



May 31, 2011

Dear Hunting Valley Resident,

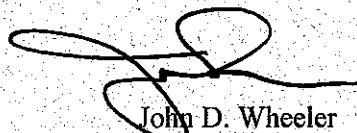
It appears summer is finally here after an extremely rough winter and spring that has raised unusual havoc with our roads. This summer we will complete our usual patchwork but we are now proceeding with plans for a significant road improvement to take place next summer. This is an upgrade of Fairmount Boulevard for a distance of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile beginning at River Road and heading west. This is the worst part of the existing road that simply must be widened slightly and the curbs removed to provide an acceptable degree of safety. The appearance will not materially change as we will raise the road somewhat to avoid the necessity of cutting back the banks along the side. This project was recommended as Phase I of Fairmount Boulevard improvements by our Infrastructure Committee several years back. It has now been fully engineered and the village has been successful in receiving funding from Cuyahoga County and a grant from the State of Ohio to cover 64% of this \$1.1 Million project. The one bit of bad news is it will require closure of all through traffic during the construction period. More on that later this year.

I have several matters to report to you on our sustainability front. First we are contemplating reducing the recycling pick-up to every other week. It would save the village significant dollars and would still meet the needs for our residents since seldom, if ever, do any of us have a full bin of recyclables every week.

We recently received two grants that have been committed to our sustainability agenda. One grant from NOPEC for \$50,000 will fund the installation of energy efficient fixtures such as hot water tanks in the village hall in addition to windows, interior/exterior lighting, emergency lighting and hot water tanks in our service maintenance buildings. The other grant from Cuyahoga County Municipal Energy Program in the amount of \$10,000 will provide a complete energy efficiency survey at our village hall. We also will have an added feature at our picnic this year. We will have on site several booths staffed by vendors who have state-of-art energy savings programs and products for our homes. I trust you will find this informative and useful as we each focus more on doing our part to reduce the carbon footprint in the village.

And finally, a couple of announcements. First, our community shredding program will continue with a scheduled shredding time at the village hall on Wednesday, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30am. You can also leave your materials in advance at the village hall and we will shred them. And second, our EIGHTH ANNUAL PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE VILLAGE GROUNDS JULY 10, 2011 FROM 5 PM TO 8PM. Hope to see you all there for my final opportunity to host this event as your Mayor.

Best regards,



John D. Wheeler  
Mayor

