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THE WESTERN RESERVE PLAN

For nearly a century, Cuyahoga County has explored ways to consolidate and improve service delivery among our many different communities. Since 1917, civic reform groups have envisioned a county where consolidation could improve services, lower taxes and increase efficiency. The Western Reserve Plan will focus on these 12 key areas. **Metropolitan Government:** Im-

plementing a practical strategy for creating a functioning, county-wide metropolitan government. **Entrepreneurship and Job Growth:** Establishing Greater Cleveland as a center of entrepreneurship and job growth. **Downtown Cleveland:** Designing a place-based development strategy which recognizes the centrality of downtown Cleveland to the region as a whole. **Human Service Needs:** Aligning and coordinating both public and private resources around our most pressing human service needs. **Education:** Identifying education, from early childhood forward, as the central factor in individual and community success. **Health and Wellness:** Embracing a health and wellness culture which mirrors the excellence of our major medical institutions. **Economic Inclusion:** Incorporating economic inclusion as a guiding principle in our economic development strategy. **International City/ Younger Generations:** Branding our metropolitan area as an international city which harnesses the energy

of our younger generations. **Foreclosure Crisis:** Adopting a collaborative approach to the foreclosure crisis-from prevention to restoration. **Veterans:** Honoring the service of our veterans by giving them priority in hiring, training and education. **Public Safety:** Protecting our county by leading a county-wide public safety initiative. **Good Government:** Creating a culture within county government which implements nationally recognized good government practices and innovations. The handout is a part of the Department of Public Works Regional Services that are offered to communities.

The Western Reserve Plan: Achieving Efficiencies Through County-Provided Services

The Department of Public Works Mission Statement:

To provide and maintain a safe and efficient infrastructure system for residents, employees, businesses, and visitors through innovative solutions, high-quality workmanship, and superior customer service.



"Through our Western Reserve Plan, we hope to help communities find efficiencies through expanded county-provided services. Our Department of Public Works offers a variety of services for your consideration."

Ed Hoffmann

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works Regional Services

Services We Offer

We offer a variety of services to choose from that benefit the Cuyahoga County communities. These important services include:

- Sewer Inspection, Repair & Maintenance**
 - Lateral & Mainline Sewer Repair/Cleaning
 - Digital Video Inspecting
 - Treatment Plant & Pump Station
 - Catch Basins
 - Manhole Rebuilds
 - 24/7 Call-out Service
 - Smoke & Dye Testing
 - Construction Inspection/Permits
- Bridge Inspection & Repair**
 - Bridge Inspection
 - Rolling Repair
 - Concrete Repair
- Road Maintenance**
 - Traffic Counts
 - Crack Sealing
 - Street Sweeping
 - ADA Ramp and Sidewalk Repair
 - Drive Apron Repair/Replacement
- General**
 - Engineering
 - Health & Safety Inspection
 - Printing
 - Fleet Inspection and Maintenance



Contact Us

If you would like to learn more about the cost-saving services that the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works can offer to your community, contact us.

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ENERGY SAVINGS

The **Efficiency Smart Business Energy Rebates Program**, is an easy way for businesses in participating communities to receive funding for common energy efficiency projects. Eligibility requires cumulative annual electric usage for small to medium-sized businesses between 20,000 kWh and 500,000 kWh, larger or multi-facility business with cumulative annual electric usage of over 500,000 kWh. Rebates are available in the following categories; Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC), Lighting and Controls, Motors and Variable Frequency Drives, Compressed Air, Refrigeration and Food Service. Projects with a final completion date in 2011 or 2012 were accepted under 2013 program guidelines. The Department of Public Works lighting and heat pump automation projects fell into the timeline and met the qualifications for the retroactive rebate. **Gerard Salomon, Assistant Energy Manager**, submitted the application, including the rebate re-

quest form for the Efficiency Smart Rebate last February with the help of our Energy Control Contractor, Brewer Garrett Company which provided all technical documents. The Efficiency Smart Organization, reviewed our Energy Conservation measures at Courthouse Square and the Juvenile Justice Center, inspected the equipment that were installed at these facilities in question and sent us an agreement to be signed. One of the requirements for the project must involve a facility improvement that results in a permanent reduction in electrical

DPW on our recent completion of energy-saving improvements at our facilities, along with a incentive payment check in the amount of **\$60,050.00!!** By lowering our energy use, the **Department of Public Works** and thousands of other Ohio businesses are keeping energy dollars in Ohio and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.



energy usage. The lighting and heat pumps at both Courthouse Square and the Juvenile Justice Center met this requirement. Efficiency Smart Organization sent a letter congratulating the

Good News!!

Mr. Prochaska, resident of Maple Heights called to say, the men that serviced his home, **Santo Bernardi, Equipment Operator** and **Charles Goodrum, Sewer Maintenance Worker** were very nice, pleasant, did a good job and that they provided the best service he has ever received.



Parma residents Tim and Pauline Velbeck were experiencing a great deal of rain which caused flooding in their basement on Center Drive. They were not aware of the service provided by the DPW to residents of Parma with flooding issues until they talked with their neighbor. Mr. and Mrs. Velbeck would like to take this opportunity and thank **Wendy Clark, Dispatcher** at the Valley View location. Wendy was pleasant, informative and personable. Mr.

& Mrs. Velbeck went on to say, Wendy was a bright spot during their flooding issues.

In August, the Cleveland Fire Department conducted a fire inspection of the Old Courthouse on Lakeside Avenue. **Alan Berman, Safety and Health Coordinator** was meeting with Fire Inspector Hodges. Prior to meeting with the inspector Alan along with **Custodial Supervisor, Karen Gonzalez** walked the entire building to make sure that there wasn't anything glaringly obvious that we could be written up on. Alan found a room with multiple fire hazards including cardboard boxes leaning directly on the electrical switch gear and electrical panels that were difficult to access because they were blocked by boxes. There were old paint cans on shelves and a very old floor fan that continuously runs. Karen not only took

care of the issues herself, but she took the time to contact individual trades people to have them immediately remove the hazards they were responsible for. Alan would like to recognize Karen for her actions and eagerness to complete an important task in a very short period of time. Job well done!

Looking for the perfect canine companion? Stop by the County Animal Shelter. **Meet Puddles;** She is a 3 year old female Bichon/Poodle mix. She enjoys going for walks and cuddle time. If your interested in adopting Puddles or any other dog, please call or visits the **County Animal Shelter at 9500 Sweet Valley Drive, Valley View (216) 525-7877.** Volunteers and some of their ca-



nine friends will be at the following locations in October; **Appalachian Outfitters/Kendall Cliffs**, on 10/5 from 11-3, 60 Kendall Park Rd., in Peninsula. **Wolleybear Festival**, on 10/6 from 10-3, 5495 Liberty Ave., in Vermillion. **Pet Supplies Plus**, on 10/13 from 12-2, 34370 Aurora Rd. **Spooky Pooch Parade** on 10/19 from 12-3, at St.

Charles & Detroit Rd., in Lakewood. And **Pet Supplies Plus**, on 10/19 & 10/20, from 11-3 at 34370 Aurora Rd., in Solon.

SAFETY...

October is Fire Prevention Month. The US Fire Administration reports that fires kill more than 4,000 Americans each year and approximately injure 20,000 more. According to the American Red Cross, nationally, the number of home fires is on the rise with the number of fires increasing 8% since 2000. Here are a few simple

rules to keep you and your family safe. Install a smoke alarm on every level of your home and test monthly. The fire death rate in homes with working smoke alarms is 51% less than the rate for homes without protection. Prevent electrical fires, don't overload circuits or extension cords with too many appliances.



High wattage appliances need special, heavy-duty extension cords. Clean dryer vents, clean the filter every time you start a load of clothes. Talk with household members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year, know at least two ways out of each room.

Only 26% of families have actually developed and practiced a home escape plan. If a fire occurs in your home, **GET OUT, STAY OUT** and **CALL** for help.



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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Alan Berman is the new **Health and Safety Coordinator for the Department of Public Works**. Before accepting the position, Alan worked as the Donor Referral Coordinator for Life Banc in Warrensville Heights. Prior to moving back to Cleveland, Alan worked for 25 years at a fire department in Maryland, where he was a Fire

Fighter, Paramedic, Captain and a Police Officer. As the DPW Health & Safety Coordinator, Alan's duties above all is to assure the safety of employees and visitors at every DPW facility. Alan makes certain that all National and Federal safety practices and programs are followed. He maintains, coordinates and develops various safety programs

for employees. Alan's objective is to make Cuyahoga County the safest county in the country where other counties are modeled after. Some of Alan's



hobbies are flying radio controlled helicopters and collecting baseball cards, one of his most cherished baseball cards that Alan owns, is the Ted Williams, rookie card.

Human Resource Corner:

During the month of September there were a series of Wellness Fairs held at various County Buildings. A special thanks to the employees at Sanitary that made the fair a success by their attendance. These fairs are held annually and have become beneficial for

employees who not only earn vitality points by participating, but also at the time of their screening may find out that there are some issues that need to be addressed. Although that may not sound good, it may have saved their life. If you did not have a chance to participate

in one of the fairs and earn vitality points, you can always log on to "vitality" and take a few assessment tests to check your wellness. Protect yourself from the flu virus this year. Log on to <http://intranet.cuyahoga.cc/en-US/FluShots2010.aspx> for times, cost and the

nearest location, no appointment necessary.



October Birthdays !!!



10/2	Gregory Taylor	10/18	Warren L. Dolezal
10/2	Tracey Goode	10/18	Charles Dickerson
10/2	William Kiss	10/18	Elenora Burks
10/3	Ben Cannon, III	10/20	Norman Wyatt
10/3	Rickey Thomas	10/21	Ann Greco
10/7	Stephanie Hill	10/22	Timothy F. Tatum
10/9	Edwin Maher	10/23	John A. DiLauro
10/10	Anthony Merritt	10/25	Maria Cordaro
10/10	Brendan G. Finn	10/25	Joseph R. Barry
10/10	Matthew A. Pastorelle	10/26	Kevin Mahaney
10/11	Michael Parks	10/26	Jim Miller
10/11	Michael Tobin	10/27	James Taylor
10/11	Rene Hilton	10/28	Deborah Thompson
10/12	Nancy Farina	10/29	James Rasch
10/13	Amy Murray	10/29	Robin Greene
10/14	Sandra Carson	10/29	Mindy Naticchioni
10/14	Gino Bucurescu	10/31	Karen Gonzalez
10/15	Joseph H. Hutter		
10/15	Candy K. Estok		
10/17	James J. Hazimihalis		
10/17	Raymond Purcell		
10/17	Darla Markham		
10/18	Michael Pierce		

