

Engage Toledo Newsletter

Paula Hicks-Hudson, Mayor

From the Mayor's Office...



Dear Fellow City of Toledo Employees,

The month of September is a time when we start planning for fall activities after a long hot summer. First of all, I must convey my sincere thanks and appreciation for the things that we have done which have made a difference in the lives of our citizens and taxpayers. Just today, a citizen said “thank you” for the work being done to clean up our neighborhoods. He said that while he had not lived here long, he definitely sees and appreciates the things you are doing to keep our city safe and livable!

Mayor's Office...

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We received a phone call from a constituent who asked if we could reopen the pools because it has been so hot these last few days. Others noted that for the first time in a long time, our children had supervised activities in our parks. While these things may seem small to you, the people who we work for are appreciative. While these are small steps, they are steps in the right direction. Thank you for being a part of this.

In this newsletter, you will read about the different things that are happening in Toledo. There has been a lot of buzz about ProMedica and downtown's revitalization. There are also other areas of our city that are seeing growth and development. All that is happening is just one aspect of what makes Toledo a great city.

Sewer Blitzed!

Supporting Citizen-Led
Neighborhood
Cleanups

ADA Updates

Employee Giving

Every day that you play your part in providing essential city services strengthens the growth of our city. We are fortunate that our water quality dashboard remained “Clear” throughout the summer. We are having our departments engage in a new form of budgeting that will help explain the true cost for various city services to our citizens.

As we move into the last quarter of the year, let's continue to work smarter. Let's continue to remember that we work for our families, friends and neighbors. We have the opportunity and privilege to be good stewards of our city and its many resources.

Also, I would be remiss if I did not pause to remember those who died 15 years ago on 9/11. We all remember where we were. And while there was an attempt to shake us, we did not break. There will be a memorial mass at Historic St. Patrick Church on Sunday, September 11, 2016. The mass starts at 10 am.

Paula Hicks-Hudson

City of Toledo Economic & Business Development

Economic Development is about attraction, retention and expansion. The City of Toledo supports business development by putting effort into all three.

The redevelopment of the Overland site will be remembered in Toledo's history as a critical new chapter in our economy. Recent announcements regarding Dana and DMS (Detroit Manufacturing Systems) locating to the Overland site have proven the strategy was solid.

Promoting expansion of existing businesses is the biggest bang for the investment buck. Large companies like Faurecia, which recently expanded on Telegraph and smaller companies like Connectronics (on Avondale) are the types of projects we strive to facilitate on a consistent basis.

The City acquired the old Textileleather site to make it available for expansion of FCA Jeep manufacturing. Another expansion effort is what Ann Arbor Railroad is doing at Raceway Park, redeveloping this 90-acre site to take advantage of Toledo's strategic distribution location. The Northcross Industrial Park at Suder and Alexis is yet another 38-acre shovel ready property available for development.

The City of Toledo and our partners, including the Regional Growth Partnership, Jobs Ohio and Lucas County, are in constant contact with our current businesses to make sure we retain and promote possible expansion. And we are also in contact with businesses interested in coming to the Toledo area. Our location is part of it. Our reputation for manufacturing excellence is another."

—Bill Burkett, Commissioner, Economic & Business Development



In honor of Dana's legacy in Toledo, Mayor presented Mr. Bob Pyle, President of Dan Light Vehicle Driveline Technologies with a City of Toledo lapel pin.

On August 31, Mayor Hicks-Hudson spoke at Dana's groundbreaking event for a new axle manufacturing plant in Overland Industrial Park. Mayor said the City of Toledo has had an enduring relationship with Dana since the company first relocated to Toledo in 1928 and that Dana's new axle plant will continue to support Toledo JEEP Wrangler.

Mayor Hicks-Hudson highlighted the project as the fruit of a united and focused effort to develop the site, with the City investing about a million dollars in its preparation.

Paul Toth, President & CEO of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, said that the Toledo team executed every responsibility "flawlessly."

Mayor Hicks-Hudson expressed her appreciation for the City's professionals in Economic Development, Engineering and Environmental Services, Department of Public Utilities, and Plan Commission.



Toledo's Economic Development team works with both large and small businesses. At right Development Manager Steven Powell makes a presentation as part of a Small Business Financing panel.

August 30, 2016

Dear Mayor Hicks-Hudson,

Thank you for your steady attention to the Reynolds Road Corridor. The improvements to the roadway and the median with the unique lamp posts and the slower pots and plantings go a long way to attracting and keeping business in the South End.

As a long standing business along Reynolds Road we are thankful for all that you do.

Sincerely,

**Megan Coyle Stamos Joseph Stamos
Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 South Reynolds Road**

Citizens for Effective Government Started

Mayor Hicks-Hudson has solicited the assistance of local citizens to lead an initiative to bring additional perspectives to improving City government. The group, which will form as the Citizens for Effective Government, or CEG, will retain the mission and processes of the original Corporation for Effective Government, started in 1935, and which earned a national reputation for effective civic reform through independent, nonpartisan studies of issues in Toledo and Lucas County.

Olivia Summons, who led CEG for ten years, has agreed to chair the City's CEG process, which so far has named a six member steering committee to develop a

scope of work for the study. Once this has been accomplished, the steering committee will recruit volunteers from the community who have specific skill sets in the areas that it has identified for review. Mayor Hicks-Hudson has asked the steering committee to identify recommendations to improve operations so that the City can do a better job in delivering quality services for our citizens.

The process will entail interviewing various city Departments identified by the Steering Committee in its scope. The full CEG report is expected during the first half of next year.

Maintaining Safe, Livable Neighborhoods

City of Toledo supports citizen-led cleanups through equipment loans and refuse pickup

The City's Department of Neighborhoods offers a trailer stocked with supplies (lawnmowers, rakes, hedge trimmers, weed whackers, gloves, and garbage bags) that can be signed out by residents on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm. Citizens use the equipment and their own elbow grease to work on the projects they choose in their neighborhoods. The City then picks up any junk or debris resulting from the cleanup activity.

There are 12 Saturdays reserved during each year for these clean ups. Saturdays are still available in September, and October. To schedule a volunteer-led cleanup with City-provided equipment and refuse pickup, call (419) 245-1400.

This summer an abandoned house across from the Frederick Douglass Community Center was improved through this program with the support of volunteers from the Aurora House and the Toledo Fair Housing Center. Sixteen women worked for 2 ½ hours to transform a community eyesore into a visually appealing property.

The City strives to empower residents with information and resources to make our neighborhoods cleaner and safer. Programs such as this one, which puts tools into volunteers hands and then clears away the debris clearly shows how we can accomplish more by working together than we can on our own.



BEFORE...



DURING...



AFTER...

Toledo Updates ADA Plans

The City is working hard to be more accessible to all of its citizens, and following a thorough review of all departments has updated its ADA Transition Plan. The new plan is the result of an evaluation of the City's programs, services, activities and facilities. Multiple improvements in ADA-related projects and modifications were completed during the past year and more work is scheduled to be done over the next 12 months.

Joan Easler came on board as ADA Coordinator to manage disability access for the City and can be reached at 419-245-1059 or Joan.Easler@toledo.oh.gov.



City of Toledo Employees are Givers

Toledo will officially kick-off its annual United Way and Community Share campaigns on October 3rd. City of Toledo employees are generous with their time and energy helping out local organizations, their neighbors and friends.

City workers also support many worthwhile social services in our community for people they may never meet through payroll deductions to the United Way or Community Shares. Thanks!



The final paint coating is starting to appear on the Anthony Wayne Bridge. The Federal Bridge blue laid over the white primer, and under that a gray/green organic zinc primer delivered a unique industrial blue. This chemical color layering created a slightly lighter blue shade than the MLK spans as expected. This is because the metal MLK spans are Federal Bridge blue layered on top of the original brighter City Seal blue from 1982.

—Paul Ringlein



DPU Sewer Blitz Completed throughout Toledo...



Sewer & Drainage Services ROCKED the six week blitz in 2016! 85.9 Miles Sanitary Lines Cleaned; 1.3 Miles Storm Lines Cleaned; 20 Basins Cleaned; 95 Inlets Cleaned; 26 Pipe Patches; 174 Sewer Repairs



YES!

PLASTIC BOTTLES

clean with lids on

**CURBSIDE
RECYCLING**

NO!



PLASTIC BAGS

The City continues to work with Keep Toledo Lucas County Beautiful, Keep America Beautiful, and others to help our residents learn more about how to "Recycle Right" with efforts such as this colorful billboard that was designed at no cost because of the partnership.