

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Now that the major projects for the year are done, we are concentrating on taking care of a few of the smaller projects. We have already eliminated the water hole on CR 290 and the washout near the bridge on TR 170. A catch basin has been ordered to repair the one damaged on CR 213. The excavator will be busy working for Ditch Maintenance for a while to help them get caught up. Eventually it will return to CR 177 to complete the downstream channel where we put in a new box earlier in the year.

Two major jobs that are not done are the painting of Tindall Bridge and surface repairs to the State Street Bridge. According to the contractor's latest schedule, Tindall should be completed by the end of the month. State Street most likely won't be completed until next year.

The bids we received yesterday for two paving jobs for next year and the equipment for two new tandems came in under their estimates. This, along with a substantial decrease in our workman's comp premium, allowed us to restore some things in the 2013 budget that were previously eliminated. One item that was not actually in the budget, but now is affordable, is stainless steel dump bodies. Our budget hearing is on Monday the 19th with the Commissioners.

In addition to two new tandems, Dean Silva is in the process of ordering an ATV that we should receive yet this year. Dean will be using this in conjunction with the new surveying equipment and it will also be used to inspect petitioned ditches.

On Tuesday the 20th, Matt Reinhart and I will be meeting with the Sandusky Township Trustees and some concerned citizens about "Devil's Backbone". This is the name that has been given to the channel that drains all the development in the Wal-Mart area. Matt and I walked this last week and will have pictures to present and see what, if anything might be done in the future.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kris Foreman November 20th 23 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

THANKSGIVING

If you are planning on taking the day after Thanksgiving off, please submit a vacation request.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ENROLLMENT

Flexible Spending Account open enrollment is in December; **enrollment form needs turned in by December 6th**.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (BENNY CARD)

Check the website 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 Benny card remember to select "credit" when asked "credit or debit".

GUARDIAN LIFE AND DENTAL

Sandusky County offers dental and life insurance through Guardian. Open enrollment is in December; **enrollment form needs turned in by December 4th**.

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January – October

2012 \$3,543,294
2011 \$3,543,402

UNITED WAY

United Way Pledge Cards are now available and payroll deduction or a one-time donation can be made. Why invest in United Way? Your donation, no matter how large or small, touches the lives of Sandusky County residents. 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 forms by December 6th.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Where has this year gone? Now it's getting colder out, Thanksgiving is next week and Christmas is right around the corner. "HOLY COW!" Looking back on our construction season, a lot of work was completed this year and I don't think it could have been done without good personnel. I appreciate everyone's hard work this year and hope it continues in the future. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving with their family and friends.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Brush is being trimmed on CR 117 N.
- Crack sealing was finished on CR 128 and 149.
- Washouts were fixed and silt was removed on MA 26-3.11.
- A tile was also replaced at MA 26-3.11.
- Broken tile was repaired on CR 232.
- The intersection of TR 10 and CR 33 was paved.
- Ed is working on mowing areas for Riley Twp.
- Tree limb was cleaned up on Fangboner Rd.
- Snow fence is being installed around the county.
- Dozer was hauled to Buck & Knobby for repairs.
- Berming was done on CR 175.
- Crews are now berming on CR 177.
- A stand pipe was installed on CR 290 at TR 283 to drain surface water.
- A washout was repaired at RI 170-1.84.