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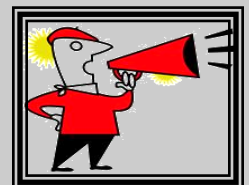
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## THE AVENGERS ARE COMING !!

Very exciting news for the City of Cleveland, in March, it was announced that scenes from the upcoming movie *The Avengers* will be filmed in Cleveland, beginning August 29th thru September 2nd. *The Avengers Movie* will be the largest film ever made in Ohio, it will be the second *Marvel/Disney* superhero movie filmed in Cleveland since scenes for "*Spider-Man III*" were shot downtown in 2006. The film will be directed by Academy Award nominated Josh Whedon and shot in 3-D. An estimated 2,000 extras will be employed with an estimated cost of \$30 million spent in Ohio during filming. The fictional superhero team first appeared in the *Marvel Comic Books* in September

1962, the current adventures of the superhero team is written by former Cleveland *Brian Bendis*, in one of his issues *Bendis* writes about Cleveland as the site of a giant superhero battle which bring the *Avengers* face to face with their arch enemies. The *Avengers* is an ever changing group of superheroes called on to save the earth from the malicious and vengeful race of aliens called the "*Skrulls*" and "*Krees*". The film will feature big-name actors reprising their superhero roles including: *Robert Downey Jr.* as *Iron Man*; *Samuel L. Jackson* as *Nick Fury*; *Scarlett Johanson* as the *Black Widow*; *Mark Ruffalo* as the

*Hulk*; *Chris Evans* as *Captain America* and *Tom Hiddleston* as *Thor*. Local areas where filming will take place will the *Ameritrust Building*, the *Court House* on *Lakeside Avenue*, *E. 9th Street* will be made over to look as if you were on *42nd Street* in *New York City*. The lower level of the *Veterans Memorial Bridge* will completely revamped to look as if it is the home of *Thor's* evil half-brother *Loki*. Release date for *The Avengers* movie is set for *May 24, 2012....check local listings for a theater near you.*



## Department Spotlight-Inspection Sanitary Engineering

The Sanitary Engineering Inspection Department monitors sewer construction and repair activities for 32 different communities with Cuyahoga County. Waterline and restoration inspection is done for certain communities and projects also. Currently there are seven inspectors working on activities ranging from house lateral connections to subdivisions, commercial work, pump stations, and treatment plants. Projects can last from one day to several months. The Inspectors are on the job from the time sewer trench excavation begins to when the trench is backfilled and he/she stays on the job the entire time. The inspection Supervisor (Jose Hernandez) is in charge of the Inspectors. The supervisor, in addition to the administrative duties of the Inspection Department, conducts field visits to the various job sites and attends pre-construction meetings for new projects. Work is done in conjunction with the Sanitary Permit and Engineering Department. Once a plan has been approved by the Engineering Department, a Sewer Installation Permit is issued to a contractor licensed through the county (there are 200 li-

censed contractors listed), and an inspection then can be scheduled. Only a 24-hour notice is required for scheduling; though lately with our busy workload, the sooner an inspection can be scheduled, the more likely the sewer contractor is granted his/her request. The Inspectors also assist in conducting final walk-through/ sewer acceptance and maintenance bond inspections (verified through looking in manholes and catch basins that the flow is satisfactory, the structures aren't leaking and there is no significant debris in the structure). In addition locating sewers, manholes, test tees, and sewer cleanouts, investigation of customer complaints (sewer back-ups) and sewer collapse/pipe damage, and verification of measurements/sewer records (distance between manholes, depth of sewers, direction of flow, ect.). The Inspector acts not only as a representative of the county, he/she is also a liaison between

officials, engineers, property/building owners, contractors and the general public. Our inspectors each have a least 5 years of experience in the Construction/Inspection field. The essential goals of the Inspection Department are to ensure the sewer construction, repair, restoration activities are performed according to the Cuyahoga County Standards and to provide accurate sewer construction records which remain on permanent file.

## GOOD NEWS

Ute Lindenmaier Viffroy, Court Administrator & Magistrate of the Eight District Court of Appeals, emailed to commend **Otilio Morales, Facilities Superintendent** and his team for their prompt manner in which repairs were made to the ceiling of Judge Mary J. Boyle's chambers. Special thanks goes out to **Carpenter Gary Wolf** and his staff, **Electrician Bryan Kelley's** crew and **Building Custodian Karen Gonzales**. During a weekend in April the suspended ceiling collapsed pulling out the frame, tiles and recessed lights over the judge's desk. Within three days both the clean-up and repairs were

completely done and Judge Boyle was back in her chambers. The entire job was handled with professionalism, skill and speed.

**James Hazimihalis and Matthew Pastorelle work for the Bridge Inspection Maintenance Department as Bridge Inspectors.** They were invited to attend the Career Day at the Adlai Stevenson School on Friday, May 20th. They presented a power point presentation along with describing what they do on a daily basis as Bridge Inspectors and showed the students the different

tools and equipment that are use to perform their duties. Both James and Matthew felt it was a great experience and hope to participate in next years Career Day.

Gina Ware, Permit Coordinator wrote a letter to **Tom Regas, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds** expressing her thanks to him for a job well done in coordinating and carrying out the reorganization move. Tom not only brought professionalism, he also brought humor making the move enjoyable. Gina goes on to say, that **Jeanette Mason,**

**Groundskeeper,** jumped in with both feet taking charge and going above and beyond helping to put the finishing touch on the move doing so without a complaint. Thank you to everyone that helped with the move.



## SAFETY:



Did you know that you are three times more likely to be involved in an accident when changing lanes than if you continue to drive in the same lane? Or how about the fact-as reported by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, that one out of 25 vehicle accidents is due to unsafe lane changes

and merges. That's approximately 530,000 collisions every year! So what can you do to avoid becoming a "lane change" statistic? Well...one of the biggest culprits for this safety issue is Blind Spots! The bad news is that most of vehicles have blind spots because drivers create them by adjusting their

mirrors incorrectly. The good news is that this problem can be easily fixed. Adjust your interior rear view mirror so it is centered in your rear window, Adjust your outside side mirrors outwards until your car barely disappears from the mirror. Although you may still have some mini blind zones they are

not large enough to hide a vehicle. With this new setting it is no longer necessary to turn and look in the blind zone. All that is required is a glance at the outside mirror.



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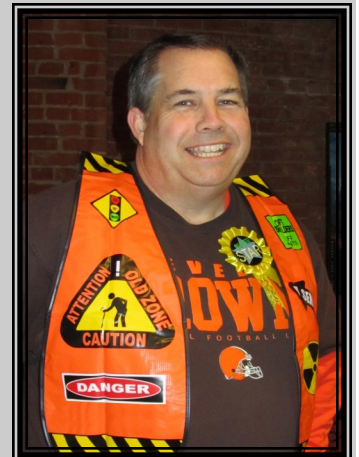
## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT...

**Wanda Graves**, has worked for the Department of Public Works for the past eighteen years, most recently as a Program Officer II in the Real Estate Division. Wanda's position allows her to meet and greet many people and make their dreams come true. Wanda plans special events that take place in county buildings, such as the County Courthouse on Lakeside Avenue and the Ameritrust Complex. She is constantly booking wedding ceremonies and/or receptions along with many swearing in ceremonies. The most recent swearing in ceremony was for The County Executive Ed FitzGerald on January 9th that was held in the rotunda of the Court House. She "loves" doing her job it brings her great satisfaction and happiness to know that she had a significant role in making someone's dreams come true. Wanda has a daughter attending The University of Toledo and two small friends at home China and Maxx, her dogs who she adores. Asked if she could take a trip anywhere in the world Wanda said she would love to travel to Paris, France. She was scheduled to leave the week of September 1, 2001 and as of yet has not rescheduled. Hopefully sometime in the near future Wanda's dreams of traveling to Paris will come true.



## WANTED BY THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

**Brian Driscoll**, will be placed under arrest and escorted to jail (English Oak Room) on Wednesday, July 27th for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's (MDA) Lock-up. Your 100% tax deductible donation will Help MDA continue research into the cause and the possible cure of the 43 neuromuscular diseases it covers. Your support of the MDA Lock-up will also help to provide wheelchairs, clinic visits, summer camp for kids 6-17 and many other essential services MDA provides for the families served by the Association in northeast Ohio. By participating in this event, your making a difference in the fight against neuromuscular disease. Your "bail money" will help support thousands of individuals affected by this disease. Please donate to this worthy cause and together let's bail Brian our of jail!





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY... JULY 2011

<i>BIRTHDAY</i>	<i>FIRSTNAME</i>	<i>LASTNAME</i>	<i>BIRTHDAY</i>	<i>FIRSTNAME</i>	<i>LASTNAME</i>
07/01	Charles	Tyree, Jr.	07/15	Pervis	Warren
07/01	Daron	East	07/16	Ella	Foster
07/01	Michael	Spragg	07/16	Jayson	Murrell
07/02	Tiffany	Tolbert	07/16	Ralph	Lucarelli
07/02	James	Bittel	07/17	Robert W.	Bonkowski
07/02	Floyd	Williams, III	07/17	Richard	Seitz
07/02	Charles	Perry	07/18	Dennis	Duckworth
07/03	Dawn M.	Martony	07/19	Norman E.	Babich
07/05	Matthew	Mewhinney	07/20	Christopher	Mackay
07/06	Scott	Hashier	07/21	Victoria	Diaconescu
07/06	Kenneth W.	Kemper	07/21	Larry	Magana
07/06	Colleen	Moran	07/22	Thomas S.	Weiss
07/06	Victoria	McCauley	07/23	Duane	Williamson
07/08	Michael	Murphy	07/24	Timothy M.	Coffey
07/08	Ray	McCool	07/24	Brian	Corrigan
07/09	Joseph	English	07/24	Bart	Leneghan
07/10	Brian R.	Esdinsky	07/25	William F.	Devring
07/11	Darryl C.	Miller, Sr.	07/26	Robert	Nolan
07/11	Calvin W.	Overmyer	07/28	Thomas	Reddy
07/12	Lonnie J.	Cobbins	07/28	John	Thompson
07/13	Bonita	Teeuwen	07/28	Thomas C.	Eckert
07/13	Arthur	Roberts	07/28	Jonathan	Simpson
07/13	David	Jones, Jr.	07/29	Richard P.	Mooney
07/13	Dean W.	Euler	07/29	Brian	O'Donnell
07/15	Jennifer	Kline			

