



# The City of Struthers Newsletter

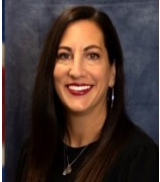
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## Memo from the Mayor Catherine Cercone Miller



Welcome to the first edition of our city’s newsletter. I hope you find it informative. It is our intention to publish an issue twice a year- one in March and the other in October. In addition to our website, Facebook page, and local media it provides us with another vehicle to keep you informed. This is especially important since, regrettably, the weekly Hometown Journal ceased publishing.

### MOVING AHEAD

For the City of Struthers, 2023 represented considerable progress in the ongoing strategic planning for economic and environmental development in the city, and 2024 promises to be even better. **‘Discover Struthers’**, the City’s Comprehensive plan, prepared by KO Consulting, was completed, and adopted by City Council in October of 2023. **‘Discover Struthers’** outlines the multipronged approach to stimulate economic and environmental development in the city improving the quality of life for its residents through riverfront development, utility infrastructure improvements and safe, accessible transportation. **‘Discover Struthers’** can be read in its entirety at [www.cityofstruthers.com](http://www.cityofstruthers.com)

In June of 2023, the city was awarded a \$1,000,000 Transportation Grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation for a safety road redevelopment project on Bridge Street. The funds will be used to narrow streets, create bike lanes, and improve crosswalk markings to increase visibility for motorists. Pedestrian signals and accessible push buttons at signalized intersections are also part of the project plan along with curb ramp installations to meet Americans with Disabilities Act codes. Struthers also had two projects included in the Ohio Appalachian Community Grant program totaling \$156 million. The two projects are the Community River Launch and Downtown Streetscape and Revitalization. The decision for this will come in March. Read on to find out why I’m so excited about where Struthers is and what it can become. As we look ahead, the city will continue to pursue projects that will stimulate economic growth and quality of life for our residents.

## Bob Benson



Safety Service  
Director

## Message from the Auditor - Christina Bohl



The financial department of the City of Struthers is comprised of an elected Treasurer and Auditor, and one full time and one part time clerical position. The Auditor and Treasurer work together but keep separate books to ensure accuracy in accounting and eliminate fraud of any kind. The Struthers General Fund is the city’s largest unrestricted

## Treasurer



resource and funds most of the City’s financial obligations. The General Fund budget for 2023 was \$5,286,000. Currently, the city has twenty-six active Special Revenue Funds. These are restricted funds and are committed for a specific purpose, for example, street construction and maintenance. Struthers Wastewater Plant has an enterprise fund. These are funds used to account for fee-based activity used by external customers. Debt service funds are collected and committed to pay down accumulated principal and interest on debt. The 2024 Calander year will have a balanced budget and we will continue prudent spending to ensure financial stability.

## Ryan Rogalski, Tax Commissioner



Taxpayers can also pay online by visiting [mitstaxonline.com/struthers](http://mitstaxonline.com/struthers) You can make payments on your final return online, as well, but please note there is a 3.5% convenience fee. If you don’t want to pay the fee, you can make your payment in person, by mail or phone call. Reminder: City taxes must be filed by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

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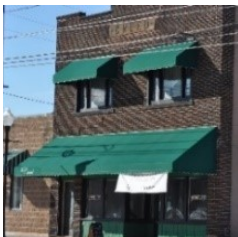
## City Façade Program

In 2023, in partnership with six Struthers businesses, the city assisted in funding façade grants for Kitts Heating and Cooling, Cigs for Less, Nemenz IGA, Spectrochemical Testing, Kurtz Tool and Die, and Youngstown Tool and Die. Façade work included exterior walls, landscaping, lighting, awnings, windows, doors, sidewalk repairs, and/or, signage improvements. Some façades are completed while others will be done soon. The businesses provided the required match.



## 2021 American Rescue Plan Act and Downtown Revitalization

With funding provided through the Mahoning County Commissioners, the American Rescue Plan, and private owners, downtown revitalization is proceeding, in accordance with the Struthers Comprehensive Plan. Twelve grants have been awarded for building improvements. Those receiving grants were Donavitos, Selah, Geppetto's Costume, Cut-n-Toast, Dr. Andrews, Mr. Popovich, Mr. Heck, St. Anthony's Society and Kevin Walsh & Eric Rauschenbach. Some work has been completed, some soon to start. In addition, in 2024, two accessible outdoor gathering spaces are in the design stage and will be constructed at sites of the former Nick's Department Store and the foot of the 616 Bridge.



## Green Leaf Therapy

**Bryan Montgomery**  
Superintendent



## *Mauthe Park*

Located at 156 Smithfield Street a few blocks off State Route 616, Mauthe Park is a beautiful, wooded setting with .3 miles of walkways, and a newly refreshed playground. The Rotary Pavilion and the Meeting Room at Mauthe Park are both available for rent.

**Aqua Ohio's Music in the Park series starts Thursday June 6th, at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Youngstown Studio, "Movies at Mauthe" Friday June 21st and August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## Code Enforcement

**Bill Minchin, Code Enforcement Director**

Republic Services has free bulk item pickup day every Thursday. To use this service, you must contact Republic Services (330)729-5513 ahead of time. Please do not leave items on curbside more than 24 hours after the pickup day. Also, trash bins must be taken from the curb the night of the scheduled pick-up day.



## Struthers Tree Board



## SENIOR VAN SCHEDULE

**Mondays-** Banks, Marcs, Walmart (Boardman).  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Monday** Plaza (Ollies)  
**Wednesdays** – Doctor Appts.  
**Friday** – IGA & Save-A-Lot



## WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

The Struthers Wastewater treatment plant is the second largest plant in Mahoning County, with a design capacity of six million gallons per day. The treatment plant currently treats over five million gallons of wastewater per day, removing approximately 500 tons of solids annually. There are five pump stations throughout the city. Plant personnel maintain 50 miles of sanitary sewer and over 300 stormwater catch basins. In addition to the city, the facility also treats wastewater from Poland and parts of Boardman township in Mahoning County. Our pretreatment program monitors discharges from a variety of industries and issues discharge permits, as required. When fully staffed plant personnel consist of one Plant Manager, one Assistant Plant Manager/Stormwater Manager, one lead operator, four Turn Operators, one Lead Maintenance man, one Assistant Maintenance man, five Utility Maintenance men, one Equipment Operator, one Chemist, one Industrial Monitor. The Struthers Water Pollution Control Improvement Project is one of only eight projects selected by Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to move forward to the Eastgate/Appalachian Regional Commission's Final Application, that the city submitted in December. Struthers is in the running to receive \$250,000 to upgrade equipment in its Water Pollution Control Facility. Awards will be announced in the spring. The Mahoning County Commissioners also funded a VACTOR sewer cleaning truck.



**Mark Ciccone**  
Superintendent

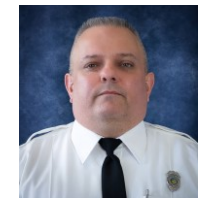


**Frank DeMarco**  
Manager



## STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Stormwater Management is the process of controlling stormwater runoff that comes from impervious surfaces like parking lots driveways, and roofs. Effective stormwater management reduces the amount pollution by slowing and allowing the runoff to soak into the ground. Animal waste, pesticides oil, sediment and all end up in waterways and potentially in our sources of drinking water.

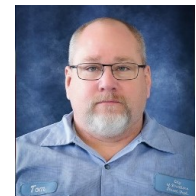


**Michael Agnone**  
Fire Chief

**FIRE**



In July 2023, Struthers opened its new fire station which includes a state-of-the-art Marcs system that allows Struthers first responders to seamlessly communicate with each other and other agencies. Additionally, in 2023, Struthers was awarded \$123,000 in FEMA funding to purchase much needed safety equipment. With ARPA funds, the city was also able to purchase a 2022 fire truck to replace the 1997 fire truck.



**Thomas Noble**  
Foreman

## STREET

Struthers was awarded a second \$1,265,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to replace the Wetmore Bridge over Yellow Creek. The city contributed \$260,000 towards the project. Construction to begin in the Spring of 2024.



## POLICE



**Tim Roddy**  
Police Chief

Struthers Police Department is comprised of a Chief of Police, four Captains, twelve full-time Officers, six part-time Patrol Officials, four full-time Dispatchers, and an Administrative Assistant. Officers are assigned to various positions which include the Detective Bureau, Violent Crime Task Force, Drug Task Force, Marshall's Task Force, and other County units. The department is manned 24 hours a day with local dispatch, a full LEADS terminal and is one of the PSAP locations for Emergency 911. The Struthers Police Department currently utilizes nine marked police vehicles which include two K-9 vehicles. The cruisers are MD outfitted with radar units and specialty equipment. There are two unmarked vehicles and a police bicycle for special duties. School Resource Officers serve three public schools. They have become an asset when assisting students with their problems whether in school, or at home.

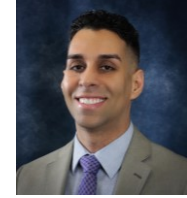




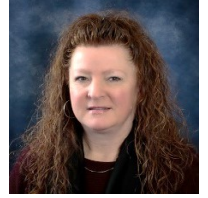
## Struthers Municipal Court



**Hon. James A. Melone**  
Municipal Judge



**Amsi L. Medina**  
Administrator



**Cheryl Host**  
Bailliff



**Gina Zerbonia**  
Clerk of Court



**John Zomoida**  
Law Director

The law director is the city's attorney and is responsible for providing legal advice to officials, as needed. The law director also serves as the prosecutor for the Struthers Municipal Court.

## Struthers City Council



**Michael Patrick**  
President



**Lori Gomon**  
1st Ward



**Ronald Carcelli**  
2nd Ward



**Robert Burnside**  
3rd Ward



**Richard Bayus**  
4th Ward



**James Baluck**  
At - Large



**Megan Pingley**  
At - Large



**Dallas Bigley**  
At - Large



**Megan Shorthouse**  
Clerk of Council



For the third year, The Arbor Day Foundation recognized Struthers as a Tree City USA. The Tree City USA program provides communities with a four-step framework to maintain and grow tree cover and gives an avenue to celebrate their work showing residents, visitors and the country that they are committed to environmental change.

## City of Struthers 2024 Calendar

Easter	Saturday	March 30th	10-11am
Arbor Day Celebration	Friday	April 26th	
Tree Photography Contest	Month of April		
Civics Day	Thursday	April 4th	
Clean up Hamilton	Saturday	May 25th	
Clean up June	Saturday	June 1st	8am-12pm
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	June 6th	Elvis & Roy Orbison
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	June 13th	Candace Campana
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	June 20th	Vintage Vinyl
Garage sale weekend	Fri, Sat, Sun	June 28, 29, 30	8am- 5pm
4th of July	Thursday	July 4th	Parade starts at 12
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	July 11th	Speedo Agreedo
Moab House Car Show	Saturday	July 13th	
Movie in the Park	Friday	June 21st	Youngstown Studio
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	July 25th	American Made
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	Aug 1st	Dawson
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	Aug 15th	Jim Baluck
Movie in the Park	Friday	Aug 16th	Youngstown Studio
Aqua Music In the Park	Thursday	Aug 29th	Robert Noble
Clean out Oct./Street Sweep	Saturday	Nov. 2nd	9am-11am
Build a Bed	Saturday	Oct. 12th	8am-12pm
Christmas parade	Friday	December 13th	6pm
Christmas Lights Awards Announced	Thursday	December 19th	6pm