

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

For an update on our big projects still ongoing, the contractor on Tindall Bridge has completed all of the blasting and priming. They are currently working on the west span with the intermediate coat. The east span's intermediate coat has been completed along with the east side of the pier. They will be trying to complete the intermediate coat on the west span and start caulking this weekend before they can put on the final coat of paint. The extended completion date is next Friday, December 7, so they hope to be done by then (we'll see). Last Monday, we finally received a color chart to be able to pick the final color of paint for Tindall Bridge. With input from the girls in the office and some of the guys in the garage, we narrowed it down to 3 colors. Finally, we decided to go with a blue that wasn't too bright or too dark. It will be closer to the color of the High Level Bridge over the Maumee River in Toledo.

The State Street Bridge project is also still ongoing. The contractor poured the south pilaster on Pier #3 last week and also poured the north pilaster on Pier #3 this past Wednesday. They are currently working on chipping and forming the pilasters on Pier #4. They are hoping to pour both of those pilasters on Pier #4 next week. After pier #4, they will be working on the east abutment wall and pilasters. There is also some work left on the pier walls for Pier #3 & #4. This work on the piers will be done by gunite. The contractor plans to keep working as long as the weather cooperates.

Rick and I have completed all the bridge inspections for 2012. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be gathering all of the inventory information on the existing bridges, adding the new bridges we built this year, and discontinuing the bridges we replaced. Once all this information gets compiled, we can then send it to ODOT Central Office for inventory purposes.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Dorr

December 6<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tim Below	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	13 years
Tim Reed	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	13 years
Carlos Baez	December 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 years

## 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".

### 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 4<sup>th</sup>**.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

With all the big projects completed for the season and winter approaching fast, our work changes from construction to maintenance. Brush cutting, ditch cleaning, and of course snow plowing will be our main focus these next couple of months. Hopefully, Mother Nature takes it easy on us this year like she did last year. Only time will tell. Let's all have a safe winter season.

## **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- Berming on CR 177 was completed.
- Snow fence was installed around the county.
- Ed wrapped up with the boom mower.
- Trees and brush were removed around the 247 & 244 bridges for surveying.
- Crack sealing will finish up today on CR 247.
- Mark and Tim R. have been working for Ditch Maintenance cleaning a section of Sugar Creek and leveling spoils in the fields.
- Pot holes and broken edges were filled around the county.
- Brush crew is back on CR 117 cutting brush.
- The gutters and leaves were cleaned up around the yard.
- A buried catch basin was located on CR 290 to try and flush out a tile.