

MAYOR'S REPORT APRIL 28, 2010

SEWER BILL DELIQUENCIES

On April 5th Public Utilities Chairman Bob Carcelli, Public Utilities Member Ron Matthews, Auditor Morell, Safety Director Wildes, Wastewater Assistant Manager Bob Gentile and myself met with Bill Coleman, Mahoning County Sanitary Department and Al Saline, Aqua Ohio Water and others to discuss the sewer bill delinquencies. Aqua informed the City that over \$270,000 of written off delinquencies from the past administration was never removed and Aqua's Corporate Office is in the process of writing off that debt.

Bill Coleman presented the City with the process that Mahoning County utilizes to collect their debt; by placing the debt on property taxes and other methods were discussed such as water disconnection.

We will be meeting with Aqua Ohio Water again to finalize our plan on recapturing this enormous debt next week and I will keep the citizens abreast of those intentions.

CITY/CASTLO WELCOMED SECRETARY OF STATE

On April 14th, "The Courage Express", Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner's campaign bus made a stop at CASTLO Industrial Park to tour the industrial park. She toured Aesir Metals, the recently opened metal casting facility that is located in the former pump house that was once apart of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Struthers Works. Mahoning County Commissioners Anthony Traficanti and David Ludt along with Lowellville Mayor James Iudiciani as well as Castlo Industrial Park Executive Director Mike Hoza, Struthers City Council Members Ron Mathews and Tony Fire were present to welcome Secretary of State Jennifer Brunner.

LIEN FORWARD MEETING

On April 13th Safety Director Ed Wildes and I met with representatives of Mahoning County Lien Forward to talk about the next steps in establishing an alternative land bank program and how to support Lien Forward's *efficientgovnow application* to attain implementation of funding. Lien Forward Ohio Regional Council of Governments was created in 2005 by the City of Youngstown and Mahoning County. Its mission is to return vacant, abandoned, tax delinquent property to productive use.

COMPLIMENTARY HEARING SCREEN

The City of Struthers is hosting the Center for Hearing Care and is pleased to announce another complimentary Hearing Screen and complementary Otoscope (ear wax exam) to be held at Mauthe Park Multi-Purpose Center on Tuesday, May 11th from Noon to 3:00 PM. In addition, there will be a complimentary Spinal Screening and Chair Massage, provided by Healthsource Chiropractic & Progressive Rehabilitation; Dr. Konstantinos Galouzis. All citizens are welcome to this screening and if you have further questions please call Sofie Marian at the Center for Hearing Care at 330-758-3501.

REMINDER ~ LITTER CLEAN UP & RECYCLING DRIVES

On Saturday, May 1st the Litter Clean Up with Kick Off at 8:00 AM at Mauthe Park Pavilion. Volunteers will once again pick up litter, plant flowers and assist elderly people with beautifying their yards. If you would like to volunteer or have a job that you would like assistance with; please call Litter Control & Recycling Coordinator Dan Sepesy at 330-755-2181 x138.

On Saturday, May 15th during the hours of 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Old Sexton Street School Parking Lot; the City will be recycling appliances, tires and electronics. These events are all a part of the Great American Clean Up which happens everywhere in the United States. We would like to hear every citizen of Struthers take the Litter Pledge. "I promise to do my part to make and keep the Mahoning Valley litter free. I promise to keep my house, my yard and my own town clean and free of trash. I will throw my trash away and pick up trash when I see it. I will tell my family and friends about NO MORE LITTERING!"

STREET DEPARTMENT ~ 2009 GRASS CUTTING

I would like to thank the Street Department for 2009 Grass Cutting in the City. Their hard work does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Safety Director Ed Wildes placed liens on the properties that were cut by our Street Department and a check for \$10,600 was received from Mahoning County for the above effort.

I would like to invite citizens to please try to keep lawns cut so that our Street Department could utilize their time for other needed duties.

PREPARING FOR THE ANNUAL "STRUTHERS DAY"

Aqua Ohio Water will be once again hosting STRUTHERS DAY. Struthers Day will be held on Wednesday, June 30th at Mauthe Park during the hours of 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM. We are in the process of organizing events; such as the Petting Zoo, Music and Pony Rides. Other activities are still in the planning stages and there will also be free hotdogs, cotton candy and pop.

If your business would like to be a part of this event please call Chris at Aqua Ohio Water at 330-755-1100 or call my office at 330-755-2181.

PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Struthers will hold a Public Hearing regarding the CDBG Program on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 5:45 PM in Council Chambers. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss general program guidelines and project eligibility.

Respectfully,

Terry P. Stocker
Mayor

