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COMMUNITY UPDATE

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2009

Thank You Citizens!

The Chief of Police and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the citizen, for showing your support for the City and the Police Department in the passing of the 2010 Police Replacement Levy; we cannot express to you our sincerest appreciation.

Your approval of the Levy will help us maintain the efficient delivery of services to our citizens. Not only will our Police Department continue to maintain their patrol force, investigation division, and provide for an updated rotation of police cruisers; the City will also be able to maintain existing staffing and service levels in all other departments. Your approval of the Levy expresses your confidence in our ability to provide the best service that you so deserve. It is our commitment to you to remain dedicated to the long-term success of our City.

Sincerely,

Bryan RH Chodkowski, City Manager

Mark L. Reiss, Chief of Police



Entryway Project

You may have noticed the new entryway signs that have been constructed north on Harshman Road, south on Woodman Drive and east and west on Valley Pike. These signs create an identity for Riverside; as people are driving through our community they will now know they are traveling through the City of Riverside. This project was made possible through funds received from an Ohio Department of Transportation Equity Act Grant and funds from the State of Ohio Permissive Tax Program.



COUNCIL *corner*

First, and foremost, let me personally THANK YOU for passing our much needed Police Levy. Yes, we now have an approved 2010 City Budget, thanks to you, that provides the resources and services that continues to provide the comprehensive city services for which we are so accustomed. We have many financial challenges ahead, but I am confident that we can address them whenever needed.

There are five things that I want to address to you: 1.) We have a city where people truly care about each other. You can see it in any Riverside area, on any given day. I was on Guernsey Dell (in costume) giving out candy on Beggar's Night; we had children of all ages wandering up and down the street in a totally safe environment, enjoying the surroundings. Each porch light was on and goodies were given out. 2.) We have a community that truly values important things like education and taking care of property. Our Mad River Schools continue to offer the finest learning experience available, laying out the foundation for our children to achieve great things. Our homes and properties become more beautiful each year because we are willing to invest and take pride in them. Yes, some homes are old, but because you care, they can increase in value. 3.) Keep in mind that it's not a question of how much tax you pay, but rather the question of whether or not you receive "good value" for each dollar spent. I believe, without a doubt, that Riverside residents and business owners have good value for their tax dollars spent. 4.) We have residents who are willing to get involved in what we do, and in how we do it. This is critically important when we ask for community "volunteers" for Board/Commission openings. Thanks to those who have stepped up to the plate and I invite more of you to do the same. 5.) We are a "family" community who is very generous when it comes to supporting regional efforts. This was evidenced by the recent passage of the Montgomery County Library issue, the Five Rivers Metro Park levy, plus our own Riverside Police levy. Your hearts and caring are bigger than I ever anticipated, and I personally thank you for that!

In closing, I am personally grateful to God for our wonderful caring Riverside community. I wish each of you a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year"! Remember, please call me on my cell if you have any concerns.

Confidence in our community was shown by your willingness to vote for the Police Replacement Levy in November, and again, I thank you for your personal support and financial sacrifice. "What is security without comfort that you can sleep safe at night?"

Thank you,

Mayor Johnie Doan, 937-307-5879 (cell)

SERVICES *department*

Winter Safety

The snow season is upon us and city crews will be plowing snow through residential subdivisions and major thoroughfares, in the priority listed below:

1. Major Thoroughfares
2. Key Intersections/Interchanges
3. Bridges
4. Hills
5. Culvert Overpasses
6. School Crossings

Please be aware that during a snow event all cars parked on the street should be removed so that the snow plow can clear the road. Cars that are parked on the street create additional obstacles and can restrict visibility for our crews plowing the streets. Please remember to use extreme caution when traveling during hazardous conditions and to slow down when going around service vehicles, snowplows, and waste collection trucks.

Plowed snow can build-up along the roadway leading into driveways; wherever practical, we will attempt to keep the snow build-up to a minimum. Unfortunately, the crews do not remove plowed snow from in front of driveways. When you are shoveling, please remember to not shovel the snow into the roadway.

Winter is very hard on roadway surfaces. Temporary patches can be done in the wintertime until a more permanent repair can be made in the Spring. If you notice potholes, please contact our Services Department at 233-1801 with the location.



Boards and Commission Opening

Applications are being accepted to fill one open position on the Parks and Recreation Commission and one open position on the Personnel Appeals Board. 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.

New Appointments for Two Council Members

Recently, two of our Council Members were appointed to new duties nationally and locally. Edward Schock has been appointed as Vice Chairman of the National League of Cities First Tier Steering Committee and Bill Flaute has been appointed as the Chairman of the local First Tier Suburbs Consortium.

Senior Citizens Quilt Raffle

The Riverside Seniors held a raffle at the City's Open House that was held on October 17, 2009. The winners were as follows: Bill O'Brian, quilt; Debbie Ballard, clock; Harold Stephens, stain glass. The Seniors would like to thank everyone for helping make their raffle a success.

2010 Dog Licenses on Sale

Montgomery County Dog Licenses are now on sale. Dog owners may purchase a license from December 1, 2009 through January 31, 2010. The cost for the 2010 license is \$20. Licenses are available at the Montgomery County Auditor's Office, the Animal Resource Center and online at www.mcoho.org/dogs. Please call 937-225-4314 for more information.



Shaker Board Lights Up Riverside

What we now know as the Shaker Board, consists of leaders from the Riverside Area Chamber of Commerce, Riverside Jaycees, Mad River Lions Club, Riverside Historical Society, Riverside Seniors, American Legion Post #776, VFW Post #657 and the Family Readiness Group 705th Army Reserves.

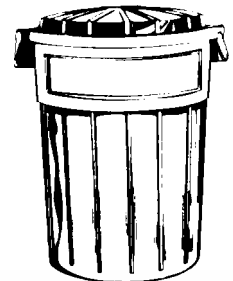
This group of people decided to get together and combine their efforts to start a new tradition in Riverside that will last for years to come; *Hometown Holiday in Riverside "YULE" Love It*, was held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 in the Airway Shopping Center. Santa arrived at the shopping center on a fire engine and officially opened his Secret Santa Shop so children could get their pictures taken with him and to begin shopping for their parents and siblings. Many enjoyed the horse drawn carriage rides and watching Santa light the courtyard Christmas Tree with his magic dust.

We would like to thank all those who brought non perishable food items for the Riverside Food Pantry; barrels will be placed inside Ponderosa, Big Lots, Riverside Historical Society, Neo Limits, Curves and the Filling Station Grill on Linden Avenue until the week of Christmas. Please feel free to drop off items at any of these locations in order to help with the food pantry.

The Hometown Holiday event was a huge success and we hope to continue what will be a tradition in Riverside. For more information regarding this holiday event, please contact Lynn Domesick at 253-5674 or send her an email at Lynn@RiversideChamber.com.

Christmas Holiday Waste Collection

There will be no waste collection pick-up on Christmas Day; pick-up will be delayed one day and will resume on Saturday, December 26, 2009.





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Bryan R.H. Chodkowski

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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

Important Numbers

Waste Collection 333-4800
(City of Dayton)

Water & Sewer 781-2688
(Montgomery County)

Police & Fire Dispatch 225-4357

EMERGENCY 9-1-1

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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