh.org)*



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