

Village of Boston Heights Newsletter

September 2009

Village Offices are open Monday through Friday
8:00 AM to 4:00 PM [closed for lunch 12:30 PM to 1:00 PM]

Village Office phone number: 330.650.4111

Office e-mail: mabode@roadrunner.com

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Bill Gony

Council

Michael Cheung

Scott Foss

Jim Hudson

Kevin Lightner

Janet Miller

Teri Slane

Clerk-Treasurer

Carol Zeman

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Police Chief

Joseph Varga

Fire Chief and Road Superintendent

Jim Robinson

Clerk of Courts

Maryann Bode

UPCOMING VILLAGE EVENTS

Firefighter's "CLAMBAKE"

Saturday, September 19, 2009, 6 PM.

You may contact Doug Smith (216.780.0103) or e-mail him: [Fireman Doug2505aol.com](mailto:FiremanDoug2505aol.com), call Carol Robinson (330.342.5411) or call village hall (330.650.4111) to reserve the \$25 per person tickets by Sept. 14th. There are a limited number of tickets so please call now. This event benefits the Boston Heights Fireman's Association.

Park Board's "FALL FESTIVAL"

Saturday, October 10, 2009, a free event
Activities begin at 3 PM and conclude at 7 PM.

- o Canoe Races
- o Three-legged sack races
- o Log sawing contest
- o Corn hole toss
- o Food sales to benefit Park Board projects
- o Hayrides
- o Kid's pumpkin painting and face painting
- o Live music
- o Boston Heights History Trivia Booth
- o Village Safety Forces
- o Bonfire with marshmallows provided
- o "Themed baskets" raffle by Fairview Cemetery Association

Park Board will be selling hot dogs, drinks, snacks & desserts and will have a Value Meal Package for \$2.50.

Fairview Cemetery Association will be raffling off several "Baskets of Goodies" to support Fairview Cemetery.

Village Trick or Treat – Oct. 31, 6 to 8 pm

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

All meetings listed below are open to the public and meet at Village Hall unless otherwise noted:

COUNCIL – Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 8 PM.

[Regularly scheduled each second Wednesday of month].

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 7 PM.

[Regularly scheduled each fourth Tuesday of the month except Dec.].

The three member Council committees for: Safety I [Police], Safety II [Fire], Streets & Highways, Lands & Buildings (Park), Cemetery, Planning and Zoning and Economic Development give reports also.

PLANNING COMMISSION & BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

-Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7 PM

[Regularly scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month, as needed.]

Each committee meets individually and the agenda is set beforehand. Agenda items must be submitted 15 days prior to the meeting date to the Village Clerk's office. Call to verify if a PC/BZA meeting is to be held or check the bostonheights.org website.

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION – meets first Mondays at 7 PM.

Meeting this month is Monday, Sept. 14 due to Labor Day. The association also has monthly volunteer work sessions to maintain Fairview Cemetery in spring through fall seasons on Saturdays. **Fairview Cemetery Trustees** meet quarterly. Check with the Village Hall or the Mayor to learn of the next meeting date and time.

PARK BOARD – meets first Thursdays at 7 PM. Next meeting October 1.

VILLAGE ENGINEER- will answer your engineering questions on the first Monday of the month from 5:30 PM on. Call 330.650.4111 to reserve an appointment. Next appointments, Oct. 5, 2009, 5:30 PM.

CALL V.Hall, 330.650.4111 FOR ADDITIONAL MEETING INFORMATION

Mayor's Office

ROUTE 8 UPDATE – Boston Mills Road detour to Rt. 303 in place on Chittenden Road. Under the recommendation of Chief Varga, Council equalized the speed limit of Chittenden Road to that of Boston Mills through into Hudson. The improved road surface and desire to allow traffic to flow smoothly through the detour route also had ODOT's input. Boston Mills is scheduled to reopen sometime late 2010 to June 2011.

ODOT has paved Hines Hill from the Hudson line to Olde Eight including the new temporary Rt. 8 at grade crossing. The maintenance of this section of Hines Hill will be conducted by ODOT until the project is completed

The contractor has asked and ODOT has approved Hines Hill from Rt. 8 to Olde 8, Olde 8 between Hines Hill and Boston Mills and Boston Mills between Olde 8 and the new Rt. 8 project as designated haul roads. Maintenance of those roads is coordinated with ODOT and issues will be taken to them for repair funding. Heavy trucks on other parts of Olde 8 are being monitored and both ODOT and the contractor [Kenmore] have been responsive in correcting these infractions.

J&J REFUSE – Ohio state landfill tax increases will be passed on and reflected in your upcoming bills in the amount of \$.19 per month or \$.57 per quarterly billing.

KREJCI DUMP CLEANUP – continues as the contractor completes the process of creating a natural ground condition. The contractor has applied to renew the road bond and will continue to repair needed areas of Hines Hill Road. The village will be asking for CVNP to help with the resurfacing once all truck traffic hauling is completed. I agree that the process has taken too long and voiced that opinion to park officials. It appears that 2010 may be the first chance to consider resurfacing.

HEARTLAND PETROLEUM – had their rented storage tank at DynaGard cleaned and thus eliminated the obnoxious odor that many of you reported. The company has said that it would not store the mercaptan gas laden oil there again. Council and our Solicitor are looking to strengthen our current legislation on this issue.

Police Department

Chief Varga reports that his department has received several reports of residents' property being taken from unlocked vehicles and garages. His advice is to remove valuables from sight in your vehicle no matter where it is parked and lock your doors. Unattended homes, garages and outbuildings also are best protected if easy access for thieves is not available.

If you will be away from your home or property for an extended period of time, stop at village hall and fill out a police watch form for that period of time.

Service Department

Tree branch chipping is scheduled for the first full week of the month. Please call to have your address placed on the list. Branches and logs too large to chip will not be picked up. Please stack branches by the road facing in one direction. Do not block ditches or catch basins.

Leaf pickup will occur when needed this fall. Please call [330.650.4111] to have your name and address placed on the list.

Village Legislation

Ordinances

- #4-2009 Established a video service provider fee in the village for all providers of video services. The Ohio General Assembly enacted Sections 1332.21 through 1332.34 of the ORC establishing the “uniform regulatory framework” for this fee.
- #5-2009 Provides for Flood Damage Prevention for a small portion of the village located in a Flood Plain area. Those homeowners are now eligible for National Flood Insurance programs.
- #6-2009 Amended Chapter 123.01 of the Village of Boston Heights Codified Ordinances to change “Posting Places” in the village for meeting notice postings to be: “(b) Clarion Inn” and “(c) BP on Rt. 303”. [Notices also are posted at Village Hall].
- #7-2009 Amends the Permanent Annual Appropriations Ordinance [Ordinance #2-2009] to reflect changes that have occurred in the budget during the year since its adoption.
- #8-2009 Clarifies compensation for non-elected employees of the Village of Boston Heights in all departments.
- #9-2009 Amended Chapter 333.03(b)(12) and 333.03(b)(13) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Boston Heights to increase the speed limit on Chittenden Road to 35 MPH. Chittenden Road is presently being used as a detour for Boston Mills Road and necessitated the need for traffic flowing smoothly to Rt. 303 from Boston Mills.

Village Legislation

Resolutions

- #12-2009 Authorized advertising for bids to equip village police cruisers with computers and software.
- #16-2009 A Resolution declaring the necessity of replacing an existing 1.75 mill tax levy at a reduced tax rate and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the village and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a .50 mill replacement fire levy.
- #17-2009 A Resolution declaring it necessary to have an additional tax levy at the tax rate of .75 mill and requesting the Summit County Fiscal Officer to certify the total current tax valuation of the village and the dollar amount that be generated by this additional fire levy.
- #18-2009 A Resolution on a proposed replacement and decrease tax levy exceeding the 10 mill limitation for the purposes of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings and sites. [Reduction to .5 mills for 5 years].
- #19-2009 A Resolution on a proposed additional tax levy exceeding the 10 mill limitation for the purposes of providing for the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the fire department, including the payment of the firefighter employer's contribution required under Sec. 724.34 of the Ohio Revised Code, or the provision of ambulance, paramedic or other emergency medical services operated a fire department or firefighting company.
- #20-2009 Authorized advertising for 2009 road program work bids.