

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Report**

### **November 13, 2007**

Since our October 22<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting:

1. I delivered letter #07-054 to the Mayor requesting a review with the appropriate departments and service providers to identify ways to maintain user confidence of our 911 Emergency Service. On October 10, 2007 a constituent's confidence in our 911 Emergency Service was shattered. I recommended utilizing the media to inform and educate the public to provide a better service where users receive expected responses.
  - a. Be aware YOU can call an emergency service provider directly.
  - b. If you use 911 --- SPECIFY a service close to your location.
  - c. If you use a CELL phone it will go to a 911 service where the tower is located.
2. I delivered letter #07-055 to the Mayor and Solicitor requesting City gun dealers to be notified the Gun Registration Codified Ordinance 705.30 was repealed October 8, 2007. I also requested their support to properly destroy records generated since March 14, 2007 because I believe is in conflict with HB347.
3. I appreciate the actions taken by our Engineering Department by performing an inspection on October 15, 2007 and issuing a public nuisance notification to the owners of an Albert Street residence in an effort to deter blighted conditions in our neighborhoods. THANK YOU!!!
4. Council received an inquiry for continued services provided by the Scioto County Sheriff's Department at the Portsmouth Municipal Court. The memo requested the 2008 Renewal Contract to be approved by December 21, 2007 if needed.
5. I delivered tonight letter #07-056 to the Mayor expressing concern over the Pay for Protection plan. I sincerely appreciate the merchants' effort to solve a safety problem within our downtown. My belief, the City is accountable to solve this safety problem. The City must develop a safety plan with input from those affected to provide safety for all. As Mayor, if safety is inadequate in certain districts of our City then the City should be implementing a plan to correct this condition.
6. I delivered tonight letter #07-057 to Council members concerning constituent concerns expressed by the lack of Time Warner Cable programming for all Ohio State Buckeye football games. I contacted Time Warner Cable manager of government relations and expressed those concerns. The Portsmouth Daily Times recently published an article documenting the efforts of State Representative Lou Blessing (R-Colerain) for all Ohioans to be able to watch the Ohio State Buckeyes, Cincinnati Bengals and Cleveland Browns when they play. He introduced House Bill 377 on November 1<sup>st</sup> in hopes of being referred to a committee so those favoring and opponents can debate it. This letter is provided to document constituent concerns and encourage TWC subscribers to express their views and concerns. I can assure Time Warner Cable that the City of Portsmouth has many sports fans.
7. I am saddened by the fire damage at the Columbia Theater. This structure has been an important part of our past and I hope can be salvaged for our future. I THANK the Portsmouth City Fire Department for all their work to limit fire damage to this block of structures.
8. THANKS to ALL that voted last week, THANKS to all our Veterans, and THANKS to all participating tonight by becoming informed citizens. Thank You!!!