



# Collins Corner

Connecting with the constituents in District 2

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## Message from Councilman Collins

I would like to express my appreciation in this Collins Corner to Michael J. Navarre. Chief Navarre retired on October 21, 2011 after 34 years of public service in the Department of Police Operations. He was a member of the 35th Toledo Police Academy Class as was our new Chief Derrick Diggs. I must say their graduation class could by some be considered the second best class in the history of the Toledo Police Academies; the First and Most Distinguished Class was the "Fighting 33rd" and by way of disclosure, my Academy Class.

To define Michael Navarre's career, the words which came to mind are focus, leadership, integrity, compassion and open-mindedness. When men and women seek the vocation, yes vocation, of law enforcement as their career, they generally are path driven. Some chose to run in direct police service and others elect the police administration path. I would submit both are laudable goals and Michael Navarre has distinguished himself as an excellent example of a true leader of a first class police department.



To close, the quality of a public or private organization is a reflection of the leadership. We are very fortunate in Toledo because of the quality of leadership provided by Chief Navarre and the professionalism of the officers who protect and serve us and have taken an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States and Ohio.

## Something did not smell right on Biosolids Issue

Biosolids are a result of the wastewater treatment process. Thirty years ago, thousands of American cities dumped their raw sewage directly into the nation's rivers, lakes, and bays. Through regulation of this dumping, local governments are now required to treat wastewater and to make the decision whether to recycle biosolids as fertilizer, incinerate it, or bury it in a landfill.

There are two classes of treated biosolids: Class A and Class B. The use of Class B is more regulated than the use of Class A due to the differences in the quality of the material after treatment.

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### Did you know?

- THERE WERE 113,150 EMERGENCY RESPONSES BY THE TOLEDO FIRE DEPT. IN 2010
- 7,000 OF THOSE WERE FIRE RELATED
- 45,000 WERE EMS RELATED
- THERE ARE 516 UNIFORMED PERSONNEL IN THE TOLEDO FIRE DEPARTMENT
- ITS 2010 BUDGET WAS \$63 MILLION DOLLARS

### Important numbers:

City Council: 419-245-1050

Streets: 419-245-1526

Trash Collection: 419-936-2510

Nuisance Issues: 419-245-1400

Alleys: 419-245-1526

Public Trees: 419-936-2988

Sewer Issues: 419-936-2924

Sidewalk Issues: 419-936-2710

Potholes: 419-936-BUMP

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TOLEDO AREA

It's a great time of the year to visit Swan Creek Preserve. The fall colors displayed by nature are beautiful. Swan Creek is open from 7 a.m. until dark daily.

### Biosolids ... continued

The City of Toledo had contracted with two companies to handle biosolids: NViro and S&L. The NViro product is a Class A, the S&L product is a Class B, though it's been represented incorrectly that after the material sits for a year at the Port Authority's Facility 3 it is the same as a Class A material.

The questions that I raised on this issue directly stem from the Class B material being called and distributed as a Class A material and my concern that there is an absence of proper monitoring to ensure these biosolids near the Maumee Bay do not create a risk to not only the Maumee Bay but to Lake Erie.

I called for testing to be done of the actual soil surrounding the containment facility that is being used to hold S&L's Class B material. Documentation that was provided to my office raised more questions than answers.

Some on Council have tried to downplay these questions, trying to compare the seeking of scientific answers on a critical environmental concern to trying to confirm the existence of Bigfoot, aliens, and the Loch Ness sea monster. As I said on October 4, "All I'm saying is: Test the dirt." On October 18, a majority of Council approved the S&L Contract, with many questions still left unanswered and demands for testing ignored.

Until the basic questions are answered, such as why is the City of Toledo listing this material as Class A when it is Class B, and where is the scientific evidence that the soil surrounding Facility 3 is not contaminated, I will continue to oppose this process being used by the City of Toledo.

### Yard Waste disposal

As we approach the leaf raking season, as a courtesy to readers, some information from Lucas County on yard waste disposal options as follows:

**The following location accepts yard waste for no fee:** Toledo Topsoil & Mulch, LLC - 5315 Stickney Ave., Toledo, OH 43612 (419-729-7280)

**The following locations will accept yard waste for a fee:** Clean Wood Recycling - 6505 West Bancroft, Toledo, OH 43615, 5330 Stickney Ave., Toledo, OH 43612 and 6730 Anthony Wayne Trail, Waterville, OH (419-843-9663) — Evergreen Recycling & Disposal Facility - 2625 East Broadway, Northwood, OH (419-666-5136) — Ohio Compost - 10839 Sager Road, Swanton, OH (419-897-7807) — Vienna Junction Landfill - 6196 Hagman Road, Toledo, OH (419-726-9465)

Residents are offered bulky pick-up free of charge once per quarter. Additional bulky pick-up is available throughout the year for a \$45 fee. Call Republic at 419-936-2511 to schedule bulky pick-up. Calls must be received by 4 p.m. 2 business days (48 hours) prior to your regularly scheduled collection day.

**Leaf collection by the City of Toledo begins November 7** in the 43613 Zip Code, Nov. 10 for uncurbed streets for 42614 Zip Code; Nov. 14 in the 43614 Zip Code for curbed streets. Signs will be placed in neighborhoods prior to collection. Please remember this is for loose leaf collection only and to rake leaves to the pavement area on uncurbed streets and just over the curb on curbed streets.

For more information contact the Department of Public Services at 419-936-2523.



**The Toledo Block Watch Program is looking for leaders. Contact a community service officer or visit [www.toledopolice.com/BlockWatch](http://www.toledopolice.com/BlockWatch)**

## Leasing of the Turnpike Impact on Toledo and District 2

Numerous studies exist advising caution when it comes to private-public-partnerships involving roads and bridges. In Indiana, while the lease was 75 years of duration, private investors anticipated recouping their money within 20 years – this creates a loss of public dollars as toll revenue as well as raising questions as to the true value of a turnpike if it is leased for dramatically less than it can generate in revenue.

When tolls are increased, drivers opt for alternative routes, it has been documented in Indiana that truck traffic has decreased since the toll road became private and tolls have increased. Usage by 13 million trucks was needed in 2010 to break even on costs, nearly half of that number traveled the Indiana Turnpike in 2010.

In South Toledo, this could create a loss of revenue for businesses near the Ohio Turnpike exchange. In Toledo, as a whole, it could increase wear and tear to non-toll roads, which will increase the demand on the already limited dollars for street repairs.

Long term leases do not allow for public input into future needs. Should business growth take place in one area that would necessitate a new exit, public planning and funding would be difficult. The Maumee United Parcel Service hub is a great example of how a demand for an additional exchange was created that did not exist decades ago.



## Holiday Mail for Heroes taking cards until December 9

The American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes are partnering for their fifth year to collect and send Holiday Greeting cards to our men and women in the Armed Forces. Card collection has begun and will continue until December 9.

According to the Red Cross ([www.redcross.org/holidaymail](http://www.redcross.org/holidaymail)):

Please observe the following guidelines to ensure a quick reviewing process:

- All cards being sent in for 2011 Holiday Mail For Heroes program should be **postmarked no later than Friday, December 9, 2011.**
- Ensure that all cards are signed.
- Use generic salutations such as “Dear Service Member.” Cards addressed to specific individuals can not be delivered through this program.
- Only cards are being accepted. Do not send letters.
- Do not include email or home addresses on the cards, as the program is not meant to foster pen pal relationships.

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*Lights before Christmas begins at the Toledo Zoo on November 18!*

*Ice carving demonstrations are set for December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.*



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### Holiday Cards ... continued

- Do not include inserts **of any kind**, including photos, as these items will be removed during the reviewing process.
- Participants should limit the number of cards they submit to 25 from any one person or 50 from any one class or group. If you are mailing a large quantity, please bundle the cards and place them in large mailing envelopes. Each card does not need its own envelope, as envelopes will be removed from all cards before distribution.

The address to send the cards to is:

**Holiday Mail For Heroes**  
**P.O. Box 5456**  
**Capitol Heights, MD 20791-5456**

**November 24 is Thanksgiving,  
 May it be a memorable one  
 with family and friends.**

#### Share your event!

*Do you have a community event or Block Watch meeting in District 2 that you'd like us to share in our next Collins Corner?*

*Call Lisa at: 419-245-1064*

*Or email the information about your event to:*

*[lisa.ward@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:lisa.ward@toledo.oh.gov)*

### Legislation to help curb catalytic converter thefts

There has been an increase in thefts of catalytic converters in District 2 and the City of Toledo. In an effort to reduce these thefts, I have authored an amendment to current legislation that regulates the sale of scrap items. By making a catalytic converter a "restricted" item, it makes it harder for those stealing them to sell them and easier for law enforcement to find those who are selling them illegally.

This legislation will be presented at the Public Safety, Law & Criminal Justice Committee, that I chair, on November 15 and will then be presented to City Council.

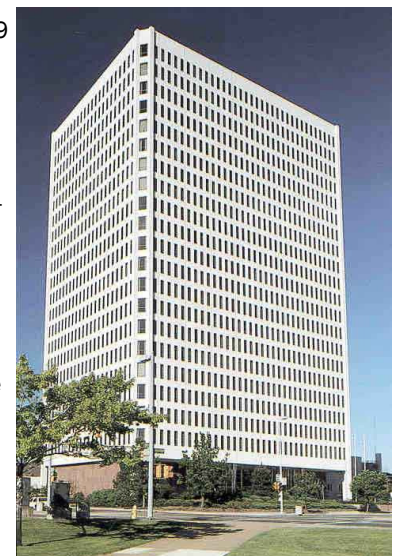
### Upcoming Toledo City Council meetings

November 1	November 15	November 29
December 13		January 3

Toledo City Council meets on Tuesdays in Council Chambers, which is located on the 1st floor of One Government Center. Meetings begin at 4 p.m. and are open to the public. I encourage anyone who has the time and opportunity to attend to do so. The meetings are also aired live on Buckeye Cable channel 69 or can be viewed several days later through WGTE's Knowledgestream.

The link to videos can be found on the City Council page of the City of Toledo website at [Toledo.oh.gov](http://Toledo.oh.gov).

The Council webpage also contains links to other useful information such as committee hearing dates, agendas and the Toledo City Journal which records the outcome of legislation before Council.



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