
Village of Boston Heights

NEWSLETTER

November and December of 2008

Calendar of Upcoming Events

All Meetings Listed Are Open To The Public!

Nov. 25 Finance Committee, Tuesday, 7 PM

Dec. 2 Comprehensive Plan Committee, 7:30 PM

Dec. 3 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM

Dec. 10 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM
[Santa packages to Village Hall by 4 PM today]

Dec. 14 SANTA DELIVERY, Noon until completed

Dec. 16 Finance Committee, Tuesday, 7 PM

Jan. 7 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM

Jan. 8 Park Board meets, Thursday, 7 PM

Jan.14 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM

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SANTA DELIVERY

Sunday, December 14, 2008, beginning at Noon

**Bring wrapped packages to be delivered to Village Hall
By Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 4 PM**

Santa delivery made possible by your
Fire Department and Village Officials

Phase II of the Route 8 Improvement Project has gone out for bid from ODOT. Village Engineer Schreiber announced at the November Council Meeting that Kenmore Construction Company of Akron was the apparent low bidder. Once the pre-construction meeting is held, more scheduling timeframe information will be available. First Energy has contacted Chief Varga indicating that some delays at Hines Hill Road may occur when lines are switched for the new traffic patterns at that intersection.

Your Village Officials are creating a village e-mail account for you to be able to receive important village information and the newsletter. Please register your e-mail address at village hall with Maryann or Kathi if you wish to receive village information electronically.

Mayor's Update

Our Village Fall Festival was well attended and the weather cooperated with the planners. Many of you had the opportunity to take a hayride, try your accuracy and skill at log sawing and golf chipping, & enjoyed the music of the "Road Home" band. Hot dogs, snacks & drinks sold help to fund your park and pool.

Future projects include playground swings & lifeguard chairs.

Thanks to Jennifer Varga and Kristen Palatas, who painted Halloween figures on children's faces and assisted in painting pumpkin faces on small pumpkins which were taken home by the kids for their family's enjoyment.

A special Thank You to Officer Jeff Lyle and his wife for creating over one hundred Identification Cards of children in attendance for their parents to keep for future reference.

My thanks to Park Board members, Linda Bremenour, Denise and Larry Bee, Cheryl and John Beyer, and Lisa and Doug MacKay for preparing food and monitoring games along with residents Linda and Bud Ball and Maryann Bode. Also, Carol Zeman and Kathi Cole baked goods for dessert, Fireman Joe Varga Jr. brought a fire truck for kids and adults to view and Officer Lou Keller displayed his police motorcycle.

Thanks to both Sigrid Bennett, Sales Manager of our Holiday Inn and Chief Joe Varga for donating game prizes. Councilman Scott Foss organized the prizes and ran the 50/50 raffle to raise money for the park.

Park Board will begin planning next year's event early, and I hope to see many more of you in attendance!

The Fairview Cemetery Trustees and their families spent several days throughout the summer and fall upgrading Fairview Cemetery. Headstones were straightened, bushes were planted, the fence areas were cleared and trimmed and many low ground areas were filled and planted. An updated chart of the cemetery was also created.

I wish to thank on behalf of people of the Village of Boston Heights the following Trustees and families for their volunteer work in Fairview Cemetery: Trustee Kim Brannon and family members Terry A. & Terri M. Brannon, Dawn, Glen & Jeremy Blakeney, Denise, Daniel & Kayla Prischak, and Danette, Jay, Kiernan & Rory Skolnik. Trustee Carol Fenn and family members Ron, Brian, Christine, Emily, Olivia, & Gabby Fenn, Trustee Patty Fenn and family members Christopher, Molly, & Tyler Fenn.

A Village "Thank You" to C.T. Taylor Construction of Boston Heights and in particular owner Charles Taylor and general manager Paul Mills for donating the use of their man lift equipment to coincide with our necessary yearly inspection of the deteriorating Akron-Cleveland Road Bridge.

On a final note, with unanimous Council approval, I signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Hudson to promote smart development along the Chittenden Road corridor. Future agreements on this corridor between Rt. 303 and Boston Mills Road could bring sewer and water for Boston Heights in that area and better access to Rt. 8 for Hudson.

Your Mayor,

Council Meeting, October 8, 2008

{Mayor Goncy, Councilpersons: Cheung, Foss, Lightner, Miller; Clerk-Treasurer Zeman, Solicitor Cassetty, and Village Engineer Schreiber were present.}

ORDINANCE M, Legislation was to amend the codified ordinances of the Village of Boston Heights clarifying employee “vacation days”. FIRST READING

ORDINANCE N, The Permanent Annual Appropriations set forth in ORD. 5 –2008 for the year 2008 were to be amended to reflect changes during the year. FIRST READING

ORDINANCE O, This legislation was to set forth the number of persons necessary for a quorum for a vote on the Comprehensive Zoning Comm. FIRST READING

RESOLUTION Z, Was to authorize the Mayor and Council of the Village of Boston Heights to support the “Clean Ohio Fund”. FIRST READING

RESOLUTION AA, Was to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio, authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Fiscal Officer. FIRST READING

A Motion approved the Financial Statement for August 2008.

A Motion approved an increase in the yearly Police Uniform Allowance from \$500 to \$650.

Special Council Meeting, October 28, 2008

{Mayor Goncy, Councilpersons: Cheung, Foss, Hudson, Lightner, Miller, Slane; Clerk-Treasurer Zeman, Solicitor Cassetty & Village Eng. Schreiber were present.}

ORDINANCE #11, Legislation amends the codified ordinances of the Village of Boston Heights clarifying employee “Vacation Days”.

ORDINANCE #12, Amends the Permanent Annual Appropriations Ordinance #5 of 2008 to reflect changes to the appropriations occurring to this point in year 2008.

ORDINANCE #13, Determined the number of persons necessary to constitute a quorum for a vote on the village Comprehensive Plan Committee.

RESOLUTION #25, Authorizes the Mayor and Council of the Village of Boston Heights to support the “Clean Ohio Fund”.

RESOLUTION #26, Accepts the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Summit County, Ohio, authorizes the necessary tax levies and certifies them to the County Fiscal Officer.

Council Meeting, November 12, 2008

{Mayor Goncy, Councilpersons: Cheung, Foss, Hudson, Lightner, Miller; Clerk-Treasurer Zeman, Solicitor Cassetty and Village Engineer Schreiber were present.}

ORDINANCE #14, Approved the editing and inclusion of certain Ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Boston Heights including state codes on traffic, general offenses & fire prevention.

ORDINANCE #15, Sets a uniform standard for the road department providing for a set reimbursement program for uniform needs and a supplied number of shirts.

RESOLUTION #27, Authorizes the Chief of Police to enter into an agreement with the Summit County OVI Task Force for 2008/2009 to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related crashes.

RESOLUTION # 28, Asks state lawmakers to enact a Silver Alert program to help locate persons with Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia when they are reported missing. The Amber Alert program for kids inspires this program.

RESOLUTION #29, Authorizes the Mayor to enter into agreement to have the Summit County Health District monitor home septic system discharges to help prevent storm water pollution. [This monitoring report is part of the requirements of the yearly report filed to satisfy the NPDES Permit (Federal Clean Water Act).]

A Motion approved the September 2008 financial statement review.

A Motion for the Mayor to enter into a “Memorandum of Understanding” with the City of Hudson was passed unanimously. This agreement allows both communities to open discussion on mutual lands bordered by Rt. 8 to the west, the Ohio Turnpike to the north, Hudson’s District 6 to the east and Rt. 303 to the south. Boston Heights could gain utility services (water & sewer) in this area while Hudson could gain better highway access. Each community would remain separate entities, yet both communities could benefit economically and ecologically.

Planning Commission/BZA

Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals have not met since no items were present for the meeting agenda. Both plan to meet on December 3, 2008 at 7 PM to review commercial parking space regulation.

The Comprehensive Plan Committee, which provides zoning direction to Planning and BZA has been finalizing a voluntary community survey form.

Fire Department

Members of the fire department will assist with the Santa Delivery on December 14, 2008 beginning at Noon.

Police Department

Chief Varga, on behalf of the Village of Boston Heights, accepted five video cameras to install in our police cruisers. The City of Hudson had replaced cameras in their cruisers and donated these working units to our department.

Happy Holidays!