

Engage Toledo Newsletter

Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mayor

From the Mayor's Office...



The operation of the Mayor's office is a bit of an adventure, something like Forest Gump's box of chocolates. Improving policies, drafting legislation, answering citizen questions, and working to communicate clearly and effectively with employees, one another, the media, and our many partners makes for interesting times.

Because this administration strongly believes that we accomplish much more together than we can on our own, forging and maintaining positive relationships is a priority. Every day, employees throughout the City of Toledo strive to advance the ball and get the job done.

Recent developments continue to indicate that our City and broader community is moving in the right direction:

Toledo Moving in Right Direction

Rethinking Curbside Recycling

In early May, Dana Corporation made a huge commitment to bring manufacturing back to Toledo. The corporation announced construction of a major axel plant which will employ 300 people at the former Jeep plant site.

On June 10, we announced that I signed a purchase agreement to sell the Southwyck property, which has been an underutilized and unsightly site since 2009. I'm confident this site will be developed in a way to increase property values in this area, supporting both residential and business investment in this neighborhood.

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The Marina District has been a challenge for development since being purchased. With great positive energy to promote the health of our community, ProMedica will facilitate the purchase of the Marina District property from Dashing Pacific for sale to Toledo Area Metroparks. Metroparks will conduct a vibrant community process to define how the site would be best used as parkland. Maintaining public access to the riverfront on the east side of our city in this way is consistent with my goal to use the river as a connector of both sides of the city's downtown and to provide an economic boost in East Toledo.

Not all projects are large and we recognize that in Toledo permits for commercial, industrial, healthcare facilities and large multi-family residential properties are strong indicators of investment and economic development. Toledo is experiencing a 30% increase in these types of permits compared to the same time period last year. This is also great news.

These are not the only good things happening in Toledo, but from the Mayor's office, we are pleased with the progress being made through the efforts of many to move us forward to truly be a progressive 21st Century City.

Paula Hicks-Hudson

Dana to build new axle plant in Toledo!

Dana recently announced that it will build its new axle plant in Toledo. “We appreciate Dana’s investment in Toledo and look forward to continuing to work with them to make this project a reality and bring 300 new jobs here,” said Mayor Hicks-Hudson. “This project illustrates the importance of having job ready sites available in Toledo.”

Dana’s new investment is evidence of Toledo’s continued stature in manufacturing. The new plant will be located in the Overland Industrial Park (former Jeep site), expanding the existing 100,000 square foot spec building constructed jointly with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the Harmon Group.

Dana is making a \$70 million capital investment in expanding the facility to 300,000 square feet and will create an estimated 300 new jobs. The City administration and Economic Development Department collaborated with partners including the Port Authority, Jobs Ohio, Regional Growth Partnership and Lucas County to facilitate the project.

The City of Toledo is supporting the project in multiple ways: through a Toledo Expansion Incentive, property tax abatement through the City of Toledo Community Reinvestment Area, engineering and planning support for water and sewer taps and site plan, expedited permitting, and assistance processing and finalizing agreements. As part of a united and focused effort the City also provided 2% funds for water and sewer infrastructure to initially develop the Overland Industrial Park.



Mayor Paula Hicks-Hudson congratulates Dana president and CEO James Kamsickas following his announcement at a May Toledo Rotary meeting.



EPaint Recycling

Ever wonder how the City recycles all the old paint can we collect? Through a partnership with EPaint Recycling, the City of Toledo is able to recycle thousands of old paint cans every year by converting these unused paint products into new fresh cans of paint that can be used on any interior/exterior projects. There are many economical and ecological effects this company provides entities, such as keeping paint and its containers from landfills, preventing unwanted paint from our water sources, and creating jobs through community beautification programs. From this partnership both sides have benefited greatly and plan to continue to work together for many years to come to provide a safe and healthy environment for the future residents of Toledo.

Continuing Brownfield Grant Success

The City of Toledo has received an \$820,000 grant from the U.S. EPA. Toledo is one of just 12 entities nationwide to receive the Revolving Loan Fund Grant. The Division of Environmental Services was notified of its successful application on May 20, 2016.

This grant will provide assistance for Brownfield revitalization, including assessment, cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties. Four target areas were identified as priorities in the application: the UpTown District, the area around the Overland Industrial Park, the Summit Street corridor north of downtown, and the area around the Northtowne Mall.

Studies have shown that residential property values within a mile radius near Brownfield sites that are cleaned up increased between 5 and 15 %. The preliminary analysis of 48 previous Brownfield sites shows that an estimated \$29 million to \$97 million in additional tax revenue was generated for local governments in a single year after cleanup, and generating from two to seven times more than the \$12.4 million the EPA contributed to cleanup the sites.

The City of Toledo was awarded a similar grant in 2004 and used funds to remove asbestos from the former Southwyck Mall which allowed it to become marketable for redevelopment.

—Will Montague, Intern, BGSU

Rethinking Curbside Recycling...



Progressive cities are environmentally conscientious. Curbside recycling is available for Toledo citizens so that select materials can be made into new products rather than placed into a landfill.

However, Toledo needs to improve the quality of its collected recyclables so that they can truly be repurposed, rather than winding up in the garbage. Our recycling effort can use some major improvement to reduce costs and increase environmental benefits.

Toledo is working to promote greater adherence to the curbside recycling “guidelines” and also to inform residents where they may recycle other materials that cannot be placed in the curbside carts.

The recycling carts are not for refuse overflow. Recycling properly takes a bit of “know how.”

The City of Toledo is asking all participants to learn more about proper use of our curbside program to drive the greatest environmental impact and cost savings. For example, carefully rinsed plastic bottles/cans and clean newspapers that have been put into plastic bags before placing into the recycling cart will cause those materials to be pulled off the recycling contractor’s conveyor belt, as the operators cannot identify what is in the bag.

One household that uses its recycle cart for yard waste or other non-approved material can cause the whole 6 to 10 ton load to be rejected by the recycling contractor and wind up in the landfill instead.

What’s the Plan?

We want to help citizens be better informed about what items are to be recycled in the program— We will be reaching out to all customers with the approved listing so that everyone knows what belongs in their recycling carts.

Remember the City’s contract with Republic Services provides for monthly bulk pickups, so non-approved items can be taken care of at no additional charge to residents who call ahead. In addition, the City hosts Free Dump Days and Tire & Paint Recycling events throughout the year to manage these special refuse disposal needs.

Keep Toledo Lucas County Beautiful directs citizens to additional recycling resources. (Example, electronics, yard waste drop offs, motor oil, etc.)

We will be monitoring some of the Republic Services pick up routes in an attempt to reduce contamination and to provide notice to repeat offenders.

Thank You for being a careful recycler!

To Improve Curbside Recycling...

- ◇ Follow the recycling guidelines.
- ◇ Call Republic Services at 419-936-2511 with any recycling questions.

Cans



Aluminum and Steel Cans

empty and rinse

Cartons



Food and Beverage Cartons

empty and replace cap

Glass



Bottles and Jars

empty and rinse

Paper



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Boxes, and Cardboard

flatten

Plastic



Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers

empty and replace cap

NO!
NO INCLUIR



Don't Bag Recyclables, and Don't Include Garbage



No Plastic Bags (return to retail)



No Food or Liquid (empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens (use donation programs)



No Tangles (no hoses, wires, chains, or electronics)

Profile: Block Watch Volunteer Janet Beam



Janet Beam became involved in the Block Watch program 12 years ago when her neighbor Bernice Christopher took her to one of the meetings. Since then Miss Beam has not looked back: “This program is good for our neighborhoods and good for our city. We are making a difference.”

Miss Beam commends the strong relationship between Block Watch and the Toledo Police Department. She says that TPD has the best interests of the organization in mind and always interested in discussing different ways to improve neighborhood security.

She credits the TPD with training residents to be proactive and react appropriately to any situation in their neighborhoods.

Janet Beam has high hopes of continuing to improve the Block Watch program. Miss Beam believes that having a good relationship with Mayor Hicks-Hudson is essential to improvements: “She genuinely cares about Block Watch and we want to work more closely with her in the future.”

–Sebastian Wright, Intern, University of Toledo

City Pools Open Thanks to Sponsors & Facilities Staff

All six city pools and the splash pad are up and running and will be open to the public from June 25 through August 8. This is made possible by tremendous community support. The major sponsors of the 2016 pool season are Cornerstone Church and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority. Generous contributions were received from these sponsors: Tackle Behavioral Health, Toledo Blade, Utegration, Sherwin-Williams, and Toledo Custom Fiberglass, with support from PNC Bank and DLZ.

Thanks are due to the City of Toledo facilities workers who helped prepare the swimming pools and splash pad for this summer’s recreational season. Supervisor Jim Lewis, Dylan Napier, Rick Leggett, Stan Harris and Brian Wetzal showed their skills by taking over a job that had been outsourced in previous years. This has resulted in significantly lowering costs to open and close the pools.

The pools will be a part of a six week supervised recreational program taking place at pool and park locations. Summer programming is being scheduled at all pool locations including the splash pad, from 12 -4 Monday through Friday.

The Toledo Youth Commission is working with dozens of community partners to coordinate interesting activities at City sites. Among its many partners is the Toledo-Lucas Public Library, which will help

us to keep our young people’s reading skills up over the summer period. Outreach programs from the Toledo Zoo, the Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo Metroparks, Imagination Station are all part of the Summer FunFest at our pool and park locations.

We are enormously grateful for the support from our partners in the community as well as the “can do” attitude of our city employees who have made a summer filled with positive activities and lasting memories possible for our children, youth and families.



Youth who will work at the pools and parks this summer cool off in the Splash Pad at Savage Park with Mayor Hicks-Hudson, Councilwomen Harper and Adams, as Dorothy Spurlock peeks out from behind.