

MAYOR'S REPORT APRIL 23, 2014

STREET PATCHING

Our Street Department has been working diligently sweeping the streets. The streets must first be swept before they can be patched; due to the harsh winter the streets have been impacted and continue to deteriorate severely and we are doing our best to fill the potholes beginning with the worst areas first. This roadway deterioration substantiates the study that was performed by MS Consultants regarding the conditions of our streets. City Council and the Administration ask for your help in the *May Primary* to vote “**yes**” to help repave some of the badly deteriorated roadways for the safety of both our citizens and children.

It won't be long before our Street Department begins the seasonal job of grass cutting.

CIVIC'S DAY

On May 9th, the City will hold its annual Civics' Day. Struthers High School seniors will hold an election and the event allows each participating student to spend the morning interacting and becoming familiar with the government process, followed by a mock council meeting and guest speaker, Judge Theresa Dellick, Juvenile Justice Center and tour of all government offices and also a tour of the Carbon Limestone Landfill.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUCCESS

The annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on Saturday, April 12th at the Struthers High School Football Field. The event was a success thanks to great weather and with the help of city officials, council members, Ron Carcelli, Board of Education Member and MaryAnn DiLillo whom has volunteered her time to our Easter Egg Hunts for over 30 years.

The Easter Bunny (Jim Bertrando) was there to greet and meet with the children and he also deserves a thank you. I would also like to thank the businesses and organizations that donated monetarily to make this event happen because without them this event would not be possible: Allied/Republic Waste, Aqua Ohio, AP O'Hora, Buckeye Energy Brokers, Brad Downie, Butch & McCree Paving, MS Consultants, Kirila Funeral Home, VFW (Lowellville Road), CT Consultants, Clemans & Nelson, Clemente Funeral Home, Murphy Construction and Team Office.

CITY OF STRUTHERS CLEAN UP DAY

The City of Struthers Litter Clean Up will be Saturday, May 10th at Mauthe Park, meeting at 8:00 am. Volunteers will be cleaning up parks and areas chosen beforehand. Organizations and volunteers will also be planting flowers at the entrance signs to the city and at Mauthe Park.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event; call Shirley Sepesy at 330-755-2181 x138.

Appliance and Electronics Drives are soon to be scheduled and that information will be posted as soon as we have dates confirmed.

CIVIL SERVICE MEETING/TESTING

The Civil Service Commission met and I recommended an eligibility list for Fire Engineer in the Fire Department. The written test and agility test is scheduled for the end of June and agility in early July. The legal will be posted in the Hometown Journal on May 8, 2014.

SENIOR CITIZENS VAN

I received a letter from WRTA on April 13th regarding their unused vehicles. Their vehicles are purchased with federal grant dollars and, as a result, when a vehicle's current market value exceeds \$5,000, WRTA is required to reimburse the FTA the grant value of 80% of the sale price/fair market value. WRTA will have to competitively bid the vehicle or the city would have to pay to have the vehicle appraised. The WRTA Maintenance Director estimates the vehicle to be in the \$15,000 range.

I forwarded the correspondence to City Council on April 14th the offer made by WRTA for Council's consideration and input. After discussing the matter it was jointly agreed to wait until the Department of Transportation announced who will receive grant funding of a Specialized Transportation Vehicle which the City is an applicant. Announcement regarding the grant is to be made in July of this year.

I apologize for the circumstances and inconveniences our senior citizens have endured over this and hope it can be resolved soon.

Respectfully,

Mayor Terry Stocker
City of Struthers