

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Our first City Newsletter for 2010 should have made its way to your mail box . I was happy to have all of the departments at City Hall provide a brief summary of what they are doing. In my report, I mentioned the Lithuanian Center being developed on a plot of land on Maple Grove Road. Many residents called, concerned that this was the same piece of land our voters previously denied rezoning by the land developer. To clarify this point, please be advised that the Lithuanian Center will be built on the parcel of land further west on Maple Grove Road, near the Damon's Restaurant and hotels, just a bit east of the Route 91 intersection. This Center has already gone through the City's Planning and Zoning Commission and it will be a nice addition to our community. Lance Osborne, the land developer who had been denied a change in zoning for the 22-acre parcel located near Maple View Lane off of Maple Grove has also gone to our Planning Commission with a proposal for twenty 1-acre parcels for single-family homes. This development will be known as "Maple Valley Lane" and will provide nice homes in our community.

I have received several calls regarding our new Citywide Trash and Recycle Program and am so pleased that many residents share my enthusiasm about Republic Services becoming our new vendor effective April 1, 2010. Two public forums are planned to address any questions or concerns you may have about this new service. We want to communicate with you to make it a smooth transition. If you are unable to attend either of these sessions, please feel free to call my office for any information or program clarification you may need.

We will begin working on Maple Grove Road, near the Parsons intersection, to repair the slope (near the bridge) and will plan to do our best with traffic control in that area while the work is being done. Your patience is appreciated.

I have also received some concerns about some reported burglaries on Eddy Road that are being handled by our Police Department. We are reminding our residents to lock their doors since many of these burglaries occurred when they were able to just walk into unlocked homes in the broad daylight. We will continue to try to apprehend the suspects but appreciate your cooperation in preventing future incidents.

The Service Department continues to work hard to clear our streets of snow and ice. Please drive cautiously during the rest of the winter weather as we do our best to make the streets safe.

It won't be long before we will see the sure sign of spring –our pancake breakfasts in Willoughby Hills. Please plan to come out to the Community Center on Sunday, March 7th, 14th and/or 21st to enjoy "All You Can Eat" breakfasts sponsored by our Recreation Commission and Willoughby Hills Lions Club. Check our website or call City Hall for tickets We will also be doing our baseball and softball signups at that time.

In closing, let me remind you that we are taking appointments for AARP tax form completion for State and Federal income taxes. R.I.T.A. officials will be at City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, March 15, to assist our residents in city tax form completion. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about these or any other programs we are undertaking at City Hall to keep our “Residents First.” Stay warm...spring is just around the corner!