

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

It's been a busy couple of weeks as we get geared up for this year's contracts. Last week we had our annual Township Trustee Banquet at Ole Zim's, and this year we even invited the municipalities around the county to participate. I thought it was very well attended by both township and municipal representatives. The main reason we invited municipalities this year was to ask for their opinion and ideas on the county wide equipment sharing proposal. Thanks goes out to Kim for making all the arrangements on this year's banquet.

Last week Jim and Matt attended the view on the Devil's Backbone ditch petition. It was well attended and well discussed. After the view, other alternatives are being examined for the first hearing, which is scheduled for April 16, 2013 in our office. We are currently analyzing different alternatives and coming up with possibilities and estimates for the hearing.

If you have walked through the office lately, you will notice that it looks like it's under construction, especially in the back room. Well, it's because we are updating our network infrastructure and moving the server from the conference room to the old break room. New wires were run from the server to each computer port, both in the office and the shop. By the time we are done our network should run more efficiently and we'll even have wireless capabilities throughout the front office and the shop. Thanks goes out to Tony Hartshorn and crew for installing the drops and running all the wires. Also, thanks to Rich and Gary Kirsch for coordinating the project.

Crews started this week with a culvert replacement near the corner of CR 12 and CR 39. The existing culvert was an old concrete box with CMP extensions at each end. We are replacing it with all new 48" RCP and a new manhole structure. The crew has been dealing with excessive water since this ditch does not flow real well and it always sits with water. The manhole structure was installed yesterday and two sections of pipe were installed across the road. We should be across the road today and getting ready to replace the old CMP pipe to the west. Keep up the good work!!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chad Fisher April 11<sup>th</sup>  
Carlos Baez April 15<sup>th</sup>

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

**INCOME COMPARISON**  
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)  
January - March

2013 \$1,069,747  
2012 \$1,088,942

### OPERS

**Cost to purchase service credit increasing**  
*Act now to complete a service purchase at current cost*

Due to a combination of changes to Ohio retirement law and actuarial cost calculations, the cost to purchase some types of service credit is increasing to better represent the true cost of the benefit. However, you do have a window of opportunity to make a service purchase at the current cost if you initiate the purchase through post-tax payroll deductions or make a valid payment between **Jan. 7, 2013**, and **July 7, 2013**.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Spring is in the air!! Old Man Winter got one last storm in on us last Monday, but I think and hope he is officially done!! The weather is shaping up nice! Spring is here to stay! Before long we will be complaining it's too hot!

### Been busy around the county:

- Snow fence should be wrapped up by the end of the week.
- Culvert replacement has started on CR 39 and on South River Road
- Tim Reed has been leveling spoils for Ditch Maintenance.
- Tim R. and Tony H. pulled wire in the office and building 11 for the new network.
- Brush crew has been out a few times working on 051 route.

- A few crews have been out working on plow damage and it's about wrapped up.
- A crew started moving mailboxes back on South River Road to get ready for the paving this year.