

America in Bloom 2015-16



Fire Hose Cart House
#1 c. 1902

This building was originally one of two hose cart houses. Volunteer fire fighters would respond to one or both cart houses to the early town based on a fire bell code. The fire equipment that was located in the hose cart houses is now in the fire display at the Fort Harrison Park. The Cart #2 was located on Twelfth St. near where the tennis courts are today.

Pesthouse

The iron headboards scattered around the park are remnants of Echo's pesthouse. Echo residents Mildred Spike Berry, Mildred Berry Dorn and Fred Dorn told of the pesthouse located near the cemetery. The trio were born between 1885 and 1914, but the exact years when the pesthouse was used are unknown. Glenn and Joyce Rohde donated the headboards found on their property to help preserve the story of the pesthouse.

A pesthouse, quarantine house or fever shed was a building used to quarantine people afflicted with diseases such as The Plague, Smallpox, Cholera or Spanish Flu dating from the middle ages. Most cities had such a building, usually located near a cemetery. If a diseased person could not be quarantined in their home, they would often be forcibly quarantined in a pesthouse, which was little more than a shack.



1. Artist Doug Gisi w/Tree art installed this spring. 2. & 4. Main St. Floral Baskets. 3. New Main Street "Horse" planters w/petunia in the foreground that will be added to the Huffman planters. 5. & 6. Two of the heritage signs added in 2015. 7. "Galvanized Garden" between city hall and the museum-one of the judges favorites.



1. & 6. Two of the Pinterest inspired plantings located around city hall and

the park. 2. A grouping of planters in the city hall doorway. Planters were also placed in the museum doorway and this year planters will be placed in front of the VFW Hall & Masonic Lodge. 3. New cabinets and counters in the Masonic Lodge using traditional bead board. New flooring & other improvements were completed this winter. 4. The Fort Henrietta Blockhouse restoration is a project we are trying to raise funding for. The south side is collapsing. 5. Benches & matching planters added to the Galvanized Garden at judges suggestion last summer. 7. Picnic Shelter given an "Echo" treatment with a barn star, stone trim & chainsaw art added to enhance the plain Cleary Building. 8. Iron fencing replaced the old cyclone fence @ the museum garden. These improvements were thanks to donations & grants.