

## **October 2010 District 3 Newsletter**

Fall is in the air. The leaves are beginning to show their brilliant colors. Their contrast against a bright blue sky heralds my favorite season of the year. Since the last newsletter, the BOC has been busy tending to the work of the county with diminished revenues. Our FY 2011 required that we restructure departments. Led by our Chair, Kathy Morgan, several departments have been consolidated. While initially this has led to procedural changes, in the long run this restructuring will produce more efficient delivery of services.

In addition to the restructuring, I have listed below additional work that has transpired over the past month.

### **NSP UPDATE**

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Fairview Community Park took place on September 29. Check out this article for more information on the park which should open, weather permitting, by year end <http://www.covnews.com/news/article/14663/>.

As of today, the project has purchased 12 homes, sold 2 with 2 additional homes under contract to close by October 31. We are still in need of qualified applicants. These potential homeowners must meet strict requirements for home mortgages and receive education in the financial responsibility of owning a home. For more information, contact Scott Sirotkin 678-625-1657.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE**

The Animal Control Ordinance for Newton County was revised on September 7, 2010. The new ordinance is more consistent with state law. In addition, language was added to specifically address tethering. Dogs may be tethered provided the dog owner complies with very strict requirements. Copies of the ordinance may be obtained by contacting Jackie Smith at 678-625-1202

### **CROWELL ROAD CULVERT REPAIR**

On October 5, 2010 the BOC approved the bid for Moreland Altobelli to begin **designing** a permanent repair to the culvert on Crowell Road at Harold Dobbs Road. The design will allow for the road to remain open during the repair process—this was an essential requirement for awarding the bid. The actual repair will hopefully take place in 2011.

### **FIRESIDE CHAT**

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the next Fireside Chat on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 7pm at The Oaks Course.

**Also, remember to join our District 3 Community Group on Facebook.**

