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Laurence J. Peter



A PLACE WHERE RESIDENTS OF BOSTON TOWNSHIP  
AND PENINSULA SHARE THEIR INFORMATION

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### **PENINSULA VILLAGE COUNCIL**

#### **2007 Liaisons:**

Roads - Doug Anderson  
Finance - Bob Hunker  
Buildings & Grounds - Dan Schneider  
Police - Jay Pedone  
Fire District - Grover Miller  
Cemetery - Dan Schneider

Debra Shankland will be on Planning Commission through 2012 and is serving as Chair for 2007. Tom James has accepted another five year term with the Board of Zoning Appeals, Jodi Padrutt is the 2007 Chair. Ralph Reinhart is our Street Commissioner once again.

Thank you to all members of the community who take an interest, become involved and volunteer their time to sit on the boards necessary to run our community.

In other news - Sergeant John Gioitta has resigned to take a position with another department; the committee looking at the Players Barn has been making reports to council monthly; there was no action on the parades or door to door sales legislations; a resolution was passed to become a member of the Cuyahoga Valley Regional Council of Governments, formerly Cuyahoga Valley Communities Council and the Village will be posting signs on Rt. 303 acknowledging Woodridge Cross Country State Champions in 2006.

#### **Peninsula Village Meetings:**

Council - Monday, March 12, 2007  
Planning Commission - Wednesday, March 7, 2007  
Board of Zoning Appeals - Thursday, March 8, 2007  
All meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Village Hall - 1582 Main Street at 7:00 p.m.

*Pam Burda*, Clerk-Treasurer

### **BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:** Structure remained the same for 2007 with the following appointments:

Chairperson and fire board: Amy Anderson 657-2439  
J.E.D.D. and police liaison: Jerry Ritch 657-2015  
Zoning, building and grounds, and cemetery board: Randy Bergdorf 655-5698

Our clerk, Joanne Noragon may be reached at 657-2059  
Road Department, Tim Tesmer and Doug Mayer at 657-2600  
Zoning inspector, Paul Kaczmariski at 657-2235

**ZONING:** The Trustees accepted the resignation of Wes Bergdorf as secretary to both zoning boards at their February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Wes will remain on the zoning commission. He has served on the board for over twenty-five years and has provided a wealth of knowledge to the township. Joe Christian has resigned from our appeals board due to accepting a different position at his employment. Joe has served on this BZA through some very difficult times and we appreciate his efforts. Both of these positions are open and if you are interested please contact one of the Trustees before March 7, 2007.

**ROAD DEPARTMENT:** What a snowfall! Our thanks to Tim and Doug for all of their work during the recent snowfall. Township plowed roads were excellent.

**J & J REFUSE CONTRACT:** The Trustees signed a one year renewal on the rubbish contract with J&J.

**J.E.D.D UPDATE:** Jerry Ritch and Marty Griffith continue to work with the county and Cuyahoga Falls officials on the sewer line for the Route 8 Corridor. We received a request to restore Metro bus service to this area. A letter was sent to Metro Regional Transit asking to explore this option.

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**GARAGE AND OFFICE RENOVATIONS:** Tim and Doug have been working very hard on these renovations and just about have their garage and office done. Joanne moved into her new office and work will soon begin converting the old garage into the Township meeting room and storage area. Tim has many of the old pictures and memorabilia from the Lock 32 store on the walls. Stop in and see the renovations.

**CONTACTING YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS**

Our masthead provides ways to contact us to place submissions in YCN. If you have any questions, please just give us a call. We are **not** affiliated with the Peninsula Library, so please do not call them for publication information, address changes, or submissions.

**PENINSULA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Peninsula Police Department patrolled 10,055 miles in the month of January and recorded 56 incident reports. The following is a sample of calls:

- alarm drop - 3
- property crashes - 7
- injury crashes - 2
- assist other department - 1

There will be a footrace on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from Noon to 2:30PM that will involve Quick, Akron-Peninsula, Northampton, Steels Corners, and Haas Roads.

Brad Hansen will again be holding his annual bike race. The race begins and ends at Hale Farm and involves Oak Hill, Everett, Ira, and Riverview Roads. The roads will not be closed and the races will be held between 9:00AM and

11:30AM on the following Sundays April 15, 22, 29, and May 6.

*Jim McCue, Chief*

**WHAT'S NEWS @ VILLAGE HALL**

Do you need information, have a question or concern involving the village please let us know. Stop in or call:

The Mayor's Office can be reached at 330-657-2151

The Clerk – Treasurer can be reached at 330-657-2714 regarding any matters pertaining to the Village finances or fiscal records.

The Zoning Officer, Jim Lawrence at 330-657-2714

Hours of operation for the Village Hall are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. Someone will be at Village Hall between those hours every day (except Holidays, of course!)

**GET WELL WISHES**

Please keep John Puchalsky in your prayers. Get well wishes to Sig Wojtkowski, Joan Flory, Nina Alvis, Gloria Ritch, Nancy Sue James Zvara, Dave Mayer, and Bob Mayer.

**RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE FOR JANICE SCHNEIDER**

Date: March 10, 2007  
Place: Boston Township Hall (corner of 303 and Riverview)  
Time: Noon - 4:00pm.

Stop in and say "hi" she'd love to see everyone. She's enjoying her retirement, but also misses all of the friendly people that she saw during the years at the Peninsula Post Office. Hope to see you there.

*Dan Schneider and Family*

**CONGRATULATIONS JOHN AND TIFFANY**

John and Tiffany Petrovich were married on February 10, 2007 in Las Vegas. Our congratulations.

**WOODRIDGE RECREATION**

There is still time to sign up for Woodridge Recreation Association's baseball and softball teams. Contact Dan Schneider at 657-2721 for information.

## VILLAGE VIEWS FROM BOB HUNKER

Council started the new year with what may be a first. The shortest meeting on record. The meeting lasted less than one hour. Why? Probably because we didn't do much.

The annual budget based on the clerk's recommendation and the Budget Meeting for the fiscal year (2007) is usually discussed, adopted, and resolved for the current year followed by passing an appropriation for the first quarter expenses, but we didn't do this. The Mayor bypassed the budget and went directly to the appropriation based on a tentative 2007 budget that hardly keeps us out of the red.

Clerk Burda did an excellent job preparing two budgets for the December Budget Meeting which I attended with Anderson and Pedone. Budget #1 with no raises. Budget #2 with raises of 3% as requested, particularly by the Road Department would put us in the red and use all of the \$42,000.00 reserve. Obviously we must choose the first, but to avoid this the Mayor, who seems to favor raises and an increase in expenditure, left the door open for increased spending after the first quarter.

Budget #1 of \$884,100.00 equates to a cost of \$3,495.00 per household.

The Service Department budget is \$158,325.00 for twelve miles of roads less Route 303 which is maintained by the state. Therefore, each household pays \$660.00 for roads. The department employs two full-time people with a uniform allowance of \$500.00 per year. Perhaps we could save by patronizing K-Mart without monogram lettering.

The income tax for 2006 was \$295,000.00, approximately \$20,000 more than 2005 because of highly paid employees in rental spaces. They have relocated so the projected income tax for 2007 is \$275,000.00, a reduction in income for this year of \$20,000.00.

The Police Department waived a pay increase due to the financial drain from employee sick leave, increased healthcare, and increased fuel costs; also, the chief is on the road patrolling in addition to his administrative duties and on call, thus reducing the cost of an employee.

Here is some information that may give insight to the increased costs for small local governments and the problems facing us.

The State of Ohio mandates for all Police and Fire employees sick leave payment of .0575 for each hour worked. This equates to 14 working days per year.

The costs to the Village for healthcare is \$71,000.00 plus Medicare \$6,163.00, a total of \$77,163.00 per year for all employees, office, clerk, Service Department, and police.

The Police Department employees do not receive overtime pay except the chief is paid when he attends Council. The head of the Service Department also receives the same overtime pay.

The Police Department's budget is \$467,834.00. Boston Township pays us \$161,000.00 per year for police protection by Peninsula, a net cost to the Village of \$306,834.00.

Village – 240 households = \$950.00 per household  
Township – 400 households = \$403.00 per household

Obviously further cuts must be made to provide funds for other areas such as codification, record storage, microfilming, capital improvements, and maintenance.

What are your thoughts and ideas? It is your Village and your money. Come to the meetings.

**Robert L. Hunker**, Councilman

## MOVE OVER, JOE BOONE!

Joe Boone, Fishers' popular manager, and his new bride recently deserted NE Ohio's snow and ice for the hot spot of Charleston, S.C. But the Fisher family didn't need to grieve very long. One local lady who had been lured by the glitz and glamour of hot spots across the country has decided to return, bringing her culinary expertise back with her. Autumn Johnston, born and raised on Boston Mills Road, was recently hired as the café's new manager. Her dad, Woody, is Dick Fisher's lifetime friend, but it was Autumn's restaurant experience that clinched the job for her. After graduating from Woodridge in 1992, Autumn moved to California, and then to Nevada, where she went to culinary school and began work with the Macaroni Grille Corporation. She transferred with the company to Chicago before realizing that corporate management often failed to deliver the satisfaction that community businesses offered. Autumn is happy to be back, as Fishers' patrons begin enjoying some tasty new treats from the "new" girl in town.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

Lenore Ritch would like to thank the Boston Township Trustees and community for their assistance with *Share a Christmas*.

## PENINSULA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FISH AND PIEROGI MEALS

Fish and/or homemade pierogi meals for sit-down dining or take-out.

Pollack fish fillets (2 generous portions with each meal) either baked or battered & fried.

Pierogi choices include apple, apricot, cottage cheese, potato, potato and cheese and sauerkraut. Each meal includes four pierogis, and can be any combination.

Mixed meals include one fish fillet and two pierogis.

All meals include applesauce, coleslaw, roll and butter and beverage. Tartar sauce, sour cream, and onions fried in butter available on request.

Meals are \$6.50. Additional fish fillets are \$2 and additional pierogis are \$1 each.

Each and every Friday, February 23 thru March 30, 2007  
Lunch served 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dinner served 5 – 7 p.m.

Call ahead (330-657-2567) to order take-out meals and they'll be ready when you arrive.

## WANT ADS

**LICENSED ELECTRICIAN** with 15 years experience, bonded and insured. Boston Township resident. Contact Jon Kogut at 216-401-8869.

**FOR SALE:** 1920's dresser with serpentine front, \$200. Two Shaker counter stools, \$75 for the pair. Call Cindy Gallagher at 330-468-1121.

**NEEDS A HOME:** Fifteen month old yellow Lab with shots and is neutered. Energetic and needs a family. Call Edie Minns at 657-2862.

**FOR SALE:** Water Buffalo Tank - 1,000 gallons for above ground. Fiberglass. \$500.00 - Original \$950.00 Call Bob Hunker at 330-657-2528.

**HOME FOR SALE:** Located at 6365 Olde Eight Rd. Cozy 1092' square ranch on 1.83 acres of land. 36 x 22 pole barn in the rear of property. Barn has 220 electric. For more info go to [www.6365.0catch.com](http://www.6365.0catch.com) or call Michele at 330-528-0603.

**FOR SALE:** Antique oak drop leaf table with eight leaves (no chairs). Needs refinishing. \$300 firm. Call David Kleppel at 330-650-5503.

**PERSONAL GIFT BUYING** - Need help with holiday shopping, gift wrapping or delivery? Call Roberta with Tying Up Loose Ends Personal Gift Buying, Concierge and Errand Service 330-801-2187.

**REALTOR:** In the market to sell your home? Call Janet Shrader at Howard Hanna on Darrow Road in Stow. The numbers are 330-996-1659 or cell 330-608-5341.

**SNOW PLOWING:** Reserve your spot on the route now. Seasonal or per push contract. Senior discount. Call for free estimate. Paul Baker 330-573-7575.

**LICKITY-SPLIT:** Tree cutting and wood splitting. Call Scott Ensign at 330-657-2462.

**GRANITE FOR SALE:** Counter top pieces, assorted sizes. Call Scott Ensign at 657-2462.

**FOR SALE:** 15 cu. ft. Kenmore chest freezer. Power light in lid \$100.00. Call Vicki Kollar at (330) 463-5677

**OUTDOOR STORAGE AND PARKING:** Affordable, secure, and convenient for boats, recreational vehicles and automobiles. Now available at the **Virginia Motel**. Call today 330-342-0864.

**WESTERN RESERVE RENOVATIONS:** Home repairs, improvements and renovations. Peninsula local, insured and bonded. Call for free quote. Jason Klein 330-221-3461.

**FOR SALE:** Honda Generator, never used. Returned and being sold through Shetler's Outdoor Power Equipment Store located at 3500 Copley Road in Copley. Contact them at 1-330-666-8400.

**VILLAGE HANDY:** Remodeling, carpentry, tile, general plumbing & electrical. Call Buddy Milhoan at 657-2699.

**HOME FOR SALE:** Located at 2126 Stine Road. Three bedrooms 2.5 bath 2200 sq. ft. plus finished half basement. Sits on 2 beautiful acres with pond. Large composite deck (installed in 2004), playground area, and brick walkway (Installed in 2005) with new storage shed. \$287,782 Call Brian and Heather Davis for more details (330) 459-3255.

**BIG FRANK'S STUMP GRINDING SERVICE:** Prompt service, free onsite estimates, seven days a week.

Portable unit fits through a 36" opening. Call Frank Grezlik at 330-281-1280.

**SILHOUETTES:** Children's silhouettes from your photos or mine \$15.00. Black paper cut on white background in a black oval mat that fits an 8x10 frame. Samples available. Call Lois Unger at 657-2385.

**FISHER FENCING AND DECKS:** Add security and value to your property with wood or vinyl fences, gates, and decks. Local resident with years of experience. References. For a free estimate call Dale Fisher at 330-858-2026.

**BABYSITTER:** Responsible 13-year-old, with babysitter course training, good with kids. Please call Danielle 330-655-0734.

**HOME CARE SERVICES:** Providing trusted, reliable, affordable, courteous home care service for elderly. Bonded and insured. Richard Pivovar at 330-368-1051.

**PLASTERING AND DRYWALL:** Artistic Finish & Design Co. Plaster and drywall repair specialist with over thirty years experience. Free estimates, reasonable prices, bonded and insured. No job too small. Call Maxx at 330-626-1669.

**HOMEBOUND?** Haircuts, shampoo, and styles provided in your home by licensed cosmetologist. Call Peggy Buckshaw at 330-571-5282.

## THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all who donated items to be sent to Derek Knotek currently stationed in Iraq. Derek has greatly appreciated all that was sent to him. From November through January I sent him approx ten boxes full of snacks and other needed items. Due to the generous response from family, friends and the community he has plenty of items now and very little storage room. He told his mom he still would like to receive mail. So if you would still like to mail him a quick note please do so. Thanks again to all who donated.

*Mary Beth Schall*

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**Editor's Note:** Word comes from Rich Knotek, Derek's father, that he should be in the states early April and home around the 20<sup>th</sup>.

## MARILYN'S KITCHEN

For this month's recipe see Peninsula Mix. *Your Community News* is put together by volunteers. We would appreciate it if the local recipients and those who have moved away would volunteer and send us their favorite recipe and a few words about themselves.

Email: [marilynskitchen@aol.com](mailto:marilynskitchen@aol.com), Fax: 330-657-2769, phone: 330-657-2345, Snail mail: 3634 Oak Hill Road or 6780 Riverview Road, Peninsula, OH 44264. Thank you.

## PENINSULA MIX

Sometime when it is hard to get a fire started, try putting two or three crumpled sheets of newsprint on top of the wood, and then light that first. The idea is to warm the flue, or chimney in order to get it to draw. (Heat rises: physics 101.) . . . . It's nice to see that Eric Conger, who grew up in Peninsula, and who played, wrote, and directed plays at the Barn, is interested in helping to salvage it. From here he went to New York and built a career in voice-overs. He used to deliver the *Beacon Journal* from his bicycle. The last thing I heard he did was the voice-over for Ernie Pyle, a newsman who went right to the battlefields to interview servicemen in World War II.

Its time to think spring, so I call your attention to two new seed and plant catalogs which carry many new and unusual varieties as well as old standards:

Territorial Seed Company, P.O. Box 158, Cottage Grove Oregon, 97424 and Pinetree Garden Seeds, P.O. Box 300, New Gloucester, Maine 04260

This recipe caused quite a stir after being served at a recent gathering, with permission from Marilyn Griffith, our food editor, we present:

### SUPER POTATOES ROMANOFF FROM JURATE BALAS

1 package (32 oz.) frozen hash brown potatoes, defrosted.  
1 - 16 oz container sour cream  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded cheddar, Monterey Jack or Longhorn cheese  
1 cup chopped green onions  
1 can (10 3/4 oz) cream of chicken soup  
1 can (10 3/4 oz) cream of mushroom soup  
(Any 2-can combination of cream soups such as celery or broccoli, chicken, etc.)  
1 cup corn flake crumbs  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine all ingredients, except the cornflake crumbs and margarine, until well blended. Spoon into a 9 x 13 inch baking dish. Mix together corn flake crumbs and margarine until blended. Sprinkle evenly over potatoes and bake for sixty minutes or until potatoes in center are soft and bubbling. Makes ten to twelve servings. Note: Doubling this recipe in a larger pan does not work!

*Lily Fleder*

## PENINSULA LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Peninsula Library Foundation received a grant of \$100,000 in honor of Honoré Guilbeau Cooke. A beloved and respected member of the Peninsula community, Honoré was one of the "Founding Mothers" of the Peninsula Library & Historical Society, a trustee for 27 years, an author, and artist. She passed away on May 22, 2006.

Honoré Cooke is considered to be one of the co-founders of the Peninsula Library, along with her friend Ruth Roush,

and a committee of seven other women. They held a fundraiser as a Girl Scout troop service project and collected 100 books and \$40. In February, 1943, they officially opened the Library. In 1964, Honoré installed the "Mural of Transportation into the Valley" on the front of the library and the Peninsula Python mural inside the library in 1970. Most recently Honoré had designed both prints and posters to commemorate the library's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2003 and book bags for the Friends of the Library.

The grant, one of the largest received by the Foundation in recent years, was given by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Following the wishes of the donor, the grant will be directed to the organization's endowment, a permanent fund that supplements the Peninsula Library & Historical Society's regular operating funds. This grant will increase the value of the endowment fund by 50%. Income from the endowment fund will help to provide the resources for capital improvements, repairs and renovations, acquisitions, services or operating expenses for years to come.

Today, the Library serves a defined area including Boston Heights, Boston Township, and Peninsula with a combined approximate population of 2500. Its Historical Society houses award-winning local history exhibits at its Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum.

The mission of The Peninsula Library Foundation (Foundation) is to manage and raise funds for an endowment fund for the sole benefit of the Peninsula Library & Historical Society (PLHS). The Peninsula Library Foundation is in the planning and feasibility stages of an endowment campaign. Distinct from the Library, the Foundation is a separate legal entity and is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity. Contributions to the Peninsula Library Foundation are tax deductible.

To request an Annual Report of the Peninsula Library Foundation, or for other information, please visit the website at [www.peninsulalibrary.org](http://www.peninsulalibrary.org)

## CONDOLENCES

Former Everett resident Mike Bobacek passed away November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Former Township resident Dorothy Gaug passed away December 31<sup>st</sup>. She is survived by Leland, children Cynthia, Kevan, and Jane Miller, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Frank Fleder passed away January 12<sup>th</sup>. Frank is survived by his wife Lily, children Anne and Adam, and six grandchildren. We, on the staff of YCN, will miss his presence at our production meetings and birthday celebrations. Frank will always be remembered for his kindness and sense of humor.

Paul Wright passed away January 21<sup>st</sup>. Preceded in death by his wife, Carole, Paul is survived by children Craig, Chris, Cathy, Russ and Keith Morgan, and Lorna Kippit.

Former Everett resident Clark Morris passed away February 16<sup>th</sup>.

## CROOKED RIVER HERB FARM

Crooked River Herb Farm is ready to engage the "Cold War" and "Winter Blahs" with our own not-so-secret weapon: Sunday afternoons at the Blue Heron Bookstore.

We will begin a series of programs scheduled from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoons at the bookstore beginning February 25th. Can you imagine a more comfortable, inviting place to sit and discuss herbs, organic gardening, soaps, essential oils, cooking etc?

Each program will be limited to 15 participants to encourage casual open discussion. Bring questions, cooking and gardening tips, recipes, sense of humor and fun. Crooked River Herb Farm will provide herb tea, coffee, snacks and treats.

### **Let's Talk Herbs and Other Fun Stuff: Sunday, February 25th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Judi Strauss, local herb expert, author of several herb related books, and Kathleen Varga will lead an open discussion on herb related topics including, but not limited to gardening, cooking, medicinals, recipes, aromatherapy, etc.

### **Heirloom Tomatoes and Other Good Garden Stuff: Sunday, March 18th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Michael Cohill, master gardener, seed saver and heirloom tomato expert (also known as The Marble Man and my little brother) will discuss saving the world's agricultural heritage; the advantage of growing open-pollinated plant varieties; the benefits of organic gardening, seed saving and agricultural diversity; and of course, planting the best darn tomatoes on the planet.

Saving the world one seed at a time!

### **The History of Soap Making: Sunday, March 25th, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Sherri Mays of Cottage Farm Soaps will discuss the history of soap making, use of essential oils and the many benefits of using natural ingredients on our skin. Chemicals Begone! She will also demonstrate soap making. This program is a sneak peek at the soap making process.

Each program price is only \$15! To register: Call Kathleen at 330-657-2332 with Visa/MC, or you may prepay with a check by notifying us at time of registration. Please make reservations and cancellations as soon as possible.

### **BLUE HERON BOOKSTORE PLANS HARRY POTTER FEST JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**

The much anticipated release of the last and final installment of the Harry Potter book series is scheduled for release July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:01 am. Countdown has begun and Harry Potter fans from across the nation and around the world are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the last book in

J.K. Rowling's best-selling Harry Potter book series, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*. One hundred fifty-four days and counting; plans are now underway for exciting midnight parties throughout the country and, in particular, at the Blue Heron Bookstore.

The Village of Peninsula will become the World of Harry Potter with the help of local businesses, organizations and residents. Area retailers will be transformed into beloved locations from the books, such as Flourish & Blotts (Blue Heron Book Store), Honeydukes Sweet Shop (Yellow Creek Trading Company), Eeylops Owl Emporium (The Downtown Emporium), and Ollivander's Wand Shop (Elements Gallery).

By reserving a copy of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows through the Blue Heron Bookstore, fans can attend exclusive themed events throughout the weekend festivities, including a ride on the Wizard Express (Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad), a Feast in the Great Hall (Happy Days Visitor Center), Start of Term Ball (Boston Township Hall), Hogwarts Classes (G.A.R. Hall), Sorting Ceremonies and a Quidditch Match. Witches, wizards and favorite characters from the stories will roam the streets of the Enchanted Village (Peninsula) and the Forbidden Forest (Cuyahoga Valley National Park). Participants receive a Marauder's Map. The map is a wonderful keepsake of the event and is part of the competition between Harry Potter Fest participants for the House Cup Award. Other contests for participants include: an essay contest, an illustration contest, and several costume contests.

Special events are currently in the planning stages. Customers will be notified when tickets for these events will become available. Updates will be posted on the website. Priority ticketing will be offered to those who are the first to reserve their books and will be done on a first come, first served basis as special events are limited. "If you know you will be joining the Blue Heron Bookstore to celebrate the release of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, we encourage you to get your book order in as soon as possible." said Debbie D'Andrea an owner of The Blue Heron Bookstore. "Harry Potter Fest is a unique event for our customers. This will be a wonderful experience they will never forget!"

Reserve copies of *Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows* in advance through the Blue Heron Bookstore to receive a 15% discount on the book and to register for Harry Potter Fest. Call (330) 657-2575 or go online at [www.blueheronbookstore.com](http://www.blueheronbookstore.com).

## PENINSULA ART ACADEMY

Artist Don Getz is presently organizing a schedule of prospective Peninsula Art Academy painting and drawing classes and workshops, including three or four workshops by nationally known instructors. These may include watercolor, acrylic, drawing, oil, sculpture in clay and collage.

Call for program details and a tour of the facility. 330-657-2248 [info@peninsulaartacademy.com](mailto:info@peninsulaartacademy.com)  
[www.peninsulaartacademy.com](http://www.peninsulaartacademy.com)