February 24, 2015

Winter isn't over quite yet!! With these bitter cold temperatures please remember it is a good idea to do the little things to prevent frozen water lines such as leaving the sink cabinet doors open and/or allowing the faucets to drip. Hopefully March will bring some warmer temperatures and we can get rid of the snow cover.

Planning continues on the intersection of ST RT 49 & ST RT 119 to make it more truck friendly. We are working with the adjoining property owners and are putting together a project to pull back the radius of the curb lines to allow for trucks to make these turns without crossing the centerline. We are also working with ODOT to complete another traffic count after the weather warms up to see where we are at in relation to a possible traffic signal being warranted for this intersection. Planning also continues on more long term solutions to assist trucks following the state route through town.

Bids will go out this week on the construction of a new parking area in Community Park. This will be located in the area of the current basketball court and will add 50 plus parking spots. The proposed completion date is June 1, 2015 with the hopes that it will be available for most of our summer activities. Other improvements are being planned in the parks over the next few years including some possible work at Ambassador Pool.

The Village Council will hold a public meeting to discuss and take action on a proposed annexation map and designated zoning districts for a parcel of ground along ST RT 49 at the south edge of town. This annexation is proposed by Dan & Grace Jutte, along with K&L Tractor Sales, and is proposing to designate a portion of the parcel R3 (Multi-residential) and a portion C2 (General Commercial). The public meeting will be held on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 pm in the council room of the Village Hall.

A special congratulation to the Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce Award winners: Citizen of the Year – Cathy Etzler and Hall of Fame recipient – Dan Schmitz. Cathy has been an active member in our community for many years and has been especially active with our local Psi Iota Xi Sorority as a charter member and now currently serving as the National President. Dan has been active for many years with local groups including the Ambassadors, for Lions Club, Mary Help of Christians Church and by serving as the Jubilee Chairman for a number of years. Also this year the Chamber will be recognizing Cooper Farms as their "Business of the Year", which is a well-deserved award for their many community contributions and their continued growth and presence in the Fort Recovery business community.

Other noteworthy Chamber awards are the Beautification Awards which are presented annually to those that make substantial property improvements which add to the overall appearance of our community. This year's awards are given to: Most Improved Residential Property -Al & Maggie Warnock, 119 S Wayne St; Most Improved Dwelling -Kimo & Lisa Bechtol, 408 E Center St; and Most Improved Commercial Property – Trusty Woods – Tim & Shawnda Combs, 101 W. Butler St. Thank you to each of you for helping keep Fort Recovery a great community.

Mayor Roger Broerman will also be recognizing his annual "Community Service Award" at the Chamber Banquet. This year's recipient is the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club. This group has been around for many years and has continually provided financial support to many local efforts and groups along with providing our community with the local Traders Days that bring a very large contingent of visitors to our community each year.

The Chamber Awards Banquet will be held on Sunday, March 8th in the Elementary / Middle School Auditeria with the social hour beginning at 6:00 pm, the meal at 6:45 pm and the program at 7:30 pm. Tickets are $10 and are available at the local banks, Fort Recovery Insurance or at the Village Hall. This is a wonderful evening to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions that so many freely provide to help improve the Fort Recovery community. Please plan to attend or if not please thank these deserving award recipients the next time you see them.