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Mayor John Grogan

Many Cities and Townships in Ohio and throughout our Nation are experiencing unprecedented economic downturns in revenue. This is a direct reflection of the economic health of its citizens. When an individual's income goes down, whether it is from a loss of a job or wage concessions, their income tax paid to the city or state is reduced as well. This translates to lower revenue for the city or state.

Fortunately, in Canal Fulton for 2009, this has not been the case. Every leading indicator in the income tax department shows an increase from 2008. Individual deposits, net profit deposits, and withholding deposits were higher in 2009 than 2008! The individual deposits that comprise non-business accounts had a remarkable 16% increase ($104,125), which can only be interpreted as Canal Fulton residents as a whole are in better financial health than in 2008, than many other municipalities in the area. It appears being a bedroom community not tied to one or two major industries, but inhabited by a hard working mobile workforce, is a blessing.

The City will continue to manage your money prudently and efficiently. We are currently evaluating the feasibility and cost effectiveness of creating a fire district by merging Lawrence Township and Canal Fulton fire departments. We have worked well together for years and all our citizens may benefit from creating a fire district whose goals would be to have reduced response times and updated equipment. There are many issues that need to be addressed, most importantly funding and utilization of major capital items, such as fire trucks and EMS vehicles, but a thorough cost benefit analysis will be done to determine the benefits and liabilities of a fire district.

The City has received numerous grants. The police department received one for a vehicle and part-time officers. The fire department received a grant to purchase a computer-based training lab. Our sewer department received stimulus funds to extend a sewer line. We will continue to save local taxpayer dollars by utilizing grants to supplement department operations.

The finance committee is undergoing a study to comprise a five-year plan for our water and sewer departments. This study is intended to analyze revenues and expenses in both departments and set rates now and in the future to meet the need for operations, debt service, and capital items. I am committed to not raising utility rates during this difficult economic period, and will continue to explore other avenues to provide the low cost, high quality water and sewer services that the residents of Canal Fulton enjoy.

Finally, as we embark upon a new year and a new decade, faced with unforeseen and new challenges, I am proud to be part of this community and am honored to serve the residents of this City as your Mayor. As I begin my 7th year as Mayor, I will continue to work towards the same shared goals of building a community in which we are proud to call home.

Dedication of Safety Service Center

On January 19, 2010 Canal Fulton City Council voted to name the safety services center after Eugene M. Fellmeth. Many of us either know "Gene" Fellmeth or know of him, but few of us know or remember the impact he made on Canal Fulton and Stark County throughout his career of public service.

A graduate of Canal Fulton High School, Gene Fellmeth was recruited to play basketball and baseball by Wittenberg University. Gene was drafted in 1942 and served during WWII, where he ended up assigned as a tail gunner in a B-17 Bomber. On his 13th mission out of England, Gene's plane was shot down over the skies of Germany, the date was December 31, 1944. Captured by the Germans, he became a prisoner of war until liberated by one of General George S. Patton's armored divisions on April 29, 1945. (**See Fellmeth, Page 6)**

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

The Charter Review Commission will be holding public meetings on April 5 and May 10 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of input from the community for possible revisions to the City Charter. The meetings will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers, 155 Market Street E, Canal Fulton.

CITY MANAGER—MARK COZY

The year 2009 was a big year for the City of Canal Fulton in terms of grant awards that will result in projects for 2010.

We received an OPWC award of $869,012 and a CDBG award for $91,715 along with a County Engineer's match of $67,706 towards the 2010 High Street Culvert Replacement/Erie Avenue Paving and Widening Project totaling $1,174,340. Our local match is estimated at $145,907 of which $85,900 was spent in engineering in 2007 and 2008. This project is expected to start in mid summer when all the funds are to be released.

We received an ARRA/WPCF award of $188,705 toward our 2010 Marshallville Street Sanitary Sewer Project totaling $377,410. Our local match this year is anticipated at $188,705.

We are also waiting on the release of $9,333 through the OECA that was awarded to us to develop an economic revitalization plan for our Historic District in 2010. This conceptual plan will recommend the ideal locations for a historic hotel and train depot. The Stark County CIC has pledged $8,600 towards the plan estimated at $27,975. The City's local match is estimated at $10,042.

In 2009 a section of Locust Street from Cherry Street to the Northwest Senior Citizens Center was paved with asphalt for the very first time in our city's history. All of the funds used for this $183,448 project were acquired through Federal Municipal Road Funds. We plan to apply for the second round of ARRA funding to pave the remainder of Locust Street in this year.

In 2009 the City of Canal Fulton received a grant from First Energy in the amount of $100,000. This year City Council will dedicate a portion of those funds to create an earth moving/grading design plan that will be used to develop the new Canal Fulton Community Park behind the Eugene M. Fellmeth Safety Center.

Due to last year's successful partnership of the City and the Canal Fulton Heritage Society to operate the St Helena III canal boat, we plan to continue that partnership this year. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2010.

The year 2010 is shaping up to be a year in which we will live up to our slogan, "Honoring Our Past – Building Our Future."

ZONING—JOHNSON BELFORD

With the arrival of spring, people's thoughts turn to yard cleanup and remodeling projects. Canal Fulton has a Zoning Code which sets certain standards for property maintenance. I will try to answer the most frequently asked questions.

Do I need to obtain a Zoning Permit to put in a swimming pool, install a fence or put in a yard barn or a deck. The answer to all of the above is YES. The fee schedule is as follows:

Swimming Pool	$50.00	Fence	$25.00
Yard Barn (Up to 150 sq. ft.)	$25.00	Deck	$25.00

If I live in the Historic District do I have to obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission prior to making alterations to or changing the outward appearance of my property? The answer to this question is YES.

The Zoning Code also covers the mowing of yards and cutting of weeds. It states "The owner or occupant or person having charge of any lot or parcel of land within the corporation is responsible for the mowing of the lot or parcel of land when the grass or weeds reach a height of 8- inches".

If you have any questions about any exterior changes you plan to make to your property, please contact the Canal Fulton Zoning Department at 330-854-0590.

City of Canal Fulton Job Posting

Seasonal Program Assistant

Canal Fulton Canalway Center seasonal part-time information desk attendant. Visitor information, ticket sales, local history, program assistance, facility cleaning. Varied hours to include weekends. CPR/First Aid a plus. April & October, weekends only; May – Sept., 20 hours per week. An Equal Opportunity Employer

Applications at City Hall 155 E. Market St., 9 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday. Deadline: Tuesday, March 16th.

FIRE DEPARTMENT—CHIEF RAY GREEN

In the upcoming months you will be hearing more and more about the feasibility of creating a joint fire district between the City of Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township. You may ask "What exactly is a Joint Fire District?" A Joint Fire District is when two or more governmental entities form a special district to fund and operate a fire department. This is often done as a form of regionalization in an effort to eliminate the duplication of equipment and facilities or when one local jurisdiction does not have the funds to operate their own fire department. This approach is not something new. There are many Joint Fire and Ambulance Districts already operating in the State of Ohio and even locally in Stark and Wayne Counties. The governing body of the joint fire district shall be a board of fire district trustees, which shall include one representative from each board of township trustees and one representative from the legislative authority of each municipal corporation in the district. The board of fire district trustees may exercise the same powers as are granted to a board of township trustees in sections 505.37 to 505.45 of the Ohio Revised. The board of fire district trustees may be compensated at a rate not to exceed thirty dollars per meeting, not to exceed fifteen meetings per year, and may be reimbursed for all necessary expenses incurred. The board shall employ a clerk of the board of fire district trustees.

Currently the City and the Township are serviced by three separate fire departments. The Canal Fulton Fire Department, The North Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department and the Lawrence Township Fire Department. The Canal Fulton and Lawrence Township Departments are funded through local income tax and property tax levies. North Lawrence VFD is a private fire company and they negotiate a contract with the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees to provide fire and EMS service to Lawrence Township. All three departments also receive funds through user fees for ambulance service.

Each one of these departments has its own operating expenses, such as wages, fuel, utilities, vehicle repairs, EMS supplies and equipment, office supplies and firefighting gear and equipment, as well as their own command and administrative staff. Each department must also have a fleet of vehicles to respond to the various emergencies that they are called for. In essence, what has happened in order for all three departments to have the equipment and supplies that are needed to operate there has been a significant amount of duplication in equipment and facilities, mainly in vehicles.

Canal Fulton has a fire engine that needs replaced. Ideally it should be replaced with a fire engine that is also equipped with a 75 foot aerial ladder. The estimated cost of replacing this vehicle is over $650,000.00. We could get by with an engine that is not equipped with an aerial ladder. The estimated cost of that vehicle is $325,000.00.

Lawrence Township will soon need to replace one of its ambulances, grass fire truck and their utility vehicle need replaced now. Estimated cost for the replacement ambulance is $163,000.00 and the replacement cost of the grass fire truck and utility vehicle could cost another $70,000.00 collectively. Through consolidation none of these vehicles would need replaced. One department or the other has a newer vehicle that could take its place.

In 2008, the Canal Fulton Fire Department moved into its new station. This station was built in order to sustain 24 hour operations, provide adequate room for apparatus, office space and a training center. The Lawrence Township station has limited office space, no training room and no crew quarters. The station could be renovated to add these facilities but at what cost? A better question is why when those facilities are in place less than a mile away? The Canal Fulton Fire Station could serve as the central station for the district and not need any renovation.

The money saved by not duplicating vehicles and operating cost could be placed into a Capital Improvement Account to fund future purchases of vehicles. The creation of this district is not being done as a cost saving measure. It is being done to use the existing funds, personnel, equipment and facilities currently available to make fire and EMS services in both communities more efficient.

In other news the Canal Fulton Fire Department has created a Facebook page. We will post information about the news about the fire department, as well as fire safety information. Please log on and become a fan.

PARTY HALL FOR RENT

Need a place to hold your party or reception? We have the perfect place - includes kitchen, tables, chairs, outdoor shelter and ample off-street parking.

The Canal Fulton Community Center
735 E. Cherry St.

Call 330-854-5655 to check our rates and schedule.

Operated by the Rotary Club of Canal Fulton

PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR—DANIEL P. MAYBERRY

CLEAN WATER.....Everybody's Business

8 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

⇒ Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and gutters

⇒ Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams

⇒ Vegetate bare spots in your yard

⇒ Compost your yard waste

⇒ Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems

⇒ Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff

⇒ Take your car to the carwash instead of washing it in the driveway

⇒ Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

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ST. HELENA II
CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The St. Helena II has been an icon and an inspiration to this community for many years and this will be the 40th anniversary of her dedication.

To commemorate and celebrate these years, the Canal Fulton Heritage Society would like to compile pictures and memories from local residents for a special display to be presented at the Olde Canal Days Festival , July 8, 9, 10. If you have any pictures or memories you would like to share with the community, please contact us by email at: cfhs@discovercanalfulton.com, by phone: (330) 854-3808, or mail: 116 S. Canal St. Canal Fulton, OH 44614

2010 Building Doctor

The Building Doctor, a program of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office of the Ohio Historical Society, will be coming to town. If you own an older building, or are involved in the care and maintenance of one, you won't want to miss the informative two-hour seminar. It will include how to care for older buildings, including ways to recognize and solve such problems as peeling paint, failing plaster, wet basements, deteriorating masonry, damaged wood, window repair, and many other topics.

The Building Doctor visits buildings built before 1955. Consultations are free, but the number is *limited* so register early.

Seminar: Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 PM
Northwest Stark Senior Center

Consultations: Friday, April 23 9AM—2PM

Registration: Paul Bagocius 330-854-4645 or paulbagocius@netscape.net

Scouting for Food

March 2010

The Boy Scouts of America, locally, Cub Scouts of Pack 303, sponsored by the Canal Fulton United Methodist Church, will be sponsoring a food collection drive in the city in March. Watch for a flyer to be delivered to your home soon.

The Cub Scouts will not be knocking on doors to solicit contributions. They will leave a collection bag ahead of time and ask that you place a filled bag with non-perishable goods outside your front door either late Friday night or Saturday morning by 8:30 a.m. Your help in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Your efforts would be greatly appreciated.

CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

March

2	City Council	7:00 PM
11	Park Board	7:00 PM
16	City Council	7:00 PM
18	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM

April

5	Charter Review	7:00 PM
6	City Council	7:00 PM
8	Park Board	7:00 PM
15	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM
20	City Council	7:00 PM

May

5	City Council	7:00 PM
10	Charter Review	7:00 PM
13	Park Board	7:00 PM
18	City Council	7:00 PM
20	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM
31	Closed—Memorial Day	

June

1	City Council	7:00 PM
7	Charter Review	7:00 PM
10	Park Board	7:00 PM
15	City Council	7:00 PM
17	HPC/Planning	7:30 PM

NORTHWEST STARK SENIOR CENTER

March

13	Swiss Steak Dinner	4-6:30 PM
20	Dance w/DJ $8.00/$5.00	2-5:00 PM
23	Living with Diabetes Class	12-1:30 PM
30	Staying Young, First 100 Yrs	11:30 AM

Lunch Served –Call to Reserve

Every Wednesday

Federal & State Taxes Prepared 9:30-12PM

April

23	Bloodmobile	1:00 PM

May

1	Swiss Steak Dinner	4-6:30 PM
4	Center Closed—Election	
12	Mother's Tea	12:00 PM
31	Closed—Memorial Day	

First and Third Tuesday—Writers Group 10:00 AM
First and Third Tuesday—Painting Class 12:30 PM
Second Tuesdays—Tole Painting 9:30 AM
Mondays—Tong 5:00 PM Euchre 7:00 PM
Mondays and Thursdays—Bing 12:30 PM

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POLICE DEPARTMENT—DOUGLAS SWARTZ, LIEUTENANT

Canal Fulton Police is now utilizing Facebook as a means to communicate with our residents. The program was suggested to us by a University of Akron intern, Brian McNeely. Since its conception in January, we have already amassed 1,000 fans. Our media releases in Facebook will include current crimes, weather bulletins, lost pets, links to any news media, and a crimes stopper section. We have also posted information linked to our active warrants to include pictures of suspects. Our department has already experienced success with the warrants section. Just 22 hours after the suspect's picture was posted a tip from one of our fans led to the suspect's apprehension.

We are requesting all of our businesses in town to update their information with our department. This will ensure proper notifications if we encounter any problems with your business during the midnight hours. Submitting your information is easy. Either stop in and fill out a form or access the form from our website at http://www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov/Departments/Police/. Once completed you can drop it off at the station, mail it, or fax it to us at (330)854-0618.

Members of the Canal Fulton Police Department want to thank the community for continually supporting our officers. Have a wonderful and safe spring.

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Gene made it back to Wittenberg in 1946 and played basketball until he graduated with a degree in political science. He was drafted by the Baltimore Bullets, a professional basketball team, but ended up playing minor league baseball for the Portsmouth Athletics. He gave up baseball and earned his law degree from Cleveland State University's John Marshall Law School. In 1951 he passed his bar exam and began practicing law in his home town of Canal Fulton.

In 1953, Gene Fellmeth was appointed assistant solicitor prosecutor for the Massillon Municipal Court, then became solicitor (law director) for the Village of Canal Fulton in 1954 after which he was appointed to serve on city council. He was elected council president in 1954 then served as Canal Fulton's mayor from 1955 until 1959. From 1960 through 1974, Gene again served as Canal Fulton's solicitor and in 1975 Gene returned as Canal Fulton's mayor until 1983. He also served as Stark County's recorder from 1980 to1983 before becoming Judge of the Massillon Municipal Court system in 1983 where he served until his retirement in 1996.

During his first tenure as mayor, Gene Fellmeth helped Canal Fulton acquire its first police cruiser and build its first waste water treatment plant. During his second tenure as mayor, he hired Canal Fulton's first full time police chief and established a full time police department. Gene began the development of the Northwest Stark Senior Center and began work on Canal Fulton's second waste water treatment plant which is still in use to this day.

It is with great honor and privilege that I recommended to the elected members of Canal Fulton City Council that we name our safety services building the Judge Eugene M. Fellmeth Safety Center. What a better way to celebrate the life achievements of a local hero and dedicated servant to this community and our country.

Photo by Tom Knouff

The 2010 City Parks and Recreation Daddy-Daughter Dance Feb 6 was enjoyed by all!

Thank you to Betty Moauro at Chapel Hill for the great location, and to volunteers Mary Ann Hupp, Donnie Poling, Tammy Ammon and Amanda Ammon for all your help. And a big thanks to local dad, Tim Bell, for sending a snow plow truck to plow out the DJ that morning.

Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation

Community Easter Egg Hunt

St. Helena Heritage Park **Saturday, April 3, 10 am**
Ages: 12 years & under - egg hunt & meet the Easter Bunny
Siren sounds at 10:00 am sharp!
Rain or shine / Bring a basket or bag
Sponsored by: True Life Church and Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation

Lil' Kickers: Pre-K Soccer

An introduction to soccer for Pre-K girls & boys. Coordination and basic skills are emphasized.

Day/Dates: Saturdays, May 1 - 22
Times: 9:30 am - 10:15 am
Location: St. Helena Heritage Park
Ages: 4 - 5 years
Cost: $17 / child

Limited Enrollment-Pre-Register form online or at the Canalway Center on weekends in April

Spring Joint Programs with Stark Parks

Canal Fulton Parks & Recreation and the Stark County Park District bring outdoor programming to town

Towpath Trout Derby
Day/Time: Saturday, April 24, 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Location: Lock 4 Park
Ages: 5 - 15 years old
Cost: Free - no registration required

Wildflower/Plant Walk - Led by a Naturalist
Day/Time: Tuesday, May 4, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Location: Canal Fulton Canalway Center to Lock 4 and back
Ages: All ages
Cost: Free, Pre-registration required at Canal Fulton Canalway Center

St. Helena III Canal Boat 2010 Season

Welcome Prince and Dan back and be on the first 2010 Public Ride Saturday, May 8.

Starting May 8, Public Rides are Saturdays and Sundays in May, 1 pm & 2:30 pm

Open the Summer Canal Boat Season at the Pancake Breakfast Buffet by the Boat
Saturday, June 5, 8-11 am $12/pp
(includes boat ticket - early boat ride added at 11:30 am)

Starting June 5 Public Rides run Tuesday to Sunday, 1 pm & 2:30 pm

Call for Cruise and Charter information

Early Summer Movies & Concerts in the Park

Bring your family, folding chairs and a blanket to see a free movie on the big screen or a concert in Muhlhauser Park.

Cloudy w/ Chance of Meatballs, Friday, June 11 at 9 pm (rain date - June 18)
Canal Fulton/Clinton Community Band, Thursday, June 17, 7:30 pm

Returning this Summer *- The Canal Fulton Lion's Club* ***Farmer's Market*** *in St. Helena Heritage Park*, Thursdays, 4-7pm, July 15 - Sept. 9, Vendors call: 330-854-4645

Parks and Recreation Board

Board Meetings, 2nd Thursday of each month, City Hall 7:00 PM
Public Welcome

2010 Board Officers and Members:

Fred Fleming, Chairman
Donnie Poling, Secretary
Barb Allman, Member
Mary Ann Hupp, Vice Chair
Ed Foucek, Member

Muhlhauser Park

853 S. Locust Street
Behind the Northwest Senior Center.
Tennis Courts (2) - lighted
Paved Walking Path
Large & Small Gazebo Pavilions
Small Tot Lot with slide and swings

St. Helena Heritage Park (formerly Community Park)

125 Tuscarawas Street - off Cherry St. (Rt.93)

Two Trails for Hiking and Biking
Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail parallels the canal.
Old Muskingum Trail runs along the Tuscarawas River.

Picnic Pavilion & Ball Fields
Pavilion is near the playground and Ohio & Erie Towpath Trail.
Reservation & fees: 330-854-2044

Playground, Restrooms & Parking
Ample parking is available for approximately 150 cars with easy access to shopping in historic downtown Canal Fulton.

Canal Fulton Canalway Center *Visitor & Information Center*

Reopens in April, Saturdays and Sundays 10 am - 4pm
May - Sept. Open Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm, Sat & Sunday 10 am - 6 pm

Discovery Park

Beverly and Erickson Streets

Paved Walking Path, Picnic Tables, Tot Lot Playground with ADA Accessible Swing, Benches & Pond

Dog Park

Butterbridge Rd.
Located between Rt. 21 & Erie Ave.
Large & Small dog areas (80' x 250')

May close in early spring for turf reseeding-
Watch City website for updates

Olde School Yard Park

Corner of Market & Locust St.
Basketball Court & Playground

City Parks & Recreation information: 330-854-6835 or www.cityofcanalfulton-oh.gov

For Parks & Recreation Program Information City of Canal Fulton Canalway Center 330-854-6835

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Fire Department: 1165 Locust Street

Ray Green, Chief	330-854-2456

Street Department: 950 Water Street

Mark Petersen Superintendent	330-854-2941

Water Treatment Plant

George Lukinac Superintendent	330-854-5353

Wastewater Treatment Plant: 5600 Butterbridge St.

George Lukinac Superintendent	330-854-6885

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