



City Manager's Priority Projects Report



Courthouse

This Courthouse project is on schedule. Bid notices will be published on August 16 at which time plans and specifications will also be available.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, August 23rd when prospective bidders will tour the site.

Bids are due and opened on September 18 with a recommendation concerning awards to be delivered to the City Council at the October 4, 2007 work session.

Landing

The Newburgh Landing bulkhead has been constructed and the erosion stone has been placed for protection.

The City's consulting engineer is working with DPW to have the lighting conduit installed. Following the installation of the conduit the sidewalk and the railing will be installed.

The projected completion date is within the next two weeks.

Clean and Green

The City has hired Chris Knasiak as Clean and Green Coordinator. Chris will plan, develop and coordinate a variety of waste reduction, recycling programs, and sustainable living initiatives.

Newburgh Clean and Green is a coordinated effort between residents and city staff that focuses on educating and empowering residents to invest and take ownership in their environment.

This poison will significantly enhance the Clean and Green effort

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Revaluation Update

Residential data collection is complete. Data mailers have been mailed out. Data mailers are information sheets telling residential property owners what information we had on file and asking if it were correct.

Most mailers have been returned or are in process. As a result of the mailing, 176 inspections were scheduled and completed during July 2007.

Commercial data collection continues. 1282 commercial inspections have been completed; 828 parcels have been entered.

Overall, the project is ahead of schedule and should be well set for the next phase which includes valuation modeling and field checks.



GABC

City council approved the bid for construction of the Gidney Ave. Basketball courts in May 2007.

Construction began in June 2007. Construction teams will complete the punch list and final inspections are scheduled to take place the week of August 13, 2007. Construction is anticipated to also be completed that week, pending inspection.

Youth from Hoops Express are creating a grand community opening for the week of August 20, 2007. Invitations will be furnished to all public officials.

Master Plan

Staff is currently completing revisions to the Master Plan. Completion is anticipated for public review in September. A stakeholder/community meeting will be convened in September.



Fishing Pier

In June, clarification regarding the funds secured by Congressman Hinchey's office through a Member's Item (Transportation and Community System Preservation Program—TCSP) indicated these funds could not be used for the construction of the pier and is limited to construction of roads.

The City began to seek additional funding for the

project and applied for construction funds through the Hudson River Estuary program in July, 2007. If this grant is awarded, these funds will be combined with the Department of State funds to construct the pier. The TCSP funds will be used for the reconstruction of First Street.

HOGAR

Housing Opportunities for Growth, Advancement and Revitalization (HOGAR) will begin constructing the first six houses on Dubois St this week.

This project is part of a larger initiative made possible through the Restore-NY Communities Initiative, which provided \$954,237 in funds to redevelop 18 properties in the Dubois Street Revitalization Corridor.

Under Phase I of construction, HOGAR plans to restore 36, 44-46, and 48 Dubois Street. Phase II will encompass 20, 41, and 43.

Xavier Lunan

During the summer of 2006, the City demolished 64 Courtney Ave., which caught fire and was severely damaged. Much of the park was also damaged due to fire including two trees and play equipment.

The new rubber play surface, playground equipment, seating, asphalt pad, and seeding have been completed.

The fencing around the park will be installed in mid-August.

Private/Public Partnerships

In June 2006 the City released a RFQ to identify qualified housing developers to collaborate Public/Private Housing Partnership Initiative for City-owned properties.

Developers were qualified under this program, which meant they demonstrated a good track record of housing development and expertise, sound financial backing, and a strong commitment to implementing creative, quality development in a timely manner.

Most importantly, developers were sold the City-owned properties to be redeveloped and re-sold to owner-occupant homeowners only.

17 properties were included in this project and one property, 10 Galloway Ave, has been rehabilitated and was placed on the market in July 2007.

Tyrone Crabb Park

The Tyrone Crabb Park Committee has approved the concept drawing and identifying areas for improvement and types of materials for the various project components. In April the Committee visited the site and with a group of youth volunteers from the 21st Century Learning collaborative marked out the design and made comments. The planning committee has developed a request for qualifications and a thorough selection process for landscape architects. The City Council approved the RFQ process in June 2007. RFQ's are due August 27, 2007. Finalists will be selected from that group to actualize the schematic drawing. Final proposals are due October 15, 2007.

