



# Public News For Public Works

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## Charity Choice Campaign

The Department of Public Works would like to announce the **Charity Choice Campaign 2015!!** The campaign will run from October 1 through October 15. We aim to build on the momentum of previous years by recognizing the social, economic, and environmental issues evident in our local community. Charity Choice allows county employees to make tax-deductible donations to benefit over 300 local and Ohio based charities directly through payroll.

The selection of Charity Choice payroll deductions will once again run concurrent with Benefits Open Enrollment. You may select from the five federations; Community Health Charities, Greater Cleveland Community Shares, Earth Share Ohio, United Way and UNCF.

Choosing the charity of your choice is quick and easy, simply go to the MyHR homepage <https://myhr.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/home.aspx>, select whether you would like to make a one-time donation (deducted from your February 13, 2015 paycheck) or 26 bi-weekly, equal deductions from each 2015 paycheck.

You may also fill out a donation form, personal check or money order should be made to the federation (s). Please see the Charity Choice Coordinator in your building with any questions.

**Koula Celebrezze:** Administration Bldg.  
Bridge Garage  
Tax Map

**Terra Miller:** Valley View  
**Jackie Smith:** 1642 Lakeside Ave.  
**Maygan Kerr:** Animal Shelter  
**Dan DiGiammarino:** Airport  
**Norbert Gruhn:** York Yard  
**Darla Markham:** Brookpark Facility  
**Amy Murray:** Justice Center  
Courthouse  
Courthouse Square

**Carolynn Ragan:** Juvenile Justice Center  
Metzenbaum  
Jane Edna Hunter  
Virgil E. Brown  
Board of Elections  
Archives

**Judy Cetina:**

Thank you for your assistance and commitment to helping our community. Consider making a donation, any amount can have a profound impact on our community.



## Innovation Program ~ 5

The following staff participated in the Public Works Innovation Program.

**Jonathan Wagner**, suggested to the review committee, to relocate the gate opener from the old dispatch room to the front of the Animal Shelter. Jonathan's idea was accepted. When the new swipe system is installed, the company will also be installing a remote gate opener at the front desk.

**Meighan Hayden**, recommended to have more lighting in sections of the Huntington Park Garage. Specifically, she suggested additional lighting on the center ramp, especially from level 2 down to level 3 and 4, as well as additional lighting on the south side of level 3 going towards the ADA courthouse elevator.



Meighan's suggestion was discussed with the Facilities Design Section, repairs and upgrades are currently being planned for the HPG. The Facilities Design Section informed the committee that the adequacy of the lighting in the areas of the garage that Meighan pointed out, will be considered during the planning of the proposed work.

**Jim McConnell**, had two innovation ideas for the committee to review, the first one was to have blueprint reading classes. The committee will be meeting with Michael Dever to discuss implementing this training.

Jim also had a concern with the cleanliness of the York Road Maintenance Yard.

All accepted innovation ideas were placed in the

monthly drawing for a chance to win a \$50.00 gift card, and the winner is **Jonathan Wagner!!!**

# Good News!!



On October 16th, the Downtown Cleveland Alliance will be presenting

**Ginger Cox, Capital Plan Construction Administrator**, with the Downtown Development Award at the annual Ruth Ratner Miller Luncheon for her work with the Cuyahoga County Headquarters. The Downtown Development Awards are presented each year in recognition of recently completed projects that demonstrate significant investment in Downtown Cleveland. Congratulations Ginger!!!

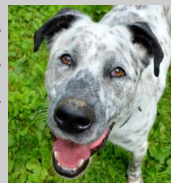
Over the summer **June Gauss, Engineer with the Bridge Design Department**, led 12-ninth grade students from Bay Village in the STEM Program, (Science,

Technology, Engineering & Math), along with four chaperones, on a walking tour of various bridges located near the Stonebridge office. Walking along the Superior Viaduct they were able to view the Veterans Memorial, Center Street, Jackknife, and the Main Avenue Bridges. June spoke about the bridges history, the design, and various aspects of how we design today.



**Ted Choukalas, Sewer Maintenance Worker Leader**, and his partner **Brian Elko, Jet Vac Operator**, were working in Garfield Heights on a recent Saturday, while taking a walk during their lunch, Ted witnesses a man breaking into a home. Ted, immediately called 911, while

waiting for the police to arrive, he observed the man exit the rear of the house, he chased the man down and caught him before he could climb over the fence. Police arrived as Ted caught the burglar and together they made the arrest.

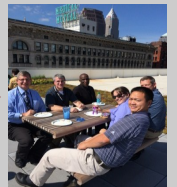


Meet **Skipper**, he's a 3 year old hound mix. This handsome boy certainly makes you take

a second look as you pass by his kennel. Skipper is an affectionate guy that is hoping for a new forever home. He arrived at the shelter needing surgery due to major pain in his hip. Thanks, to our Best Friend Medical Relief Fund, Skipper had the femoral head surgery need-

ed and is recovering quickly. He's a favorite with the staff and volunteers at the shelter. Stop in and meet Skipper, he's in kennel #57. The Animal Shelter is now open on Sundays, from 12:00 to 3:00.

Department of Public Works staff, that are located at the new headquarters enjoyed "pizza on the roof" during lunch, \$1.00 a slice.



The weather was beautiful and to enjoy lunch and utilize the green space as well as each others company was wonderful.



# SAFETY:

As the air turns and leaves drop from the trees, It's important to keep important safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness you and your family can enjoy the fall season weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come



with the season. Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to have your furnace serviced. Change smoke alarm batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for daylight saving time,

which will be November 2, 2014. Check and replace any home fire extinguisher that have expired. Make sure to use a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed. Check to make sure your

fireplace does not need a professional cleaning prior to your first fire. By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind, you can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers.



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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT:

**Bernice Tucker**, has been the Mail Room Supervisor for the Department of Public Works for the last 7 years, and has worked for the county for the last 18 years. Bernice, enjoys working with her staff to make sure that all inter-office as well as out-going mail is delivered throughout the administration building

as well as the Jane Edna Hunter building. Bernice is also the back-up supervisor if necessary for additional county buildings. Hats off to Bernice, she recently received her Liberal Arts Degree from CSU while attending part time, congratulations!!! During her time away from her job, Bernice is



busy with her daughter, Shalon and granddaughter Alayah as well as being the “coach mom”

while her son Scanlon coaches football for 6-8 year olds. Bernice and her boyfriend Marvin, have big hearts, they love cooking together and providing meals at the Lonnie Burten Recreation Center located at 2511 E. 46th, where no one is turned away.

## Human Resource Corner:

This years open enrollment will run from **October 1-15**.

Benefits information and instructional video is coming soon to MyHr, Open enrollment is on MYHR. Everyone must participate even those planning on not



making changes to their selections and those declining county benefits. Employees who do not know their

Employee ID number should contact their HR representative. Remember there will be no pa-

per confirmation given to employees. Employees must print their confirmations once they have made their on line selections.

For full Benefits Plan Documents and information please visit [MYHR@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:MYHR@cuyahogacounty.us) and click Benefits. If you have any

questions please feel free to contact benefits at ; [bene-fits@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:bene-fits@cuyahogacounty.us)

While you are selecting your health care coverage you can also make a donation to **Charity Choice**.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER !!!!

10/1	James Fischer	10/18	Michael Pierce
10/2	Gregory Taylor	10/18	Elenora Burks
10/2	William Kiss	10/18	Dan DiGiammarino
10/3	Ben Cannon	10/20	Norman Wyatt
10/3	Rickey Thomas	10/21	Ann Greco
10/5	Jose Rivera-Ortiz	10/22	Timothy F. Tatum
10/5	Stephanie Hill	10/23	John Dilauro
10/9	Edwin Maher	10/25	Maria Cordaro
10/10	Anthony Merritt	10/25	Joseph R. Barry
10/10	Brendan Finn	10/26	Kevin Mahaney
10/10	Matthew Pastorelle	10/26	Jim Miller
10/11	Michael Tobin	10/27	James Taylor
10/11	Rene Hilton	10/28	Deborah Thompson
10/11	Michael Parks	10/29	James Rasch
10/12	Nancy Farina	10/29	Robin Green
10/13	Amy Murray	10/29	Mindy Naticchione
10/14	Gino Bucurescu	10/31	Karen Gonzalez
10/14	Sandra Carson		
10/15	Joseph H. Hutter		
10/17	Darla Markham		
10/17	James Hazimihalis		
10/17	Raymond Purcell		
10/18	Warren Dolezal		

