

Englewood assigns pay grades and honors local administrators

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Robert McClintock (above) and Joseph Zumwald (below) receive proclamations from Englewood Mayor Patricia Burnside.



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The City of Englewood has assigned pay grades to all full-time employees for the fiscal year of 2012. City Council approved legislation Nov. 22 and welcomed two new employees, Della Stearns and Travis Wilgus, to their income tax department. Stearns and Wilgus are both direct transfers from the Vandalia tax department, where Englewood used to collect its municipal tax income.

The move also involved the elimination of Assistant Fire Chief Ron Fletcher from full-time status with the Englewood Fire Department. Fletcher, who is currently a part-time assistant fire chief with the Brookville Fire Department, will be accepting a full-time position with them in April following the resignation of their current fire chief. While Fletcher plans on working at the Englewood Fire Department on a part-time basis, the majority of his time and duties will be dedicated to his new position in Brookville.

“We all hate to lose Commander Fletcher,” said Smith. “But we encourage people to move up the scale if they have the opportunity, and this one arose.”

City Manager Eric Smith highlighted important events that have taken place over the past year in Englewood. Most notably, the city’s municipal tax collection is up and running, though it’s no longer in conjunction with the City of Vandalia.

“The good news is that the transition is going extremely well,” said Smith. “Everything is falling in place on schedule so as of Jan. 1 all income taxes will be directed to Englewood as opposed to Vandalia.”

Smith said local residents should receive a letter in the near future explaining all of the details regarding the new income tax collection.

The Ohio Public Works application was also brought up during the city manager’s report. The process has gone well, considering the city has received \$700,000 in grants and loans towards sanitary sewer improvements. The construction on water lines will be taking place on Walnut Street as well as in the Savina Avenue area across from Meijer.

Mayor Patricia Burnside presented two proclamations during the meeting. The first was to Robert McClintock in honor of his service to the City of Englewood and its residents.

McClintock, an Englewood resident for 35 years, was appointed to the City of Englewood’s administrative board for planning and zoning appeals in January 1990. He also served as President of the board from January 1997 to May 2011. Nov. 22 was deemed Bob McClintock day in his honor.

The second proclamation was given to council member Joseph Zumwald. Zumwald was appointed to the City of Englewood’s administrative board for planning and zoning appeals on Nov. 25, 2002 and then was appointed to fill a vacancy in city council on Sept. 25, 2007, where he stayed until now. Nov. 22 was proclaimed Joseph Zumwald day, sharing it with McClintock.

The city would like local residents to know that its annual budget hearing will occur during the next city council meeting on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m.