

MAYOR'S REPORT
JANUARY 2017

I received a letter from Cleveland Metroparks informing us that they will continue its deer management program to restore balance between the natural habitats within the Park District and the white-tailed deer population. This program is set to take place from January through mid-March 2017, with all roads, trails and facilities clearly posted with signs and barricades for closure.

State auditors arrived on January 2 to begin our 2015 and 2016 Audit. Thanks to our Finance Department for accommodating their visit on such short notice.

We have been notified that our attorney settled the wrongful termination lawsuit in the case of Laura Lenz and Douglas Dolan. The consensus was that it was financially more prudent to settle than go to court. \$25,000 was paid out to them, of which the City paid \$5000 for the deductible.

Cell Tower at Maple Grove Grange – I and other City representatives have met with Tom Marsh, representing the Neighbors of the Grange Building regarding their opposition to the Grange Cell Tower. I have referred them to the Planning Commission since that is where the legislation and planning currently resides. We will continue to provide them with whatever information they need to resolve their concerns. A Grange Open House has been set up by this group and is set for Saturday, February 4, from 9 to noon.

There will be a new streetlight installed at the Maple Hill and Maple Grove intersection. I know this will provide better illumination and safety at that area.

AARP will be assisting taxpayers with Federal and State income tax beginning February 13 through April 10. Please call my office to make an appointment at the Community Center. RITA will be at City Hall to assist with city income tax on Thursday, March 30th and no appointment is necessary.

Another date to add to your calendar is Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017 from 7 to 8 pm. This will be a meeting with the Health Department at the Community Center for all households on septic. There are new State regulations that all residents need to be advised of. More information will follow to applicable residents.

Our City Newsletter will reach homes next week.

City Hall Construction underway – Mayor's Court improvements are presently being performed by our Service Dept.

I am so pleased when our residents volunteer their time and talent to fill assignments with Boards and Commissions. I believe this is common sense and helps create transparency in our government with residents getting involved and not having to rely on what is being told to them by City officials. I was happy that Ed McKenna volunteered as our Noise Abatement Council Representative for the Cuyahoga County Airport. Recently retired, he had the time to devote to this endeavor and his passion for airport safety dated back to the fateful crash on Tall Tree Trail involving his neighbor. Unfortunately, Ed resigned his position last week following an hour's worth of controversy at the recent NAC meeting. Council's appointment of John Plecnik as their representative violated the NAC policy of only one member per community. Rather than continuing to fight the battle with Council, Ed chose to resign his position. I am disappointed that a passionate, committed resident has been denied the ability to volunteer on this Board due to Council's actions, but I thank Ed for his interest and commitment to our City government and Airport concerns.

I look forward to continued mild weather, as does our Service Director, Mark Grubiss, who has saved on salt this year for the City!

Please feel free to contact me at City Hall with any questions or concerns (440-339-8046).