



Our Town - St. Paris Business Association

P.O. Box 157, St. Paris, OH 43072

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Dear St. Paris “Our Town” Business Association Member. We are writing to give you an update on what we do and what we plan to do in the future. We would also like your suggestions for any new ideas that you feel the Business Association can do in the future.

The Flower Boxes you see around town have been purchased by Our Town Business Association and each spring we buy flowers to plant in those boxes to beautify our little village. We ask the business owners to help in the watering to keep them looking nice. If you want to help water and have not been asked, please let Brenda Cook know as she is the chairman of that committee.

Farmers Market starting in the Spring and goes thru October is also an “Our Town” creation. Lisa Prince and her husband oversee this event each Friday from 3:00-6:00 pm and they do an excellent job. They get new vendors signed up and also have a food truck assigned to come in each Friday.

Military Banners – A fundraiser that is handled by the “Our Town” Business Association. We have to have 10-12 orders from people before we can turn them into the Company to have them made, then we wait, usually a month and then we get them in and once they have arrived to us, we give them to the village administrator to have scheduled to have them installed. This is an added thing the Village does for our village and is greatly appreciated that they take the time to put this in their busy schedule. Also putting them up on a State Route or even city streets, there are regulations.

Down town Welcome Banners are also purchased by Our Town and hope to have additional ones bought as money allows.

The Sign Post at the corners of Main & Springfield Streets that give directions to businesses are also an Our Town Business Association event.

Garage Sale Day: We also schedule St. Paris Garage Sales and provide Garage Sale signs and a map of the people that are participating in the garage sales and have to come and pick up a sign to place in their yard.

Memorial Day Ceremony: We schedule and plan the event each year and are very proud of the people that make this a very amazing event. Each year a different war is featured. This last June it was the Vietnam war and we had a lot of hometown men and women that had been in that war that we honored. The speakers and stories they tell are amazing. We can not thank enough the ones that always participate in this event.

Home of the Month: This event is handled by the committee chairperson Joyce Bowlin. She has several helpers that drive around town and seek out homes that have excellent care or huge improvements or are just beautiful and well cared for. They then do a tally and the winner is “Home of the Month” and they win \$25 in “St. Paris Bucks” which they can spend at any business that is a member. They are used like cash.

St. Paris Bucks : These are coupons that are given out for different events and the receiptant can spend them at any business that is listed on the back of the St. Paris Bucks, You have to be a member to be listed on the back and once the people cash them in at your store, the Our Town Business Association reimburses you for those St. Paris Bucks.

Christmas Luminaries: These are candles that are housed in a milk jug that we put out every 1st Saturday of December and on Christmas Eve. Usually put out in the evening and hopefully last all night. They are put on Main Streets.

Harmon Park playground equipment: Our Town Business Association donated \$4500 towards they new playground equipment at the park.

A Raffle ticket sale for a Velotric Nomad 2 Electric Bike worth \$2100 that Our Town Business Association purchased from Whitman's Bike Shop has been going on and will be drawn on August 29th at the Farmers Market at 3:30-4:00 . This money is for the Entrance signs on the East and West of the Village.

New Projects Planned:

New Entrance Signs at the Village Corporation Limits on the East and West end of Town on St. Route 36. This project is already beyond the planning stage and is in the works and hopefull will be done this year on the East end of the Village and the West end Entrance Sign is scheduled for 2026. This is a big project and we are very excited about it.

Also new ideas "Our Town Business Association" has in the planning stages

Welcome Bags for new residents of the Village

Hanging flowers on each Business building with beautiful flowers

Another Raffle Ticket Sale for a Beautiful Recliner which we will purchase from St. Paris Furniture to raffle off and give just in time for Christmas We welcome all new ideas from members.

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There will be 3 positions available at the June Annual Meeting

President:

Secretary :

Treasurer:

We help new businesses with signage and other things to get them started up to \$250

Several other offers for new businesses as far as reduced rate to join and free name on directional signs.