

MAYOR'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CHIP)

I am happy to inform that our city has successfully competed for a FY 2009 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant award. The total grant award is \$500,000 and the City of Struthers will provide rehabilitation assistance to 5 LMI owner-occupied households in the approved target area, and provide Home Repairs to 10 LMI owner-occupied households (4 units in the Target Area and 6 units citywide). In addition, funds will be provided to rehabilitate 2 rental units occupied by LMI tenants. Down payment Assistance/Rehabilitation will be provided to 2 LMI households to purchase and rehabilitate units on a citywide basis. A new activity, Emergency Monthly Housing Assistance will provide up to \$3,000 to 8 eligible applicants to assist in preventing home foreclosures.

LED SIGN IN DOWNTOWN STRUTHERS

Residents may have noticed the beautiful sign located in the center of downtown Struthers; Aqua Ohio Water has donated this sign to our community, Aqua Ohio Water is our only locally based utility company and is committed to our community. I am also grateful to the following people for donating labor hours for the construction of this structure: Rudzik Excavating provided skilled labor; Bruce Klingerman; other contributors of labor John Masco of Masco Electric, Murphy Construction, and Struthers graduates Todd Yallech and Mike Metcalf at no cost to the City.

The sign is a beautiful addition to downtown Struthers and be of great benefit to our community for announcing various Struthers events as well as posting public announcements.

MAHONING VALLEY N-VIRO

Southside Environmental Group of Niles and N-Viro International Corporation of Toledo teamed up to create Mahoning Valley N-Viro LLC, a new company to be located in the CASTLO Industrial Park. The facility will convert various types of waste into beneficial alternative fuel. The resulting product, N-Viro Fuel, is blended with coal or petroleum coke and burned as a coal substitute in coal-fired plants. The new facility will create approximately 40 new jobs. If all goes well construction is expected to begin this year; with operation anticipated in mid 2010, once state and local permits are approved.

The City is fortunate that N-Viro chose our community to build their business and we look forward to working with them.

JAG GRANT

I am happy to report that we have obtained approximately \$22,000 for the use of a cruiser for our Police Department which will allow for cruiser replacement to continue maintaining a reliable fleet. I would like to thank Police Chief Robert Norris for his time and efforts put forth in this matter.

HEALTH SERVICES

The City of Struthers will be hosting the following health clinics for Mahoning County Health District:

H1N1 Influenza Informative Meeting – Monday, September 21 at the Struthers Middle School Auditorium. This forum will give you the opportunity to hear the latest news, speak directly with officials from the Mahoning County Board of Health to give you the latest information on the H1N1 virus and other issues dealing with influenza. I would also like to thank Struthers City School System for hosting this meeting and working with our City.

Well Child/Immunization Clinics – Beginning August 12 through December 8th, 2010 the Mahoning County District Board of Health will be holding Well child & Immunization Clinics to provide immunizations and well child physicals to children birth through 18 years of age at Mauthe Park. For a schedule or an appointment please call (330) 270-2755 ext. 125.

Care for your Pet – The District Board of Health of Mahoning County is sponsoring a rabies vaccination clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets on Saturday, September 12th, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Struthers City Hall. No appointment is necessary for the clinics, dog owners must have their dogs under leash, and cat owners should have their cats caged or carried in a cloth pillowcase. A \$4.00 fee will be charged to recover the cost of supplies.

SOUTHEAST SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT

A pre-construction meeting was held on Friday, August 21st with Utilcon Corporation and MS Consultants. The contractor began mobilizing the site on September 3rd and will be performing pipe bursting and relining on Clingan Road from Babic Street to Struthers Road September 9th through September 23rd. Between September 14th and September 17th they will be clearing sanitary sewer easements along Yellow Creek where needed between Grimm Heights and Parkway on the east and between Sells Avenue and Hopewell Drive on the west. Next they will be performing pipe bursting and relining within the sanitary sewer easement from Grimm Heights to Parkcliff between September 24th and October 12th and perform sewer relining within the sanitary sewer easements from Hopewell Drive, Parkway and between Sells and Wetmore on September 28th through October 7th. Perform sanitary sewer replacement bursting and relining within the sanitary sewer easement from Katherine to Lewis on October 13th through October 16th and lastly perform pavement repair and site restoration October 19th through October 30th.

This schedule can be affected by weather conditions.

RESURFACING

A pre-construction meeting was held September 4th with Gennaro Pavers, Inc.(lowest bidder) regarding our resurfacing program this year. Resurfacing will begin (weather permitting) on September 14th and the following streets will be paved: Victor Street

(Oakview to Woodbine), Chestnut Street (Highland to Oakview), Short Street (State to Elm), Renee Street, Helena Avenue (Garfield to Argonne), and Katherine Street (Center to Prospect). The City would appreciate if cars would be removed from these streets during the paving process.

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS

I would personally like to welcome Becker's Angel's Rest Pet Cremation Service & Becker Monuments & Memorials; Average Joe's Restaurant on Youngstown-Poland Road and Bella Dermis Tattoo also located on Youngstown-Poland Road to our City.

I am pleased to announce that Attorney Raymond DeLost has accepted the appointment of Civil Service Chairman.

I would like to congratulate Clara Leone on celebrating her 100th Birthday on September 7, 2009.

I want to mention that I was proud to hear that Tabitha Forenza was chosen our state's Poster Child for the American Heart Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker