

MAYOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL
APRIL 2012

There will be two major bridge projects in our city very soon. The first is the Rogers Road Bridge, which is necessary due to the recent slope slide in the vicinity of 37000 Rogers Road. The construction contract has been awarded to Marous Brothers Construction. The project will necessitate complete road closure from April 30, 2012, until approximately June 30, 2012.

The second bridge project is a State project by the Ohio Department of Transportation and involves complete bridge reconstruction on the Maple Grove Bridge over I-90. This will necessitate Maple Grove closure between Route 91 and Parsons Road beginning May 4, 2012 through approximately October 31, 2012. This bridge was in very poor condition and this repair has been long overdue. We appreciate your patience while this work is being done, as well as the work involving the Rogers Road repair.

City Hall will be getting a new look very soon as we consolidate our Service and Building Departments to the building behind the City Hall complex. In keeping with our "Residents First" campaign, we anticipate that this will improve your visit to City Hall by being able to handle your service and building needs in one area. With the implementation of sewers, this seemed to be a logical merger to handle everything in the same area. The personnel will be trained over the next few months to make this a smooth transition.

Congratulations are in order as two new full-time police officers are welcomed to our Police Department. Officer Jamie Onion and Greg Leonbruno were hired this month. Their experience in law enforcement is excellent and I look forward to many good years with them on staff.

Part-time Recreation Coordinator Denise Edwards was welcomed to our City Hall staff just in time for our great Easter Party. Denise was among the many who attended and enjoyed this holiday event. Thanks to the Recreation Commission and all of the volunteers who provided a memorable Easter Party for our residents and friends.

In closing, let me remind you of the Art Gallery Reception on Friday, May 4th, featuring two new artists with amazing art work. Our Art Curator, John Davis, always promises to put together a group of very talented artists. Plan to stop by and see the latest in art right here in Willoughby Hills!