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Columbus Road Lift Bridge

On July 28th at approximately 6:00 a.m., the Columbus Road Lift Bridge began its journey down the Cuyahoga River. The U.S. Coast Guard granted a four-day navigation channel closure to complete the massive undertaking. The American Bridge Company, performed the 'float-in' operation of the new lift span, secured on a barge, and supported by four steel pillars positioned over a deck, which were set on special rubberized tires called crawlers, (the same kind of equipment used to transport the space shuttles to launch pads), traveled at two knots, for the half mile trip. Arriving at the Columbus Road crossing, it was attached to the existing 137 foot, tall truss towers that will support the new lift span. Crews have worked on the lift span at the lay-down yard, just west of the Carter Road Bridge in the flats since June 2013. The new lift span weighs 1,940,700 pounds and is nearly 242 feet long, 60 feet wide as well as 26 feet tall and



is designed to carry 6,300 vehicles a day, linking Ohio City with the Flats and Downtown

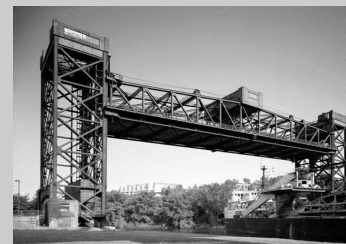


Cleveland. A considerable amount of the material was reused and recycled on this project, such as, 850,000 pounds of structural steel from the old truss as well as many of the existing electrical components. There still remains quite a bit of work and testing to be performed on the bridge



before it can official re-opened in October. The Columbus Road Lift Bridge was the first permanent bridge crossing

over the Cuyahoga River in Cleveland.



INNOVATIONS ~ No. 4

The following DPW staff participated in the fourth Innovation Program.

Larry Galvin, suggested modifying the Public Works emblem on the county Animal Shelter's business cards, entry doors and the deputy's trucks to better reflect that the shelter is part of Public Works and not the Animal Protective League. Larry's suggestion was accepted.

Mindy Naticchioni, recommended the installation of solar panels on county buildings to provide energy. The reviewing committee evaluated and accepted Mindy's idea, they looked into the possibility of installing solar energy systems and determined that it is highly likely that in the near future the county will undertake at least one project including solar energy on one of our facilities upgrades, however, no timeframe or specific location has been determined.

David Novak, had two suggestions for the review committee, No.1 he would like to have a separate bin



provided for collecting sanitary work uniforms in need of repair, No.2 he would like the fire extinguisher relocated away from the time clock in the main hallway for a safety precaution. Because of sanitary section's work involves public interaction on a daily basis, it is important to present a clean and professional appearance to the general public, therefore the suggestion has been accepted. Regarding the relocation of the fire extinguisher, this is a matter of safety rather than an innovation to improve the functions of the department. This will be brought to the attention of Safety and Heath Administrator, Alan Berman.

Christine Costello, and **Mark Russo**, both recommended the wearing of tee-shirts instead of heavy work shirts during the hot weather. Their idea was evaluated and accepted by making available high visibility green tee-shirts for purchase by county workers for wear during hot weather, this program will be implemented in 2015. **Mark Russo** also suggested eliminating

name tags from work shirts, the committee accepted the idea to temporarily cover names with tape while working in sensitive areas such as the Cuyahoga County Jail and the Juvenile Justice Center.

Leslie Jech and **Priscilla Moore** suggested developing a letter to homeowners explaining "MLO" (mainline overload). The committee suggested working with their immediate supervisor and the sewer maintenance superintendent so that the language may be clearly understood. The letter or door hang tag should include a phone number and email address so the homeowners will continue to have communication with the department if needed.

Mitchell Holt's suggestion was reviewed and accepted by the committee regarding improving the landscaping at the Valley View Facility. Improvements at Valley View will be underway.

All names were placed in the monthly drawing for a chance to win a \$50 gift card, the winner is; **Leslie Jech!!!!**

Good News!!

Members from the Group Plan Commission were a part of our selection committee for the Pedestrian Bridge to the Lakefront. Both members, Chris Ronayne and Ann Zoller commented on how thorough and well thought out our process for selecting consultants is. In addition, they, as well as Matt Carroll commented on how "awesome" **Lori Birschbach-Tober** was. However, Matt Carroll did say he missed **Nichole English!**

Vitality Platinum Member **Chris Costin**, was dissatisfied with the status of his health when he began the program. Chris knew he had another challenge to face other than diet and exercise: managing his asthma. As time went on Chris increased his physical activity as well as improving his diet by eliminating foods

and drinks with sugar. Within the first month of Chris's healthy lifestyle, he lost 15 pounds and his asthmas was no longer a problem when exercising, except in extreme cold. He now works out 3-4 times a week and also tries to run or bike ride five days a week for 20-30 minutes and continues to eat a healthy diet.

The Department of Development has graciously donated their bicycle for general use by any county employee. Consider using the bike instead of a car to go to your next meeting or to run out for lunch during business hours. Please contact Koula Celebrezze (3867) or Tamala DiFilippo (7657), to reserve the bike, safety vest, helmet

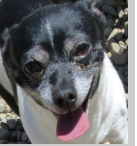


and lock are included.

The DPW picnic held at Whiskey Island on July 30th was a huge success. People came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, each other's company and participate in the double elimination cornhole tournament. First place winners were **Dave Marquard** and **Michael Chambers!!** Second place went to **John Joyce** and **John Thompson**. Thank you to **the Director and administration**, for supplying the food and **Tom Chambers** for organizing the cornhole tournament.

Meet **Loverboy**, he's a Rat Terrier/Chihuahua mix, he's a real cuddle bug that just loves to cuddle and be held close. Loverboy was treated for double cherry eye thanks to Best Friends Medical relief Fund.

Now he needs a loving home! Don't miss out on this adorable guy in kennel #363.



If you are looking for a great summer send off, come to Whiskey Island for the "Paw-ject Runway" on **September 14th!!** Does your dog have what it takes to be the "Next Top Dog-el"? If so enter him or her in the Calendar Dog Contest! The top 12 will grace the 2015 Dick Goddard's Best Friend's Medical Relief Fund Calendar. The contest starts at 1:00. This family and pet friendly event is packed with activities, games, face painting, food trucks vendors and music. Check out the Animal Shelter's website for ticket and other information, www.cuyahogadogs.com you can also register online.

SAFETY:

Almost everyone will be involved in a crisis at some point in their lives. That's why it's important to take **CPR, AED and First Aid training class**. Knowing what to in emergency situations can be the difference between someone living or dying,



between a temporary or permanent disability. It takes the brain six minutes to die once oxygen is cut off. It can take a person as little as five minutes to bleed to death. Bones that are not set may never hold weight. Cuts that are not cleaned can become infected. In the

minutes after a trauma, how the body is treated can make a world of difference to the outcome, and time is of the essence. Statistics show that 88% of cardiac arrests occur in the home which is another reason for the importance of CPR training. A person has ten minutes or under until death will occur without the administration of CPR. First Aid, AED and CPR

courses are of various types depending on the degree of certification you would like to obtain. These courses are very convenient and can be organized for an entire group of individuals or just yourself. Check out the city you live in, sometimes, training is offered for these training courses at a discount.



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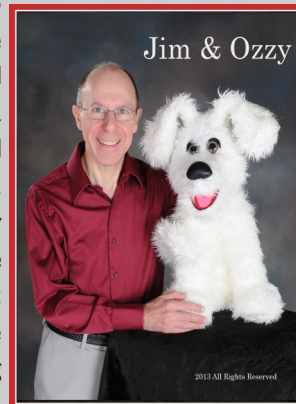
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EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

Jim Zaranec, Sanitary Engineer, is the newest member of the Sanitary Engineer's team. Jim reviews sanitary sewer plans as well as sewer inspection videos for the various municipalities. In the 1990's Jim became an accomplished public speaker, having attained the level of Advanced Toastmaster Bronze in the Toastmasters International public speaking organization. He used his love of being in front of an audience in his engineering career to

make presentations to various governmental agencies. When Jim's not at work, he enjoys entertaining people. What started out as fun in 1993 has grown into a wonderful hobby. Jim has had an interest in ventriloquism and musical instruments (he plays trombone and guitar) since he was a young child. After helping his daughter, Stef get ready for her third grade talent show, where she planned on performing a ventriloquism act, Jim's interest in ventrilo-

quism grew. Two puppets later, he is the proud owner of Ozzy, a one of a kind floppy-eared dog. Jim and Ozzy have become very popular; they travel the area performing for libraries, senior groups, schools, TV, and more. Ozzy has become the mascot of the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Commu-



nity Band, where they perform together at concerts.

Human Resource Corner:

Some employees will receive a lump sum merit payment for the 2013 performance evaluation in their August 29, 2014 checks. The payments will be as follows: a score of 3 will receive \$500, a score of 3.1 to 3.49 will receive \$1000, and a score of 3.5 and



up will receive \$1500. Please refer to MyHr for the full details and to review the qualifications that must be met in order to receive the payment.

Remember to log on to MyHr to complete the "2014 Ethics Training."

Click the "My Training" link and you can locate the course -under "Mandatory Annual Training" in the center of the screen. You are also required to complete the "2014 Workplace Harassment" training located in the same area. The Ethics and Workplace harass-

ment courses must be completed by December 31, 2014.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~ SEPTEMBER!!!!

9/1 Christopher George

9/1 David Griesmer

9/1 Sean Loftus

9/2 Sean T. Boyle

9/2 Timothy Burson

9/4 DeAngelo Jones

9/5 Donald Puda

9/5 Mark Vadini

9/6 Jordan D. Charnigo

9/6 Thomas Gabanic

9/6 Sonja Phillips-Husband

9/6 Latesha Ragland

9/6 Lenay Stevers

9/7 Mark R. Schulte

9/8 Thomas Regas

9/9 Hugh Blocksidge

9/9 Richard Saunders

9/10 Kevin Kearney

9/10 Michael McHale

9/10 Robert F. Pokorny

9/11 Danielle Clark

9/11 Toni McWilliams

9/11 William Statler

9/13 Kenneth Cox

9/13 Nichole English

9/14 Khaled Diab

9/14 Diana Milhouse

9/15 Gwendolyn Archie

9/16 Roderick McCrey

9/17 Michelle Haughawout

9/17 Kenneth Jones

9/18 Lisa Arnold

9/19 Thomas Licursi

9/20 Jerome Dubray

9/20 Frank Fracz

9/20 Laura Straka

9/20 Priscilla Moore

9/21 Timothy M. Stark

9/22 Latonya Hobbs

9/22 Patrick McTaggart

9/22 Brandon W. Skufca

9/23 Justin Gorczyca

9/23 Timothy C. Harris

9/23 Frances Lecate

9/24 Roberta Jones

9/24 Cheyla Robinson

9/25 Josphe Albergo

9/26 William Applegarth

9/27 Vincent White

9/29 David Bradford

9/29 Leo Joyce

9/30 Paul H. Smith

