

Business Assistance Recruitment Calculator – Mayor Grogan has authorized us to move forward with making our webpage more business friendly with the creation of a business assistance recruitment calculator (BARC). Prospective businesses can now log on to our website and click on a link that takes them to a spreadsheet where they can calculate their costs to run a business in Canal Fulton. By entering data such as meter size, estimated water usage, income, and property valuation a prospective business can estimate taxes and utilities paid in the city.

Many site selection projects today are conducted online. The majority of businesses, developers and site selectors who are using the internet to conduct these location decisions prefer to obtain their information online in a calculator format and prefer not to talk with city staff until they are close to making a final site location decision. The BARC will help the City increase our economic development profile and desirability, becoming more competitive in the world of economic development.

YMCA Committee – We recently met with the Property Development Director for the YMCA of the USA. We discussed some preliminary data gleaned from their demographic study which was funded by the YMCA of Central Stark County. Completion of this study gets us one step closer to establishing a charter for a Canal Fulton Area YMCA. We will meet again in October to delve into the issues in greater detail. Two major issues that need to be determined are the site for the YMCA and whether or not our local population can build and sustain an indoor swimming pool.

Ryan Trewin Memorial Sign – City Council has recently approved a concept presented by Leslie and Patrick Wyman to erect a brick informational sign at the corner of Cherry and Locust streets to memorialize Ryan Trewin. This will be a memorial sign that will allow the community an opportunity to honor their family members and friends. Their goal is to raise funds for the sign through corporate sponsorships and by offering the community an opportunity to purchase bricks that will be stamped & displayed either in the hardscape brick patio or on the back side of the sign. It is their hope to break ground for the sign early spring 2012. Dependent on the overall cost, there may be other community fundraisers, such as a reverse raffle. Although it is the Ryan Trewin Memorial sign, it is reaching out to all in the community who wish to memorialize their cherished family members and friends. This is a way to give back to a community that gave so much to Ryan Trewin when he needed their thoughts, prayers and support. Anyone interested in more information, volunteering, or sponsoring can contact:

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Pavement Management Study – Under the leadership of Councilman Matt Moellendick Canal Fulton has entered into an agreement with CCI Engineering for the creation and implementation of a pavement assessment and management program. The building information modeling that CCI has proposed will provide us with three dimensional plans that can be easily accessed and updated. This would save us time in planning projects, reduce the need for change orders, and avoid potential conflicts as we maintain and improve our streets. CCI will use Canal Fulton as a pilot model for this study at no cost to the City. Councilman Matt Moellendick should be commended for bringing this opportunity to us.

Safe Routes To Schools Grant – Last October we had a public meeting to gather input and ideas for a School Travel Plan. On October 12th, 2011 at 7:00PM in the High School Home Economics room, we will conduct a public meeting to present the plan before we send it to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Canal Fulton has been approved to apply for federal dollars to improve pedestrian and bicycle access to and throughout the Northwest Local Schools Campus. Details of this meeting will be posted on the City website and announced in the local newspapers.