

# Wood County Building Inspection

## Contractor's Corner

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### Message From The Chief

#### **WINTER IS ALMOST HERE!**

Our weather to date has been perfect for the construction industry this year in Northwest Ohio. Commercial projects such as the Holiday Inn Hotel in Perrysburg, Marathon Performing Art's Center in Findlay, multi-family apartment buildings in Perrysburg and Bowling Green Ohio, and new schools in Napoleon Ohio have kept our office very busy. Residential sub-divisions continue to expand and single family home construction starts are up 10% compared to last year at this time. If we are busy with inspections and plan reviews, it is a positive sign for the construction industry in our area.

#### **CODE NEWS!**

Starting January 1, 2016 Ohio will adopt the 2014 National Electrical Code for all 1, 2, and 3 Family Dwellings and there are a few changes that need to be reviewed. There are also many amendments / changes to our existing code text; one example: The plumbing code has a major change in testing DWV piping, the 5# air test has been deleted and now the systems will need to be tested with water. If you are an electrical/building/plumbing/hvac contractor and are interested in reviewing the significant changes that will affect your installations, I am considering a code update class at the end of January 2016. Please contact my clerical staff if you are interested in attending, there is room for approximately 50 attendees. I will have the date locked in later this month based on the number of those interested in attending. The class will be approximately 1—2 hours and it will only be scheduled once we have 20 or more reservations.

The Ohio Board of Building Standards has all the current codes/changes posted on their website in a PDF format for viewing and downloading. <http://www.com.ohio.gov/dico/bbs>. And code books can be purchased at [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).

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

Approved/stamped building plans are required to be 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. Please do not schedule your inspections unless you are ready.

#### **OFFICE HOURS!**

All staff members are back to our normal hours, 8 am to 4 pm daily. Please visit our website for additional contact information and plan submittal requirements. [www.wcbinspect.co.wood.oh.us](http://www.wcbinspect.co.wood.oh.us). Please find attached the application for 2016 contractor registration.

## **What's Coming!**

I am considering new permit software for the department called Equalizer. The implementation of the software will be in the summer of 2016. I will provide you with an update this coming spring. We also have a new Building Inspector helping out part-time in the field. Some of you may know Larry Temme, he has many years of experience in the construction industry and is very customer service oriented.

Please Note: as of December 4, 2015, the Village's of Fayette, Delta, and Metamora have been certified as Non-Residential Building Departments and the Wood County Building Department is providing the code enforcement. This includes all new/existing commercial/industrial/institutional/residential multi-family Buildings, One, Two and Three Family Residential Dwellings are exempt from enforcement at this time. Any plans/projects submittal for plan approval will also require local zoning approval before plans/permits are released. Please visit our website for additional information.

***ENJOY THE WINTER!***

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