

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL

October 10, 2019

Service Department Report:

Brush pile drop off is winding down and Road Superintendent Grubiss has assigned Saturday, November 2, as the final day for brush drop off. Signs will be posted to reflect this date. It will reopen in April.

Leaf pickup will begin on October 21.

Five snow plows are currently ready for the winter season and we will have two additional plows available once leaf season is over and we can convert those trucks to be used as snow plows.

Dodd Road Update...

Shred Day will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 9 to noon in the front City Hall parking lot.

Thanks again to the League of Women Voters for presenting a nice forum for our Mayor and Council candidates, as well as Library and Lake Tran officials. We have offered our facility to the School Board to educate our residents about the School Levy on the upcoming ballot as well.

Following my completion of the letter of support for the Chagrin River Watershed Partners proposal for the Chagrin River Corridor & Lakefront Trail Connection Plan, I was able to receive \$2500 in funding from Tim Miller in the County's Storm Water Management Division for this project. They appreciate our support.

I have received several complaints again about the suspension of the WHISPER program to help our seniors. After an eight-month criminal and financial investigation, the program and staff have been cleared of any wrongdoing. I am again requesting that this program be opened up so that we can help our seniors. Discussion of other upcoming programs by Council that have been promised since the month of June without any action is doing our residents no good. It is time to work with Administration and allow our residents to seek the benefits immediately.

Following the sudden departure of our Law Director Jim O'Leary due to his Interim Municipal Judge appointment by the Governor, I promptly presented Council with the credentialing package and memo to confirm the appointment of Attorney Joseph Diemert, who was the second individual named in the Settlement

Agreement between me and Council in January. Tonight there is nothing on the agenda from Council, despite Council already having this credentialing package even when Mr. O'Leary was being considered. It is imperative that we have a Law Director on staff to avoid the legal mistakes of the past that caused our residents hundreds of thousands of dollars. I have prepared an Ordinance for Council tonight that mirrors Ordinance 2019-3 from Mr. O'Leary's appointment, and have inserted Attorney Joseph Diemert's name for confirmation this evening. In addition to the bimonthly Mayor's Court prosecutor void, there are at least five pressing legal matters that I will not proceed on without a Law Director on board. One of these concerns the Produce Packaging CRA. I do not want to delay the opening or financing of this business. In the spirit of working together, as you say, this needs to be passed this evening and I will call Mr. Diemert in the morning to let him know he can proceed with our Law Department responsibilities.

I wish to give a few acknowledgements this evening:

The Classic/Cleveland Clinic 5K Run was a success with all proceeds from the event benefitting the St. Noel Food Pantry. Thanks to all who volunteered or attended to make this a nice event in our city.

Get well wishes to City Hall employee Janeen Mullin and Pat Latkowski of Rockefeller Road who is recovering from surgery.

Sympathy to Bettye Hines of Stratford on the passing of her husband, Perry who passed away this week and Claudine Daugirdas on the loss of her father. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families.

Congratulations to Florine O'Ryan who will be celebrating her 90th birthday this weekend.

In closing, I will announce the following upcoming Events:

Craft Show – Saturday, October 12 from 9 to 3pm

Halloween Party – Friday, October 18 from 6 to 8:30 pm

Shred Day – Saturday, October 19 from 9 to noon