



# Public News For Public Works

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## 2013 HARVEST FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN

The **2013 Harvest for Hunger Campaign** was once again a huge success for the Department of Public Works. With **Amy McDonald** and **Ashley Oliver** coordinators for Stonebridge/Test Lab and Bridge Garage Facilities, they collected just over **\$390.00!!** This year, events consisted of

dress down Mondays for the month of March, raffling off a parking spot directly in front of Stonebridge and two tickets to see Eddie Money at the House of Blues, donated by **Chris George**. Amy and Ashley ended the campaign with a pizza party at Stonebridge. Pizza was purchased by **Stan Kosilesky**, paper products, pop and

chips were purchased by **Doug Dillon** for the event. Thank you also to **Lisa Willey** for helping out with the pizza party. Every Tuesday at the Valley View Facility, **Adrienne Simons** along with **Patrick Gallagher** held a "Coffee and Morning Treat Sale". Supervisors, **Bryan Hitch**, **Gary Green**, **Todd Swindell**, **Guy Swindell**, **Suzanne Britt**, **John Gribble**, **Mitch Holt**, **Lou Ragone** and **Bill Applegarth** all contributed money towards buying supplies, Adrienne spent Monday evenings baking for the sale. **Michael Dever** also made a significant contribution to-

wards the first "donut/coffee offering" during the Emergency Response Seminar, raising a total of **\$328.00!!** **Carolynn Ragan** along with help from **Amy Murray** raised **\$277.00** by having a "Dawg" sale at the Justice Center to benefit the campaign. The Justice Center café vendor

**AVI**, generously donated the hot dogs, buns and condiments for the event. **Amy Murray** also held a bake sale at the Justice Center where she and volunteers raised **\$349.45!!** Thanks goes out to **John Thompson**, **Tess Hastings** and **Ben Cannon**, **Anna Welch**, **Carmen Jones**, **Mary Gould** and **Rod McCrey** for their help with setting up, baking and clean up at the Justice Center. **Jackie Smith**, held a raffle which raised **\$240.00** –

**Larry Klimkowski** was the winner of a \$120.00 gift card, \$20.00 was raised through dress down, **\$120.00** was then donated to **Harvest For Hunger**. **Grand total donated to the 2013 Harvest for Hunger Campaign from the Department of Public Works is \$1,464.45 and 55 pounds of canned goods. Great job to all the hard work of the coordinators, volunteers and supporters of this years campaign.**





# Cuyahoga County Headquarters



Earlier this year, the Cuyahoga County Council approved a 26 year lease for a new administrative headquarters to be built at the northeast corner of East 9th Street and Prospect Avenue in downtown Cleveland's business district. The location is a block from Euclid Avenue in one direction and Playhouse Square in another.

The planned eight story building is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in July 2014. The design development package of the base building is under review and schematic design of the tenant spaces was recently completed. The sustainable design and construction goal is LEED Silver, Leadership Energy and Environmental Design. LEED-certified buildings are designed to: Lower operating costs and increase asset value, reduce waste to

landfills, conserve energy and water, be healthier and safer for occupants, reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions and qualify for tax rebates, zoning allowances and other incentives

in hundreds of cities. Silver is the second level of four, many government buildings earn this rating.

The entrance of the new headquarters will face the corner of East 9th and Prospect Ave. and open into a two story lobby. The building is placed on an existing trian-

gular south facing plaza along Prospect Ave, and Huron Rd. The park will be refurbished after construc-



Press conference "demolition begins" Fred & Greg Geis from Geis Construction, Executive Ed Fitzgerald & County Council President C. Ellen Connally.

tion is completed. A freestanding bridge extends from an existing parking garage across Prospect Ave. to create an additional entry to the facility on the 4th floor.

Nearly 800 county employees will move into the facility. The occupants will include the Cuyahoga County Executive, County Council offices, chambers and committee rooms, the Planning Commission, Fiscal Departments, Department of Development, Inspector General, the Planning Commission, Internal Audit, IT, Human Resource Commission and Public Works Departments as well as Public Safety and Procurement and Diversity.



Demolition at site of new County Headquarters - April 9th.



Rendering of new County headquarters

## Good News!!

Marc Solomon, Service Tech with Terminix sent an e-mail wanting to let us know that since **Gina Ware, Administrative Officer** has taken control of the County Animal Shelter, that it has never looked or smelled better.

An e-mail sent from Inspector General, Nailah Byrd along with LaTia Mays, Executive Assistance, both wanted to express how incredibly pleased they were with **Gary Wolf, Carpenter Foreman**, and his team during the recent IG office lock change. Gary

made sure the Inspector General and LaTia were kept in the loop on the job status through e-mails, phone calls and office visits. In addition, he took the time to explain each step in the process and ensured that the IG Agency had no questions or concerns as the process moved forward. Gary and his team were accommodating, patient and highly considerate of the sensitive security needs of the Agency.



A Richmond Heights resident recently sent an e-mail about the wonderful service he received at his home on Brush Rd. He wanted to give praise to **Eugene Palladino, Equipment Operator and Lonnie Cobbins, Sewer Maintenance Worker** for the great job they did

at his home. They snaked the line which was blocked in and out with heavy roots, paper and sludge. the resident said "They were angels".

Mr. Rob Jaworski, a resi-

dent of Parma wanted to make sure that **Rob Pokorny and Jordan Charnigo** were recognized for their outstanding work that they recently did at Mr. Jaworki's home. The problem was resolved within 45 minutes. Thank you also goes out to **Leslie Jech, Senior Clerk** for her outstanding service when he called the Valley View Facility for assistance.

## SAFETY...

**May is National Electrical Safety Month.** It's a good time to look around your home and eliminate overloaded electrical outlets, worn or damaged electrical cords, and appliances that spark. Help protect small children by placing protective covers on all un-

used outlets with in the child's reach. The No. 1 electrical safety rule for anyone to remember is—don't touch a power line or anything that's touching the power line such as a tree limb. No one can tell by looking at a line whether it is energized or not, and contact

with a power line can be deadly. Keep liquids, such as soft drinks, away from electrical items, including TV's, VCRs, and computers. They could spill and cause dangerous shocks and fires. Help children learn to stay away from transformers and other

ground-mounted electrical equipment.





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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Ginger Cox**, is the new Capital Plan Construction Administrator for the Department of Public Works. Ginger's main current function is the project management of the new County Headquarters and ensuring that the county's interests are represented in both the design and construction phase. Ginger previously worked as a senior

project manager for the consulting firm of Greenman & Pedersen, Inc. (GPI). Her most recent projects with GPI include the Inter-County Connector in Maryland and the Cleveland Innerbelt Bridge, two of the nations largest transportation design-build projects. Ginger is happy to back be in the Akron area where she has family and friends and

the opportunity to be a part of the DPW team. She is hoping to make a difference in the County and help the administration meet the goals of an efficient county government. In her spare time Ginger takes pleasure in playing folk

music on her acoustic guitar as well as playing classical piano. Ginger also enjoys spending time with her 11 year old Weimaraner named M o - M o , who is still a puppy at heart.



## Spring Cleaning....

After being cooped up in a stuffy house all winter long, it's finally time to open the windows, and take on your annual spring cleaning. But often the chemicals found in conventional cleaning products can be more dangerous than the dirt they're intended to clean. You can try one of the many "green" cleaning products

sold in just about every store. But, you might think about making your own home-made inexpensive cleaners. Here are a few basic "recipes" to get you started; For **glass**, mix 1/4 cup vinegar (sold in cooking section of grocery



stores) with 1 quart of water in a spray bottle. For **floors**, mix 4 cups vinegar with about 1 gallon of hot water, you might like to add a few drops of peppermint or lemon oil for a nice smell. To **disinfect**, mix 2 teaspoons borax, 4 tablespoons vinegar, 3 cups hot water, and 1/4 teaspoon

liquid castile soap (borax and castile soap are sold in natural food stores). Try using equal parts of lemon juice and olive oil for **wood furniture**, apply a small amount to a cloth, and rub onto furniture in long, even strokes. For **mold and mildew**, just swipe with straight vinegar.



# *MAY BIRTHDAYS!!!*



5/2	Arthur Savage	5/20	William I. Nugent
5/6	Chris Costin	5/22	Monique A. Schulte
5/6	Timothy J. Fogarty	5/22	Gerald T. Schmitt
5/7	Norbert Gruhn	5/23	Richard Brewer
5/9	James J. Kusner	5/24	Derek Thompson
5/10	David A. Harrivel	5/24	Jaoudat S. Charif
5/10	Alfred Edwards, Jr.	5/25	Thomas Mewhinney
5/10	Deborah Vasquez	5/25	Colleen Gallagher
5/11	Anthony E. Franczak	5/25	James Sullivan
5/12	Anthony H. Hughes	5/27	Mark E. Elsesser
5/12	Curtis Cousineau, III	5/27	Dominic DeSciscio
5/13	Frank J. Fazio, Sr.	5/27	Tom Sotak
5/13	Peter A. Sera	5/28	Richard Adkins
5/13	John M. Joyce		
5/15	Thomas Chambers		
5/16	James P. Moore, Sr.		
5/17	William Becker		
5/17	David Frank		
5/18	Alan L. Collins		
5/18	Martin Masterson		
5/18	Colleen Patton		
5/20	Mitchell Holt		

