

CATEGORY: GOVERNMENT/EMERGENCY SERVICES/COURTS

THE STATE OF THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO 2013

2012 was a year of preparation for the renovation of our 17 year old wastewater treatment plant. The design and "specs" for replacing and improving of parts have been formulated by Jones and Henry Engineering and soon construction will begin.

As always, there have to be surprises along the way. This time it was the floor and floor joists having to be replaced in our Police Department. I guess after 100 years of use and without ventilation in the crawl space, wooden supports and flooring decay and start to give way.

New flooring, joists and floor coverings are being installed along with a ventilating system in the crawl space. We are hopeful that by March everything will be back to normal and the Village police will be back in their remodeled offices.

Our new police cruiser is about ready to go to work as lettering and equipment are almost completed.

Chief Scott Evans is working closely with our school administrators developing policies and procedures aimed at deterring and prevention of anything which might put our school children in danger. He or his officers will be more visible in our schools in the coming days.

The South Pike Street sidewalk project will be completed this year. Business owners along this route have been contacted about paying for their footage. Most have already complied.

Administrator Benroth has applied for an Ohio Public Works grant for reconstruction of Young Street. Phase one would include new water lines, storm and sanitary sewer lines for the whole street, along with resurfacing, curbs, gutters and sidewalks from Second Street to Third Street. Phase two would complete the project from Third Street to Pike Street.

Thanks to a grant from the Shelby County Community Foundation, we will be repaving our Anna Community Park walking path this year. Also, new exercise equipment will soon be installed along the walking path.

Ray and Carol Homan and Eileen Boyer were the 2012 recipients of our annual "Village Pride" award in recognition of their home beautification efforts. Our committee will be looking for the next winners this summer.

A new fire engine was added to our fleet in 2012. It replaces a 1988 model and maintains our present number of seven trucks. Our Fire Department responded to a new record of 107 calls in 2012 according to Fire Chief Tim Bender.

This, then, is the state of the Village; restless and free, sometimes growing, sometimes status quo, but always full of spirit, hope and surprises. So it was in the beginning; so it will be until the end of time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Anderson

Mayor