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Community Update *January - February 2010*



» City Administration

City Council Meetings

Council Work Sessions are held on every first and third Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. located at 1791 Harshman Road.

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City Manager

Bryan R.H. Chodkowski

Director of Finance

Robert Gillian

Director of Economic Development and Planning

Robert Murray

Director of Public Services

Mitch Miller

Fire Chief

Daniel Alig

Chief of Police

Mark Reiss

» Elected Officials

Mayor

Johnie M. Doan

Council Members

Bill Flaute, Deputy Mayor

Beverly Campbell

Mike Denning

Shirley Reynolds

Edward Schock

Michael Smith



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Important Numbers

Waste Collection333-4800
(City of Dayton)

Water & Sewer781-2688
(Montgomery County)

Police & Fire Dispatch ...225-4357

Area Two Court496-7231

EMERGENCY 9-1-1



Council Group Picture from L to R: Edward Schock, Shirley Reynolds, Mike Denning, Mayor Johnnie Doan, Beverly Campbell, Mike Smith and Bill Flaute, Deputy Mayor

Council Members Take Oath of Office

On January 7, 2010, newly elected Council Member Mike Denning took his oath of office along with re-elected Council Members Beverly Campbell, Bill Flaute, and Mike Smith.

Council Corner

All aboard Riverside is a cry you will be hearing in the near future! It is my honor to inform you that the diligent work of the Riverside City Council, the City Manager and his staff to bring a new era of transportation to the City of Riverside has been successful. On January 28th, Governor Ted Strickland announced that Ohio had been awarded \$400 million dollars to develop a passenger rail service between Cleveland, Columbus, Riverside, Dayton, and Cincinnati. For many months, the Council anxiously awaited this announcement, and stood ready to address any concerns, questions, or suggestions that would make our site more acceptable. Staff members prepared document after document, made presentations to community organizations, county administrators, and developers about the proposed project. It seems as if the anxious moments, the diligent work ethics of our staff, and the never-ending enthusiasm of former Council Member Jim Wellman, have made this effort a reality. This project will support the City in the continuing development of the Center of Flight and the Springfield Street corridor. The 3-C Corridor project will bring employment opportunities to many displaced skilled workers who reside in the City of Riverside as well as future residents. The project will bring many other economic development opportunities and will stimulate long-term benefits to our community. Partnerships have been fostered between the City and Montgomery County, as well as local and national developers that will ensure a team approach to the success of this project. I believe this team approach will garner much success for the City, our residents and our businesses. The last year has been difficult for many of us, and yet, you supported this city by passage of our 2010 Police Replacement Levy; thank you for that vote of confidence. Your confidence and continued support has helped to sustain this community. I feel certain that our city will be experiencing the growth and prosperity that each of you deserve. Thank you for allowing me to represent you.

Shirley Reynolds
Councilmember

City Briefs

Boards and Commissions Openings:

Applications are being accepted to fill open positions on the Personnel Appeals Board and the Multimodal Transportation Commission. Please submit all applications to the Clerk of Council, City of Riverside, 1791 Harshman Road, Riverside, Ohio 45424. You may download a copy of the application from our website www.riverside.oh.us <<http://www.riverside.oh.us/>> . All applications will be submitted to Council as they are received.

Vacant Houses

City of Riverside staff would like to request your help. If you have a vacant house beside your home or you know of a vacant house, please email the address to tma.haffey@riverside.oh.us or contact City Hall at 233-1801. We want to make sure that the property is recorded in our data base and that the responsible parties have been notified to care for the property.



Income Tax Due April 15

City income tax returns are due by April 15, 2010 to the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) for all City residents with current earnings. If you move during the year, you must file a return for the period that you lived in Riverside. Riverside taxes wages, commissions, bonuses, earnings from self employment, and rental income. Investment earnings, pensions, social security, and unemployment are not taxed. Riverside allows a tax credit up to the amount of the Riverside tax (1.5%) on income that has already been taxed by a workplace city. Be sure to attach your W-2 showing the tax paid. Tax forms are available at the Municipal Building or online at R.I.T.A.'s website, www.ritaohio.com or you may also e-file your return through the R.I.T.A. web site.

The Miami Valley Grown will be presenting the movie: Fresh



**March 8, 2010
7 o'clock
Mad River
Middle School
1801 Harshman Rd.**

FRESH the Movie, celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are reinventing our food systems. It puts forth a healthier, sustainable alternative to existing agricultural techniques and offers a practical vision of our food and our planet's future. The movie was chosen as an Official Selection by the Environmental Film Festival, Sustainable Living Film Festival and the Newport Beach Film Festival, to name a few.

Miami Valley Grown is an organization who's mission is "to connect local growers, farmers and producers with local buyers; striving to educate our community of the benefits of buying locally."

This event is free to the general public. Come and join in the Movement.

General Dynamics Commits to Riverside

Riverside business-resident General Dynamics will continue to call Riverside home. Through the efforts of Beerman Realty, Montgomery County, and the City of Riverside; General Dynamics has committed to remain in the Wright Point Office Park through 2015. In its commitment to remain in Riverside, General Dynamics will retain the 40 employees currently located in Riverside, consolidate 60 employees from its Beaver Creek office to Wright Point and hire additional employees when new governmental contracts are acquired.

We appreciate General Dynamics' continued presence in our community.

Manager's Message

To the Citizens and Businesses of Riverside:

2010 is upon us; closing one decade and starting another. As we move through this time of change, it reminds me of how things continue to change and move forward here in the great City of Riverside.

Recently, the State of Ohio designated the City of Riverside's Center of Flight as a site for a moderate-speed rail station to service Wright Patterson Air Force Base and the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Additionally, the City, supported by Montgomery County, has recently entered into an agreement with Forest City, a nationally recognized development firm, for the purpose of preparing high-density development plans for Center of Flight.

Other development projects continue throughout the City. The Riverside Village Project, a partnership with S&S Properties, in the area of Springfield Pike and Old Harshman continues to move forward. Airway Shopping Center and the City are working together to enhance the intersection of Airway Rd. and Woodman Dr. by redeveloping several of the out-buildings at Airway Shopping Center to increase available business space and improve the appearance of the area.

The City successfully garnered over \$3.1 million dollars in grants for the resurfacing of Spinning Rd. this spring as well as all of Linden Ave. and Woodman Dr. south of US 35 in early summer. Several smaller projects will be completed including the construction of a salt storage barn and storm water improvements; both projects will help protect the regional water supply. The City is still waiting on responses to another \$4.85 million dollars worth of grant requests to improve our streets and parks.

In 2010, the City will continue to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of its core services to you, the community. Police Chief Reiss has instituted a new patrol schedule which places more officers out on patrol

without increasing the department's number of officers. Cooperative efforts from several City departments identified and corrected over 2,000 violations of the City's Zoning Code in 2009. Lastly, the City was able to end its 2009 fiscal year under budget, for the third consecutive year. While more work needs to be done to bring long-term fiscal stability to Riverside; we continue to move in the right direction for the benefit of the whole community.

In closing, there is so much for us as a community to be excited about as we enter this new decade. The opportunities ahead of us are limitless and we here at City Hall look forward to all that 2010 and this decade has in store.

To you, yours, and all of Riverside – All the best in 2010!

Respectfully,
Bryan RH Chodkowski
City Manager

Just a reminder on vehicle parking:

Riverside's current ordinance requires vehicles that are parked outside of a garage must be operational and display a valid tag. Vehicles parked on your property must be parked in the driveway. Vehicles may not be parked in tree lawns or across the sidewalks. Except for recreational vehicles, no vehicle may be parked in a required side yard, back yard, or front yard. Recreational vehicles must be parked behind the front corner of your home and only on a hard surface.

Semi-tractors and commercial vehicles one ton or over: except for delivery, loading or unloading, these vehicles may not be parked in any residential zoning district. Semi-tractors and commercial vehicles one ton or over must be parked in approved truck terminals or at the business that owns the vehicle.

If you have a question or concern about vehicle parking, please call the City offices at 233-1801. You may also review the City of Riverside Codified Ordinances at www.riverside.oh.us



Winter Safety

With the snow season upon us, we ask that you not park your vehicles on the street during a snowstorm, especially in cul-de-sacs. Cars parked in the street create additional obstacles, plus they restrict visibility for our crews. Plowing snow creates build-up of plowed snow along the road leading into driveways. Please be aware that the build-up of snow in driveways is the responsibility of the homeowner. Please shovel snow responsibly by not shoveling the snow into the roadway. With school in session and children walking to school or to the bus stop, extra care needs to be taken when driving in our neighborhoods. Special care should also be taken when driving around City service vehicles, snowplows, and waste collection trucks.

The winter months are very hard on roadway surfaces. If you notice potholes, please contact the Service Department either by email or by phone and let us know the specific address location. Temporary patches can be done in the wintertime until we can make a permanent repair in the spring.

Storm Water

Please notify the Service Department about blocked road catch basin drains. Blocked drains can result from either a structural collapse or debris/leaves blocking the free flow of water. Whatever the reason, blocked drains create a safety issue due to ice formation on the road in the winter months and when spring arrives may contribute to localized flooding. Please keep in mind that our storm water system should not be utilized for other purposes other than water drainage. Placing contaminants into the storm water drainage system is illegal.

Waste Collection

The City of Dayton Waste Collection provides residents weekly waste collection, recycling and bi-weekly pre-scheduled bulk waste services. Residents can use their own waste containers or they can rent a roll-off container from the City of Dayton for \$2.00 a month which will be billed to the resident semi-annually. Please contact the City of Dayton at 333-4800.

Park Reservations

Spring is approaching and we are accepting reservations for facility usage at our parks. You can submit your reservation form online at our website www.riverside.oh.us.

We Can't Help You If We Can't Find You.

In an emergency every second counts! Valuable time can be lost if your address number is not clearly posted where emergency responders can see it. A clearly marked address number is invaluable to paramedics, firefighters and police officers who may be looking for your address, during an emergency.

In order to find you quickly during an emergency, the address numbers on your home should be at least four inches high and placed in a position that is legible and plainly visible from the street. The numbers should be Arabic numerals, and should be on a contrasting background.

Please help us help you!