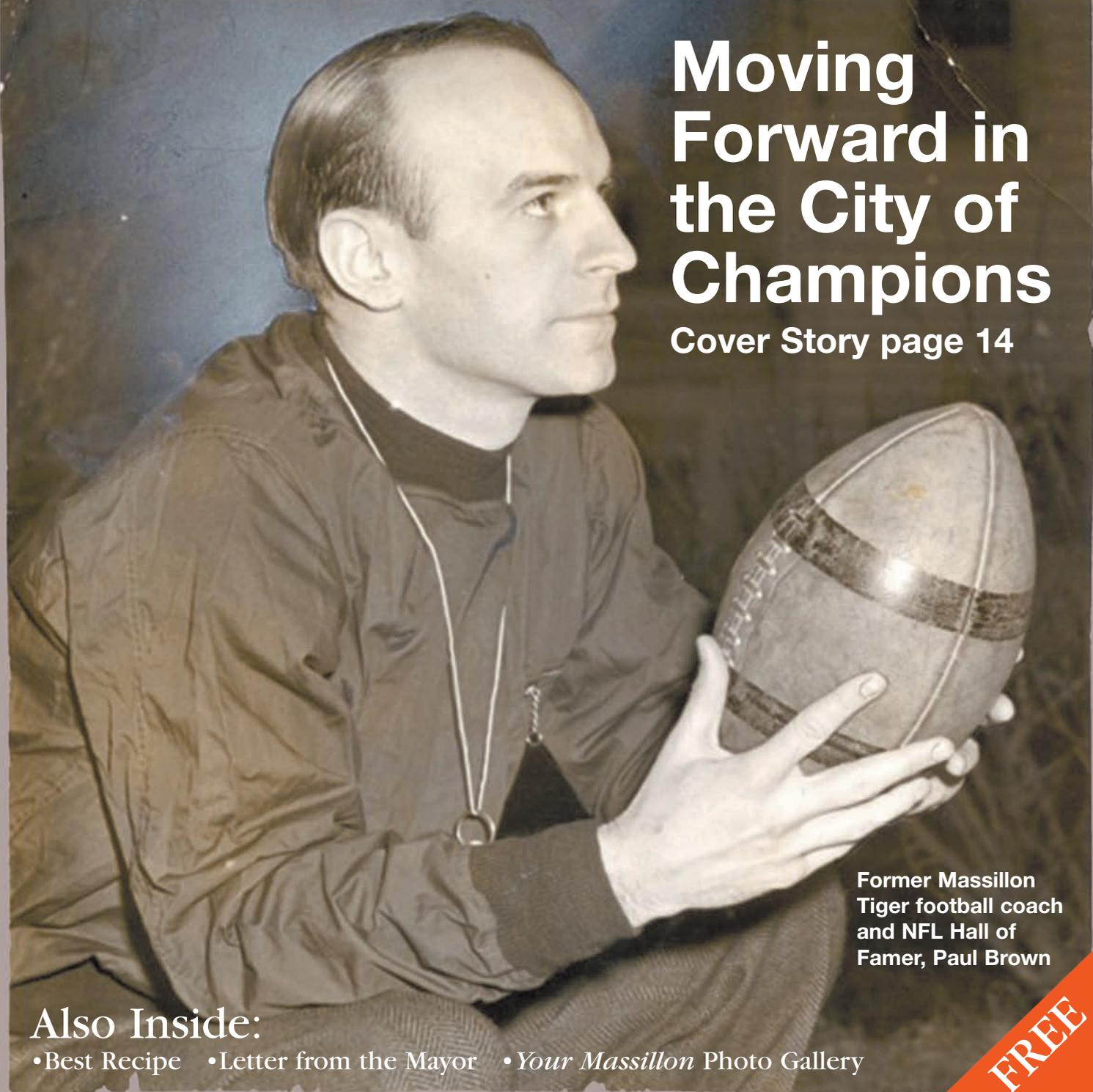


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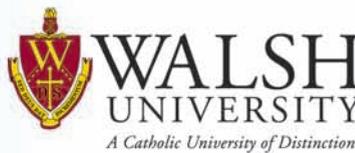
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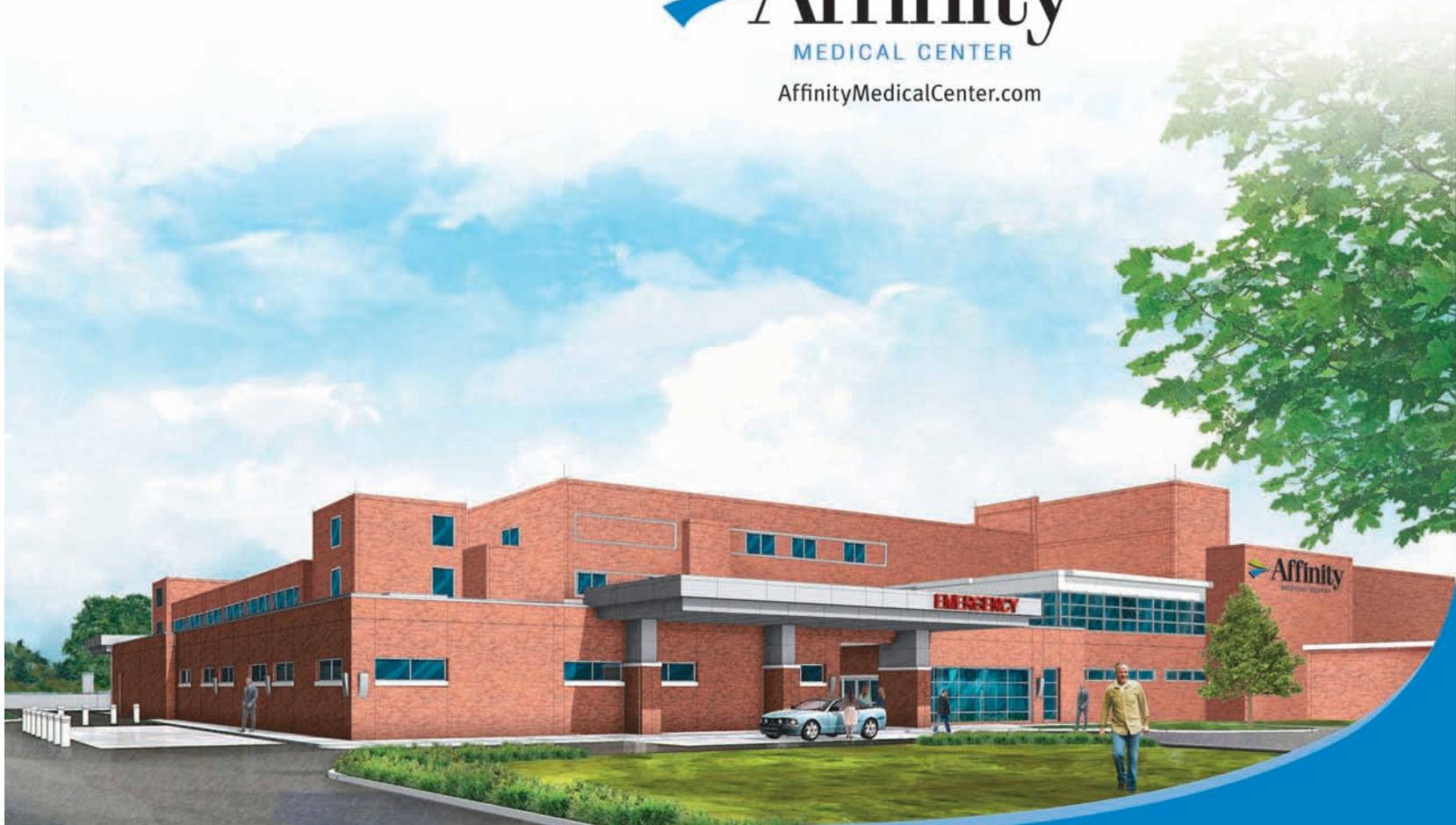




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Letter from the Mayor



Welcome to the first issue of City of Champions Today.

City of Champions Today is a magazine that will be published quarterly as a vehicle to allow the City of Massillon to keep the community informed about our city government.

This is not a unique idea. Many of our neighboring communities successfully utilize a newsletter or magazine to communicate with their residents, and we decided it was

about time Massillon took advantage of this good idea and did the same.

Tax dollars will not be used to print or distribute this publication. It is subsidized solely through the sale of advertising. While we believe regularly communicating with our constituents is important, we realize your tax dollars are best spent on more pressing needs.

Fortunately, we are able to do both, communicate with the citizens of Massillon, and not spend your tax dollars doing it.

Our first issue will introduce Massillon to our city departments and directors.

City government is more than a collection of buildings and the people who work in them. City government is an ideal, a call to service. And that call to service is about doing the best job we can for the people who live in Massillon.

These people work for you, and you should know what they do, and how to contact them. They are proud of the work they do and strive to give the people of Massillon top-notch service.

If you have any questions for a particular department of city government, give them a call or drop them an email. I'm sure they would be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

MAYOR, CITY OF MASSILLON
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Affinity's Ribbon Cutting Ceremony—FRONT ROW: (LEFT to RIGHT) Bob Yund, Past Chairman, Board of Trustees; Ron Bierman, CEO; and Nate Schreiner, Director, Emergency Department. BACK ROW: (LEFT to RIGHT) Daniel Moretta, D.O., Incoming Medical Staff President; Jimmy Johnson, former City of Massillon, Safety-Service Director; and Marty Bonick, VP, Division V Operations.

Twice the Space, Same Great Care

SUBMITTED BY AFFINITY MEDICAL CENTER

AFFINITY MEDICAL CENTER'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OPENED JULY 18TH

The new Emergency Room (ER) at Affinity Medical Center began accepting patients on July 18th. The difference between the new facility and the former ER was very apparent to anyone entering the hospital's doors. First, the new ER is more than twice the size of the previous ER and second, it is equipped with advanced technology that was on display for the public at a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house celebration on Wednesday, July 10th, and Thursday, July 11th.

Although the care provided in the new 22,000-square-foot ER will be comprehensive, the advances at the facility will be particularly important for patients needing specialized cardiac and orthopedic care.

"The two services we have really focused on are the areas in which we've seen dramatic growth recently cardiac and orthopedic surgery," said CEO Ron Bierman in a recent news

article. "That's based on community need due to a significant increase in the number of people with cardiovascular disease and orthopedic issues."

OUR EXPANDED FACILITY

In the past, Affinity's ER saw about 28,000 visits per year, and with the expansion, the hospital expects to treat even more patients. Among other amenities, the hospital's expanded facility includes:

- A third cardiac-catheterization lab with a dedicated elevator for immediate access from the ER—which can be key to improving patient outcomes.
- Eight large private examination rooms with a total of 24 new rooms in the department.
- Two triage rooms and two trauma rooms.
- Improved security and expanded parking.
- The ability to treat patients who have been involved in a chemical spill with a dedicated isolation room

that can be set to negative air pressure.

- The ability to lock down the entire department to protect staff and patients.

Affinity Medical Center broke ground on the multimillion-dollar expansion in late April 2012, and throughout the process, ER physicians, nurses, and emergency medical service providers have provided invaluable input to make sure the facility is well suited to meet patients' needs.

Affinity was recently recertified as an Accredited Chest Pain Center. Over the past few months, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield has named Affinity Medical Center as a Blue Distinction Center for both cardiac care and knee and hip replacement, an award for demonstrating expertise in delivering quality specialty care.

When you face an emergency, know where to go. Choose excellence. Choose Affinity Medical Center's new Emergency Room. ♦

Award Recognition

Earlier this year, Mayor Kathy organized an award recognition program for employees and seniors who work very hard to make Massillon the City of Champions. A panel of judges will review all nominations submitted. A nomination can be made by any citizen of Massillon, or anyone working in the City during 2013. Please complete the nomination form on the back cover for Department Director of the Year, Fire Fighter of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Employee of the Year, and Senior Citizen of the Year from January 1st through January 31st, 2014. Winners will be announced at the Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Breakfast. ❖



Police Officer of the Year, Curtiss Ricker; Firefighter of the Year, Captain John Tyrrell; Department Director of the Year, Keith Dylewski, Engineer; Employee of the Year, Fred Werner.



Senior Citizen of the Year, Carol Robey in red surrounded by Mayor and her staff.

Please submit your favorite recipe to: lstjean@massillonohio.com and you might see it in the next "City of Champions Today" magazine

Pepperoni Rolls

Pepperoni Rolls

Submitted by
Mayor Kathy Catanzaro-Perry

"It's one of our favorite family recipes!"

~Kathy

Ingredients:

- Rhodes Frozen Rolls Dough
- Shredded Mozzarella Cheese
- Pepperoni slices-thin sliced

Preparation Directions:

- Thaw rolls and let rise for a little while.
- Flatten out roll in your hand.
- Add 3-4 slices pepperoni.
- Add/Top with shredded cheese.
- Roll/Form back into ball.
- Place on greased cookie sheets or muffin pans.
- Bake at 350 degrees turning frequently till light brown on both sides.

Ready to Serve



City Income Tax



KENNETH KOHER,
TAX ADMINISTRATOR

The City of Massillon income tax rate of 1.80% is imposed on

substantially all income earned within the City of Massillon. In addition, residents of the City are required to pay tax on income earned while working outside of Massillon.

However, if a resident works within another taxing municipality and has those local taxes withheld, a tax credit of 100% of up to the 1.80% Massillon tax rate is allowed.

In addition to wages, there are other types of income subject to city income tax for individuals. Some of these include rental income, regardless of the location of the real property owned; oil and gas lease royalties; "signing bonuses" for oil and gas leases; incentive and profit sharing payments; payments received under a wage continuation plan; and lottery winnings.

Conversely, there are exceptions on certain types of income that is subject to the City's income tax; these include: pension payments and social security benefits; military or reserve pay and allowance for members of the armed forces of the United States; income from religious, charitable, fraternal, scientific, literary, or educational institutions—subject to certain restrictions; relief or welfare payments; unemployment insurance benefits; and income from intangibles such as interest and dividends from stocks and bonds, to name a few.

Business net profits are also subject to city income tax. The term "business" includes incorporated and unincorporated businesses, professions, and other for-profit organizations. For each of these entities, tax is imposed on income derived from sales, work performed, services rendered, and other business activities conducted in Massillon, regardless of whether or not it is a resi-

dent or a nonresident business of the City, as long as it conducts business within the city limits.

Individuals and businesses that own rental property within the City, both residential and commercial, must file a Tenant Report with the Tax Administrator in the Income Tax Department. Such reports shall contain the name of the property owner, the name of the renter or lessee, the address of the property, and the date the tenant either moved in or moved out. This report must be filed within 30 days of the date a tenant moved in or vacated a property. This filing requirement can also be satisfied by timely filing of a Registration of Non-Owner Occupied Structures with the City's Building Department.

Each resident and business taxpayer is required to file a tax return on or before April 15th of each year, regardless of whether or not tax is due. For businesses that run on a fiscal year not ending on December 31st, their returns are due four months from the end of such fiscal periods. As with the Federal and State of Ohio tax codes, Massillon's Codified Ordinances Title Nine—Taxation provides for penalties, fees, interest, fines, and even imprisonment for varying degrees of non-compliance, from late filing of a return all the way to tax evasion.

The information provided in this article is not meant to be an all-inclusive listing of the various provisions of the City's tax code; only a version of the more commonly asked questions. I encourage citizens to contact the City's Income Tax Department with questions or concerns about tax filing status.

The Department's telephone number is 330-830-1709, or we can be reached on the City's website at www.massillonohio.com/incometax.



MassMu—The Art(s) of Community Collaboration

The Massillon Museum (MassMU)—a free art and history museum supported by the citizens of Massillon—serves the city and greater Western Stark County by collecting, preserving, and exhibiting art and artifacts to enrich our community through education and experience. A "2010 Visitors Count!" survey, cited that 87% of MassMu visitors live within a 60-mile radius, which is atypical of general museum visitation (typically 40%). This demonstrates the vital relationship between the Massillon Museum and its greater community. For this reason, the MassMu strongly believes in collaborative programs that enhance the quality of life for all Massillon citizens.

MassMu is currently working with ArtsinStark, the county arts council, and the City of Massillon on 20/20 Vision

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The Real Value of a Building Permit



WILLIAM KRAFT,
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL

“Why do I need a building permit and what is the benefit to me?” Each day, homeowners and contractors ask our Building Department staff this question. The answer is quite simple: If you want to protect the biggest investment of your lifetime, your home, obtain a building permit before beginning any construction or addition to your home.

Your home is an investment in your family’s safety, comfort, and happiness. Far too often, construction mistakes occur. These mistakes can be exasperating, extremely costly, and in some cases, deadly. Protect your home and family by obtaining a building permit.

A permit ensures that a certified inspector will examine your project and determine if the work is performed in a safe, professional manner that complies with the City of Massillon’s Building and Zoning Code. This integral step in the construction process allows you to ask

“Obtaining a building permit can eliminate many unanticipated headaches resulting from the construction process.”

questions from an unbiased, professional expert.

If you wish to perform a project yourself instead of hiring a contractor, the expertise provided by the Building Department is invaluable. Incorrect building or remodeling can cause house fires, flood damage, or structural problems. These unintended results can be prevented by obtaining a building permit and following the advice of our dedicated Building Department staff. Cutting corners only jeopardizes the safety of your family and the value of your home.

Our staff is trained and certified to perform inspections and should

be viewed as a helpful resource, not a hindrance to the success of your project. Years down the road as you attempt to sell your home, you will be required to disclose any remodeling work completed on your house whether you obtained a building permit or not. With the correct permits and inspections, you can expect a smoother closing process. By not obtaining the proper permits, your property may be subject to additional inspections and repair work if your home is not code compliant.

For further information, please visit the Massillon Building Department at its new office location: One James Duncan Plaza, Massillon, Ohio 44646. Visit the website at www.massillonohio.com/building, or call 330-830-1724 to speak directly to Building Department staff. ❖

Road and Highway Department



JOE BERENS,
ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Formerly known as the City of Massillon Street Department, the Road and Highway Department is now included as a division of the Massillon Public Works Department. With a current staff of seven employees, the Road and Highway Department is responsible for maintaining a twenty-square-mile area within the City of Massillon.

Major highway areas under the department's jurisdiction include: State Route 21, State Route 172 and State Route 241 within city limits. In addition to these major city thoroughfares, the department is responsible for maintaining all city streets within the municipal corporation limits.

The Road and Highway Department maintains the city's recycling center located at 401 Walnut Road SW. The recycling center is open Monday through Saturday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. From September 30 through November 15, the hours will be extended to 5:00 pm in order to provide city residents with additional time to drop off tree limbs, grass clippings, and leaves. We do not accept landscape timbers, treated lumber or household wood, sod, stump grindings, furniture, rocks, bricks, gravel, concrete, or dirt at the recycling center. ❖

New Fire Truck



TOM BURGASSER,
FIRE CHIEF

This year, the City of Massillon acquired Tanker 217, a 2,500-gallon water transportation vehicle designed to allow firefighters to attack fires or assist with water supply at locations where fire hydrants are not accessible. Funded by a FEMA Homeland Security grant, this tanker is estimated to provide excellent service to Massillon residents for the next twenty-five years. At a cost of \$296,000, the City was required to provide a 10% match to acquire Tanker 217 plus minor incidental costs.

The arrival of our new tanker could not have come at a better time. Tanker 217 replaced an outdated fire engine that was converted to a tanker in the early 1990s and had a limited capacity of 1,800 gallons of water. In addition to replacing our old tanker, Tanker 217 provides the Massillon Fire

Department the opportunity to replace a second outdated vehicle still in use. The Fire Department was currently utilizing a 1989 ambulance that was converted to carry the Jaws of Life and other vehicle rescue and extrication equipment. Tanker 217 has the ability to provide vehicle



extrication and can also stabilize cars in order to operate in and around them. This two-for-one deal is a win for the citizens of Massillon and the Massillon Fire Department, where providing first-rate safety service is our main objective. ❖

News from the Waste Water Billing Office

The City of Massillon sewer billing office is pleased to announce that you will be able to pay your quarterly bills online later this year. Payments can be made with your MasterCard, VISA, or Discover account or an electronic check payment from our website. A modest convenience fee will apply to all online payments. You may also sign up for paperless billing and receive your bill through email. Please click on our web-link found at the City's website, www.massillonohio.com for additional information.

Under the City's Codified Ordinance 937.03, any unpaid charges for sewer service is a liability of the property owner. As such, unpaid bills will be sent to the County Auditor's Office, to be added to the property tax, along with interest and penalties allowed by law. These amounts shall constitute a lien against the property and shall be collected as other municipal taxes are collected. Recently, the City certified **\$523,842.86** in unpaid waste water sewer charges and **\$33,401.11** in unpaid storm water sewer charges to the Stark County Auditor. The amount of **\$127,859.43** was collected through sewer charges as a result of property liens so far this year.

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Public Improvements



KEITH A. DYLEWSKI, P.E., P.S.
CITY ENGINEER/PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

WHAT WE DO:

The City of Massillon Engineering Public Works Department provides well-organized and cost-effective municipal engineering services to the citizens of Massillon, as well as other Departments of the City. We concentrate our efforts on designing/planning, advising, administering, and overseeing all public works improvements and subdivision developments with the aim of providing these services within the project budget and timeframe while protecting the public health, safety, and welfare.

The Engineering Department provides mapping, design services, and construction administration for municipal public works projects. These activities include roadways, bridges, sanitary and storm sewers, storm water management and other civil engineering projects funded in the City's Capital Improvement Program, as well as any engineering work needed for other City departments.

The department manages and administers the resurfacing program for streets, sanitary and storm sewer construction, surveying for municipal projects, GIS, traffic engineering, administration of the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, preparation and review of flood plain studies, and State regulated sanitary and storm sewer regulations.

The department maintains records of sanitary sewer laterals, subdivisions, roadways, bridges and house numbers. All public right-of-way improvements, privately or publicly constructed, are inspected by this department. We maintain official City maps, assignment of street addresses, verification

of addresses, issuance of driveway permits, event/street closing permits, and sanitary permitting. A fee schedule is available which outlines fees associated with the Engineering Department functions.

PUBLIC WORKS

The City's collection system is a complex network of gravity sewers, sewage-pumping stations, and force mains. The sanitary collection system covers an area of more than 19 square miles. It receives wastewater from Jackson Township and Perry Township as part of the Stark Metro Sanitary Sewer District. The system includes over 169 miles of sanitary sewer lines (just within the City) and 17,475 sanitary sewer service connections in the City. The storm water collection system is a network of gravity sewers and inlets. The system includes over 131 miles of storm sewer pipes, over 6,000 catch basins, manholes and junctions, and 150 outfalls, which carry flow to the Tuscarawas River.



We maintain more than 176.59 miles of City

streets, including sweeping, patching, and repairing. The City's traffic signals, signs and pavement markings are maintained by our Public Works traffic engineering division. They maintain over 3,000 signs, over 50 miles of pavement markings, and 66 signalized intersections throughout the City's corporation limits. These intersections include traffic signals, pedestrian signals, controllers, video, loop or mechanical vehicle detection, mast arms or span wires, pull boxes, signs, pavement markings, wiring, and power service maintained by the City. ❖

Recent Projects



**2012 - 2013
First St NE,
Roadway
Improvement
Project**



**27th St NW
Sanitary
Sewer
Improvements**

Extension of 935 l.f. of 8-inch sanitary sewer along the east side of 27th St. NW/Bison Ave and Wooster St., installation of 5 sanitary sewer manholes and resurfacing the roadway.



**Lincoln Way
East (SR172)
Resurfacing
Improvement**

Milling and resurfacing 1.09 miles of roadway, catch basin rehabilitation, and ADA accessible ramps. ❖

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Community and Economic Development



TED HERNCANE,
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Community Development is responsible for the planning and execution of community development and housing activities undertaken by the City of Massillon. Specifically, the Department administers the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program utilizing funds granted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the CDBG program's primary objective is the development of viable urban communities. This objective is achieved by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities principally for persons of low and moderate income. The City's CDBG activities include housing rehabilitation and emergency repair, code enforcement, demolition, fair housing, target area street improvements, neighborhood cleanup, and downtown revitalization. The City also funds numerous public service activities supporting elderly services, youth services, legal services, homeless and other housing-related assistance, educational services, and health services.

The Department of Community Development also works with the following boards, commissions, and organizations: City Planning Commission, City Historic Preservation Commission, Massillon Development Foundation, Massillon Community Improvement Corporation, Stark County Regional Planning Commission, Stark Development Board, and the Ohio Conference of Community Development. In addition to these activities, the Department also assists in the administration of the City's planning and zoning codes, administers the City's Vacant Land Reutilization Program, and Site Plan Review Committee.

In regard to economic development, the Department administers the City's Enterprise Zone (EZ) Program, Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Program, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Program, and Economic Development Grant Program. In addition to tax abatement and exemption packages, the use of economic development grants has proven successful in assisting businesses wishing to relocate to Massillon and create new jobs here in the "City of Champions." So far this year, the City has offered three economic development grants which will lead to the addition of approximately 55 new jobs in Massillon.

New construction is on the rise as well. Massillon is proud to have Premier Industrial Supply, Inc., a manufacturer and supplier of industrial sealants and adhesives, join the "City of Champions" and eagerly awaits the completion of its new 100,000-square-foot manufacturing facility on Vista Drive SE. Premier Industrial Supply will bring 70 new jobs to Massillon and illustrates that manufacturing is alive and well in our city. Also in 2013, downtown Massillon will see new construction of the Midwest

Health Services office building which will be located on 1st Street NW next to the Eagles 190. This 10,000-square-foot office building will serve as company headquarters and retain 22 jobs in our downtown area. ❖



2012 Target area sidewalk project, Walnut Rd SE



Habitat for Humanity, NSP Housing, 4th St SW

The City is currently in the process of closing out the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Grant from the State of Ohio. This HUD-funded program was passed by Congress in 2008 to provide HUD funding to states and local governments for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed upon homes and residential properties. The City of Massillon received \$1,578,149 from NSP1 and utilized these funds to demolish 39 blighted residential properties and contracted with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark and Carroll Counties, ABCD, and TriDoc, Inc. to construct 16 new homes and rehab 2 existing homes collectively.



2012 Affinity Medical Center ER expansion



Future site, Midwest Health Services, 1st St NW



Premier Industrial Supply, Inc., Vista Dr SE



Tours of Affinity Medical Center's new third cardiac catheterization lab

Massillon's First

The City of Massillon unveiled its first playground completely accessible to all children with or without disabilities. This new playground will provide a brand new opportunity for Massillon children to enjoy at the revamped Reservoir Park. Many thanks to Boundless Playground, Tread Town, and an our anonymous donor for this new addition! Look for more information and pictures in the next edition.

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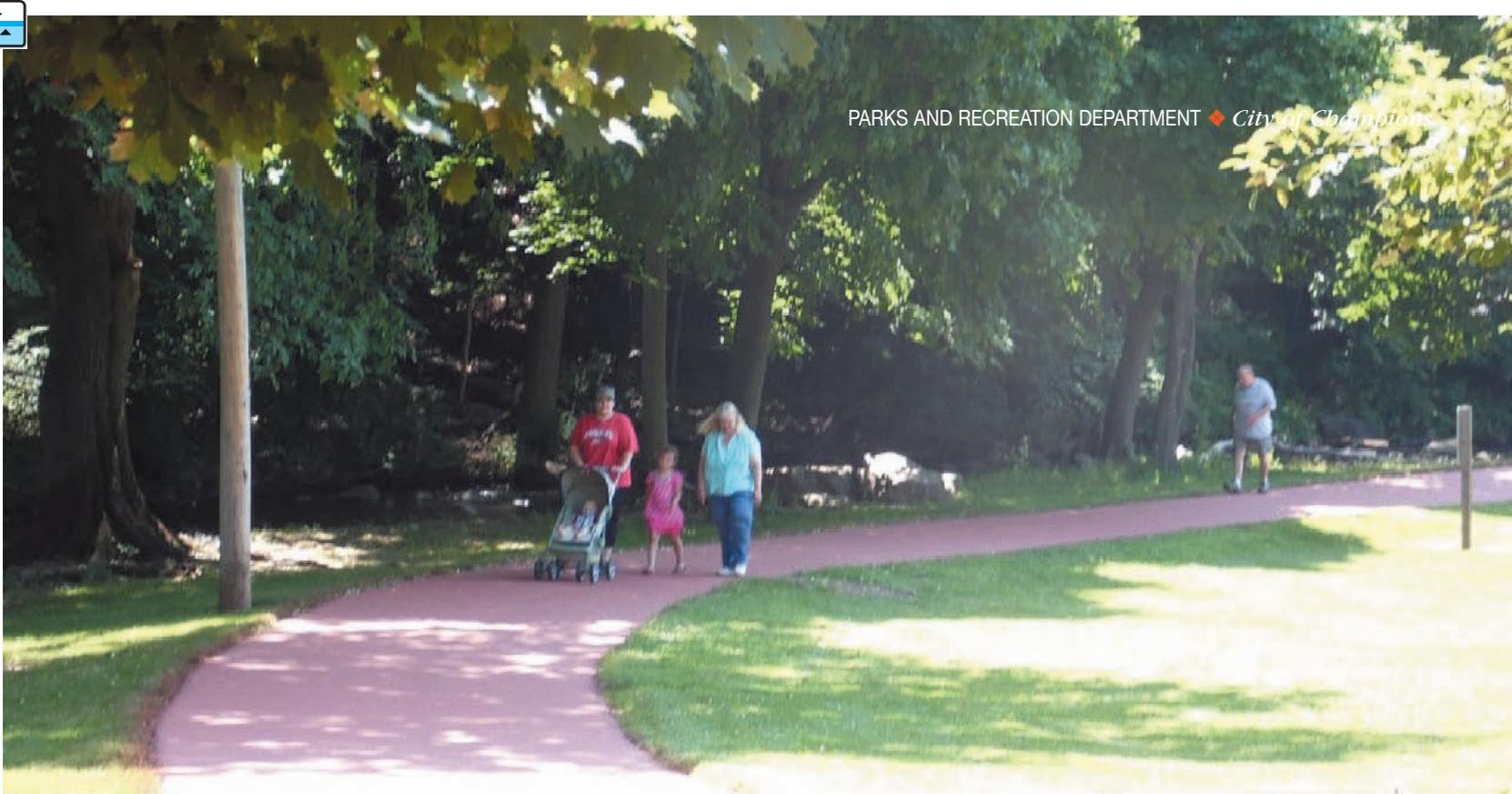
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Parks and Recreation



DOUGLAS NIST,
DIRECTOR, MASSILLON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Massillon Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of activities for people of all ages. We maintain 30 parks, 6 facilities, 14 open shelters, over 17 miles of multipurpose trails, and approximately 800 acres of property, including a 27-hole championship golf course. Come out and visit us, or pick up a copy of our “In Motion” program guide!

PARK SPOTLIGHT: RESERVOIR AND NORTH SIPPO

The City of Massillon Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce a new “spruced up” walking path for the citizens of our community to use.

The walking path was originally installed in 1989. The installation of the walking path was funded by Chester Campbell's (founder of Campbell Oil Company) \$250,000 gift to the Massillon Rotary Club. The balance of \$15,000 was donated by the Massillon Rotary Foundation. Over the past 24 years, the path, which is located in Reservoir and North Sippo Parks, has received temporary repairs, but was due for a full face-lift. Thanks again to the continued generosity and community involvement of the Campbell Oil Company, 1.27 miles of the old rubber surface were replaced between April and June of this year.

*We maintain 30 parks,
6 facilities, 14 open
shelters, over 17 miles
of multipurpose trails,
800 acres of property,
and a championship
golf course.*

Once the old surface was removed, a 1-inch thick coating of asphalt was applied to the path; it was covered with a layer of Acrylotex Acrylic Walking Path Coating. This coating is a durable product that should last many, many years.

The work was completed by Vasco Asphalt Company of Massillon. They were contracted by the Campbell Oil Company. Brian Burrow, President of Campbell Oil, stated the walking path is their namesake and it is very important to them to keep it looking good and functioning well for our community. He also stated that they are quiet

givers and don't like to discuss cost. Whatever the price, we will never be able to say “Thank You” enough to them for the tremendous contribution they have made to our community.

On June 24, 2013, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at North Sippo Park on the walking path. After the ribbon was cut, Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry read a proclamation to Brian Burrow and declared the day “Campbell Oil Day.”

This walking path is an integral part of Reservoir and North Sippo Parks. It has been used heavily over the years and now will be able to continue to provide a safe environment for the citizens of Massillon and our surrounding communities. ♦



Mayor giving Brian Burrow of Campbell Oil a Proclamation for the City's walking track.

Massillon Moving Forward

MAYOR KATHY CATAZARO-PERRY

Earlier this year, in discussion with Brian Burrow, President of the Campbell Oil Company, we shared our intent to pursue grant funding to fix the popular walking path at Reservoir and North Sippo Parks. The path had deteriorated over time and required extensive repairs. Mr. Burrow expressed his desire to help with this project and graciously gifted the City of Massillon a beautiful new walking path that will last for many years. The restored walking path is now complete and is seeing heavy use by Massillon walkers.

As the result of a generous \$1 million dollar donation from the Fresh Mark company, Genshaft Park will be renovated this year. The renovations will involve improvements to the entire facility and will include grading the infield, upgrading the drainage and irrigation systems, and the installation of tournament-grade lighting. A new pavilion and a paved parking lot are also part of the plan. The Genshaft family's contribution to improving the park named in honor of the late Arthur Genshaft will make Genshaft Park one of the premier softball facilities in Ohio.

The C.O.O.L. (Community Outreach of Love) Project's work in Massillon this year was a shining example of our faith community coming together to give back generously

to the community. This extraordinary group came to the City of Massillon and worked their hearts out on June 1st to help our community and its residents. They replaced 22 porches, painted 12 homes, vinyl sided a house, and replaced windows in a home. They vinyl sided the Oak Knoll Park Pavilion and made much-needed improvements to the park grounds. Additionally, 135 Massillon homes received weeding, mulch, and flowers. All of this assistance was accomplished by the hard work of approximately 1,700 volunteers from churches in Stark County.

Our local newspaper, *The Independent*, celebrated its 150th Anniversary on July 3rd of this year. The newspaper's founders began this enterprise during the midst of the Civil War, prominently promoting their anti-slavery convictions. Through good times and

bad times, *The Independent* has stood sentinel over Massillon, marking our growth, reporting our progress, and bringing us together in a shared spirit of community, and still retains the position of prominence in reporting our local news in a competitive media environment. My wish for our local paper is another 150 years of reporting Massillon's happenings.

Our community hospital, Affinity Medical Center,

Our city faces many challenges, but Massillon is strong. The strength of our city comes from the people of Massillon, past and present, who have enriched our community.



Hazel Dipple, 100 years old



Mayor giving Disabled American Veterans a proclamation for all that they do for disabled vets

opened its new state-of-the-art Emergency Department this summer. This multimillion-dollar investment in Massillon is substantial and underscores Affinity Medical Center's continuing commitment to providing the highest quality of health services to the Western Stark County community. This expansion allows our primary medical facility to grow, to progress, and to serve the people of our community well into the future.

Massillon came together this year to bring back a community Independence Day Celebration. While Mother Nature did not cooperate with the festivities, we still had an outstanding fireworks display that night. I am confident our many volunteers and contributors will be back next year to try again to help Massillon commemorate our nation's freedoms.

And speaking of commemorating our freedoms, the

Ohio Flags of Honor project visited downtown Massillon this July. More than 280 flags were displayed to represent those Ohioans who lost their lives in the service of our country in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the flagpoles being inscribed with each service member's name. The weekend culminated when 17 plaques were dedicated to those local heroes who perished defending our liberty in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bosnia. The sacrifice of our fallen heroes is an unforgettable example to the living that the price of freedom is indeed high, and that we, all of us, have an obligation to honor that sacrifice.

We care what you have to say. If you have a question, comment, suggestion, or idea, please do not hesitate to share it with myself or a member of my administration. We look forward to hearing from you! This is your City. Let us know what we can do to make it better.

Our City faces many challenges, but Massillon is strong. The strength of our City comes from the people of Massillon, past and present, who have made our community strong. The phrase "City of Champions" is more than a slogan relating to our football team. The phrase "City of Champions" refers to the spirit, determination, drive, and desire of the people of our community.

Together, we will continue to make a positive difference for Massillon. ❖



(LEFT to RIGHT) Randy Endlich; Col. Elizabeth Grossi; Gino Zimmer, President of Ohio Flags of Honor; Cathi Endlich; Mayor Kathy Catazaro-Perry; Judge Edward Elum.

Fall Food Safety



TERRI ARGENT,
HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Fall is a time for holiday celebrations and get-togethers. The City Health Department suggests the following tips to stay healthy with safe food practices. For a nightmare-free Halloween:

- Serve trick-or-treaters a light meal before going out and tell them “no snacking” while trick-or-treating.
- Inspect all treats when the kids return home.
- Make sure all ciders and juices are pasteurized.

NOVEMBER IS THANKSGIVING TURKEY TIP TIME!

- Frozen turkeys can be frozen for up to one year for best quality.
- Estimate about one pound of turkey for each person (dinner guest).
- Fresh turkey should be purchased two days before cooking.
- Thaw a frozen turkey in the refrigerator for one day for every five pounds. Cook turkeys to an internal temperature of at least 165 degrees- do not rely on the pop-up indicator.
- Always and often wash hands, counters, and utensils that come into contact with raw turkey.
- Do not leave leftovers sitting out for more than two hours.
- Refrigerated leftovers are good for three to four days.

IN DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS WILL BE MORE FESTIVE IF YOU FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS:

- Make sure you have enough time for thawing and cooking and you have plenty of refrigerator and freezer space.
- Cook foods to proper temperatures and use a thermometer. Most foods should be

cooked to 165 degrees, and hot foods should be held at 140 degrees or higher.

- Wash hands, food preparation surfaces, and utensils before, during, and after food preparation.
- Be aware, the holiday season is also cold and flu season, which means bacteria on hands and fingers can contaminate food.
- Be careful with eggs. They can carry salmonella, so they should be cooked. You can use pasteurized eggs for eggnog.

Following these tips and tricks should help you get through the fall season and keep you and your family healthy. If you have any questions, please call the Massillon City Health Department at 330-830-1710. ♦

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Calendar of Events

FALL 2013

Trick-or-Treat

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Trunk-or-Treat at Rec Center

October 31, 2013
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Children 13 and under

Fall Clean-up

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City Garage: 401 Walnut Rd SW

Santa's Mailbox at Rec Center & Library

November 16, 2013 to
December 18, 2013

Holly Days

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An Old Fashioned Christmas in Downtown Massillon

December 4, 2013
6:00 pm

Life in the Land – Colonial Trades & Spring Hill

November 23, 2013
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Woman's Club Christmas Open House

November 30, 2013
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Community Candlelight Walk

December 8, 2013
5:30 pm to 7:15 pm

Woman's Club Christmas Open House

December 14, 2013
10:00 am to 3:00 pm



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FROM (LEFT to RIGHT): Marcus Simpson, Chairman; Lawrence Chapanar, Secretary; Dale Walterhouse, Assistant Secretary; and Jon Roethlisberger, Director.

Civil Service Commission

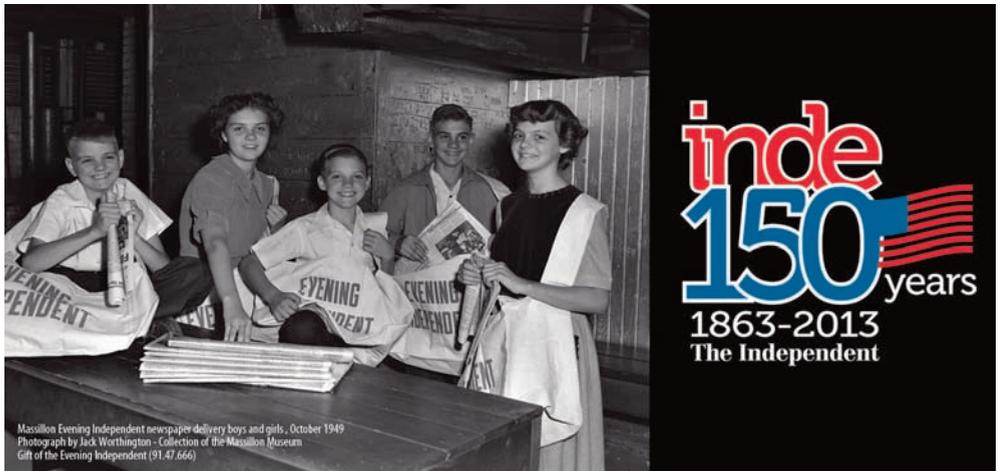


JON C. ROETHLISBERGER, DIRECTOR

Appointed by the mayor, the Civil Service Commission is a three-member board that applies Ohio's Civil Service Laws and Rules to the administration of civil service positions within the City of Massillon and the Massillon City School District. The Commission is responsible for applying Ohio Civil Service law to the testing, appointment, promotion, removal, layoff, suspension, reduction, and reinstatement of any classified position within the various departments of the City of Massillon and our local school district.

The Commission is administered by Jon C. Roethlisberger, a retired police sergeant, who manages the daily operations of the Civil Service Commission. Commission members include Marcus Simpson, Chairman; Lawrence Chapanar, Secretary; and Dale Walterhouse, Assistant Secretary.

Law stipulates that Commission members must reside in the City of Massillon and no more than two commissioners may belong to the same political party. The commissioners serve a six-year, staggered term to ensure continuity; thus limiting the number of appointments a single mayor can make. ♦



Massillon Evening Independent newspaper delivery boys and girls, October 1949. Photograph by Jack Worthington - Collection of the Massillon Museum. Gift of the Evening Independent (91.47.666)

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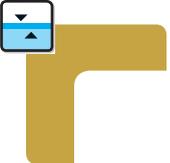
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Vacant Registration Reminder

This is a reminder that all vacant buildings located within the City of Massillon need to be registered every calendar year per city ordinance. Any building that is vacant for more than 90 days must be registered at the beginning of each year between January 1 and January 31, or within 30 days after the property becomes vacant. Registration is easy and information can be found on the City of Massillon's website (<http://massillonohio.com/>); click on "Building Department." Or contact the Code Enforcement Office at 330-830-1724.



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The City of Massillon ensures that all personnel layoffs, educational assistance, social and recreational programs, and any other terms and conditions of employment are provided in an impartial man-

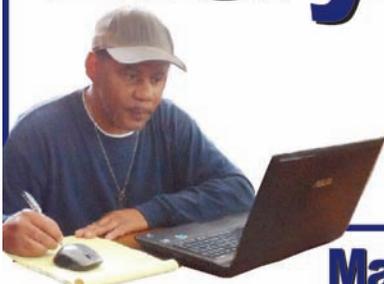
ner and within the law. Every effort is made to base employment decisions on the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity law.

The City of Massillon holds all appointing authorities, management staff, and supervisors responsible for compliance with both the intent and spirit of all federal, state, and local legislation, government regulations, rules, guide-

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Safety Service Director



AL HENNON,
DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SERVICE

Traditionally, many larger municipalities have both a Safety Director and a Service Director. A Safety Director oversees the fire and police chiefs in the chain of command. A Service Director's umbrella covers the engineering, street, safety, and waste water departments-which all fall under the realm of public safety-along with the offices of community development, civil service, housing, health, building, and parks and recreation. In the City of Massillon, the duties of Safety Director and Service Director are combined.

The Safety Service Director negotiates with vendors for the best

prices for the City. Four bargaining units negotiate labor contracts with the Director, who also handles disciplinary procedures and grievances from labor officials. The Director takes a leadership role on committees and projects and sits on boards such as Logic (dispatch board) and Stark County Council of Governments (evidence lab for courts and 911). The Director approves payroll purchase order for the payment of department bill, handles department head requests for leaves, and approves or denies employee overtime. The Safety Service Director arranges for street closures for block parties and grants

permission for homeowners to place trash dumpsters in front of their houses during construction projects.

In addition to overseeing all of the departments, the Director's office fields complaints from citizens who have a concern they feel has not been satisfactorily solved by an appropriate department. The Safety Service Director's office is always open to the needs and suggestions of the citizens of the City of Champions. ❖



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Massillon Police



WILLIAM PEEL,
INTERIM CHIEF OF POLICE

The mission of the Massillon Police

Department is to create, maintain, and promote a feeling of security and safety in the minds of our citizens. The department strives to perform services to our citizens that enhance crime prevention and develop harmonious relationships. Officers are expected to be accountable to themselves, the department, and most importantly, the citizens of Massillon.

The department is organized into two divisions Patrol and Support. The patrol division is staffed by three shifts with seven officers assigned for duty at any time. Patrol officers respond to calls for service from the public, perform patrolling in marked cars, and conduct investigations into suspected criminal activity. Officers also investigate traffic crashes and conduct traffic enforcement. The support division conducts continuing investigations. A traffic officer in this area primarily is responsible for parking and abandoned vehicle problems. This division also maintains a temporary prisoner-holding facility for the Massillon Municipal Court and is responsible for evidence control and training.

Speaking of patrol...the Massillon Police Department anxiously awaits two new Ford Interceptor patrol cruisers which were recently ordered. The cruisers will come equipped with cameras, radars, and prisoner cages to keep our officers safe and to protect the rear door windows.

The Massillon Police Department has a newly implemented automated phone attendant to help citizens get the assistance they need. The number for the police department is 330-830-1735. This number puts callers directly in touch with individual officers, internal departments, and/or the voice mail system. Citizens may also call the dispatch center directly at 330-832-9811 to have an officer dispatched. The following are the phone extension numbers for individuals and internal departments.

Tip Line	1744 (Voice Mail only)
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Massillon Today

In cooperation with MCTV, Inc., Mayor Catazaro-Perry will host a new television show set to debut this fall called "Massillon Today." Airing on MCTV channel 21, Mayor Catazaro-Perry will be joined by Community Development Director Ted Herculano to discuss a wide variety of City activities and how they impact the residents of Massillon. Through interviews with City department officials and community and business leaders, "Massillon Today" will offer an exclusive look at the current activities that are improving Massillon and its neighborhoods. With guest Pastor Beiry Carter, the first episode of "Massillon Today" features the C.O.O.L. Project and highlights the events and activities held on June 1st that provided housing rehabilitation and beautification to several neighborhoods in the City's Fifth Ward. Mayor Catazaro-Perry thanks MCTV, Inc. and the Gessner family for the opportunity to produce this community show at no cost to the Massillon taxpayer.

Housing Department



BEVERLY LEWIS,
HOUSING DIRECTOR, FAIR HOUSING COORDINATOR

Each year, the City of Massillon utilizes Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the provision of fair housing services and activities to improve and promote housing opportunities in the community. These activities include education, outreach, monitoring, and evaluation, as well as activities designed to address identified impediments to fair housing choice.

In celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, the City of Massillon Housing Department partnered with the City of Canton and Stark County Fair Housing to present a community forum on Fair Housing law and its applicability to our residents.

Held on April 23, 2013, at the Stark County District Library, the



FROM (LEFT to RIGHT): Elva Lewis, Branch Chief of Program Operations, U.S. Dept. of HUD; Beverly Lewis, Massillon City Housing Director; Kyle Stone, Canton City, Fair Housing Manager; Valerie Watson, Stark County, Fair Housing Coordinator; Janice Harris, Equal Opportunity Specialist & FHAP Monitor, U.S. Dept. of HUD.

forum included panelists Elva Lewis and Janice Harris from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; City of Massillon

Housing Director Beverly Lewis; City of Canton Housing Director Kyle Stone; and Valerie Watson, Fair Housing Coordinator from Stark County Fair Housing. Over twenty citizens attended this forum and participated in the discussion.

This collaboration with surrounding governmental agencies is just one example of how the City's Housing Department attempts to bring fair housing practices into the public's eye. As Fair Housing Coordinator, Mrs. Lewis receives fair housing complaints and/or questions daily. As a HUD grantee, the City is required to make every effort to affirmatively further fair housing choice and provide City residents with the opportunity to file fair housing complaints or seek further information regarding their rights as tenants.

If you, or someone you know believes they are the victim of housing discrimination, or if you wish to speak with Housing Department staff pertaining to your rights under the Fair Housing Act, please contact the City of Massillon Housing Department at 330-830-1717. ❖

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In the near future, this treatment plant will be upgraded to increase flow capacity for further domestic and industrial growth within the City. It also will provide additional pollutant removal to meet new Ohio EPA discharge regulations. ❖

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Massillon. This downtown revitalization plan utilizing arts and history strategies was created a year ago by a committee chaired by Bob Gessner. Among the objectives are establishment of a public art plan; an inventory of artists, craftsmen, and cultural organizations; hosting new concerts, festivals, and public events downtown; and establishing a new cultural tourism strategy for Massillon. To date the Museum has co-hosted a Warhol public art project with the City and ArtsinStark, and brought the "Art is Alive" festival—which made excellent use of the Museum's lawn and Duncan Plaza—to Massillon.

Over the course of the next year, the Museum will continue its efforts to sustain and expand collaborations with the City and community organizations like the Massillon Tiger Football Booster Club, Paul E. Brown Museum, area YMCAs, Massillon Public Library, schools, and more. Developing strong collaborative relationships makes our educational services stronger, which in turn benefits both the museum and the community. ❖

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Employee & Department Director of the Year 2013 Nomination Form

The City of Massillon will recognize an employee from the departments of police, fire, and other, as well as a director of a City department who has made an outstanding commitment to the City of Massillon, our residents, and the business community. The award winners will be announced at the Massillon Area Chamber of Commerce Mayor’s Breakfast.

To nominate an outstanding City of Massillon Employee or Senior Citizen, please complete this short form. Criteria for the awards are: **Innovation**—Presents new ideas and helpful suggestions; **Teamwork**—Consistently assists and works with fellow employees/volunteers without having to be asked; eagerly participates in group or team projects, and thinks of others and the needs of the City before thinking of self; **Community Service**—Volunteers time and/or other resources to give something back to the community such as volunteerism, coaching, local government, school, civic activities, or other forms of altruism. **Leadership**—Sets a good example or serves as a positive role model for other employees/volunteers; demonstrates high integrity, ethical behavior, exceptional work habits, a strong work ethic, and a strong character that influences his, or her fellow employees/volunteers.

Nominations may be made for one or multiple nominees. Please use one sheet per nomination for the following:

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Department: _____

Phone Number: _____

Nomination Submitted by: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Why are you nominating this person? _____

****Please attach any additional information.**

Nomination deadline is January 31, 2014.
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Please return this form to Mayor Catazaro-Perry’s office:

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