

**MAYOR'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

5TH STREET PARK

On Saturday, September 4th I invited Council, Safety Service Director Ed Wildes, Wastewater Plant Manager Bob Gentile, Police Chief Tim Roddy and others to view and walk through the 5th Street Park to observe all of the work that has been done thus far. Because of all the debris that was cleared, the grubbing and hydro seeding; it is now clean and easily accessible and safe for residents to walk. It is also accessible for a police car, ambulance, the bike officer and K-9 Unit thanks to the footbridge built as an Eagle Scout Project.

Jeff Rudzik of Rudzik Excavating began to clear the park in July and the city's Storm Water Program spread grass seed throughout the cleared areas.

In the future; we are going to look at cutting more trees on the bank so that children can sled ride and we are also considering picnic tables and grills.

I encourage residents to take a walk through the park and enjoy this park again; it has been a mess for so long and I am sure that there are many great memories from childhood days.

MAHONING COUNTY REGIONAL ROUNDTABLE

As chairman of the above, we meet monthly and discuss ways that our cities and townships could regionally save money. The next meeting is scheduled for September 30th at 5:00 PM and we will discuss the county's plans to seek bids for fuel purchasing. Trumbull County Commissioners approved a gasoline and diesel purchasing contract with Lyden Oil Company, which promises to provide significant fuel cost savings for local governments. The Commissioners' action was a result of efforts by Roundtable Members in both Trumbull and Mahoning counties to collaborate in various ways, including joint purchasing to save taxpayers money.

Mahoning County Sanitary Engineer Bob Lyden will be at the above meeting to discuss the county's plans to seek bids for fuel purchasing. We also sent letters to local school districts inviting them to the meeting as well; with the idea that local governments and school districts will be able to piggyback off the county's price as they are doing in Trumbull County.

Thanks to all the cities and townships that are working together in an effort to save our taxpayers dollars.

METHANE GAS CONVERSION PROJECT UPDATE

The progress of the Methane Gas Project is moving as expected according to Plant Manager Bob Gentile. The new inflatable Dystor Cover over the primary digester has been installed. The underground sludge pipes are being installed and the outgoing and incoming water lines; they will heat the primary digester using the heat from the two

generators. Next to these water lines will be the methane gas line to be used to operate the generators; if need be, these generators are also hooked up to natural gas which will be used if the plant is not producing enough methane. These generators will run continuous to power the wastewater plant. The creation of the waste gas burner and its accessories is nearly complete.

LEIN FORWARD/GROUNDS FOR CHANGE

Safety Service Director Ed Wildes and I attended a meeting on September 15, 2010 for an interactive discussion regarding “Grounds for Change: What a (Mahoning) Countywide Land Bank Can Do for Your Community”. There were approximately 30 public officials from Mahoning County to gather to discuss the above and we found it to be very informative.

A countywide land bank can help stabilize communities. Land banks use their expertise to strategically acquire ownership of vacant, abandoned, tax-delinquent properties on behalf of participating local communities. Land banks can also demolish, maintain, improve and sell properties. The aim is to stabilize real estate values and neighborhoods that the market, because of a multitude of economic circumstances, has left behind.

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Safety Director Ed Wildes has worked effortlessly on the demolition of 41 blighted and/or abandoned homes in our city. This grant has allowed the city to demolish these blighted homes and restore the land nicely. Paperwork for three more homes was prepared early last week; thus bringing the number to possibly 44.

I would like to thank Ed for his hard work; he has worked hard not only with these demolitions but with property maintenance issues which seem to be constant. I would also like to thank Fire Chief Harold Milligan, Jr., for his role in the demolition process.

AESIR METALS RIBBON CUTTING

On Friday, September 17, 2010 I attended the ceremonial ribbon cutting for the opening of Aesir Metals, LLC hosted by the owners and the Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Aesir Metals, LLC is located in CASTLO Industrial Park, 100 S. Bridge Street, Building K and their main focus is on innovations in advanced materials. The owners have more than 50 years experience in the steel and foundry industry and are commercializing a number of innovative products. They serve customers by eliminating costly process steps such as machining, heat treating and welding and can simplify the supply chain. The focus is on ferrous materials such as gray iron, ductile iron and steel in the area of rapid prototypes, replacement or customer parts and short to medium runs using the lost foam process. They are the only commercial lost foam caster of steel.

They also offer thin walled ductile iron and a new material, COEDI, which can eliminate heat treating.

The City of Struthers is fortunate that they joined our community and I look forward to working with them in any capacity that I can.

“VOLLEY FOR THE CURE”

Once again, Struthers is hosting a “Volley for the Cure” Volleyball match on October 5th, 2010 at the Struthers Field House at 5:30 PM. Please show your support for the “Susan G. Komen for the Cure of Breast Cancer” by showing up and wearing a pink shirt in an effort to pack the stand with “Pink” while we “Pass, Set Cure”! Shirts will be available for purchase or contact Judiann Romeo, Event Coordinator at JM Romeo4@roadrunner.com.

Respectfully Submitted,

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