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I OWE EVERYTHING I AM
AND EVERYTHING I WILL
BE TO BOOKS

Gary Paulsen

LOCAL

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

The Township minutes are posted on our website at www.bostontownship.org and outside the fiscal office at the Boston Township Hall. Trustee meetings are the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Zoning commission meets the second Tuesday of the month and the Board of Zoning Appeals meets the fourth Wednesday of the month.

Trash Contract: The trustees voted to stay with Kimble for trash pickup. The rate will be \$15.22 per month, billed quarterly. Residents can also choose to participate in the bag option at \$3.07 per bag.

Everett Road: Summit County Council has voted to close Everett Road from east of Farmstead Road in Richfield Township to the Everett Connector in Boston Township. Provision has been made to allow for access for emergency services should the need arise.

Road Striping: The trustees voted to stripe Hines Hill, Major, and Oak Hill roads as part of a cooperative effort with Summit County.

BZA Alternate: Former township trustee Jerry Ritch was appointed as an alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a one-year term expiring December 31. Should a regularly seated member be unable to attend a meeting, the alternate steps in. The trustees are still looking for an alternate to the Zoning Commission. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the trustees for more information.

Zoning Hearing: The Board of Zoning Appeals will have a hearing on February 27 at 6:30PM for the property located at 5079 Akron-Cleveland Road for a variance for a distributor's warehouse. Also on the agenda will be a variance for the

property located at 241 Keenan Road for an accessory building.

WEBSITE: Visit our Website at www.bostontownship.org to find up-to-date Township information. Contact numbers for the Trustees: Amy Anderson: 330-657-2439, Randy Bergdorf: 330-655-5698, and Bill Clifton: 330-657-4032. Fiscal Officer: Catherine Anson at 330-657-2059; Road Department: Ron Adams: 330-657-2600; and Zoning Inspector: John Schneider at 330-657-2601 or 234-900-9145.

PENINSULA COUNCIL

The Peninsula Village Council met in regular session on February 12, 2018. The Mayor reported that he talked to the Summit County Engineer concerning the obtaining of funds from AMATS for road work in the Village. He also reported that an engineering consultant had come in to look at the Village Hall building to check on some structural problems. Further studies will be required to determine the extent of the problems. Council approved the purchase of a new copy machine for the Village, which will replace the current one which is beyond repair. The Mayor appointed Kevin Royer to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Council confirmed the appointment. There is still one vacancy on the Board. Any citizen who would like to serve may call the Mayor's Office for his consideration. Council passed a Resolution approving the Village's desire to participate in the Summit County 2018 road paving and maintenance program. The Village will auction off the two old trucks from the Road Department. They are 2004 Ford F550 and a 2005 Ford F250. The vehicles are located in the parking area of the Player's Barn if any one would like to view them. The auction is scheduled for February 24 at 10:00AM.

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Upcoming Meetings;

Planning Commission: February 26 at 7:00PM
Regular Council Meeting: March 12 at 7:00PM
Board of Zoning Appeals meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm as needed.
All meetings are in the Village Hall Council Chambers

Contact Phone Numbers:

Non-emergency Police and Fire:	330-657-2911
Mayor's Office	330-657-2151
Fiscal Office/Zoning	330-657-2714
Road Department	330-657-2089

Check the website www.villageofpeninsula-oh.gov, Library, Post Office, Village Hall, Terry Lumber, and the Fire Station for postings.

John D. Stiegel, Fiscal Officer

PLEASE HELP

Every year on December 19 a kerosene lantern is lighted and placed on the 303 bridge. It is placed at the location where John Lahoski and his wife on that date in 2005 were lighting the bridge luminaries when suddenly John dropped to his death.

This year that lantern, which he used as an elf for the Polar Express, was placed there on that evening as usual. When the family returned to pick it up it was gone.

If perhaps you have it, please drop it off at Terry Lumber. No questions asked.

PENINSULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We invite you to join us for our Easter Week Worship Services.

Maudy Thursday Service: 7:00PM on March 29.

Easter Sunrise Service: 7:09AM at Pine Hollow on Quick Road on April 1. Followed by doughnuts, juice and coffee.

Easter Sunday Service: 10:00AM on April 1 at the church.

Wishing you a blessed Easter!

THANKS JERRY

Before the December 27, 2017 trustee meeting Jerry Ritch was surprised as family and friends attended a celebration of his twelve years as a township trustee.

Family members attending included Jerry's wife Gloria, son Scott, wife Jenn and their son Jacob. Daughter Jerilyn, husband Mike and their daughter Megan. Also attending were many friends and community members who had worked with Jerry over the past twelve years. The trustees shared stories and thanked Jerry for his dedication to the community.



Amy, Jerry, and Randy

THE QUARRY

As we approach the end of winter, we are so excited to start planning for our 2018 season! Please join us for Quarry clean-up on Sun. April 15, and April 22, 2018 from 12-5 p.m. we will schedule additional dates in May as needed! As an incentive everyone who joins us will receive one free day pass! Check our Facebook page for more details! Our board meets every second Thursday at The Peninsula Library around 6:30. Please join us as we strive to keep The Quarry the community gem that it is! Contact Annie Semonin Weitz with any questions at 330-714-9586 or Weitztcb@gmail.com.

WITH THANKS

Wendy and I would like to send out our thanks to the Valley Fire District and the Peninsula Police Department for their quick response to my accident on the morning of December 31. Thanks also to family who stayed to support Wendy during that long miserable day at the hospital. Special thanks go out to the Emergency Room, Surgery, and ICU staffs at Akron General Hospital for the excellent care I received. Doctor Andrew Esterle is a hand surgeon extraordinaire. Thank you for all you did to save my hand. Last, but not least, to all of our friends and neighbors who sent their well wishes, prayers, and food goodies.

Doug Anderson

LENT 2018

Ash Wednesday, February 14, began Lent 2018. For Christians, it is the beginning of a spiritual journey. It is always a day of prayer and penance. A day when fasting and abstinence is observed. Fasting is to be observed by Catholics, those ages 18 through 59. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence from meat is obligatory for all Catholics age 14 and older. Lent is much more than that or not eating meat on Fridays and fish fries. It is a time of conversion, grace, and new direction. What is the way? What are we to do? We are to pray. We are to fast from what we do not really need. We are to share. We are to do more rather than less. Why not plan on going to daily Mass, participating in our parish's Lenten devotions (Eucharistic Holy Hour, Stations of the Cross, Sacrament of Reconciliation)? You might plan on reading the Bible, spiritual literature, the lives of the Saints, and praying the Rosary with family and friends. Take more time for personal prayer. Participate in the Rice Bowl Lenten Project...sharing in order that others might have enough. Join our faith community, and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. There is even a CRS Rice Bowl app that can be downloaded. Pray these 40 days truly help us to be a salvific Lenten journey to the glory of Easter and new life in the Lord. One further thought, consider meditating daily. As a Lenten help, the words used in imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday: "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." "Repent and believe the Gospel." Blessings on our Lent 2018!

Father John Terzano
Mother of Sorrows Parish

PENINSULA LIBRARY

Classic Movie Night on the First Thursday in March, April, May, June at 6:30PM.

March 1—*Ball of Fire*

April 5—*Notorious*

May 3—*The Miracle of Morgan's Creek*

June 7—*The Catered Affair*.

A Crash Course in Retirement: Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30PM to 8:00PM

If you are concerned about your retirement and realize there's a lot you don't know, this is the class for you! Topics will include: how to take income from your assets in the most tax-efficient manner, avoiding very costly IRA mistakes, what type of investment might be best for a retiree and what might not be. This class is focused on critical retirement issues for anyone preparing for retirement, or those already in retirement. Learning materials will be provided. Please call the library to register. Presented by James C. Sexton III, CFP, CFS of Western Reserve Capital Management.

Monday and Thursday Preschool Story Time at 10:00 AM.

Miss Chris will share stories, songs, finger-plays and fun for ages 3 and up. Please call to register your child.

Getting Ready for Medicare at 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Thursday, April 19, 2018

This program, presented by Laura Mutsko, a Certified Senior Adviser and Medicare Supplement Accredited Adviser will highlight when and where to apply for Medicare, what decisions you will need to make, what Medicare covers, cost of Medicare, and the difference between original Medicare and Medicare Advantage Plans. Reservations are required as we need a minimum of five people for this class. Please call the library at 330-657-BOOK or email us at info@peninsulalibrary.org.

To the Editors:

On their way out of office in 2017, Council called a special meeting on December 28, 2017 that created an expense of about \$3000 per year on village sewer district residents. That's right. Without discussion or consideration of comments, they approved, at resident's expense, a \$450,000 engineering survey into a \$6.5 million sewer project. Thank you Council. Good to see you're still up to your same tricks for your personal gain.

Bob Hrovat

REMEMBRANCE DAY AUGUST 11, 2018 SAVE THE DATE

On this day the current citizens of Peninsula will remember and honor the physicians and nurses who have lived in the Village and Cuyahoga Valley. Important to the development of any community was the presence of Physicians to care for the sick and injured. Peninsula was right next door to Western Reserve Medical College, where most of our early physicians studied. There will be markers outside of homes where doctors lived. Early nurses in the village were mothers, daughters and sisters who nursed their family members and friends. These along with civil war nurses will be celebrated. We are very excited to host a special exhibit on Clara Barton – Civil War Nurse – which is on loan from The National Museum of Civil War Medicine and will be at the Peninsula Village Hall.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and hoping that local residents will not only attend but will also invite family and friends to see a different side of the Village of Peninsula. Does anyone have any old medical related implements which we can have at the library. Help us honor those who grew Peninsula. Stay tuned for more activities. Contact [330 858 9720](tel:3308589720) Barbara Gedeon with questions.

PENINSULA WASTEWATER INITIATIVE UPDATE

Project Update: In December, Village Council took the next step to a centralized sewer system in the Village wastewater district by approving Stantec Consulting to complete the Design Engineering phase and to apply to the Ohio Water Department Authority (OWDA) for a loan to complete the engineering. The OWDA loan is for \$450,000 which includes \$421,000 for Stantec Consulting, \$15,500 for Permit to Install and NPDES permits, and \$13,500 for contingencies. As we have mentioned in earlier updates, this past October Village Council applied to the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) for a \$1million grant through the Ohio Environmental Infrastructure Program. The USACE funding is considered a “non-traditional” source of funding. Peninsula is challenged to qualify or compete for “traditional” wastewater grants which are geared towards communities with a much lower Median Household Income (MHI) than Peninsula. By completing the design engineering by July of 2018, the Village will be more competitively positioned as “shovel ready” against other communities who also applied for USACE assistance. Letters were submitted to the USACE by the CVNP, Senator Brown, and Senator Portman, all requesting that the Village receive grant assistance from the USACE. As with any grant request, there are no guarantees that the Village will receive assistance from the USACE for our wastewater system. But, by completing the design engineering now, we will be ready for consideration by the USACE July 2018 funding cycle. The Village plans to evaluate the next steps once the design engineering is completed and the Village finds out whether it receives the Army Corps funding.

Wastewater District Sewer Fee: As we reported in December, Council approved a \$15 per month, per user, sewer fee for all property owners within the Wastewater District which will begin starting April 1, 2018. This monthly fee will satisfy the OWDA loan payback requirements and will be adjusted when and if construction of the system is commenced or completed to reflect actual system cost and user flow (according to EPA guidelines). Those subject to the sewer fee will be invoiced quarterly with the first invoice scheduled to go out on or about March 1 with payment due by April 1. If you are unsure if your property is within the wastewater district, please visit the Library to see the District Map on display or you can contact Village Fiscal Officer John Stiegel at (330) 657-2151.

Treatment System: A big thank you to the several Planning Commission and Council members and residents who traveled to southern Ohio to tour wastewater systems and who also took the time to meet on several occasions to discuss the best treatment option for the Village. On February 12 Planning Commission selected the Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) technology for the Village wastewater system. At the Village Council meeting also on February 12, Council agreed with Planning Commission and approved the MBR technology as the preferred treatment system for the Village. The MBR was selected over the traditional aeration systems for several reasons including: a smaller footprint so will require less land; minimal odor and noise; the system can be partially or completely housed within a building so overall is more aesthetically pleasing; and, the MBR produces a very clean discharge that easily meets current discharge requirements for the Cuyahoga River, and will likely meet future anticipated, more stringent, limitations. Another advantage of the MBR is

the Village will be able to store and re-use the discharge water for ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the plant. For all of you technology buffs, you can google “kubota submerged membrane youtube” and view a tutorial on the Kubota MBR technology.

FAQ's: The Council Wastewater Core Team is in the process of creating a Wastewater FAQ page for the Village website. We are hopeful that this will answer questions you may have, but please feel free to reach out to any member of the Core Team with questions or comments. Your input is welcome and always appreciated. Dee Holody, dholody@yahoo.com; Mary Booth, marymarybooth@yahoo.com; Bill Clifton, cliftowh@hotmail.com

CONDOLENCES

Barbara Burgy passed away on January 21, 2018. Our condolences to her family.

Steven Grimes passed away January 23, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Paula.

Ed Alexander passed away February 2, 2018 at the age of 93. Ed was the founder of Alexander Water Service.

After a lengthy illness Timothy Engel passed away February 6, 2018 at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife, Linda.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Womens 22W leather coat, new. \$40 OBO. Mens unique leather motorcycle vest size 38-42. Fine condition. \$50.00. Assorted clocks, wrist watches, and transistor radios \$5.00 each. Call Dave at 330-338-9211 or 234-281-1172.

Services are in the online version of YCN this month.

From the Editors: Have you used any of these services? We are asking for your feedback in rating them from one to five with five being excellent.

SERVICES

SONSHINE CLEANING SERVICE: Residential (including Apartments), Commercial, Offices, Floors, Walls, Windows, Bathrooms, etc. \$10 off first cleaning and \$10 off for every referral that uses us. Three hour minimum please. Please contact Claudia Norris at (440) 915-9957. Local references available.

HOMECARE: For all your homecare needs call Robin Shrader at 330-606-8503. Accessible Home Health Care. Medicare and most insurances accepted. Look us up at www.AccessibleAkron.com

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN- Peninsula resident. Great rates/Quick service. Call Steve at 330-310-1061. Ohio license #EI22934.

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PROJECT FEEDING KIDS: Find the best prices for every essential service, both residential and commercial while helping feed children in the community. We work with top brands, such as DirecTv, Dish, AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, gas, electric, and merchant services. Call Kelly at 330-203- 9713.

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YCN reader rating of 5, multiple community comments.

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YCN reader rating of 5, reporter has used this service multiple times.

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YCN reader rating of: 5 Star Rating! I have used Carolyn to frame, reframe, and repair all sorts of art for me and she does a professional job.

YCN reader rating of: 5 Star Rating! Wonderful work and very creative. Highly recommended.

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YCN reader rating of 5, reporter very pleased with services.

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