

MAYOR REPORT - Marty Reynolds, Village of Roxana

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2018 is a big year for Roxana, and the entire River Bend Region. The Phillips 66 Refinery is celebrating 100 years of operations. The name has changed a few times, lots of workers have passed through the gates over the years, but the investment the refinery continues to make in this facility has been a time-honored commitment to our region. Shell News, an old-time publication that was developed by the Shell Oil Refinery for the workers, described Roxana as “THE VILLAGE THAT SHELL BUILT” on the front page of their publication in November 1941. This version of Shell News had many featured locations of Roxana pictured in the article describing the village. Lots of familiar faces and small community places that us “old timers”, who have made Roxana home throughout the years, still remember. Roxana was well described as a refinery town, and we are still proud of that today! Best wishes to all who enter the refinery gates and good luck in the next 100 years of operation!

We have completed several major infrastructure improvements, including new roads around the high school and surrounding neighborhood, and new sidewalks and street lights and water main replacement along Route 111, the major roadway through Roxana. We have some additional water main projects planned next year, and thanks to Madison County for helping to fund that project that will begin next May.

We are working on some business development and considering a few additional annexations of land into our corporate boundaries in the near future. However, the most significant project underway is completing the design and beginning the construction of a new village hall and community center. This development will be on the Burbank Park property located at Route 111 and Thomas Street. This new facility has been in the planning stages for the past eight years, and we are looking forward to having more space for our public service departments to utilize in our day to day operations. We anticipate the construction of the facility to begin in the spring of 2019, and take approximately eighteen months to complete. It will be an exciting time for our community.