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A Year of Positives - Partnerships and Plans for the Future



2009 has been a tough year for all, and our City is no exception. But this has also been a year of strong partnerships, with City Council, with county and township officials, and with our citizens. As we move forward in 2009 and put plans in place in the areas of Parks and Recreation, Comprehensive Land Use and Safety Services, those partnerships will continue, and that makes our future very positive!

Planning for Your Safety

An area that will be of significant focus of our planning is the Safety Services, which consists of our Police Division, our Fire Division and our Municipal Court.

In 2008, our Police Division's calls for service increased by 6 percent over 2007. The Fire Division experienced a 9 percent increase in calls for service. But the resources to support the increases were not available. In fact, I must report to you that they are currently woefully inadequate.

A typical Police Division for a city our size is about 25,000 square feet, while our division occupies 3,500 square feet. That is 1/7 the size of a facility that it needs to accomplish its duties efficiently. We have been concerned with the current location of the Fire Division for some time. Experts advise we need an

additional fire station north of town or with quicker access to Route 33 to maintain satisfactory response times.

Our Municipal Court facilities are also inadequate, without space for holding criminal defendants, conducting probation activities or screening people properly.

Because of these serious shortfalls, 2009 will be a very important year for our Safety Services. Last month, we kicked off a planning process which includes gathering citizen input as to what the public wants in relation to resources for our Police, Fire and Municipal Court. We are also investigating funding to address these needs.

Ultimately, this will be a choice for our citizens, and we will present you with those choices later this year.

Designing Your Future Marysville

Also this year, the Engineering Department will lead a very important initiative: the creation of a new Comprehensive Plan for our City. A "Comp Plan" designates the ways that land in our city will be used, and it ensures that our city maintains a high quality of life. We have not updated our Comp Plan since 1999. As we conduct this process, we will gather much input from our residents and business owners, and we are excited to plan for the future.

The Public Services Department will also lead an important initiative by updating our City's Parks and Recreation Plan. We have grown tremendously since the last parks and recreation plan was completed, and we need to ensure that our residents' needs in this area are being met.

As these positive things are occurring in 2009, we will continue to monitor our budget very carefully, ensuring that the

public's resources are being used wisely. However, I am excited that even during these tough times, we will be planning for a positive future. As we work to put plans in place in the areas of Parks and Recreation, Comprehensive Land Use and Safety Services, we invite you to share your thoughts and ideas. More information about this planning process is available on our City Website (www.marysvilleohio.org). We want and value your input as we plan for our city's future!

Getting Involved - Help Plan Your City's Future

Parks and Recreation

Help plan the future of our parks and recreation program! Please join us at one of our Parks and Recreation Master Plan Community Forums:

Wednesday, April 22nd

7 to 8:30 pm
Union County Service Center
940 London Avenue

Thursday, April 30th

7 to 8:30 pm
Creekview Intermediate School

Land Use

Help plan the future of our land use! Please join us at a Comprehensive Plan Open House:

Wednesday, April 29th

noon to 2 pm or 5 to 7 pm
Union County Agriculture Building
Buckeye Room, 18000 SR 4

Quality of Life and Future Challenges Drive Development of Plan for Marysville's Future

An update on Marysville's new comprehensive plan

Most populated parts of the country currently have a plan that tells them the best places for houses, shops, factories, roads and paths. This affects zoning, everyday life and how cities respond when a new business wants to move to town, or a new housing development is to be built.

Union County as a whole has such a plan, called the Union County Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted in January 1999. Marysville has been relying on that plan until now, but our city has seen unprecedented growth and is unique within Union County. So it makes sense to have our own plan for how we should use our land.

This guide would help us see the best use for land that is unused, and it can help us gradually shift to ideal land use when opportunities arise, such as when a large factory moves or requests more space. It also helps plan transportation and roads, as well as utilities, and allows us to place guidelines on the character of new construction. At first glance, it might seem to make sense to try to keep all the homes separate from all the businesses, but that doesn't make our communities very walkable, since residents

Making Your Own Project Planning Easier- One-Stop Permit Shop

Those who need permits for putting up a fence, building a deck, renovating, or even developing a retail site will find all their permit needs can be fulfilled in a single stop. The City of Marysville has consolidated permits into one location, on the second floor of City Hall, 125 East Sixth Street.

Previously, building and zoning permits were issued in a separate department from water and sewer permits.

To learn more about permits and when they are needed, go to the city's Web site at www.MarysvilleOhio.org and click on Planning and Zoning. Then click on Zoning Requirements, and you will have access to a document explaining permits.

would have to drive in order to get to even the closest shops. It also might seem logical to ask all factories to locate as far away as possible, but on closer inspection, the cost to run industrial grade utilities that the factory needs might become very expensive.

A comprehensive plan looks to balance all these factors and create the best quality of life possible for our residents, while keeping in mind the most logical solutions to possible future challenges.

Such a plan can ensure that our optimistic dreams, such as bike paths connecting homes with important city resources, are already written down. That makes it easier to incorporate them when new construction happens.

So who will follow this plan?

The comprehensive plan will be a guide for City Council, City Administration and the Planning Commission. When a developer or business comes before them with a request, they can refer to the plan to be sure their decision is in the best interest of the long-term vision for the city.

Our goals for this plan are to:

- Update the relevant parts of the Union County plan, rather than start from scratch;
- Enhance the sense of identity, place and vision of the City of Marysville as it is now and as it will be in the future;
- Provide a blueprint to guide the physical and economic growth of the City of Marysville;
- Enhance the quality of life, and build on those qualities that now make Marysville an excellent place to live, work, visit and play;
- Ensure we craft a plan that can actually be put to work.

We are aiming to complete the plan this December.

In the meantime, we will be looking for your input. Interviews, focus groups, public open houses and an online survey will be announced soon. Please look for these announcements and participate in any way you can. Your opinions will shape the future of Marysville!

Planning for Future Recreation Spaces and Programs

Recreation and parks play an important role in the life of Marysville residents.

Research shows that just as our children are losing touch with nature, we are discovering that outdoor play is essential to their development. Wholesome recreation is also vital to adults, and a sign of a healthy community people enjoy living in.

We must plan now to ensure we make the correct decisions in the future about programs, land, facilities and services we provide through the Division of Parks and Recreation, to keep pace with our growing population.

For this reason we are developing a **Comprehensive Master Parks and Recreation Plan**.

This plan will tell us if our current programs, parks and facilities are working well and will recommend new programs, parks, facilities and services. The plan will also result in policies and a framework for future growth and development.

Here are the steps to making this plan:

1. Use a project manager to guide the process
2. Ask for input from the Mayor, City Council, Parks and Recreation Commission, staff, citizens, civic groups, volunteers, etc.
3. Assess the current park system, land use rules for housing and business development, and park rules and regulations
4. Host community forums, surveys and interviews.
5. Turn all the gathered information into a vision.
6. Develop an action plan to make that vision a reality, and estimate the cost of doing so.
7. Finally, present the recommendation to the Mayor and City Council.

This will all happen very quickly. The finished plan is due this October! To learn more how you can participate or provide feedback, please visit our City Website, www.marysvilleohio.org.

Can Help Reach You When You Need It?

Planning The Future of Safety Services

Another area where we are planning for growth is in safety services, which includes the Marysville Fire Division, the Marysville Police Division and the Municipal Court. Our increasing population means, of course, an increased need for fire and police services, and a busier city court. But hiring more and more people to serve in these areas doesn't always solve the whole problem.

	1980	Today
Population	7,414	18,941
City Size	4.05 sq. mi.	16.22 sq. mi.

For example, the presence of the interstate and railroad tracks that cross streets at grade level mean it can be difficult for fire and police to reach certain neighborhoods quickly. That is especially true in areas that have grown up beyond the traditional boundaries of the city, when it was originally envisioned.

In order to keep our city safe, we must invest in broadening the reach of these critical safety services. You said so

yourself! You can view the results of your survey responses at our city Web site, www.MarysvilleOhio.org. Most people ranked safety services as "Extremely Important" to you, and also agreed they are currently inadequate.

A team of city employees has been working with two architectural firms to predict and explore the future of safety services in Marysville. After working together, they determined Marysville needs a new building that would jointly house the Police Division and the Municipal Court. The team also determined the Fire Division should have two locations: a refurbished station in the core of the city, and a second main station that would help reduce response times in critical residential areas located far from the current station.

The work done by this team is available for your review, as well as additional information about the proposed changes. You can view this information at www.MarysvilleOhio.org or by visiting City Hall.

It's warming up in the parks!

Here is a sneak peak at events you can enjoy, now that the weather is getting warmer:

The Municipal Pool

The pool pass registration form may be mailed (with check or money order) or dropped off at the Public Service Center (8:00am-4:30pm) located at 455 North Maple Street. Proof of residency is required for all pass purchases. A current utility bill is a valid form of proof of residency. The form is available on the city Website, www.MarysvilleOhio.org, by clicking on Recreation and then Municipal Pool.

Day in the Park

This wonderful day for residents is planned for July 11. More details will be available soon. Mark your calendar!

Concerts in the Park

All concerts are from 6:30-8 p.m. in American Legion Park at the corner of 5th Street and Park Avenue. Bring a lawn chair and snack! Links to more information about the bands are available on the city Website at www.MarysvilleOhio.org.

June 14: Muleskinner Band, Kevin Mabry, & Liberty Street Reunion

June 28: McGuffey Lane

July 11: Calypso Gypsies*

Aug. 2: Ju Ju Bees

Aug. 16: Mo Jo Road

Sept. 6: Trombones Plus

Sept. 20: Gas Pump Jockeys

(all bands are subject to change)

*noon to 4pm during a "Day in the Park"

Community Calendar

April 22

Parks & Recreation Community Forum 7 p.m.
Union County Services Building

April 23

City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall

April 29

Comprehensive Plan Open House noon – 2 p.m. or 5 – 7 p.m.
Union County Agriculture Building, Buckeye Room

April 30

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May 14

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Council Chambers at City Hall

May 28

City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall

June 11

City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall

June 25

City Council Meeting 7 p.m.
Council Chambers at City Hall

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Building & Grounds 642-7557

Clerk of Council 642-6015

Economic Development 642-6279

Engineering, Planning & Zoning 642-6015

Finance 642-6015

Fire 642-2065

Municipal Court 644-9102

Oakdale Cemetery 642-4791

Parks & Recreation 642-0116

Personnel & Services 642-6015

Police 642-3900

Pool 642-1046

Public Service Center 642-0116

Sanitation 642-7305

Streets & Stormwater 642-4767

Utility Billing 642-6861

Wastewater Plant 642-1036

Water Distribution 644-9858

Water Plant 644-9115



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Pay your city utility bill from your computer!

On-line bill pay has arrived

It is easy to pay your city bills without leaving the house, and without using a stamp! Just go to www.MarysvilleOhio.org and click on Resident Information, which is the second choice from the top in the main menu.

You will see a smaller menu, which includes the topic, "Online Utility Bill Pay." Once you click on that, you will see a new set of menus on your left. These include all the simple steps you need to create an online account and take care of your city bills with just a few clicks!

When you are in this section, if you look in the box that shows the Web address, you will notice it starts with "https" instead of "http." This shows you that you are on a secure site where your personal information is safe. You can call (937) 642-6861 if you have any questions.



www.MarysvilleOhio.org