

**MAYOR'S REPORT  
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT**

I am happy to report that we are reapplying for the Safe Routes to School Grant. I met with Joseph Nohr, Superintendent of Struthers City Schools, Ron Carcelli, Board Member and A.J. Ginnetti, Treasurer to discuss applying for grant funding. Discussed were the poor conditions of sidewalks in which children walk to school and routes where there are no sidewalks.

We submitted support letters from Eastgate, Mahoning Health Department, Struthers Police Department and Struthers Schools. The deadline to submit the application to ODOT is March 1, 2014.

**SPECIALIZED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM**

We have been notified by Eastgate Regional Council that additional funding is available and a letter of interest was sent by the deadline of February 19th. This grant funding would assist in obtaining a new elderly van that continues to assist seniors with the Elderly Van Program.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

I would like to thank Nancy Uber for all of her years of service to the Civil Service Commission; her service was very dedicated and valuable to our city.

I have appointed John Pontikos as a member of the Civil Service Commission; and I thank him for agreeing to serve our city in this capacity.

**JUDITH LANE/SPRING STREET STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

After being told early last week by the Ohio Public Works Commission that the above project was not eligible; we resubmitted a project narrative with additional documentation that included a copy of the local committee pre-application, map, and site plan and the project was once again approved by the OPWC in context of a larger Storm Water Management Plan that is currently in place by the City.

The design of the project will begin in March and the construction is expected to begin after July 1, 2014. The total cost of the project is \$83,000 that includes excavation and embankment, stream bank restoration, rock channel protection, and yard restoration. All work will be within an existing storm water easement between Judith Lane and Spring Street.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The City of Struthers Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Struthers High School Football Field. The Easter Bunny will be there to greet the children, prizes will be drawn and each child will go home with an Easter treat.

**LITTER CLEAN UP**

The Litter Clean Up is scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup>, kicking off at 8:00 AM at Mauthe Park. Anyone interested in assisting with picking up litter or planting flowers; call Shirley Sepesy at 330-755-2181 x138.

A resolution passed on February 6<sup>th</sup> by Council authorized myself to apply for a 10% matching fund Litter Clean Up Grant through the Ohio Environmental Agency (EPA) not to exceed \$6,000 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

**ROAD RESURFACING LEVY PROGRAM**

Mahoning County has approved the ballot language for the May Primary Election for citizens to vote on a 3 mill levy to resurface our roads that are in dire need of repairs. The Ordinance was passed by Council on February 6<sup>th</sup> for the imposition of a three mill property tax levy for a period of five years to be used for street resurfacing.

**ZONING COMMITTEE**

I would like to thank Mr. Clyde Farmer for his many years of serving the City of Struthers on the Zoning Board; his service to the city was more than valuable and he will be missed on this board.

I have appointed Douglass Theobald to replace Mr. Farmer and thank Mr. Theobald for agreeing to service the city in this capacity.

Respectfully,

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Terry P. Stocker  
Mayor