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Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters  
(Cuyahoga)  
I will Lay Me Down (new form of  
bulkheading)  
Today's Bridge Report

## Center Street Swing Bridge

- Project to sell at the end of April
- Work will most likely begin mid to end of spring
- Work will be completed in 1 construction season
- Bridge subject to close for 2 – 3 months

## Willow Street Lift Bridge

- Project to sell at the beginning of April
- Work will most likely begin mid to end of spring
- Work will be completed in 1 construction season
- Bridge will remain operational

## West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Bridge Painting

- Project to begin early April

**Brendan G. Finn, P.E.**  
Chief Bridge Design Engineer  
Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office

This is to notify you that bids were open on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 for the Painting of the West 3rd Street Lift Bridge over the Cuyahoga River. The low bidder was APBN, Inc. from Campbell, Ohio, with a bid of \$4,875,873.50. The Engineer's Estimate was \$4,832,625.00. There were a total of five bids submitted, but only three were deemed formal since they were within 10% of the Engineer's Estimate. The second low bidder was 360 Construction Company with a bid of \$5,044,825.00, and the third low bidder was Icarus Industrial Painting & Contracting Co., Inc. with a bid of \$5,169,998.00.

The Board of County Commissioners awarded the contract to APBN at the January 7, 2010 board meeting, and a Pre-Construction Conference was held on February 4, where the County Engineer, the contractor, the City of Cleveland and all primary stakeholders, including Flats Oxbow, Flats Industry, Cleveland police and fire, the U.S. Coast Guard and the Lake Carriers Association, discussed the schedule and planned operations.

Per the project plans and specifications, the contractor has access to the bridge beginning March 1, 2010 to begin rigging operations for their containment system while the bridge remains open to traffic and in operation. Beginning April 15, 2010, the bridge can be closed to traffic with a detour set up for a maximum of 160 calendar days. During painting operations, the lift span will be in a fully raised position and the Cuyahoga River shall be kept open for navigation at all times. The bridge will be reopened to traffic by October 1, 2010, with a contract completion date of October 15, 2010.

**Columbus Road Lift Bridge**  
By Nancy Lyons Stadler

Rehabilitation of the Columbus Road Lift Bridge is under final design. The design process consists of three review stages and the Stage 1 design was submitted to the Cuyahoga County Engineer's Office and ODOT for review in early January. The design is expected to be complete in December 2010. Construction will begin in July 2011 and is expected to last two years. As you probably recall, the bridge will not be closed right away because some of the work can be done without affecting bridge operations. Specifically, the new lift span will be built off site. Although the construction schedule will be up to the contractor, current expectations are that the bridge will be closed from approximately November 2011 to February 2013.

## Dates To Remember

March 17, 2010	St. Patrick's Day*
March 18, 2010	Alka Seltzer Day (see above)*
March 25, 2010	FOA Board of Trustees Meeting
March 26, 2010	Membership Meeting – Flat Iron
April 21, 2010	Chili Cook-off @ Terrace Club

# 01 MARCH, 2010

**Flats Oxbow General Membership Meeting**  
Thursday, March 25, 2010  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM  
The Flat Iron Cafe  
\$20.00 per person

The Flats Oxbow General Meeting will be on Thursday, March 25, 2009, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at The Flat Iron Café. Luncheon = \$20.00 per person. Send in your remittance or phone Laura of Ann @ Flats Oxbow to make a reservation. 216-566-1046 special dietary needs are available when ordered in advance.

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The Flats is the heart of the Cuyahoga River Valley and the region. Projects big and small are being proposed. It is important for our members to discuss what is going on. Join us on Thursday, March 25 to hear a brief presentation from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Then, each lunch table will discuss questions such as:

- What would help your business operate?
- What do you like about the Flats that should remain?
- What proposed changes concern you?
- What could make the Flats a better place in which to work, visit and live?

The Rowing Foundation will make a brief presentation.

**Flats Oxbow and Maingate Business Development Corp.  
to Make Collaborative Ask for Security Funding.**

Flats Oxbow will collaborate with Maingate Business Development Corporation in a jointly submitted proposal to request funding under the Community Development Block Grant to provide a dedicated security patrol car for both service areas.

Flats Oxbow and Maingate share a common focus on the needs of businesses, and increased security is a service that companies on both sides of the river have requested from their respective business support organizations. By pooling resources toward a common goal, Flats Oxbow and Maingate Business Development Corporation hope to convince the City that implementation of a shared security program will provide a big benefit to our most valued business stakeholders and prove to be an effective tool toward business retention in the core city.

We will keep you posted on the outcome and hope to have a substantive, new service to offer you beginning the start of the funding period on July 1, 2010.

It is our hope that both the Flats Oxbow & Maingate members will find value in this effort and ante up for a local match to bolster up this increased security initiative.

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Tom L. Newman, Executive Director

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**The State of Real-estate**  
Make haste, the Land Grab is "ON"

1700 Columbus - Flats – Newly converted warehouse 1<sup>st</sup> floor office/artist studio/business, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> floor efficiency units with kitchens. 2000 sq ft. ea.. They are very smart looking and definitely worth taking a peek at.. Phone Jack Ecke @ 216-566-9070.

Flats - 1250 Riverbed Street (The Left Bank Building). 6 stories additional entrance at 2003 Old Superior Viaduct. Abutting bascule (jackknife) bridge. Stellar location. Owner financed. Unexcelled views. Phone Dolores Newman @ 216-533-1280

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