



MIDDLETOWN OHIO

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## Weekly Update to City Council from the City Manager February 14, 2010

### **Sun Coke Permit approved by EPA!**

Such great news that I wanted to mention it again. We are looking forward to the project starting.

### **CAFR Award - Finance Department**

The Finance Department has been awarded the Certification for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for our comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ending December 31, 2008. Congratulations to our Finance Director Russ Carolus Director and especially to Joyce O'Conner who prepared the report, along with the entire finance team.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the Finance Department for the individual responsible for the preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "Spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR. The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 17,500 government finance professionals.

This is our 23<sup>rd</sup> consecutive award.

### **Health Center Project: Land Swap with the Schools**

We hope to remain on schedule for this very important project that will benefit the entire community. The Health Center desires to build on the Taft School site and the City is facilitating the process by serving as the intermediary for the land swap. This is on the agenda Tuesday evening; see Les' report for more detail.

## **Library Levy**

The Library staff will be present Tuesday evening to answer any further questions council may have about the levy. As you will see in Les' staff report, State law requires Council to place the levy on the ballot if requested to do so by the Library Board of Trustees.

## **From the Int'l City Management Newsletter:**

### **Accommodating Aging Baby Boomers "Is Difficult" in the suburbs**

In an editorial, the Baton Rouge Advocate (2/10) dissects the problem of aging baby boomers and what their eventual limitations will mean for cities and towns that built suburbs for them when they were young. Baton Rouge has a New Urbanist plan for them, and planners from across the nation will visit the city to see how Plan Baton Rouge has succeeded, the Advocate says. Yet, while the problems of aging in place are not "particularly news to urban planners," they represent "a new frontier for politicians," the Advocate argues, because "retrofitting the suburbs is difficult." Note from Judy: one of many advantages that Middletown offers: we have urban areas (no need for the new urbanist) which need much less retrofitting than the suburbs of larger cities.

## **Snow Events**

Kudos to the street department! Thanks once again to our road crews for doing a great job of clearing the snow last weekend and this past week. We have had citizens contacting us to let us know what a fine job the crews have been doing to clear the city streets.

As I mentioned last week, we spent \$43,000 on clearing for the weekend of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>.

For the second event, we had road crews working 6 shifts beginning Tuesday morning, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 AM and ending Thursday afternoon, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. This event resulted in 1063 personnel hours and 800 tons of salt for a total estimated cost of \$65,500.

The third snow event is currently taking place, today, Monday, February 15; we'll include the costs in next week's update. This relentless storm has been a tough one for our crews to stay on top of.

## **Reminder:**

### **Regional Dean for Miami Regional Campuses**

Open sessions for the public to meet the Regional Dean Candidates are being held over the next three weeks; Council Members are encouraged to attend the sessions if your schedule permits.

2/18, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m., Johnston Hall, Dr. David Pearson

2/23, 3:15 – 4:15 p.m., Johnston Hall, Dr. David Corcoran

## **Middletown K-9 Fundraiser**

Middletown Police K-9 Unit will be hosting the 40th Anniversary of the USPCA Region 5 Regional's Competition in 2011. They are hosting a fundraiser at Applebee's on Towne Blvd. on Feb. 28th from 11am to Close. All you need to do is print the attached flyer, dine at Applebee's (Valid for dine in or Carside To Go), and present this flyer to your server. Note: To open attachment Right click on Download and click on Open Hyperlink.

Applebee's will donate 10% of the day's sales that have a flyer attached to the Middletown Police K-9 Unit. Please feel free to forward this email or print the flyers and give them to family, friends, club, church or anyone who may be interested in helping support our K-9 Unit. Thanks for your support!

Attachment: [Download](#)

## **Upcoming Events**

February 15	Presidents' Day – City Building Closed
February 16	Soul Food Luncheon - MUM 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
February 16	Middletown Public Housing Agency meeting – Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.
February 16	City Council meeting – Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.
February 18	Tree Commission meeting – MUM – 105 Levey Hall @ Noon
February 18	Family Science Event – Robert “Sonny” Hill Jr. Community Center – hosted by Center for Chemistry Education Miami University 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
February 20	Firefighter's Dance - DAV 4610 Trenton- Franklin Road 8:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.
March 1	Park Board meeting – Conference Room 2C City Building 5:30 p.m.
March 2	City Council meeting – Council Chambers 5:30 p.m.
March 3	Airport Commission – FBO Hangar (B&B Aero) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 5:00 p.m.
March 4	Civil Service Commission – Conference Room 2B City Building 8:00 a.m.
March 4	Chamber Monthly Luncheon – Senior Citizens 3907 Central Avenue 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

### **Links for additional information:**

City Manager's Weekly Update: [www.cityofmiddletown.org](http://www.cityofmiddletown.org)

Middletown Community Calendar: <http://www.calendarwiz.com/middletowncalendar> (copy and paste in your web browser)

Pothole Patrol: [www.cityofmiddletown.org](http://www.cityofmiddletown.org) or call 727-3691 (Option 2)

Have a great week! Judy