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# **Boston Heights News**

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**Monthly Newsletter for the Village of Boston Heights**

**November, 2007**

<h2><b>Village Calendar of Upcoming Events</b></h2>
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**Oct. 29 PUBLIC MEETING, 2 Ballot Issues, 7 PM**  
[At the fire station with our  
insurance lawyer to answer questions]

**Oct. 31 HALLOWEEN, Trick or Treat, 6 – 8 PM**

**Nov. 6 ELECTION DAY, Vote 6:30 AM-7:30 PM**

**Nov. 7 Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM**

**Nov. 8 Park Board, Thurs., 7 PM (Last 2007meeting)**

**Nov. 14 Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM**

**Nov. 17 Senior's Thanksgiving Dinner, Sat., 12-2 PM**

**Nov. 21 Economic Development Meets, Wed., 7 PM**

**Nov. 27 Finance Committee Meeting, Tues., 7 PM**

## Village Bulletin Board

**HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT IS OCTOBER 31, 2007 FROM 6-8 PM.**  
Boston Heights Police and Fire will be out patrolling to protect our young people.

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2007, TUESDAY, IS GENERAL ELECTION DAY FROM 6:30 AM UNTIL 7:30 PM AT VILLAGE HALL.**

The Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and two Council Seats are on the local ballot as well as two zoning issues. Village Offices will be closed that day.

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**VILLAGE SENIOR'S THANKSGIVING DINNER IS NOVEMBER 17, 2007 FROM NOON TO 2 PM.**

The Boston Heights Friends Church at 138 East Boston Mills Road has offered their Community Room for Park Board to host this year's dinner. Easy access to the rear Community Building is available with parking on the west side of the Church. Park Board members will provide a Turkey Dinner. The Church Congregation's young people will provide music with dinner. Senior's, please call Village Hall [330.650.4111] to make a reservation.

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**SANTA DELIVERY WILL BE DECEMBER 16, 2007, BEGINNING AT NOON.**  
Wrapped gifts with name and address to be delivered, must arrive at Village Hall the week of December 10 – 14. Santa will arrive at the gift receiver's home riding on a Village fire truck. Call 330.650.4111 if further information is needed.

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**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.

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**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.

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# Minutes of the October 10, 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 OCTOBER 12, 2007 COUNCIL AGENDA.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2007 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING; AUGUST 1, 2007 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING; AUGUST 8, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING; AUGUST 8 PUBLIC HEARING; AUGUST 30, 2007 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AND THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2007 COUNCIL MEETING, WERE APPROVED AT THIS MEETING.**

## CORRESPONDENCE

## AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Terry Dalton, CEO of Community Support Services, Inc. (CSS), an affiliated agency of the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADM) presented information on Issue 20, a 6 year replacement levy on the November 6 ballot. He asked Council as a whole to consider supporting the levy by means of a resolution. He indicated that the 2.96 mill levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$7.60 per month and would take effect in 2009. Children Services Board also has a levy for renewal and it is Issue 21. More information may be acquired by accessing the website: [votefor20.com](http://votefor20.com) or by calling (CSS) Inc. @ 330.253.9388.

## LEGISLATION

**ORDINANCE R – 2007:** An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Code of the Village of Boston Heights to Rezone a 10.00 Acre Parcel of Land Located at Olde Eight Southeast of E. Hines Hill Rd. from Office Professional District (OP) to Residential District (RES). MOTION FAILED.

**ORDINANCE S – 2007:** An Ordinance Amending the Comprehensive Zoning Code of the Village of Boston Heights to Rezone a 21.44 Acre Parcel of Land Located at Olde Eight Northeast of the Ohio Turnpike from Office Professional District (OP) to Residential District (RES). MOTION FAILED.

**RESOLUTION DDD – 2007:** A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into a Contract with the Me Architecture, Inc. for the “Design-Build” Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Addition to the Village Fire Station. Resolution DDD was amended to also include review of submittals by a design professional and a construction professional in the \$2,800 (RFP) cost. Suspension of the Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 53-2007. [Original plans for the addition for which bids never came in under estimate or were affordable from the monies available are being utilized to again learn if the modified project can be built at a cost affordable to the Village.]

**RESOLUTION EEE – 2007:** A Resolution Accepting the Financial Statement of the Village of Boston Heights for the Month of August 2007. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 54-2007.

**RESOLUTION FFF – 2007:** A Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates As Determined By the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 55-2007. [Each year Council must adopt a Tax Budget for the next succeeding year, which will now commence January 1, 2008.]

**RESOLUTION GGG – 2007:** A Resolution Confirming the Appointment of Joseph Palatas and James Daughty to the Fire Department of the Village of Boston Heights as Probationary Firefighters. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 56-2007.

RESOLUTION HHH – 2007: A Resolution to Adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority. Suspension of Rules and Motion passed 6-0; becomes Resolution 57-2007. [The Ohio Revised Code requires Boston Heights, which is located in the Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, to decide whether it approves of the Solid Waste Management Plan Final Draft.]

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mike Cheung reported that the Planning/BZA meeting for October 3, 2007 was cancelled since no new business had been on the agenda. He reminded everyone that the next Planning/BZA meeting was scheduled for November 7, 2007 at 7 PM.

Bill Goncy reported:

- He reviewed the Mayor's Court Bank Reconciliation reports for July, August and September of 2007.
- The Brandywine Creek Watershed Group met at our park on September 17, 2007 and would next meet October 23, 2007, 5:30 PM at Macedonia Council Chambers to finalize formation agreement and to begin prioritizing policies to be agreed upon by Boston Heights, Hudson, Macedonia and Northfield Center for Brandywine Creek and adjoining property holders storm water protection from flooding. All meetings of the group are open to the public.
- The Cuyahoga Valley Regional Council of Governments is holding its first workshop at Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville on October 26, 2007. Discussion sessions will be held on the Rt. 8 Project, area deer management, area flooding and erosion issues, and the fight against the Emerald Ash Borer. Sessions begin at 8:30 AM and an awards luncheon ends the workshop at noon. Reservations should be by October 19 for anyone wishing to attend, contact Bill.

Carol Zeman reported that she and the Mayor finalized paperwork, with an ODOT Representative, necessary to ensure transfer of funds to the Village for property being acquired for the Route 8 Project by the State of Ohio.

Steve Schreiber reported:

- Akron-Cleveland Road bridge inspection was occurring October 9 and 10. Repairs to the temporary debris collection devices beneath the bridge would need repair by our service department to protect trail users. The inspection report is necessary to apply for Federal monies needed to replace the bridge deck. Metro parks of Summit County in the past provided money to install the debris collection devices (sometimes called diapers) with the Village agreeing to maintain them so that the bike trail beneath them could remain in use.
- Various Village road repairs and road sealing will begin around October 15 and should be completed before winter causes repairs to be halted. The contractor will notify residents as to when roads in their area may have temporary delays.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

**SUMMIT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT  
FLU SHOT INFORMATION FOLLOWS:**

# PLANNER'S REPORT

Council contacted a planning consultant, D. B. Hartt, to explain issues surrounding the Planning Commission's approval of a request by a landowner to rezone a part of his residentially zoned property.

Council members also consulted with other Northeast Ohio Officials, such as the Mayor of the Village of Moreland Hills, Charles DeGross; City Manager of the City of Mentor, John W. Konrad; Director of Planning and Zoning for the Village of Richfield, Roger Swan; the Mayor of the City of Hudson, William Currin and Hudson Community Development Director, Thomas King.

Planning Commission and Council members have also been attending workshops such as: the Ohio Planning Commission Workshop held at Cleveland State University last year and various Conservation Development and Landowner Rights Seminars held at area universities and conference centers.

Kirby Date, Program Coordinator of the Countryside Program in the Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University and conservation planner recommended contacting D. B. Hartt.

A Public Hearing to hear the planner's evaluation of the existing conditions surrounding the property was held on April 10, 2007, at 7 PM in our Village Hall.

The following Memorandum from D. B. Hartt, the planner, is a summary of that meeting.

# **BOSTON HEIGHTS**

## **BALLOT ISSUES #51 & 52**

**(REFERENDUM ISSUES REGARDING GOLF COURSE  
PROPERTY)**

### **PUBLIC MEETING**

**WHERE: VILLAGE FIRE STATION**

**DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2007**

**TIME: 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lawyer from the Village insurance company will be present to answer all questions regarding the lawsuit presently before the Village involving the referendum petitions.**



*Information about the Planner:*