

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

2012 has been another very successful year for our Department. We've paved over 18 miles of roads, built five bridges, acquired a new loader, two new backhoes, and two new tandem snow plows just to mention a few of the highlights. None of this would be possible without dedicated, hardworking employees. As a show of appreciation, we will be taking Christmas Eve Day off and plan on having our normal Christmas luncheon at noon on New Year's Eve (December 31<sup>st</sup>) and knocking off for the afternoon. I hope the weather is cooperative because if it is not, unfortunately, as always, it will be business as usual.

Today is the last day of painting on Tindall Bridge for this year. Any remaining painting or touch up work will have to wait until next year. Starting next week, the enclosure will be removed and the site cleared of equipment and debris. We will be leveling up the approaches with our dozer and hopefully will open the bridge by next weekend. It will be interesting to hear the reaction to the color!

Work should pretty much conclude on State Street Bridge today too. Depending on the weather, that contractor may return after the first of the year to do demolition work, but all concrete and gunite work will wait until we have warm weather again.

The Sandusky County TID (Transportation Improvement District) has hired a consultant for the proposed new entrance for Terra. They started traffic counts immediately.

The Commissioners received a new ditch petition recently. That is the first one in well over a year. It is for Devil's Backbone which drains the area surrounding Wal-Mart.

Yesterday, the Governor announced his plans for the Turnpike. Now, all of the details will have to be worked out. In my opinion, Sandusky County, and the other twelve counties through which the Turnpike passes, should receive preferential treatment. We'll have to watch to see how this all is going to work out.

After careful consideration, it has been decided not to adopt a policy for returning to work after retiring for our Department. Anyone who has any questions about this is welcome to talk to me directly.

Take advantage of the weekend to finish your Christmas shopping!!

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (BENNY CARD)

Check the website [www.mybenny.com](http://www.mybenny.com) or call 1-877-810-2600 to check your account balance. Remember to submit any outstanding claims or receipts. Any unspent funds will not be carried over, nor will funds be reimbursed to you. Keep your Benny Card; you will use it for 2013. When using the Benny card, remember to select "credit" when asked "credit or debit".

### INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January-November

2012 \$3,904,268  
2011 \$3,899,003

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Here we are in the middle of December and the temperatures in the mid 40's and no snow. What does Mother Nature have in store for us this year? I know I won't complain if these temperatures last until spring. I guess we will just have to wait and see.

Christmas is only 11 days away! Where has the time gone? For me, this year has just zoomed by. It seems just like yesterday when we were building the bridge on CR 82. That was five months ago. A lot was accomplished over this past year and it would have been hard to do without a good team. Thanks to everyone and keep up the good work. I hope everyone and their families have a very Merry Christmas this year.

Jeff is doing well after his surgery. He had some minor surgery done on his knee this week. The surgery went well and now the healing process begins. Get well soon!

#### ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Brush cutting on CR 117 should finish up today. Looks good!
- Broken tile was repaired on CR 247.
- Ditch was cleaned on CR 12.
- Areas on CR 247 were bermed.
- Dirt work was done around bridges from inspection list.
- Guardrail repairs from inspection list are being worked on.
- More snow fence was installed.
- Dirt spoils are being leveled for Ditch Maintenance.
- Sand bags were made up for stock.
- Night shift started this week.
- A catch basin on CR 213 was replaced.
- Pot holes are filled as needed.
- Offices were cleaned.