

Ontario 4th of July Committee

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Citizens of Ontario, Ohio

Dear Ontario residents,

On behalf of my fellow committee members, I want to welcome you to this year's Ontario 4th of July Festival! This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, July 1st, 2017; the Festival begins at 1:00 that day.

The Festival is a non-profit organization comprised entirely of volunteers from the Ontario area. As our Festival benefits all the citizens of our community, our emphasis is always towards local youth and families, as shown by the various events planned each year. Our committee members work hard each and every year to bring you an entertaining day, and we look forward to seeing all of our friends and neighbors there.

One of our feature events is always our annual Parade, sponsored by OhioHealth; this year's Parade begins at 4:00, so please be there early to get a great seat along the Parade route.

One of our biggest single honors of the day is centered around our Parade Grand Marshall- in past years we have had individuals ranging from war veterans to civic leaders leading the Parade, and all of these people have always represented the very best that Ontario has to offer. Of course, this year is no different; with that said, I am happy to announce that the Grand Marshall of this year's Parade is Mr. Howard J. Harriman.



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As a Committee, we are all thrilled for Howard, as he is one of our own. You may not know this, but Howard was the Chairman of the Festival in the early 80's until the early 90's. He remains an integral part of the Festival and also our annual Miss Ontario Pageant, which is scheduled for Saturday, June 24th. Please plan on attending as our Contestants will put on a wonderful show for you!

Howard and his wife, Sheryl, have been happily married for 48 years; the Harriman's have been lifelong residents of Springfield Township and Howard is an Ontario High School graduate. They are proud parents of 3 children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, so they continue to lead a very busy lifestyle!

Howard was a long-time employee of Gorman Rupp, putting in 44 years of service with that firm. He was their operations manager upon his retirement.

Howard epitomizes what it means to be an "Ontario Guy" based upon his long-time commitment to local service. On top of the above-mentioned Festival and Miss Ontario commitments, he has also been involved with Citizen Band Radio Club, Toy Time, the Red Cross Disaster Team and the Springfield Township Fire Department. Of course, it does not end there!

He is still an active member of the Springfield Township Fire Dependency Board, Springfield Township Zoning Board and the Richland County Agricultural Society Board of Directors. This is one busy guy!



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Of course, any of you who have attended the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast events at the school have undoubtable been served hotcakes by Howard, as he has been with that group for forty years. The Lions Club is also our sponsor with the Festival's signature event, the Frog Jumping Contest-Howard will be there as well, so please be sure to say hello and thank him for his public service to the residents of Ontario.

Our heartfelt thanks to Howard, Sheryl and their wonderful family!

Sincerely Yours,



*Frank V. Flaugher, Jr.
Chairman, Ontario 4th of July Festival*



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