

**MAYOR'S REPORT
REPORTING TO THE CITIZENS & TO COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 2009**

2009 LITTER CLEANUP GRANT

I am happy to report that in these tough times we have been awarded \$2,500 grant from Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Litter & Recycling for the purpose of implementing a Litter Cleanup Project. This project will take place Saturday, May 2, 2009.

If you would like to volunteer for this Litter Clean Up or if you have a project you would like considered; please call Recycling Coordinator Dan Sepesy at my office.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Citizens will have an opportunity to vote for this issue on the May 5th Ballot. An Opt-Out Aggregation Program is buying group that pools together usage for the best price. Eligible Ohio Edison customers are automatically included unless the Opt-Out Ballot fails. The benefits of an Electric Aggregation Program is fixed price options, price buying leverage, risk mitigation, cost control, best combination of term and service and pricing availability.

The Program's Electric price is determined by the Broker distributing a request for proposals to certified suppliers and can *Strike* within specified time before the contract begins. *Strike Pricing* can be for full or portions of the contract term and *Strike* takes place during favorable market conditions and negotiates percent discounts.

Councilman Robert Carcelli, III will hold an informational meeting in reference to this program on March 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM and Thomas Bellish from Buckeye Energy Brokers will be present to answer questions.

STIMULUS PROJECTS

Many projects have been submitted to the Federal Stimulus Initiative. They have been forwarded to the appropriate state entity. Our projects received an email indicating that eligibility requirement have been met; their goal is to make sure that all potential fund applicants are treated equally and fairly and that everyone eligible has a chance to apply for funds. Some projects we are applied for are as follows: lighting on the proposed MRCO Low Level Connector Bridge, replacement of existing traffic signals within the City at various intersections and replace them with energy efficient LED signals and pedestrian heads, State Street Sanitary Lift Station Improvement Project, City Fire Station Construction Project, State Street/Walton Avenue Waterline Extension Project, WWTP Grit Collector and Septage Receiving Station Project, Standby Power Generator

& Methane Gas Conversion Project, WWTP Primary Clarifier Replacement Project, Arrel-smith Road Upgrade Project, and City Roadway Resurfacing or Repairs.

2009 PROPOSED BUDGET

On Wednesday, March 4th I submitted the proposed 2009 General Fund Budget to Council for their review and passage. With the assistance of Auditor Tina Morell, I presented a balanced budget with recommended cuts. The proposed 2009 General Fund Budget is \$234,464.29 less than the 2008 Amended Budget and \$135,163.59 lower than the Original 2008 Budget.

I look forward to working with Council as we move forward in finalizing the 2009 Budget and I recommend that Council Members contact me if they have any questions with reference to the 2009 Proposed Budget.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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MAYOR

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