

Mayor's Message, Fall 2010

As 2011 nears, we continue our preparation for our likely transition to a city. One step in the process was to update our municipal charter. The proposed changes appeared on residents' ballots in November and were passed by a large margin. Thanks to everyone who came out and exercised their right to vote.

You may have noticed our new residential refuse agreement with Waste Management. This is the first rate increase we've had in several years and our rates remain very low compared to other communities. The new contract raised our base rate from \$9.87 to \$12 per month. Waste Management has been a strong asset to our community and I'm happy we're able to continue this partnership with them.

When SWACO's rate increase goes into effect on January 1, Waste Management (like all waste haulers) will have the option to tack this increase onto its refuse programs. SWACO's increase is \$0.25 for residential curbside pickup, with a larger increase for commercial refuse.

Congratulations are in order for Diley Ridge Medical Center. The facility earned LEED® Gold certification from the United States Green Building Council, making it Ohio's first Gold LEED-certified healthcare facility. This center has proved to be a huge asset for Canal Winchester. We should all be proud to have an award-winning facility with so many green elements meeting the healthcare needs of our community.

Another positive development in the community is Manifold & Phalor's relocation to Canal Winchester. The company outgrew its 10,000 square-foot space in Reynoldsburg and recently relocated to a 30,000 square-foot facility in Canal Point industrial park. The company is open and in the process of making its transition to full operations here in our community. Expect news regarding their grand opening this winter.

I am also very proud of the caliber of events we've seen lately in Canal Winchester. We continue to see large increases in attendance at all of our events, and I believe the Blues & Ribfest and Canal Winchester Labor Day Festival are two of the finest festivals in the state of Ohio. I have reason to believe I'm not the only one who feels this way, after hearing similar comments from several people who attended these events.

Both Christmas in the Village and Breakfast With Santa are coming up in December. I hope you have plans to participate in the final two events of the year as well as the full schedule of celebrations on the agenda for next year.

I'm looking forward to another prosperous and joyous year with everyone. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Sincerely,

Michael Ebert
Mayor of Canal Winchester