



Ward 4 News

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Welcome to the first issue of the Ward 4 News. As promised, it is my intent to keep you informed on what is happening in our fair city and particularly in our ward. Since my inauguration in January, I have been keeping busy with various city activities and proposed legislation in addition to following up on your questions, comments and concerns.

As the daylight increases, so do activities in the city. With the warmer weather the city comes alive as residents are more apt to venture out for walks, to do yard work and to just enjoy the weather. I am also aware that this is a time when we see increased outside parties and more noise and behavior concerns. I have been in communication with the Police Chief and other city officials on how best to handle unpleasant situations that might arise. I am happy to report that the Police are not shying away from enforcing the nuisance laws that came into effect about a year ago.

I am pleased to announce that the key piece of legislation that I made a priority during my campaign, the job creation tax credit, recently unanimously passed at the April 19 City Council meeting. The purpose of this legislation is to encourage economic development in Berea which will increase the city's tax base through the creation of new jobs. This program is for businesses that relocate in the city or existing businesses that are expanding. They must create a minimum of 5 new jobs at a total payroll increase of \$100,000 or more. I am very excited to have been a part of making this a reality. I worked closely with BCDC director Rebecca Corrigan to get this going. I am also very appreciative of the support I received from my co-sponsors on this very important item. My co-sponsors included, Mayor Cyril Kleem, Council-at-Large, Dean Van Dress and Ward 1 Councilwoman Margarette Key.)

I have also co-sponsored a ban on texting and driving. However, with the state working on its own legislation, council has decided to table the city ban until we get the final ruling from Columbus.

Council-at-Large, Dale Lange and I have been working on trying to resolve the horse defecation issues that have affected several areas. We were well-received when we met with the

Fairground Board to discuss possible solutions. At the time of this writing, I have already heard some positive feedback from residents who have witnessed riders come back to clean up after their horses after they have finished riding.

You may recall that one of my other goals was the formation of a council committee for senior services. Prior to my swearing in, I requested from Council President Brown the formation of such a committee which was denied at that time. However, I am still working on bringing this to fruition.

In addition to the creation of a Senior Room at the Rec Center, Rec Director, Barb Jones has been diligently working on new programs offered to all age levels at the Rec Center. Maintenance has begun and will continue on the Rec in general. Both the men's and women's locker rooms are being refurbished. There will also be the addition of some new workout equipment.

As many of you know, council recently approved to update the zoning code to allow for Adult businesses. By no means was this meant to encourage Adult businesses to come into the city. The way the code was written previously, Adult businesses would have been allowed by law to locate pretty much anywhere in the city. The purpose of this revision was to provide specific areas that may not necessarily be enticing for such businesses to locate.

I'd also like to congratulate Dr. Edward White as the 2010 recipient of the 43 Annual Grindstone Award. His dedication and service to his family and community make him a stellar example of what the Grindstone Award is all about. We are lucky to live in a community where people, like Dr. White, take an active role in giving back and helping those in need.

If I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed below or via e-mail. **Also, if you would like to receive correspondence and news electronically, please drop me an e-mail so I can add you to my mailing list.**

I wish you all a safe and happy summer!

Feel free to contact me at 440-667-3757 or cbanaszak@wowway.com.



Upcoming Events for Independence Day Weekend

July, 2, 3, 4 Grindstone Festival at Coe Lake

Friday, July 2 – 2:00-11:00

Saturday, July 3 - 3:00-11:00; Moonlight Movie – 9:30 pm – Ice Age

Sunday, July 4 - 3:00-11:00; fireworks at 10:00 pm