

# Wood County Building Inspection

## Contractor's Corner

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### Message From The Chief

#### FALL HAS ARRIVED!

Another fantastic summer has gone by too fast. The weather was hot and dry, great for summer recreation and construction activity. What happened in September reminded me of the weather we had last May, rain, rain and more rain. October seems to be looking better so far. Come on Indian Summer!

Let's talk permit activity for this year. Total permit revenue to date for 2011 is \$824,507 compared to 2010 revenue of \$597,786. Commercial projects have generated the majority of revenue this year for us with eight new public school projects starting at the beginning of this year. Residential activity is down from last year with 102 single family home starts to date for 2011 compared to 129 last year. New construction residential is still suffering from the down turn in the economy since 2007. As a reminder, our department operates solely on permit revenue generated from Wood, Hancock and Henry Counties. We are not funded through Wood County's general fund.

#### CODE NEWS

Ohio has finally adopted new codes for all non-residential (commercial) projects. These codes will be effective on November 1, 2011 for (building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical). They will be the 2011 Ohio Building Codes based on the 2009 ICC International Building Codes. The electrical code will be NFPA 70, 2011 National Electrical Code. There is no carry over or over-lapping of the new and old codes. If you apply and submit plans on or after November 1, 2011, they will need to comply with the new codes. For design professionals submitting plans for approvals to any building department in Ohio, the new code information needs to be labeled and noted on all documents. Updates of the significant changes will be provided for all code enforcement folks during the month of October. The Ohio Board of Building Standards will be offering live webinars at no cost for contractors/designers later this year. Our Building Department may be hosting a live webinar training seminar in our office building this January for all those interested. I will keep you posted. This does not effect Residential 1, 2, and 3 Family construction. No adoption dates are scheduled at this time for a new residential code. However, the RCAC committee has completed their review for the 2011 Residential Code and the draft document is posted on the Board of Building Standards website, <http://www.com.ohio.gov/dico/BBS>, for public review/comments. Forecast date for a new residential code is at least 9 months from now based on procedures that the state is required to follow.

## **CHANGES FOR 2011**

Our department was certified for manufactured housing in May of 2010, and we have expanded that service to Hancock and Henry Counties for 2011. We can issue permits for all manufactured homes in parks or on private property in all 3 counties. As of October 1, 2011, the Village of Bairdstown, Ohio became a certified building department for Residential/Non-Residential structures. All plan approvals/permits/inspections will be issued/conducted through the Wood County Building Inspection Department. I will continue to pursue jurisdictions for code enforcement throughout our region.

As of August 1, 2011, our part-time electrical inspector, Dave Cunningham, is working full time. We will also be making a few changes to our clerical staff. Barb Enright, Office Manager, who has been with Wood County for 30 plus years, will be retiring at the end of this year. We will be changing that position title to an administrative assistant. I am planning on securing an individual for this position by December 1st. Ms. Enright has been a valuable asset for our department and will be missed. Congratulations Barb!

## **REMINDERS FOR THIS YEAR**

Contractor registrations expire on December 31st, if you renew your registration by January 31, 2012 it will cost \$25.00, but after this deadline date, it will be \$50.00. We have enclosed the contractor registration renewal application for your convenience. Please fill out all current information on your company and include a current up to date email address. We email all inspection results the next day after the inspections have been completed. You can fax, mail, or stop in the office to complete your registration. Don't forget to take advantage of the credit card transaction for an easy payment method.

## **PROBLEMS IN THE FIELD**

We are still having problems with approved building plans being on-site for scheduled inspections. It is a requirement by the Ohio Building Code and the Residential Code of Ohio for approved plans to be on the job site for all scheduled inspections. Inspectors are required to perform their inspection in compliance with these plans. If the plans are not made available, the inspection cannot be completed and a re-inspection fee will be assessed/secured before we will schedule additional inspections.

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