

TROY CITY VIEW

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Winter 2007

Greetings,

Welcome to the Troy City View. This newsletter reflects our city's ongoing efforts to communicate with our citizens in Troy and to inform you of the various aspects and ongoing events of our City. I hope you find this as a very useful tool in your planning.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Beamish, Mayor

2008 Budget to Result in Less Spending but Service Changes

Mayor Beamish, Council President Lohrer, City Council and staff have been hard at work on the 2008 City budget. This has been a difficult process due to the fact that projected revenues are less than departmental requests to continue basic services to the community. In fact, the gap has been as high as \$1 million in the General Fund but we're shrinking it through cuts, deferrals, and by looking at different ways to provide services.

As you may have read in the media, City Council has approved over \$425,000 in departmental reorganizations and staff reductions to help that deficit. We continue to look at more savings in costs for salaries, benefits, overtime, maintaining our vehicle fleet, and non-essential training. The 2008 budget will not include as many capital projects as in past years. For example, while we spent \$300,000 in 2007 to repave streets, the 2008 budget will not include any such work.

We are all aware from managing our own finances that when you cut back on your budget you can't buy as much or do as much as you once did. That's certainly true of the City of Troy. As we redefine what we can afford, there will no doubt be some changes to how quickly and comprehensively we provide services to you. Since we know we can't be everything to everyone, we ask for your patience as we adjust to new ways of doing things less expensively. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Director of Public Service & Safety Patrick Titterington at patrick.titterington@troyohio.gov or 335-1725.

Winter Snow Season Updates and Tips

The City's two salt barns are full, and crews are ready for the winter season. The Dye Mill Road facility is closed until early spring.

TIP - Once you have shoveled your snow, make sure you push it into the street to the right side (looking out the driveway to the street) of your driveway. This way, the snow plows will not plow the snow back into your driveway. The City can not come back and plow out driveways.

TIP - It is helpful to push the snow away from any catch basins so that water can flow easily into the catch basin and not cause flooding or unsafe, icy conditions.

TIP - Clear the snow away from any fire hydrants so that in case of a fire, the Fire Department can easily and quickly locate the fire hydrant closest to their needs.

TIP - If there is a large snow storm, please try and remove all vehicles from the streets if possible so that crews can get the snow plowed.

This snow season the City will be trying to minimize the costs of snow and ice removal, so salting and snow removal on secondary streets may be delayed until City crews can perform these tasks during regular business hours. We will get to every street, but it might not be as quick as in past years.



City of Troy Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Values Statement

At a priority retreat held on August 29, 2007, the Troy City Council reaffirmed the following Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Values Statement:

VISION: The City of Troy will expand its reputation as a family-oriented, vibrant, financially, sustainable community focused on a diversity of economic development, educational opportunities, and high quality of life for its citizens, businesses, and visitors.

MISSION: Through sound and prudent leadership, the City of Troy is committed to sustaining its continued prominence as a regional hub by providing a well-balanced community for its residents, businesses and visitors, consisting of a vibrant downtown, growing economic base, strong educational environment, and plentiful recreational opportunities strengthened by public/private cooperation and grounded in financial stability.

VALUES: The City of Troy values (in no particular order): Ethical Behavior; Respect; Honesty; Integrity; Accountability; Fiscal Prudence; Partner-ships; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.

CITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER, 2007

3	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
4	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
20	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
24-25	City Offices Closed for Christmas Holiday (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day Starting 12/25)	
26	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

JANUARY, 2008

1	City Offices Closed for New Years Holiday (Refuse Collection Delayed One Day Starting 1/1)	
7	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
8	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
9	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	Joint Meeting, Recreation Boards and Park Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	
15	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
21	City Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week)	
22	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
23	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY, 2008

4	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
5	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
13	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
18	City Offices Closed for Presidents Day Holiday (Refuse Collection on Schedule All Week)	
19	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
21	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
27	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

MARCH, 2008

3	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
4	Board of Park Commissioners Meeting	11 a.m.
12	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.
17	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.
20	Recreation Board Meeting at Hobart Arena	9 a.m.
26	Planning Commission Meeting	3:30 p.m.

NOTE: All meetings are held at Troy City Hall,
100 South Market Street, unless otherwise designated.

2007-2008 CITY COUNCIL WINTER MEETING DATES

Troy City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of every month, unless a Monday holiday requires rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday. All meetings are held at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 South Market Street. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the City's website, www.troyohio.gov, as well as at City Hall. The public is encouraged to attend these meetings with their input. The following schedule is provided as a handy reminder of the City Council meetings planned for this winter.

Monday, December 3	Monday, December 17
Monday, January 7	Tuesday, January 22
Monday, February 4	Tuesday, February 19
Monday, March 3	Monday, March 17

Your Tax Dollars at Work

STANFIELD ROAD / SR 41

A dedicated turn lane is being constructed from northbound Stanfield to eastbound SR 41. This will allow traffic, especially trucks, to move easier around this intersection. Construction is expected to begin in late December and be finished as soon as the asphalt plants open in the spring.

ARCHER DRIVE RECONSTRUCTION AND HIGH STREET SANITARY

Archer Drive will be improved with the first phase being from Peters Road to Bruckner Drive. The improvements will include moving the curb back about one foot and improving drainage in this span. The next phase, from Bruckner to SR 55 will be completed as soon as the design can be coordinated with the businesses in that area. Part of this project also includes replacing the sanitary sewer line in High Street and proceeding south to Archer Drive. This sanitary sewer was found to be in very poor condition and this is the best time to replace the failing lines. Construction will not close the roadway, with pipe work being done over the winter months and the asphalt going down when the material is available in the spring. This project, estimated at about \$600,000 is funded in part by a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission.

SIDEWALK PROGRAM PHASE 5

Work on Phase 5 of the Sidewalk Program should be completed. The contractor also replaced 25 catch basins and 85 handicap ramps.

PAVING PROGRAM

Work is completed on the 2007 Paving Program. In addition to paving 11 streets, the program included reconstruction of the Mulberry Street Parking Lot and improvements along Staunton Road in front of the Water Treatment Plant.

ASSET MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The Public Works Department has started working on implementation of an Asset Management System. When implemented, this system will allow staff to have better information on the City's assets such as pipe, valves, manholes, and hydrants. The system will also provide for tracking of work orders and citizen complaints. The implementation should be completed in mid 2008.

Special Thanks to Our Christmas Tree Donor



On behalf of the citizens of Troy, Mayor Beamish would like to give a special thank you for the donation of this year's Christmas Tree, donated to the citizens of Troy by Marcella Howard of 121 Finsbury Road. A few years ago, the Colorado Blue Spruce had been considered for donation but was too short to be used. Now that the tree is approximately 34 feet in height, it is the perfect size to be used on the Square. Thank you very much for donating your tree for all of the citizens of Troy to enjoy during the holiday season.

Another thanks goes to Piqua Steel and its employees who help out each year in getting the Christmas tree cut down and placed on the Square. Piqua Steel has provided their services to the citizens of Troy free of charge for several decades.

City Council Changes

In January 2008, a new City Council will take office. The Troy City Council for 2008-2009 is as follows:

President of Council: Martha A. Baker

Council Members by Ward:

1st Ward	Thomas M. Kendall
2nd Ward	Thomas H. Kirkham
3rd Ward	John W. Schweser*
4th Ward	Jarrold W. Harrah

Council Members At-Large:

Alan R. Clark Mark A. Douglas Frank L. Hutchinson

We congratulate them on their election, thank them for serving the citizens of Troy, and wish them well during their tenure on Troy City Council.

* At the time of publication, the unofficial election results showed Mr. Schweser as the winner by 10 votes. The Miami County Board of Elections are counting provisional ballots, of which there are 15.

Thank You For Your Service To Troy

The end of this year will mark the end of service to the Troy community for three long-time elected officials: Bill Lohrer, Shirley Saxton, and Ted Mercer.

Council President Bill Lohrer has served the City as an elected official for 14 years as the 1st Ward Council Member (1994-1997) and as President of Council since 1998. Councilwoman Shirley Saxton has served the City since 1998 as a Council Member-at-Large. Councilman Ted Mercer has served the City since 1996 as the 3rd Ward Council Member.

On behalf of the City of Troy, we thank Mr. Bill Lohrer, Mrs. Shirley Saxton, and Mr. Ted Mercer for their many years of tireless and dedicated service to the community, and wish them well in the future.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

The Troy Police Department offers these Safety Tips as you go about your shopping this year:

- Don't display large amounts of cash.
- Carry your purse close to your body and your wallet in your front pant pocket.
- Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
- Avoid parking in isolated, unlighted areas, and always lock your car doors.
- Never leave your packages in plain view, even if the car is locked. Put them in the trunk or out of sight.

Other valuable safety tips can be found on the Troy Police Department's webpage at www.troyohio.gov.

Holiday Fire Safety Tips

The Troy Fire Department provides the following Holiday Fire Safety Tips:

- Use lights that bear the label of a recognized testing facility (such as UL).
- Replace light sets and cords that are worn or cracked.
- Make sure lights and extension cords that are used outside are outdoor use rated.
- With a live Christmas tree, keep plenty of water in the tree stand and place it away from portable heaters and registers.
- Do not block exits with Christmas trees.
- Always extinguish candles before leaving home or going to bed.

HAPPENINGS AT HOBART ARENA



PUBLIC SKATING

Hobart Arena will host several public skating sessions while students are on Christmas break. Check online at www.hobartarena.com for public skating sessions dates and times.



DAYTON BOMBERS HOCKEY

The Dayton Bombers return to the Hobart Arena ice twice this season for more hard hitting hockey action. Bring the family out and enjoy an evening of professional hockey right in your own backyard. The first game against the Johnstown Chiefs will be on Saturday, December 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. The second game, also against the Johnstown Chiefs, will be on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. Doors for both games will open at 6:30 p.m. All tickets are \$15.00 (parking included), and are available at the Hobart Arena ticket office, by phone at (937) 339-2911 or online at www.hobartarena.com.



2008 TROY AQUATIC PARK SEASON PASSES AND HOLIDAY PROMOTION

Season passes are on sale now. Purchase your pass thru December 30 and receive \$20.00 off any membership. Gift certificates are also available!

	2008 Rate	December Rate
Family of 5 or less	\$190.00	\$170.00
Additional members	\$ 10.00 each	\$10.00/each
Grandparent pass	\$ 40.00 each	\$40.00/each
Adult	\$100.00	\$ 80.00
Student	\$ 76.00	\$ 56.00
Senior (60+)	\$ 76.00	\$ 56.00

Call the Recreation Department at (937) 339-5145 or visit www.troypool.com for more information.

Vacation and Your Water Bill

Are you planning to go on vacation or to a warmer climate for part of the winter? If so, turning off your water service before you leave can save you from unexpected expenses when you return. A variety of water problems (water line, water heater or hose line leaks and breaks; outside faucets that were turned on and inadvertently left running; or malfunctioning toilets) that cause high bills and/or property damage could occur in your absence. Regrettably, the City cannot waive a high water bill that results from these problems. Contact the City of Troy Billing and Collection Office at (937) 335-4151 for an evaluation of your usage history and advice on whether the seasonal disconnect program is for you.

CITY CLIPS



HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP

The upcoming holidays will impact residential trash pick-up as follows:

Christmas Day (Tuesday, 12/ 25)No pick-up, delayed one day rest of the week
 New Years Day (Tuesday, 1/1)No pick-up, delayed one day rest of the week
 Martin Luther King Day (Monday, 1/21)No change in schedule
 Presidents Day (Monday, 2/18)No change in schedule

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

City crews will pick up and dispose of your Christmas tree free of charge. All you need to do is put the tree out where your trash is collected. Crews will begin the pickup on December 26 and will continue until the middle of January. Plastic bags used to limit the amount of needle shedding when removing the tree from your house must be removed before pickup. Also, remember items such as cardboard gift boxes or product packaging and wrapping paper are all recyclable. Please place these items in your recycling bin. If you do not have a recycling bin, contact the Central Service & Maintenance Facility at (937) 335-1914.

SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION

Reminder: the special trash collection day is now the **second Tuesday of every month**. This service is for the collection of items resulting from normal, routine replacement of household items and is not intended for the pick-up of an entire household of furniture and appliances. The following items are representative of the special trash collection items: furniture, including lawn furniture; appliances/water heaters; carpeting/pads; mattresses/springs; lawn care items; outdoor play equipment; TV antennas; and spouting. The special trash collection does not include paper, cardboard, brush, construction materials, wood, car items, any item containing Freon, or anything placed in boxes, trash bags, or trash containers. Citizens must call the Central Service & Maintenance Facility at (937) 335-1914 to arrange for this pick-up. Requests for pick-up must be received by noon the Friday before the special trash collection date.

DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

- MayorMichael L. Beamish
 President of CouncilWilliam F. Lohrer
 Council Members by Ward:
 1st WardThomas M. Kendall
 2nd WardMartha A. Baker
 3rd WardTed S. Mercer
 4th WardJarrod W. Harrah
 Council Members At-Large:
Alan R. Clark
Mark A. Douglas
Shirley M. Saxton
 Director of LawGreg Dixon
 AuditorRichard L. Cultice
 TreasurerEdward L. Cox
 Director of Public Service & Safety
Patrick E. J. Titterington
 Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant
Sue G. Knight
 Public Works DirectorSteven D. Leffel
 Development DirectorJames A. Dando, Jr.
 Planning DirectorMark S. Cundiff
 Human Resources DirectorThomas C. Funderburg
 Recreation DirectorKenneth E. Siler
 Fiscal SupervisorDale R. Ridenour
 Fire ChiefChristopher L. Boehringer
 Police ChiefCharles C. Phelps
 Park SuperintendentTimothy J. Mercer
 Cemetery SuperintendentLewis J. Deeter
 Director of GolfKenneth D. Green

Information on how to contact City elected and appointed officials is available on the City of Troy website: www.troyohio.gov.

TROY CITY PROGRAMMING - CHANNEL 5 Watch for the Mayor's Report and the delayed broadcast of City Council Committee meetings and City Council meetings on Troy-Public Broadcasting, Channel 5.

Mayor's Report Monday - 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday - 10:30 a.m.; Thursday - 9:00 p.m.; Friday - 11:00 a.m.; Sunday - 7:30 p.m.
City Council Meetings Tuesday - 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Sunday - noon



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Attention Web Surfers: Have you visited the official website of the City of Troy?

If not, surf over to www.troyohio.gov and check us out. The site is full of useful information about the City as an organization, as well as the community.

The website changes regularly, so visit often to keep abreast of meeting dates, job openings and other useful information.

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