

# Wood County Building Inspection

## Contractor's Corner

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### Message From The Chief

#### **SUMMER COMING SOON!**

It was another rough winter in Ohio but we made it through and construction is taking off. Commercial projects such as Costco in Perrysburg, Home Depot Distribution Center, Marathon office expansion in Findlay, new schools in Napoleon, Delta Steel Plant Addition and many others under construction are nearing completion. Residential sub-divisions are being proposed, single family home starts are up from last year at this time, and the department permit revenue has been positive for the first quarter. 2015 has been a busy year for permitting and inspections but we are still offering next day inspections if you call in before 2:30 pm the day before.

#### **CODE NEWS!**

Starting January 1, 2015 Ohio adopted the 2014 National Electrical Code for all Non-residential Structures and we are using the 2011 NEC for all 1, 2, & 3 Family Structures. So the good news; no changes for residential but there are many changes for commercial structures. The Ohio Board of Building Standards has all the current codes posted on their website in a PDF format for viewing and downloading. <http://www.com.ohio.gov/dico/bbs>. Also, code books can be purchased at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org). The 2009 Energy Code has specific requirements for energy efficient lighting, requiring 75 percent of all permanent fixtures to have CFL or LED type bulbs. We are checking these items on final building inspections.

#### **PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD!**

I mention this in every newsletter and will mention it again, we are still having problems with the approved building plans being on the job site for all inspections. The inspectors are required to inspect per the approved set of construction documents according to Chapter 1 of the Ohio Building/Residential Codes. Re-inspection fees will be assessed if inspections are scheduled and the plans are not on site. For the residential plan approval process we require 2 complete sets of drawings with all the necessary information, beam spec, truss specs, energy package, system description form, etc.... This will help expedite the review process for us and you.

#### **OFFICE HOURS!**

Inspectors will be starting summer working hours as of May 4, 2015, working from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Friday. You can contact all inspectors directly starting at 7:30 am. Their direct contact numbers are posted on our Building Inspection Website under department contacts. The front office hours will remain the same, 8 am to 4 pm. [www.wcbinspect.co.wood.oh.us](http://www.wcbinspect.co.wood.oh.us).

## **What's Coming!**

The inspectors are using tablets in the field and leaving a hard copy of the inspection results on the job site. Starting July 1, 2015, I plan on going paperless in the field. The inspection results will be sent to an email address provided in the permit file. It is very important for you to have your information up to date. Please contact my clerical staff if you need to change or update your records. We are also in the process of hiring a building inspector and a part-time plans examiner to keep up with the construction industry.

For those of you who know Building Inspector Ron Badik, he is retiring. His last day will be May 28, 2015. Ron has been a valuable asset to our department and the inspection industry. It's going to be difficult to replace a person of his caliber and work ethics. We are happy for him, but sad to see him go. He will be missed by many.

We are planning on having cake and ice cream at our office on May 28, from 12 pm to 3 pm. Stop in and say your goodbyes and congratulations. **THANKS RON FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO WOOD COUNTY.**

***ENJOY THE SUMMER!***

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