

**MAYOR'S OFFICE
MAY 14, 2014**

THANK YOU CITIZENS OF STRUTHERS!

I would like to thank the citizens of the City of Struthers for supporting the **Road Levy**. The ballot issue is to generate funds for street resurfacing related to road improvements only for a term of five years.

I would also like to thank members of council and other elected officials who assisted in working the polls on May 6th: Auditor Chrissy Bohl, Hank Francischelli, Ron Matthews, Tony Fire, Joe Rudzik, Mike Patrick & Carol Crytzer and I would also like to express my gratitude to Bob Burnside for preparing the signage for the levy.

I am very happy that we will be able to remain committed in keeping our roads in a healthier condition and to continue to deliver the highest standard of service and safety that can possibly be provided with the citizen's assistance. **THANK YOU!**

YELLOW CREEK BRIDGE PAINTING UPDATE

As part of the grant from last year with Mahoning County, Metro Parks and Campbell; the Yellow Creek Bridge will be addressed. We are painting the steel beams and patching the concrete substructure and that is currently in the process of being completed. There should be no impact to traffic, but the sidewalk on one side of the bridge, during working hours will be closed and safety signage will be in place. The painting should take no more than two weeks, with the concrete patching and sealing to follow two weeks after the painting.

ELDERLY VAN UPDATE

The City of Struthers was recommended by the General Policy Board of the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for FY2014 FTA Specialized Transportation Program to be approved as submitted and identified to Ohio Department of Transportation **for their consideration** and approval.

I have also been working on other venues to try and work something out until the City is made aware if we are awarded the grant or not; and that will be in June. Even if awarded the grant in June, it would take another few months to actually acquire the van.

I have also been in contact with WRTA and Community Chest has shown interest in assisting the City temporarily to acquire a van until we know more about the grant.

STRUTHERS DAY

Struthers Day has been scheduled for Friday, June 27th at Mauthe Park with festivities beginning at 5:00 PM. Struthers Day is sponsored by the City of Struthers and Aqua Ohio Water; bringing residents and businesses together for a night of relaxation and fun. Businesses have the opportunity to showcase their business and residents can enjoy free hot dogs, cotton candy, watermelon and pop. There will be a grand prize, music, pony rides and many other attractions for a "family evening" in our City.

If you would like to showcase your business during this event; contact Aqua Ohio Water at 330-755-1100 x10.

LITTER CLEAN UP

The Litter Clean Up was held this past Saturday, May 10th at Mauthe Park. Litter Control Coordinator Shirley Sepesy and Storm Water Secretary Linda Clyde put together a successful event. Many areas were cleaned and cleared of litter, mulched and flowers were planted at entrance signs to the city, the park and at City Hall.

Many thanks to all who came out and supported and volunteered their time for this annual event. I would also like to thank the Council Members who made time to attend, Street Department personnel and Sam Sprirko who drove the Litter Truck picking up the bags and hauling the mulch from place to place. I would like also to make mention of the Wastewater Employees who moved the old mulch out of the playground area so that the new mulch could be laid to further beautify the park and playground.

CIVIC'S DAY

Civics' Day was held on Friday, May 9th at City Hall. Seniors from Struthers High School held an election and were voted Mayor, Council Person, Auditor, Judge, Law Director, Treasurer, etc. for the day and were able to shadow their counterpart during this event. A mock council meeting was held and a tour of BFI Landfill was taken. Judge Theresa Dellick was our guest speaker and she did an outstanding job delivering a very inspiring and motivational speech. Also to be mentioned was Father Bob Bonnot for providing prayer meditation, Struthers High School Teacher Sarah Herrholtz, Board of Education Member Ron Carcelli, and Photographer Frank Marr for taking photographs and Vindicator Journalist Emmalee Torsik for being available to cover the event.

Clerk of Council Megan Shorthouse did a tremendous job in organizing a special day for all those who participated & attended. A luncheon was held afterwards at Donovito's Italian Grille.

GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY

On Tuesday, May 13th a Ground Breaking Ceremony was held at 10:00 am at the location of Youngstown-Poland Road (Sami Quik Stop) and Midlothian; in between Sami's and the Plaza; a Dunkin Donuts will be built and Sami Quik Stop will be expanding their store.

The City is very excited about this expansion and this business coming to Struthers!

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mayor
City of Struthers