

## **City Administrator's Report**

**January 3, 2012**

A very Happy New Year to the Mayor and City Council. 2012 appears to be a challenging, yet exciting year for city government.

Activities in city government have been minimal because of the Holiday period and employees taking vacation and personal days during this time of the year.

Tax collections are going very well according to City Finance Director Kim Manely.

The City has experienced some savings due to the warmer than usual weather. Public Works employees are working on barricade/ park equipment repair and tree removal and Wastewater staff are busy with completing the remainder of the 2011 Plant Improvements.

Because of the cooperation between Wastewater Utility, Street Department and Water & Light personnel some equipment has been relocated to make room for the storage of sand bags for EOC purposes at Water Plant #1. City Staff will continue to investigate additional storage area for more bags in advance preparation of flooding in the future.

The City has not received any new information from the Fall River Fire/EMS District regarding staffing for EMS services. The City will continue to invoice the Village of Fall River for LifeStar calls until the City and Village receive direction to do otherwise from State EMS officials.

Interviews are being scheduled for the Public Works Manager position in the next several weeks.

The City Engineer and City Administrator will be meeting with State DOT officials the week of January 9 in order to receive an update as to the schedule of the re-construction of James Street.

A meeting of the Greater Columbus EMS "Board" will be scheduled later this month.

The application for Columbus's re-certification as a Tree City, USA, designation for 2012 has been filed with the Department of Natural Resources.

The Columbus Cable Commission will be meeting tomorrow, January 4 at 6:30pm in the Community Building.

The City will be accepting sealed bids for the possible sale of the Westside Business Park until January 24, in accordance to direction of the City Council, CDA and Plan Commission.