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While this somewhat mild weather we are enjoying this week doesn't necessarily remind us yet of summer and swimming, it is time for those interested in working at the pool or in the parks to complete applications for this year's seasonal employment. We are currently accepting applications for the positions of pool manager, assistant pool manager, lifeguard, and summer park maintenance workers. Applications are available at the Village Hall or at the high school office and need to be returned by January 31st.

Also talking about summer, the Fort Recovery Youth Sports Organization (FRYSO) is gearing up for another summer's ball programs with sign-up sheets going out soon through the school. The group currently has a couple director positions open to assist in the operations of the organization. Anyone interested should contact Kevin Will, president of FRYSO, to learn more about how they can assist with our youth ball programs.

As for village projects, the necessary levee work at our lagoons was completed this past week and was a great improvement to prevent the erosion problems we were facing on the banks of the lagoons. Also in working with OEPA we are moving forward on some other additional improvements to the existing lagoons while also looking into the addition of a third lagoon to take care of future needs.

I will be meeting next week with ODOT officials to continue our discussion and planning to alleviate some of the truck route issues that we have here in Fort Recovery. Our first focus is on making improvements to the intersection of the two highways where the flashing light is at currently. We are also looking at more long term solutions to help with the large amount of truck traffic that we experience daily.

This week in my continuation of acknowledging our various boards and committees, I want to recognize our Planning Commission. This board consists of five members made up of the mayor, one council representative and three at large members as appointed by the mayor who meet as necessary. The duties of a planning commission are basically to guide in the orderly development of the Village of Fort Recovery. They do such things as review all map revisions, zoning code amendments, subdivision developments, and assist in the long term planning for the village and any potential growth or revisions to our boundaries. Our current members joining Mayor Broerman include Councilman Dave Kaup, Joe Heitkamp, Lorri Kaup and Neal Spencer. These three at large members have all served for many years and have went through many changes to our zoning codes and our village boundaries. I commend each of them for their commitment and contribution to our community planning and growth. Thank you Planning Commission members!

Some upcoming dates to remember:

- Saturday, January 24th – Community Club Fish Fry at the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club on St. Peter Road from 4:00 -8:00 pm. All you can eat – prices are \$7.50 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 10 & under.

- Chamber Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, March 8th. Nominations for Citizen of the Year and Hall of Fame are being accepted now through the end of the month. Forms can be picked up at any of the banks, the post office or library. Please help the Chamber by nominating those deserving individuals from our community.