

# *Wood County Building Inspection*

## *Contractor's Corner*

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### *Message From The Chief*

#### **HERE COMES SUMMER**

It has been a great spring so far, with warm weather, lots of sunshine, and of course some rain. Enjoy the last few weeks of spring, because summer is just a few weeks away. Building permits are on the increase for this year compared to last, with the exception of no change in revenue. That is possible due to the fact we have numerous smaller scale projects that produce less revenue. For this year to date, we have had 50 new single family starts compared to last year with 37, and commercial projects are up slightly from last year. We are waiting for a few schools to break ground and for additional expansion work in North Baltimore, Ohio with CSX.

#### **WHAT'S NEW FOR THIS SUMMER**

Beginning June 1, 2010, the Wood County Building Department will be accepting applications and issuing permits for all manufactured homes (mobile homes) in parks and on private property throughout Wood County. All jurisdictions—townships, cities, villages, and non-incorporated areas, are included. We are excited to be able to offer this service to all residents of the County selecting affordable housing in order to promote consistency, affordability, and convenience. The Wood County Commissioners approved the formation of the department on April 27, 2010 and was certified by the Ohio Manufactured Housing Commission on May 19, 2010. We currently have a fee schedule established and posted on our website under Administrative Code items. The Wood County Commissioners have also approved a new fee schedule for manufactured homes. The new permit fees will be effective on June 25, 2010. Applications are available at our office and will soon be posted on our website. Please contact our office with any questions and remember to take advantage of paying for permits via credit card. This could save you a trip to our office. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm with the exception of weekends and holidays.

Online permitting through our Citizenserve permit software is currently in the testing phase and should be finalized before July 1, 2010. I will keep you posted on our progress.

## CODE ITEMS OF INTEREST

We are still having some problems with residential plan submittals. It is necessary to have all the required information for your projects at the time of application. If you are using engineered beams, trusses, floor joist, etc., we need the engineering on those products for plan approval. We are also experiencing problems with the energy requirements. Depending on the selected method used, 2006 Re-scheck, Energy Star, Performance method, or Prescriptive method, we need that information and the energy yellow sticker needs to be posted on the electrical panel. We offer free plan review/code consultations by appointment. Contact Mark Meyer for commercial and Gary Swope for residential. Approved plans are required to be on the job site for inspections. If we cannot perform the inspection because you're not ready, corrections not completed, or no plans on site, a re-inspection fee will be assessed to your project.

Beginning June 25, 2010, there will be a \$50.00 fee for foundation only permits on all residential projects. Our post frame standards were clarified with a word change requiring buildings greater than 40 feet in width **or** greater than 12 feet high side walls will require engineering.

On the HVAC side, when applying for a residential replacement furnace permit, the a/c unit is a separate item under our fee schedule. The furnace replacement would be \$40.00 and the a/c replacement would also be \$40.00, with a total cost of \$80.00 for a combination unit.

## HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



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