

MAYOR'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

METRO GOVERNMENT LEADERS ROUNDTABLE

I attended a Metro Government Leaders Roundtable on September 17th at 6:00 PM at the Boardman Township Administration Building. There were presentations from Jeff Cook; Financial Concept Group and Bob Hartenstein, Professional Benefits Administrators whom spoke on the topic of Health Care cost savings insurance plans. There was also conversation regarding collaborating the costs of purchasing road salt. Tony Paglia, Vice President of Government Affairs and Cheryl Brock, Grant Writer gave a presentation regarding the benefits of collaborating grant writing services.

ELECTRIC PROGRAM GRANT MONEY

It is being brought to my attention that FirstEnergy Solutions provides Community Grants and Struthers is one of the 50 communities it is being offered to. The program gives customers long-term electric generation savings and the funding is available through Powering Our Communities to help local communities during this difficult recession.

Powering Our Communities is being offered to the 50 communities in Ohio with government aggregation programs where electric generation is currently supplied by FES. Communities with government aggregation issues on the November ballot would also be eligible, as well as communities where residents have already approved electric aggregation. The program could save participating communities millions of dollars on generation costs over the next several years and provide the City of Struthers with over \$100,000 in grant money. A written proposal should be received soon.

Also; Councilman Bob Carcelli will be holding an informational meeting regarding the Gas Opt-Out Ballot Initiative on Wednesday, October 7th at 7:00 PM at Mauthe Park. Tom Bellish of Buckeye Energy Brokers will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

WRTA

Western Reserve Transit Authority announced bus service in Struthers and is currently providing countywide public transportation services to help people get where they need to go. Services are currently available in Struthers and you can get the route information by calling (330) 744-8431.

LED SIGN

Council has received a draft of cost estimates for advertisement on the new city sign located at Bridge and State Streets. The City has received many calls requesting information to be displayed, advertising of businesses and special events through ads on this sign. Revenue generated can be used for sign maintenance, utility costs and general fund uses.

SAXONY PLACE

Saxony Place Development roadway plans will be discussed at a meeting set for October 5, 2009. Senator Joe Schavoni and city representatives will be present.

WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL/RESURFACING

Paving grindings were donated by the City to Struthers Board of Education for the parking lot on Garfield Street.

The Resurfacing Program should finish up this week weather permitting.

WELCOME

The City of Struthers welcomes Champion Kelly Pavlik's Thirteenth Round Sports Bar & Grill located on Bridge Street to our City and we wish them well.

HALLOWEEN HOURS

Halloween hours are set for Saturday, October 31st during the hours of 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor

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