

MAYOR'S REPORT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

NATURAL GAS OPT-OUT AGGREGATION PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the City of Struthers has selected Direct Energy as the natural gas supplier for the above program. Direct Energy will supply your natural gas at the stable rate of \$5.96 per MCF beginning with your November 2011 billing cycle and continuing through your February 2012 billing cycle.

With Direct Energy's offer, you can cancel at any time without an early cancellation fee. As state above, the program runs through your February 2012 billing cycle however, after your February 2012 billing cycle, the City may continue the current Natural Gas Opt-Out Aggregation Program or begin another program, and you will have another opportunity to opt-out without penalty.

We have also negotiated a discount of \$0.10 per MCF off the commodity rate for Senior Citizens 65 and older who are the primary owners of their residence.

You should or already may have received the information to enroll; but if you require further information call Direct Energy Customer Service Department at 1-866-760-6040.

RUNGE BLVD. SAFETY UPGRADE PROJECT – PHASE I UPDATE

A public meeting was held in August on Runge Blvd. to the affected residents. At the meeting, representatives from the City and MS Consultants (engineers) discussed the timetable, answered questions and addressed any concerns that residents had.

Bids will be opened on September 9, 2011 at 11:00 am for this project that consists of the removal and replacement of approximately 3,000 feet of curbing, approximately 21 driveway approaches, complete road resurfacing from Hamilton Blvd. and Poland Avenue, and the removal and replacement of approximately 400 feet of 12-inch storm sewer and 21 storm inlets.

Bids were opened on September 9, 2011 at 11:00 am in my office and two bids were accepted. Foust Construction bid at \$203,643.53 and Parella-Pannunzio, Inc. bid at \$253,289.10. Bid will be awarded early this week and a preconstruction meeting will be set.

FIFTH STREET/CENTER ROAD PAVING PROJECT

Ohio Department of Transportation opened bids for the above project on Friday, September 9, 2011 in Akron to identify the successful bidder. We are hopeful to hear the results of the bids this week and to get a preconstruction meeting scheduled. I am optimistic that construction will begin in mid October; weather permitting.

FIRST ENERGY

I met with First Energy to ascertain application for rebates being offered to communities whom have constructed energy savings equipment which reduces reliability for electricity supplied by First Energy. We expect to recognize a considerable rebate on behalf of our ARRA Funded Methane Gas Generator Project.

STREET DEPARTMENT CIVIL SERVICE TEST

Notice was given by the Civil Service Commission to establish the eligibility list for the position of "Maintenance Operator" in the Street Department. The test will be given on

Thursday, September 15, 2011 and applicants must have applications along with their CDL Class B License with Air Brakes turned in no later than Monday, September 12th at Noon.

I would like to wish all candidates well on this upcoming exam.

METHANE GAS GENERATOR PROJECT DEDICATION

We are currently planning the dedication of the above project in early October. As you may recall; this project was completely funded for \$5.4 million through ARRA. We are happy to dedicate this project to the citizens of Struthers because it is saving the taxpayers money (electric bills have decreased) in maintaining our sewer rates as the lowest in the State of Ohio.

COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

The City of Struthers will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at 6:00 PM at the City Hall Building. The purpose of the meeting will be to explain the FY 2011 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) grant received by the City. The activities included in the \$500,000 grant will be explained, along with the target area, income guidelines and other program requirements. Applications for assistance will be available at the meeting.

Residents of the City of Struthers are welcome to attend.

WELCOME

The City of Struthers is fortunate to have welcomed four new businesses during the summer of 2011. We are happy to greet Verizon on Youngstown-Poland Road, Save A Lot in the Struthers Plaza, The Treasure Trove in downtown Struthers and Los Gallos in downtown Struthers.

I would personally like to thank them for choosing to be apart of our wonderful community and hope that they will be in Struthers for many years.

CONGRATULATIONS

Local lightweight boxer Jake Giuriceo won a unanimous decision over Ramesis GI of Santo Domingo at the Destruction on the Diamond Event at Cene Park on August 13th. We are proud of Jake and his coach Keith Burnside & corner man Councilman Bob Burnside whom are both Struthers residents& also his manager Joe Corvino.

Respectfully,

**Terry P. Stocker
Mayor**