

**MAYOR'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 27, 2013**

JUDITH LANE/SPRING STREET STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT

I am happy to report that the above project was chosen for District 6 OPWC 2014 funding. There are erosion problems that our residents are experiencing from the creek that runs from Youngstown-Poland Road. If you recall in 2009; we replaced part of the pipe that runs underneath the old Clemente McKay and as part of the project we added two detention ponds and widened the creek to reduce the velocity downstream. Also in 2009, new pipe was installed on Spring Street due to the erosion problems and also installed a box culvert & restoration for the residents on Judith Lane and Spring Street.

We were unable to go to 8th Street because of the lack of funds and have had many complaints regarding the area that is not finished. The project will restore yards down to 8th Street and rip-rap will also be installed. The grant entitlement is \$57,270 with a local commitment of \$25,730.

GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

The City of Struthers has again selected Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc. as the preferred supplier for its Natural Gas Program in 2014. The program is a two year program that offers a fixed price of \$4.54 per Mcf for the term of March 2014 through November 2014 billing cycles. Before the end of your November 2014 billing period, your community will determine your rate for the remainder of the program.

If you are an eligible City of Struthers residential or small business customer that is not already under contract with another supplier, you are automatically enrolled unless you decide to opt-out. You do not need to do anything to get this new low price however, if you decide not to take part in the program, we must receive your response in one of two ways by December 19, 2013. You can call Constellation at 1-800-718-1493 or you can send the form that should have been mailed to you recently from Constellation Energy Gas Choice, Inc.

NEW PARKING LOT

We have cleared the lot on Poland Avenue and are going to dedicate it soon. The lot will be entered from the original parking lot entrances and exit on Poland Avenue; this lot was needed to add additional parking due to court congestion on municipal court days.

ODNR MAUTHE PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

I was informed Monday, November 25th that the Mauthe Park Playground Equipment Grant has been conditionally awarded funding in the amount of \$19,500 through the twentieth round of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Nature Works Grant Program. The Nature Works Grant funding is awarded on the condition the State of Ohio Controlling Board approves the nature Works grant awards in their December meeting.

The City's match amount is \$6,500 when awarded by the Board next month.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

The annual "Christmas in the Park" will be held Thursday, December 5th at Mauthe Park. I would like to thank the businesses and organizations that assisted in helping fund this event once again for the children in our community. Santa and Frosty will arrive via Fire Truck at 6:00 PM and a treat bag will be given to each child. The SHS Singers/Choir will be there to perform Christmas Music at 5:15 PM and Aqua Ohio Water will provide hot cider and donuts for this event. I also express my appreciation to the SHS Singers/Choir and Aqua Ohio for their time and wonderful efforts to make this event joyful for the children.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

I wish to all a very Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving; it's a time to be thankful for our family's and enjoy them!

Respectfully Submitted:

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