

President of Council, Bill Rozell  
Members of Troy City Council  
City Hall  
Troy, Ohio

Council President and Council Members:

Farewell to 2024!! It was a wonderful year in and for the City of Troy. We have an amazing, thriving and successful community for our residents AND our businesses. We continue to be a sought-after location for both, and we continue to be a draw for visitors who come to eat, shop and be entertained and do business.

Our city staff, across the board in every department, do an amazing job day in and day out, and I am honored to be interacting and working with them every day and throughout the year.

Every year starts with a robust list of city projects. 2024 had 110 listed projects. Most are completed, and some will continue into 2025. Just to mention a few:

- While this is currently on hold due to volatile pricing, we continue to pursue a natural gas aggregation program.
- Downtown public bathrooms are a reality, and we thank the owner of The Mayflower for working with us on this project.
- We look forward to the completion of the West Main Street Project when Phase II wraps up in spring of 2025.
- The privately-owned former Spinnaker property was sold and remains under evaluation by the property owner.
- We continue to reinvest in our parks, upgrading playground equipment, rec trails, resurfacing of the tennis and pickleball courts, as well as reseeding the baseball fields. We also anticipated new lights at the North Market Street Softball Fields and a new Park Department Maintenance Building at Duke Park in 2024, but these carried over into 2025.
- The Low Head Dam continues to be designed and is slated to begin in 2025, along with the redevelopment of the Crawford Street corridor and Herrlinger Park.
- We spent \$1.5M on repaving 11 miles as a part of the annual summer Paving Program.
- Many utility projects at both the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant have been completed or are ongoing.
- The Planning Commission completed the new long-range Comprehensive Plan and is currently working with the same company on updating the zoning code and subdivision regulations.
- Negotiations with our six unions were completed late 2024 and 3-year contracts are now in place.
- Our City Manager and Troy Development Director completed a 1-week trade mission to Europe. We expect several expansions and partnerships to be announced in 2025 as a result of this trip.

While I participate in some of the planning meetings for the following events, the City Administration and staff (from most all departments) work tirelessly year-round with our community partners (the Chamber, Troy Main Street, Troy-Hayner Cultural Center) to

provide quality and varied entertainment for our residents and visitors... the Tour de Donut, the Prouty Plaza summer concert series, Sculptures on the Square, the Troy Strawberry Festival, concerts at Treasure Island Park and Hobart Arena, the Grand Illumination, Hometown Halloween, the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade/concert/fireworks, and more.

Additionally, in 2024 (in no particular order)...

- The City of Troy (and multiple other communities across the state and country) enjoyed the rare phenomenon of the total solar eclipse. We saw many visitors from a wide range of cities and states that weekend;
- I do a monthly radio interview with Lori Burch on Power 107 highlighting city news and/or events;
- I attend events at the schools as requested (DARE graduations, Career Days, reading to classrooms, clubs, etc...);
- I have spoken at the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs, and attend the Miami Valley Veterans monthly coffee meetings as often as my schedule allows;
- I was pleased to do proclamations this year to honor Freudenberg's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as the First Lutheran Church's 145<sup>th</sup>, along with several 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays for residents;
- It was an honor to be invited to attend the WPAFB Change of Command ceremonies and to welcome the new base commander;
- Representing the city, I have attended almost 30 ribbon cuttings, Community Awards Night, the Annual Dinner, multiple "State of" luncheons, as well as various other Chamber events;
- As mayor I preside at the swearing-in of police officers, employee retirements, extend congratulations for promotions, conduct the Mayor's Youth Council, and attend all budget meetings with city staff throughout every fall;
- I meet as needed/requested with our State Rep., Congressmen Mike Carey, Senator Steve Huffman and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, as well as their staff, either in phone meetings or in-person;
- I normally attend the annual OML Mayors Conference but did not this year due to knee replacement surgery;
- In August, I made a visit to the JETRO (Japanese External Trade Organization) headquarters in downtown Chicago;
- In October, the Planning Commission formally approved our new Comprehensive Plan after 18 months of intensive work by American Structurepoint and city staff. The work continues as we develop a new UDC (Unified Development Code), using and updating our current zoning code;
- In November, I attended a farewell reception for the Japanese Consul General, Yusuke Shindo, at The Official Residence in Bloomfield Hills, MI, and was honored to be one of two people asked to give a farewell speech.

I serve on multiple boards, attend many meetings and read and sign many documents. This provides daily and varied opportunities to represent the City of Troy,

both administratively and on a personal level. These meetings are both in and out of the city, in and out of City Hall, with city staff, with our current business owners, with potential business owners, with our non-profits, and with residents and visitors.

Below is a list of the boards that I currently serve on:

- City of Troy Community Improvement Corporation (CIC)
- City of Troy Planning Commission
- City of Troy Records Commission
- Activate Troy Partnership (ATP)
- GDAMMA (Greater Dayton Area Mayors and Managers Association) (*Vice President, 2020-21; President, 2022-23; Immediate Past President, 2024-25*)
- Family & Children First Council (FCFC)
- First Responders Roundtable w/the Sheriff, our Chief of Police, our Fire Department Chief, and Service & Safety Director
- Kettering Health-Troy Administrative Roundtable
- Mayor's Roundtable
- Mayor's Youth Council
- Miami County Community Corrections Planning Board
- Miami County Council
- Miami County Drug-Free Coalition
- Miami County Hazard Mitigation Committee
- Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (*MVRPC Exec. Committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair; member of the Board of Directors*)
- MVRPC Regional Transportation Planning Organization Steering Committee
- Ohio Municipal Mayors Association (OML)
- Sculptures on the Square Committee (SOS)
- Tri-City Mayors & Managers
- UVMC Administrative Roundtable
- America-250/Troy (planning events for 2026 celebrating America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday; the City of Troy is a registered America-250 city)

All of these shared experiences are so important in representing the City of Troy and Miami County, networking and sharing the opportunities that exist, along with maintaining relationships with the community and business leaders who have chosen to locate here and in the region.

It is, has been, and continues to be my pleasure and honor to represent the City of Troy.

Sincerely,

Robin I. Oda  
Mayor