

Community Update

July / August 2010



Woodman Drive / Linden Ave. Improvements

The 2010 construction season is upon us and you may have noticed the construction that is being done on Woodman Drive and Linden Avenue. The City received Federal Stimulus Funds for improvements to Woodman Drive/Linden Avenue. This project began with making repairs and improvements to the storm water drainage systems along Linden Avenue. This project also repaired the concrete



median of the bridge. The final portion of the project involves the resurfacing of Linden Avenue from City Limit to City Limit and Woodman Drive from the US 35 bridge deck, south, to the City Limit. Please be aware of the temporary lane closures and/or detours. The total project is scheduled to be complete no later than August 31, 2020.

Please remember special care needs to be taken while driving in construction zones. Please slow down to go around.

Council Corner

Ask 10 volunteers why they volunteer, and you will probably get 10 different answers. Our citizens continue to prove their compassion for each other by volunteering to serve on Riverside's Boards and Commissions, local organizations such as the Festival Committee, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, Senior Citizens, Jaycee's and many church groups. These organizations offer huge opportunities to help our fellow citizens. A special thanks to the residents who are serving in our military.

A way to celebrate and spend time together is to attend the Riverside Community Festival being held on August 27th, 28th and 29th at Shellabarger Park located at the 5800 block of Burkhardt Road. Bring your dog to the Park on Friday evening to meet other Riverside dogs and participate in the dog show. Come watch the parade Saturday morning at 10:00. The parade will begin at Eastman and Spinning Road and end at Shellabarger Park. Also on Saturday, come enjoy the Riverside Pageant and Sunday for the cornhole tournament and car show.

The Festival will have plenty of food, crafts and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. Spend time with your fellow Riverside residents and find out how much we all have in common.

To my fellow Council Members, Staff and anyone who has helped me in these first 100 days as Mayor, thank you. While we all miss Mayor Doan's leadership tremendously, our Volunteers, Council and Staff are working tirelessly to meet our daily challenges.

Bill Flaute
Mayor



Boards and Commissions

Applications are being accepted to fill open volunteer positions on the Multimodal Transportation Commission, Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council, Health and Safety Commission, and the Parks and Recreation 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. All applications will be submitted to Council as they are received.

Open Burning

It is that time of year when many people like to enjoy an outdoor cooking fire. The State of Ohio Fire Code allows campfires and outdoor fireplace equipment, whether for cooking food for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational or similar purposes, ONLY if the following conditions are met:

- A. Fires are fueled with clean, dry, seasoned firewood, natural gas or equivalent, or any clean burning fuel with emissions that are equivalent to or lower than those created from the burning of seasoned firewood
- B. Cannot be used for waste disposal purposes

- C. Shall be three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height
- D. Shall be at least 25 feet from a structure or combustible material
- E. Fire shall be constantly attended until extinguished
- F. Extinguishing equipment shall be provided

Most complaints are due to fires creating offensive smoke and odor. Any open burning that creates offensive or objectionable smoke or odor emissions or a fire hazard shall be prohibited and extinguished.

If you have any questions or concerns about open burning, please contact the Riverside Fire Department at 233-1801.

Storm Water Awareness

It is not acceptable to place any waste, including yard waste, on the street or in drainage ditches or catch basins as it has the potential for flooding problems during high rain periods. Collected leaves and grass clippings placed in either containers or bags may be disposed of with your regular trash. Many grass clippings contain high concentrations of herbicides and insecticides besides the organic matter which decays and strips aquatic habitats of oxygen. The placement of leaves, grass clippings or debris on stream banks kills all the soil holding vegetation resulting in super saturation of soil creating a loss of topsoil and opening the ground for further erosion. To learn more, please go to the Ohio EPA's website at www.epa.state.oh.us.



Side Notes

Route 35 Improvements

The Ohio Department of Transportation has begun the preparation for the resurfacing of Route 35 within the City Limits to include the on and off ramps. The resurfacing is scheduled to begin the second week in August.

Community Festival

The Community Festival will be held at Shellabarger Park on August 27, 28, and 29. For more information regarding the Festival, call Brenda Long at 245-9478.

Festival Hours:

Friday, August 27, 5-10pm

Saturday, August 28, 9am-10pm

Sunday, August 29, 10am-5pm



Victim Services

Riverside Victim Services program provides comprehensive services to those affected by traumatic or violent criminal acts. Emotional recovery largely depends on the support victims receive. Riverside Victim Services provides support, resources, and an understanding of the process of victimization and trauma recovery. Being part of the Police Department affords the Victim Advocate a unique opportunity to have immediate contact with victims. Investigators of traumatic and violent crimes can access a victim advocate twenty-four hours a day. Being the victim of a crime

Tree Aesthetics

All property owners are asked to please be sure to keep your trees, hedges and shrubbery located in the right-of-way trimmed for clear visibility of pedestrians and traffic signs. Please contact 233-1801 if you observe unsafe road conditions whether it is a line of sight concern or a pot hole in the road.

can be traumatic and stressful. Contacting and communicating with law enforcement and judicial personnel can be confusing and even intimidating. The Victim Service Office was created to help victims and their families cope with the effects of crime in their lives.

Victim Services can be reached at (937) 233-6224 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday (Closed Holidays) or e-mail scolon@riverside.oh.us. The Riverside Victim Services Office is located at the Police Department, 1791 Harshman Road.



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► City Council Meetings

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

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► City Administration

City Manager
Bryan R.H. Chodkowski

Director of Finance
Robert Gillian

**Director of Planning
and Economic Development**
Robert Murray

Director of Public Services
Mitch Miller

Acting Fire Chief
Robert Turner

Chief of Police
Mark Reiss

► Elected Officials

Mayor
Bill Flaute

Council Members
Beverly Campbell
Mike Denning
Steven C. Fullenkamp
Shirley Reynolds
Edward Schock
Michael Smith

VISIT US ONLINE:

www.riverside.oh.us

► Important Numbers

Waste Collection333-4800
(City of Dayton)

Water & Sewer 781-2688
(Mongomery County)

Police & Fire Dispatch225-4357

Area Two Court 496-7231

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