

# TROY CITY VIEW

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Winter2008/09

Greetings,

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

I urge all to visit a new hidden gem in the City: The Hobart Urban Nature Preserve, off of South Dorset Road. This Miami County Park District-maintained land is open year-round, dawn to dusk, to walkers, birdwatchers, and nature lovers of all ages. So, enjoy the natural beauty and visit often!

Sincerely,

Michael L. Beamish, Mayor



Ohio Magazine discovered what the citizens of Troy have

## Troy Recognized as One of the Best

known all along — that Troy is one of the best. Troy has been named as one of Ohio's Best Hometowns for 2009 for the Southwestern Region of Ohio. Why? According to their criteria, qualification includes communities that exemplify the best in

education, health and safety, heritage, arts and culture, and business. In his announcement, Richard Osborne, Publisher and Editor of Ohio Magazine, wrote, "Your achievement is especially impressive in light of the fact that Ohio is home to many of the best

hometowns in America. Only one town is chosen from each of the state's five regions for this very special honor. This award recognizes that Troy is among the best of the best."

The entire community should be very proud of this recognition.

## Winter Salting to Be Restricted in 2008-2009

The City of Troy recently received bids for salting our roads this winter, which were over twice as much as in the past. This price increase hit not only Troy, but all other Miami County cities, nearly all Ohio municipalities, the Miami County Engineer, and State of Ohio Department of Transportation. Not only did the price increase dramatically, but the salt suppliers have informed us that they will not supply us with as much salt as in the past. As a result of those factors, the City of Troy must drastically change the procedures for applying roadway salt during the 2008-2009 winter seasons.

The safety of our residents and those operating vehicles on our roadways is our number one priority. However, due to limited salt supply, we will only be able to salt our main and secondary streets. Those will include:

Barnhart Road  
Dorset Road  
North Market Street  
West Market Street  
Nashville Road  
Piqua-Troy Road  
South Stanfield Road  
Troy-Sidney Road  
Washington Road  
S.R. 41 (Main Street)

County Road 25A  
Experiment Farm Road  
South Market Street  
McKaig Road  
Peters Road  
Ridge Avenue  
Swailles Road  
Troy-Urbana Road  
S.R. 718  
S.R. 55

Depending on the weather event, we may also salt key intersections near community facilities. We will continue to plow all streets as quickly as we can. Our main roadways and prominent secondary streets will be given first priority. Once these roadways have been addressed, if plowing is necessary, (generally for snowfall of more than 2") subdivisions and neighborhood roadways will be cleared.

Residents can assist with winter storms by, first and foremost, driving only when necessary and driving more slowly and cautiously. Other helpful assistance includes:

- \* Shoveling snow from driveways and placing it to the right side of the drive. This will allow the plow truck to carry the snow away from the drive entrance, and not back into the driveway.
- \* Removing all vehicles parked on the streets. The plow trucks can plow to the curb, and vehicles are not plowed in with snow. This makes for a much safer and efficient operation.
- \* Keeping snow removed from around fire hydrants and storm sewer catch basins. This greatly aids the Fire Department in responding to a fire, and the open catch basins allow melting snow to drain away and not flood the street.

For questions or comments concerning snow and ice removal, please call the Central Service and Maintenance Facility, at 335-1914 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. By working together we can all be safer and more comfortable this winter.

## 2008-2009 City Council Winter Meeting Dates & City Calendar

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/meetingnotices/agenda.html](http://www.troyohio.gov/meetingnotices/agenda.html), as well as in 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 (highlighted) and other important City events planned for this winter:

### DECEMBER 2008

<b>1 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
2 Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
10 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
<b>15 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
18 Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
25/26 City Offices Closed	
(Refuse Collection Delayed One Day Starting Dec. 25)	

### JANUARY 2009

1 City Offices Closed	
(Refuse Collection Delayed One Day Starting Jan. 1)	
<b>5 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
6 Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
14 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
15 Joint Recreation & Park Board Mtg.	9 a.m.
(Hobart Arena)	
19 City Offices Closed (No Refuse Collection Delay)	
<b>20 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
28 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

### February 2009

<b>2 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
3 Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
11 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
City Offices Closed (No Refuse Collection Delay)	
<b>17 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
19 Recreation Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
25 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

### March 2009

<b>2 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
3 Board of Park Commissioners	11 a.m.
11 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.
<b>16 Council</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
19 Recreational Board (Hobart Arena)	9 a.m.
25 Planning Commission	3:30 p.m.

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

## Parking Regulation Reminder

Since we are in the winter season, we wanted to remind citizens that there shall be no parking in metered lots between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. in order for the City's crews to clean, repair, and monitor the lots. This will also be in effect when crews plow the snow from these lots.

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## Your Tax Dollars at Work

**SOUTHWEST INTERCEPTOR PHASE II** - This project, replacing 18" sanitary sewer with 24" sanitary sewer, is well underway with completion expected by the end of the year, weather permitting. The budgeted amount for this project was \$560,600, however the contract cost was \$294,000, resulting in a budget savings of \$266,600. Excel Contracting is the contractor.

**PENN ROAD SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT** - This project replacing sanitary sewer on Penn Road from Westgate Road to McKaig Road is nearing completion. Finfrock Construction is the contractor on this \$107,000 project, which is a budget savings of \$43,000 under the authorized amount.

**MCKAIG ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** - This project improves McKaig Road from Cartwright Court to SR 718. Brumbaugh Construction is the contractor. The contract of \$291,027 is funded in part (41%) by a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission, which is a budget savings of \$158,973 under the authorized amount.

**AUTOMATIC METER READING SYSTEM** - The City has approved a contract with Everett J. Prescott Company to install a system to allow water meters to be read automatically. The equipment for this system has been ordered and installation should begin in early 2009. The cost of this portion of the project is \$1,642,494 and the system is estimated to save three city positions and pay for itself in less than nine years.

**CATCH BASIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM** - This \$48,730 project is being performed by L. J. DeWeese and will replace 20 catch basins throughout the City.



## Holiday Notes:



### Special Thanks to Christmas Tree Donor

Mayor Beamish, on behalf of the citizens of Troy, wants to give a special "Thank You" for the donation of this year's Christmas Tree, donated to the citizens of Troy by **Cory and Karen May of Versailles** from a building they own in Troy. Thank you very much for donating your tree for all 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.

### 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 29 and will continue until the middle of January. Trees set out wrapped in plastic bags will not be picked up.

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.

# New Income Tax Returns for 2008

Arriving in your mailbox by the first week in January will be the newly designed City of Troy Individual Income Tax Return. The new booklet will be simpler but more comprehensive.

For business entities and for employers who withhold Troy city income tax, a new method has been developed to enable you to use the web to complete your forms. Each business that files an annual return and each employer who withholds Troy city tax will receive a mailer which will instruct you to visit your own personalized URL address on the web. Once you have logged into this site, you will be able to complete your forms, print them out and mail them in. For businesses and employers who do not have internet access, please contact our office at 339-3861 once you have received this mailer. We will print and mail the forms directly to you.

We hope that the simplified Individual Income Tax Return and the new process for preparing the Business Income Tax Returns and Employer Withholding Remittances will make the process of completing these required forms much easier! As always, if you wish to have the staff of the Income Tax Division assist you in completing your Individual Income Tax Return, simply bring your information to our office at 100 S. Market St., City Hall, First Floor. There is no appointment necessary and no charge for this service! Extended hours closer to the April 15th deadline will be available. Please watch our website, [www.troyohio.gov](http://www.troyohio.gov), for these extended hours to be posted.

## Utility Bills to Have New Look

In Spring 2009, your City of Troy Utility Bill will have a new look!

Your new utility bill will arrive as a full letter-sized sheet, and will be mailed to you in an envelope. For your convenience, we will include an envelope (postage required) for you to mail back the stub portion of the bill with your payment.

A special added feature to this new bill format will be a "Troy Community Message Board." This area will provide you with up to date information regarding important city events, seasonal items (such as leaf pick-up), and any other items of interest that we can post on this message board for you. Future billings will also include issues of the Troy City View newsletter as well as flyers from City of Troy departments. Hobart Arena events and schedules, Troy Aquatic Park information and recreational opportunities are just a few of the things that we will be able to provide to you in this new Utility Bill mailing.

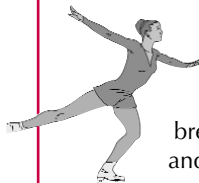
Watch your mailbox for an early Spring arrival of your new-look Utility Bill!

## Sculptures on the Square

Sculptures on the Square returns to downtown Troy from May 3 to September 22, 2009. The upcoming exhibit will feature sculptures by a variety of local, state and regional artists. The only requirement is that all the sculptures must be family friendly and created in durable permanent media at least three feet in height. Interested artists have until February 16, 2009 to submit their proposal to Troy Main Street. From the submissions, a committee will choose up to 30 to be displayed. At the end of the exhibit, the sculptures will be auctioned with 25% of the proceeds going to Troy Main Street.

Additionally, there will be a companion exhibit of smaller sculptures of less than three feet in height displayed at the Hayner Cultural Center. This indoor exhibit will run from June 21 through August 15. For more information please visit Troy Main Street's website at [www.troymainstreet.org](http://www.troymainstreet.org).

## HAPPENINGS AT HOBART ARENA



### PUBLIC SKATING

Hobart Arena will host several public skating sessions while students are on Christmas break. Check for public skating sessions dates and times at [www.hobartarena.com](http://www.hobartarena.com)



### DAYTON BOMBERS HOCKEY

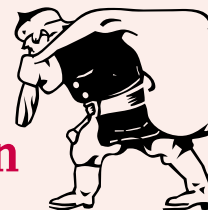
The Dayton Bombers return to the Hobart Arena ice this season for more hard hitting hockey action. Bring the family out and enjoy an evening of professional hockey right in your own backyard. With two games at the Arena already under their belts, the Bombers take the ice four more times in 2009:



Saturday, February 7 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Johnstown Chiefs  
Saturday, February 14 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Wheeling Nailers  
Saturday, March 14 @ 7:30 p.m. vs. Gwinnett Gladiators  
Sunday, March 22 @ 5:00 p.m. vs. Gwinnett Gladiators

Doors for all games will open one hour before face-off. All tickets are \$15.00 and are available at the Hobart Arena ticket office, online at [www.hobartarena.com](http://www.hobartarena.com), or by phone at (937) 339-2911.

## Troy Aquatic Park Season Passes & Holiday Promotion



### SEASON PASSES ARE ON SALE NOW.

Purchase your pass between December 15 and February 28 and receive \$20.00 off any membership, or in March and receive \$10.00 off any membership. Gift certificates are also available and make a great Holiday gift!

	2009 Rate	Dec.-Feb. Rate	March Rate
Family of 5 or less	\$190.00	\$170.00	\$180.00
Additional members	\$ 10.00/each	\$ 10.00/each	\$ 10.00/each
Grandparent pass	\$ 40.00/each	\$ 40.00/each	\$ 40.00/each
Adult	\$100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00
Student	\$ 76.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 66.00
Senior (60+)	\$ 76.00	\$ 56.00	\$ 66.00

### BENEFITS OF BEING A SEASON PASS HOLDER

- \* Only Season Pass Members can swim on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.
- \* Discounted rates on swim lessons, water aerobics and swim team.
- \* Unlimited in and out privileges

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

# CITY CLIPS



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO TROY

❖ Director of Law **Greg Dixon** will be leaving City service in February to become the Miami County Juvenile Court Judge. Mr. Dixon first took office as Director of Law on January 1, 1980, and has served the citizens of Troy for the past 29 years. Greg Dixon will be missed not only for his advice and counsel, but for his loyal service and dedication to the City of Troy.

❖ Planning Director **Mark Cundiff** accepted the position of Village Manager for the Village of Yellow Springs, Ohio, after nearly 8 years with the City of Troy. We wish Mark good luck in his new role!

## CITY OF TROY EMPLOYEE NEWS

❖ Two City employees were recently promoted into new positions. **Scott Taylor** was promoted to Senior Sewer Distribution Serviceman, and **Jeff Monce** was promoted to Water Treatment Plant Mechanic. Congratulations Scott and Jeff!

❖ The City of Troy also welcomed two new employees. **Jeff Cyphers** was appointed to the newly created position of MIS Technican, and **Nicholas Freisthler** was appointed as the newest Police Officer. Congratulations and welcome to the City of Troy Team!

## CITY OF TROY 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; Partnerships; Fiscal Prudence; High Quality Service Delivery; and Transparency.

# DIRECTORY OF CITY OFFICIALS

- Mayor . . . . .Michael L. Beamish, 339-1221
- President of Council . . . . .Martha A. Baker, 335-6397
- Council Members by Ward:
  - . . . . .1st Ward, Thomas M. Kendall, 339-7110
  - . . . . .2nd Ward, Thomas H. Kirkham, 335-2932
  - . . . . .3rd Ward, John W. Schweser, 524-9162
  - . . . . .4th Ward, Jarrod W. Harrah, 332-1686
- Council Members At-Large:
  - . . . . .Alan R. Clark, 335-2361
  - . . . . .Mark A. Douglas, 339-4506
  - . . . . .Frank L. Hutchinson, 335-3352
- Director of Law . . . . .Greg Dixon, 339-1500
- Auditor . . . . .Richard L. Cultice, 335-2224
- Treasurer . . . . .Edward L. Cox, 335-8840
- Director of Public Service & Safety
  - . . . . .Patrick E. J. Titterington, 335-1725
- Assistant Director of Public Service & Safety
  - . . . . .Thomas C. Funderburg, 339-7639
- Clerk of Council and Administrative Assistant
  - . . . . .Sue G. Knight, 335-1725
- Development Director . . . James A. Dando, Jr., 339-9601
- Recreation Director . . . . .Kenneth E. Siler, 339-5145
- Fiscal Supervisor . . . . .Michelle M. Jordan, 339-3861
- Fire Chief . . . . .Christopher L. Boehringer, 335-5678
- Police Chief . . . . .Charles C. Phelps, 339-7525
- Park Superintendent . . . . .Timothy J. Mercer, 335-4612
- Cemetery Superintendent . . . . .Lewis J. Deeter, 335-2710
- Director of Golf . . . . .Kenneth D. Green, 335-4457
- City Engineer . . . . .Deborah J. Swan, 339-2641

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



**The City of Troy**  
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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](http://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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