

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

I don't have a lot to report since the last Road Report. I have been busy working on plans and the budget for next year. I can tell you that 2011 will be another tight year financially. It's very difficult (actually impossible) to sustain what we have been able to do over the past 20+ years. Bridges, equipment and buildings and grounds are OK—roads are the problem. This year, the cost of paving roads was \$75,000 a mile. At this rate it will cost over \$1.5 million to do 20 miles which would put us on a 15-year paving cycle. We have about \$900,000 available. A 20-year cycle is 15 miles a year at a cost of \$1.1 million. We were on a 12-year cycle with 25 miles per year. Now that would cost over \$1.8 million.

If anyone has any ideas on how we can save some money—please let me know!!

I should mention we all (as far as I know anyhow) are glad that Mark survived his recent ordeal in the hospital. Welcome back Mark!! That reminds me—we are advertising for another Civil Engineer to replace Paul.

COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 11th

This office will be closed in observation of Columbus Day.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

United Way

Why invest in United Way? Your donation no matter how large or small touches the lives of 52% of Sandusky County residents. That's right, your donation reaches out and helps approximately 31,500 children and adults. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. As a donor you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County. Please return form by December 8th.

Health Insurance

Last week, members of our insurance committee met with Bob Miller, he is Vice President of Sales for Huntington Insurance. Bob Miller offers a plan that our current agent does not offer, Buckeye Ohio Risk Management Association (BORMA).

BORMA health insurance is partially self-insured and administered by Medical Mutual of Ohio. Everyone will need to fill out an application. BORMA is able to offer our current plan and possibly save us some money.

Flexible Spending Account Open enrollment is in December. This plan may (depending on interest) be offered again for 2011. Anyone who is not currently enrolled and is considering signing up please let Kris know.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well its October, the weather is cooling down and we are getting all of the projects wrapped up for the year.

Christy Road is shaping up; last week the dirt berm was put in along all of the yards, and grindings were added along the hills to keep them from washing out. This week the guardrail along the bridge was straightened up along with being shortened in a few spots. Now all Christy needs is striped and it will be about wrapped up.

The boom mower is back out. Eric had it out for a few days but now Ed is back at it. Looks good!

The parking lot between the building and the guardrail received its second coat of sealer today. It looks very nice.

Chad and his crew have been busy replacing culverts on 312 for next year's paving. Only three more to go, (that I have found) then they will move to 117. This road will be interesting.

Mark and his crew have been continuing on with silt removal. They have been on County Roads 39, 128, 198, 260, and 183. Good job guys.

Ballville Bridge has received a little attention the last few weeks! Last week patches were made under the bridge as well as along the sidewalks. This week the sidewalks and curbs were sealed and painted and they look really good.

Tile was repaired on 268.

Jeff, and Dean brought in reinforcements (Andy) to help get caught up in the shop. Dean is working on everyone's favorite piece of equipment, the PAVER! Good job guys!

Perry is trying to keep up with the signs.

We had a Productive Rain day last week:

- Road inspection was done, they checked for high water, signs, trees, pot holes, and places to put grindings.
- Building #1 (north wall) was worked on to add windows
- The wall between the wash bay and the parts room was removed in building #1
- All of the office vehicles and some of the dump trucks got washed
- The crew in the sign shop made up road construction stands

THINGS OF INTEREST

S'WONDERFUL

"A NEW GERSHWIN MUSICAL"

When: Saturday, October 9th

Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Clyde High School Auditorium

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

When: Friday October 15th

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church
120 S. Park Ave., Fremont

YOUTH WORKS

Pumpkins for Sale

When: Friday, October 8th

Time: 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Where: 2010 Castalia Rd., Fremont
Small Pumpkins \$1.00 Large \$3.00

FARMERS MARKET

Downtown Fremont, Front Street

Saturday, October 16th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rain or Shine

