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**POSITIVELY
PROMOTING
PIQUA**

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.

Piqua Public Library Levy - VOTE YES!

The Piqua Public Library, an institution with a long and proud tradition in our community, moved to the newly restored Fort Piqua Plaza in 2008 for numerous reasons. Most importantly, the Library needed more space. While the Library selected this historic property as the solution for its space issues, a partnership was formed by the city to acquire grant funds that were supplemented by private donations and tax credits. For a modest investment from the city of Piqua, the building was restored to its former grandeur. And the community reaped the benefit of, among other things, a wonderful new site for our Library.

Last year, some 168,000 individuals visited the Piqua Public Library, seeking, among other services, educational and entertainment programs, job placement assistance, WiFi capability, meeting space, genealogical research support, and computer and database access – all of them free services. The Library's new proximity to downtown proved to be a real plus and the community is utilizing the Library substantially more since the move.

While the Library has experienced a 20% increase in use since 2008, funding for the Library from the State of Ohio has decreased by 26% over the last four years. Governor Kasich's newly proposed state budget, if enacted, would result in an additional 5% reduction in funding for all Ohio libraries – including ours.

Some have suggested that the Library simply needs to tighten its belt. The fact is that's precisely what the staff has already done. Ten percent of the staff has been laid off and several additional positions have been left vacant. Desk and administrative staff have taken on additional duties, including basic cleaning and security. Material purchases have been dramatically cut back and equipment upgrades postponed. The current staff has agreed first to a 7.5% cut in pay and then a pay freeze for 2011. In short, hours

have been cut, purchasing trimmed back, and programming curtailed. But the financial crisis faced by the Library remains, it threatens to get worse, and, if no action by the taxpayers is taken, much more severe cuts are certain.

The bottom line is that the Piqua Public Library has had no choice but to turn to Piqua's citizens at this hour, asking their help to keep this marvelous community resource alive and healthy by voting YES for the library levy on May 3. Passage of the 1.3-mill levy would allow our Library to restore regular hours, return to previous book/audio purchase levels, maintain outreach programs for Piqua's seniors, and restore programming for all ages.

The cost to the average Piqua homeowner if the library levy is passed will be only 11 cents a day – roughly \$3.35 a month or \$40 annually. Without the passage of this levy, the Library will be forced to cut additional hours, suspend all programming, cut new book/audio purchases, cut down on computer access, and discontinue outreach programs.

Jim Oda, Piqua Public Library Director, comments, "Our nation is founded on hard-won freedoms. The Piqua Library is part of a national and local support system that provides everyone free access to the information that helps us all maintain those freedoms. A community without a library is a community unwilling to support our most basic rights and liberties."

The Piqua Public Library needs our help and needs it now. Please join us as we band together to help support and sustain the positive influence that the Library provides to the Piqua community.

Do something positive for Piqua on May 3rd and vote YES for the Levy!

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.



City Manager Frederick E. Enderle

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“State of the City” Presentation

City of Piqua City Manager Fred Enderle presented the annual “State of the City” overview in the Commission Chambers of the Municipal Government Complex on Thursday, March 17, 2011. This presentation was one part of the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce’s Legislative Initiative Committee’s program to keep their members and citizens up to date.

Goals for this year and beyond include marketing, public relations and improving the image of the city; fiscal soundness and responsibility; legislative priorities for advocacy; and preserving income.

“We have a real opportunity to make a change, but there will be some tough choices,” said Enderle, who said the lines of communication between city residents and city government can, and will be, improved in the future.

Enderle said the group Positively Promoting Piqua, which came about as a result of the failed recall effort, is moving in the right direction. He encouraged everyone to promote Piqua as best they can and work together.

“I think we have a real good opportunity with Positively Promoting Piqua and other people need to jump on that band wagon,” Enderle said.

The address lasted more than an hour and at its conclusion Enderle said he had mixed emotions about the realization that it would likely be the last such address he would give as city manager.

“I’m honored to have been the city manager and I really appreciate the opportunities I was given,” Enderle said. “This is something I love to do. It’s a passion. Sometimes my passion is misconstrued as anger - it’s passion. That’s why I got into this business.”

Enderle was recently named the recipient of The Ohio State University’s City and County Managers’ Career Achievement Award for his dedicated service in the field of city management over his 35 years as a city administrator.

Excerpts from Piqua Daily Call article by Will E. Sanders dated March 18, 2011 and City of Piqua website

The slides used in this presentation can be viewed at the City of Piqua website:

http://www.piquaoh.org/state_of_the_city_031711.pdf

PPP's Featured Piqua Organization

Piqua Arts Council

The mission of the Piqua Arts Council (PAC) is to enhance the quality of life for all citizens of Piqua by promoting and encouraging the development, appreciation, study, and presentation of the arts.

Since 1990, PAC has strived to provide opportunities and events that create a culturally rich community that engage Piqua residents and attract visitors. The PAC recognizes that the arts play a critical role in thriving communities and education. The PAC works with the Piqua City and Piqua Catholic School systems to enhance the curriculum by bringing art, artists, and performers into the schools. It has done so with the generous support of its members, corporate sponsors, the Ohio Arts Council, and countless volunteers who have served on its board of trustees, participated on planning committees, ushered at events, and worked with students in the classroom.

PAC's programs continue to grow and participation with long-established programs has increased over the years. This year's community event calendar includes **Classical Afternoon** - a concert to showcase local musicians, **Annual Art Exhibition** featuring artists from the region and beyond, **Student Art Exhibition**, and the **Music in the Park** summer concert series.

Piqua residents are encouraged to join PAC as a supporting member and to also consider volunteering. Most of all, be sure to attend their meaningful events. To learn more about PAC call 937-773-9630, visit PiquaArtsCouncil.com, or find them on Facebook.



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.

Join Positively Promote Piqua!

- 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

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 \$ _____



Paid for by Positively Promoting Piqua, Ryan King Treasurer, 609 North Sunset Drive, Piqua, Ohio 45356

Calendar of Events

April 7 - An Evening in Pickawillany (for the benefit of the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency)
7:30pm - Ballroom Fort Piqua Hotel - \$30 per person/\$25 Piqua Historical Area Friends & OHS members
Contact Andy Hite for more information - 937-773-2522 or 800-752-2619 or ahite@ohiohistory.org

April 9 - Piqua Senior Center's 2nd Annual Spring Dance featuring *One More Time* Swing Band
7pm - Ballroom Fort Piqua Hotel - \$20 per person

May 6-7 - 2011 American Cancer Society's Miami County Relay For Life Event
6:00 PM Friday - 12:00 Noon Saturday at the Miami County Fairgrounds

May 12, 2011 - 6-8pm - Piqua Arts Council Art Gala
7-8:30pm - Apple Tree Gallery (2nd floor), 405 N. Main St., Piqua - \$20 per person/\$15 PAC members
Exhibition open to public May 13-20, 1-4pm, no admission fee
Visit www.piquaartscouncil.com or call 937-773-9630 for ticket information

May 20, 2011 - Taste of the Arts hosted by Mainstreet Piqua
Downtown Piqua's annual celebration of the arts featuring an array of demonstrating artists along with a evening of tasting sampler size signature dishes from local food establishments.

May 26, 2011 - Mainstreet Piqua's Farmers Market Begins
Market is open every Thursday from 2-6pm in Downtown Piqua.

June 9, 2011 - 7pm - Air Force Band of Flight hosted by Piqua Arts Council
Hance Pavilion at Fountain Park in Piqua

June 16, 2011 - 7pm - Swing Era Band hosted by Piqua Arts Council
Hance Pavilion at Fountain Park in Piqua

For information about public meetings held in Piqua visit www.piquaoh.org



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