
Boston Heights News

*Monthly Newsletter for the Village of
Boston Heights
December, 2007*

Village Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| <u>Dec.5</u> | Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM |
| <u>Dec. 12</u> | Council Meeting, Wed., 7 PM (Special time) |
| <u>Dec. 12</u> | Deadline to sign-up for Santa Delivery, 4 PM |
| <u>Dec. 16</u> | Santa Delivery begins at noon. |
| <u>Dec. 18</u> | Finance Committee Meeting, Tues., 7 PM |
| <u>Jan. 2</u> | Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM |
| <u>Jan. 9</u> | Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM |

Village Bulletin Board

SANTA DELIVERY WILL BE DECEMBER 16, 2007, BEGINNING AT NOON.

Wrapped gifts with name and address to be delivered, must arrive at Village Hall no later than Wednesday, December 12. Santa will arrive at the gift receiver's home riding on a Village fire truck. Call 330.650.4111 if further information is needed.

WEATHER PERMITTING

LEAF PICK-UP & CHIPPING WILL BE ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS. ROAD DEPARTMENT WILL CHECK AND COLLECT LEAVES AND CHIP BRANCHES RESIDENTS HAVE PILED ALONG THE EDGE OF THE ROAD.

Please stay several feet away from any ditch pipes so that they do not become clogged. Branches must not be mixed with the leaves as the leaf vacuum trailer cannot handle twigs or branches, those must be kept separate to be chipped.

FLU SHOTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT.

Please review the two pages of information provided in this newsletter by the Health District to answer any of your questions about the vaccine. NO RESIDENT WILL BE TURNED AWAY IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO PAY FOR THE FLU SHOT.

JUST A REMINDER! TRASH COLLECTION WILL BE DELAYED A DAY DURING THE WEEK CONTAINING CHRISTMAS DAY AND THE WEEK IN WHICH NEW YEAR'S DAY OCCURS.

INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS WHO HAVE INTERNET ACCESS. VIEW UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN OUR AREA BY LOGGING ON TO THE WEBSITE: SummitCountyCalendar.com .

A SPECIAL VILLAGE “THANK YOU” TO REV. SAMUEL HUANG, THE CHILDREN’S CHOIR AND INDIVIDUAL MUSICIANS OF THE BOSTON HEIGHTS & TAIWANESE FRIENDS CHURCH FOR PROVIDING THEIR TALENTS TO MAKE THE ANNUAL SENIOR’S THANKSGIVING DINNER AN ENJOYABLE EVENT THIS YEAR.

Held at the church community hall, our Park Board Members and Village volunteers provided three turkeys with all the trimmings, a baked ham, many side dishes, and rich desserts (some sugar free) for the seniors in attendance. Park Board Member Linda Ball, as hostess, asked each senior in attendance to express their thoughts on what each of them were thankful for at this Thanksgiving Day celebration. Many expressed thanks for those Americans who gave of themselves so that all could enjoy this day. Those seniors who were unable to attend were provided with home delivered portions of all the great food by the Park Board and other volunteers.

LAND CLEARING HAS BEGUN IN THE VILLAGE FOR THE ROUTE 8 PROJECT PHASE II.

ODOT has purchased most of the land required for the new interchanges at Hines Hill and Boston Mills Roads and has begun having the land cleared so that the utilities involved may begin their work of relocating transmission lines. The path of the new ramps and frontage road is evident from the east end of the golf course, between the Holiday Inn and The Range from Hines Hill to Boston Mills, and just east of the Friends Church southward. The ramps to the bridges over Route 8 at Hines Hill and Boston Mills will begin their upward tapers from each end of that frontage road. The Marathon station will soon be removed and a temporary road from there at grade will eventually connect to the east side of Hines Hill at the demolished hotel parking lot site. A similar temporary road will also be constructed during Phase II of the project that will be at grade from the northwest side of Route 8 to the site of the BP station on the northeast side of Boston Mills. Two new bridges over Route 8 will then be constructed directly in line with Hines Hill Road and Boston Mills Road.

The new roadway to the north off of Hines Hill Road [just east of Route 8] will end in a cul-de-sac just east of the American Ultra-Spec building. It will provide access to all the properties, which now front onto Industrial Parkway. An elevated ramp to the north off Hines Hill, which will provide Route 8 access, will be constructed in approximately the same area as the present Industrial Parkway.

A large ODOT plan posted at Village Hall shows the entire layout of the project. Interested residents may review the plan and contact Bill Goncy for any further questions about the project.

Minutes of the November 14, 2007 Council Meeting

Mayor McFall opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 8:00 PM. Council members Mike Cheung, Bill Goncy, Jim Hudson, Kevin Lightner, Janet Miller and Teri Slane were present. Clerk-Treasurer Carol Zeman, Solicitor Michael Cassetty, Village Engineer and Street Commissioner Steve Schreiber, and other village officials and residents were also in attendance. COUNCIL AGENDA FOLLOWS:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2007 COUNCIL AGENDA.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING WERE APPROVED.

CORRESPONDENCE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mayor McFall informed everyone that the December 12, 2007 Council Meeting would begin at 7 PM instead of the usual 8 PM start time.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE Z – 2007: An Ordinance Approving the Editing and Inclusion of Various Component Codes of the Codified Ordinances of Boston Heights, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 24-2007. [These are traffic and general offense codes already enacted by the Ohio General Assembly and need to be codified into our local codes.]

ORDINANCE AA – 2007: An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Adopt a Village Public Records Policy in Accordance with Substitute HB 9 and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 25-2007. [The Ohio General Assembly passed in Substitute House Bill 9 the guidelines for identifying, requesting, keeping and copying costs of public records.]

ORDINANCE BB – 2007: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 123.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Boston Heights to Change One of the Posting Places and Declaring an Emergency. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Ordinance 26-2007. [The Holiday Inn will now post public notices.]

RESOLUTION III – 2007: A Resolution Accepting the Financial Statement of the Village of Boston Heights for the Month of September 2007. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 58-2007.

RESOLUTION JJJ – 2007: A Resolution Appointing Designees for the Public Records Requirements as Stated in HB 9. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 59-2007. [Designated representatives for the Village are Chief of Police, Mayor and Solicitor.]

RESOLUTION KKK – 2007: A Resolution To Reduce the Load Limit on the Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge by Thirty Percent (30%) to an Amount Not to Exceed Seven Tons Maximum Legal Axle Weight Limit. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 60-2007. [Bridge inspection indicated further deterioration and this measure helps to promote longevity of usage for the bridge until replaced.]

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike Cheung reported that he missed the Planning/BZA meeting of November 7, 2007 and that he would report next month on that meeting. He reminded everyone that the next Planning/BZA meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2007 at 7 PM. [Planning Commission had reviewed the resident applications for the Citizens Committee to work with Planning Commission to create a Comprehensive Plan for our village and made recommendations for the next meeting.]

Bill Goney reported:

- He reviewed the Mayor's Court Bank Reconciliation report for October of 2007.
- The Brandywine Creek Watershed Group met October 23, 2007, 5:30 PM at Macedonia Council Chambers. Representatives from all four communities in the group [Boston Heights, Hudson, Macedonia & Northfield Center] chose a chairperson and vice chairperson. After reviewing a presentation of the Chippewa Creek Watershed Planning Partnership, each community decided the next step was to study information on the Brandywine's physical characteristics, geography, biology, geology and water quality to identify a baseline against which any improvements or proposed developments may be measured. All meetings of the group are open to the public with the next meeting in December to be held in Hudson.
- Mike Bush (a resident member of the Planning Commission) and Bill attended the Ohio Planning Commission Workshop on November 9, 2007. Seminars covered identifying planning goals, Comprehensive Plan formation and watershed consideration for new and existing developments.
- The Cuyahoga Valley Regional Council of Governments held its first workshop at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville on October 26, 2007. Discussion sessions included the Rt. 8 Project, area deer management, area flooding and erosion issues and the Emerald Ash Borer infestation.

Steve Schreiber reported:

- The Akron-Cleveland Road bridge inspection report would be sent to Congressman LaTourette's office with a letter asking for support to achieve funding for part of the necessary repairs.
- Village road repairs and pavement sealing have been performed and quantities will be reviewed for payment. A pavement repair to remove the northbound uneven pavement approaching the Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge remains to be bid and completed.
- The installation of conduit and concrete footers, for traffic light poles at the Rt. 8 and Rt. 303 off ramp, are complete with light poles and lights being the final installations to complete the project. This light project is part of the Rt. 8 upgrade work that continues south to Graham Road.

Carol Zeman stated that \$430,850.00 was transferred by ODOT into the Village's bank account. That account is swept to bring interest revenue to the Village and Council has asked that this money be kept in separate account for emergencies, such as the loss of revenue if or when Mayor's Court is abolished.

Jim Hudson noted that three individual crews had worked sealing the cracks on Olde Eight Road and that a smooth drum roller had been used to assure the sealing material would not interfere with the snow plowing this winter and the road would be as smooth as possible.

Janet Miller reported that Substitute H.B. 154 [the bill to eliminate Mayor's Courts in Ohio Villages of less than 1600 population] has been introduced to the Ohio House floor. At the same time, a similar Mayor's Court elimination bill [S.B. 252] has been introduced on the Senate floor. Mike Lenzo, from State Representative Wolpert's office provided the House information. Kevin Coughlin provided Senate information.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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***HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!***