

Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by being governed by those who are dumber.

Plato



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

MARCH 2007 VOLUME 24 NUMBER 3
RESIDENT 44264

NON-PROFIT
UNITED STATES
POSTAGE
PAID-PERMIT
NUMBER 38
PENINSULA

PENINSULA VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Boston Township Trustees and Clerk joined the Village Council for a joint meeting. Randy Bergdorf presented the 2006 Cemetery Board financial report and asked Council to consider funding options. Currently the Board is operating at a deficit. Amy Anderson said she is discussing the police contract with Chief McCue.

The 2007 Budget was put over to a Special Meeting on March 21 at 7:00 pm along with the Railing Project in Front of the Ritch Property on Route 303, the Parades & Assemblages Ordinance, Door to Door Sales Ordinance and initial consideration of a Snow Removal & Parking Ordinance.

Jean Wurzbacher has agreed to serve as the citizen member of the Village Records Commission, which also consists of the Mayor, Clerk Treasurer and Solicitor. We all appreciate her continued service to the community.

The Zoning Ordinance was a popular topic for the meeting with attention to its deficiencies. Mayor Kaplan and Kathy Bertsch have agreed to work together and go through the ordinance, create an index and make suggestions to the Planning Commission for other changes and corrections.

Remember, if you are a Village resident, your C.C.A. tax return is due April 16, 2007. Forms are available at the Village Hall, Library or online at www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us. If you would like your city return prepared gratis, please call the village 330-657-2714 to confirm a time with me. Even if you are retired (lucky you!) there is still a reporting requirement for information only.

Meetings: All begin at 7:00PM

Special Council Meeting: March 21, 2007

Special Planning Commission: Meeting: March 26, 2007

Regular Planning Commission: April 4, 2007

Regular Council Meeting: April 9, 2007

Regular Board of Zoning Appeals: April 12, 2007

Village Hall hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm daily except holidays and weekends.

330-657-2151 – Mayor and administration

330-657-2714 – Clerk Treasurer and Zoning Inspector

330-657-2089 – Service Department

330-657-2995 – Police Department

330-657-2911 – Non-Emergency Police and Fire Dispatch

Pam Burda, Clerk-Treasurer

BOSTON TOWNSHIP

ZONING APPOINTMENTS: The Trustees appointed Lida Flowers Brandt as zoning secretary. Lida had been graciously helping Wes Bergdorf over the past few months. Anne Marie Griffith accepted the position vacated by Joe Christian on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

POLICE CONTRACT: The current policing contract with the Village expires at the end of the year. The Trustees are accepting proposals for this service.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT: Our new truck is in and ready to roll. Look for our new logo, designed by Tim Tesmer, on both trucks. Tim Tesmer and Doug Mayer are continuing with the renovations in the service department building. All we can say is WOW! Stop in and check it out.

J.E.D.D. DISTRICT: Jerry Ritch and Marty Griffith are continuing to work with County Councilman Nick Kostandaras on water and sewer issues for this area.

CEMETERY: Randy Bergdorf made a presentation to the Trustees and Village Council at the joint meeting on behalf of the Union Cemetery Board. The Cemetery Board is asking the Township and the Village to sacrifice either .25 or .50 of their inside milage to help toward the operation of both cemeteries. Approximately \$23,000 per year is raised from the current .50 inside milage. Additional funds are needed for maintenance.

EDITORIAL AND PRODUCTION STAFF

Amy Anderson, Anne Marie Griffith

STAFF WRITERS

Marilyn Griffith, Marty Griffith
Lily Fleder

CIRCULATION

Diane and Ray Hach

PUBLISHER

Your Community News
Jack Harley

We welcome your submissions to Your Community News, and are happy to print your submitted material. Concise letters to the editor are more likely to be published; we suggest 300 words or less. These letters must be signed to be printed and may be edited due to space limitations. Please mail submissions to 6780 Riverview Road, Peninsula OH 44264. You may also call 657-2439 or 657-2769 or FAX them to 657-2493. Email at AmyZ1028@AOL.com or amg61767@hotmail.com. If using email, please send it as an attachment. **Information must be received by the 10th of the month to be included in that month's issue.** Your Community News is published monthly except in January and August. Opinions stated may not necessarily reflect those of the editorial or production staff of Your Community News.

PENINSULA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Peninsula Police Department patrolled 9975 miles in the month of February and recorded 60 incident reports. The following is a sample of calls:

- alarm drop - 6
- property crashes - 18
- injury crashes - 1
- assist other department - 1

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

VALLEY FIRE

Valley Fire responded to the following calls during the Month of February:

- EMS - 36
- Fire - 2
- Mutual-Aid - 1
- MVA - 2
- Fire Alarm - 2
- Gas leak - 1

With daylight savings time early this year don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Charlie Riedel, Chief

**UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
OF BOSTON TOWNSHIP**

The year end financial report for 2006 is available by contacting P.O. Box 65, Peninsula, OH 44264.

VALLEY FIRE BOARD

The Valley Fire Board of Trustees approved hiring three new members on the fire department. Dave Sharp is an EMT/firefighter; Scott Duber is an EMT/Paramedic, and Township resident John Kavalchek who will soon begin training.

Several members are interested in fire investigation and will be attending training at the Ohio State Fire School in Bowling Green as classes are available.

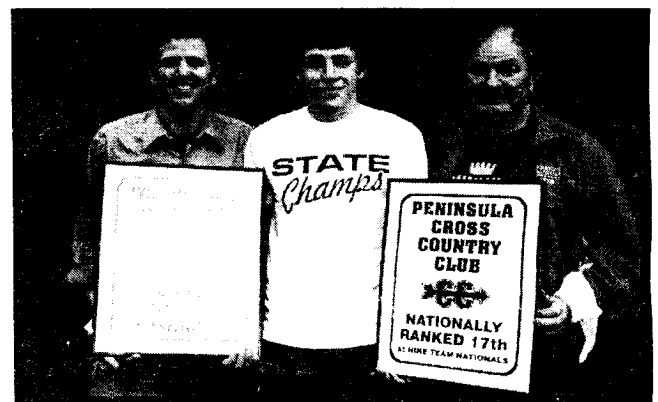
Pay adjustments were made for the officers, hourly wages, and the base pay for runs. These rates have been unchanged for about fifteen years and needed updating.

The fire department will be "borrowing" Boston Township's service garage on Memorial Day. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided as usual.

Grover Miller, Amy Anderson, and John Puchalsky

WOODRIDGE CROSS COUNTRY

At their March 14th meeting, the Boston Township Trustees were honored to present the Woodridge Cross Country Team and coaches Jeff Howard and Stan Stammen with replicas of signs that will be placed along roadways entering the Township. These signs recognize their State Division Championship in Columbus as well as placing 17th in the Nike Nationals.



Coaches Jeff Howard and Stan Stammen are flanked by runner Scott Hilditch,

To the Editors:

This is in response to "Village Views from Bob Hunker" in the February 2007 issue of Your Community News. I am glad to see someone on Council who is concerned about the spend and tax policies of our local politicians.

It should come as no surprise that the Mayor would prefer deficit spending which would put the Village in the red. The creation of a financial crisis might persuade a majority of voters to support the tax increase he so desperately wants. That strategy has generally been very effective for the public school systems.

Mr. Hunker's figures clearly point out that the taxpayers of Peninsula are subsidizing the cost of providing police protection to Boston Township. The primary duty of our police force is to serve Peninsula. How can they do this when they are patrolling all over the Township? While Peninsula adds \$161,000 to its treasury, our police are now spread too thin to effectively serve either the Village or the Township.

Speeding is rampant. Many times I have seen cars and trucks left of center as they fly around the corner opposite the tree farm on Riverview. Several years ago someone was killed nearby. It is no exaggeration that Peninsula could solve all its financial problems by simply writing more tickets. We would also get the added benefit of having a safer place to live.

I strongly encourage Peninsula homeowners to get involved and put an end to business as usual at Village Hall. We need some leaders who would spend public money as frugally as they spend their own money.

John Dooley, Taxpayer

To the Editors:

I, also, wrote to Eric Conger in regard to the Players Barn as I used to baby-sit for him and his brothers and I remembered that his parents were very active in their acting pursuits at the Barn.

I was not aware that he did voiceovers. I always thought he played on a daily soap called One Life to Live. I recognized him as David Vickers, Dorian Lord's boyfriend? Does anyone know for sure? Just curious.

Theresa Reinbolt

**SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME
PLEASE RECYCLE**

The Graham Road recycle facility opens April 3, 2007 and is open Tuesdays from 1:00PM until 4:00PM and Wednesdays from 6:30PM until 9:30PM.

Free items that you can recycle are: computers, monitors, printers, software, keyboards, scanners, your mouse and accessories, antifreeze, brake fluid, oil, gas, latex and oil paints, solvents, thinners, kerosene, unbroken fluorescent bulbs, toner cartridges, propane and BBQ cylinders, cell phones, household and auto batteries.

There is a \$1.00 fee for tires with or without a rim, smaller televisions \$5.00 and anything larger than 36" is \$10.00.

In April 2006 Summit County's "Annual Appliance Recycle Round-Up" collected over 10,700 unwanted refrigerators, washers, dryers, and stoves. Look at www.SASWMA.org for further recycling information. You may also call 330-374-0383.

PENINSULA MIX

Jerry Stiller and Carla Mongaluzzi moved to Richfield from Hudson after buying the house which Chick Kormanik had built on Scobie Road. It was heated electrically, which proved to be a tad expensive, so this is what they came up with: first they said they liked to sit on their floors, which were nice and warm. Why? The floors are warm because they have hot water pipes right beneath. And how, pray tell, do they heat the water in those pipes? With propane, which they find quite reasonable. Next month we will have more details.

There have been reports that Poles were among the earliest migrants to the new world, and now it looks official. According to - *POLISH HERITAGE*, winter 2006 edition, and drawing on the work of Arthur I. Waldo's *TRUE HEROES OF JAMESTOWN*, the first Poles on the North American continent arrived at Jamestown, Virginia in 1608 - one year after the first settlement in Jamestown, and 12 years before the pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower at Plymouth Rock.

The Poles arrived on the ship MARY AND MARGARET at the request of Captain John Smith, one of the first governors of the colony. He had spent time in Poland and became aware of the "ingenuity, ability, courage, and endurance" of Poles, characteristics which were so very important to the colony's struggle for survival.

A Polish workman explained, in diaries which were found at the site, "First of all we set up a sawmill, cutting beams and planks without respite. . . also without wasting any time." They also felled trees, built shelter, dug a well so colonists could stop drinking river water, which made them sick, contrived a smelter to make glass, and traded the beads of glass as trinkets for the Indian women, who brought fish and meat in exchange.

Lily Fleder

WOODRIDGE PRESENTS PIPPIN

The new stage at Woodridge High School was brought to life by the production of *Pippin*, produced and directed by Tom and Maria Work.

Stage performances by budding Peninsula Players Graham Badger, Heaven Carroll, and K.C. Carroll offered a night of drama, magic, song, and dance. Kathleen Slocum offered her remarkable talents as a stage hand. (Peninsula residents can recall the importance of this position from the Player's Barn days.)

When the curtains fell after two nights of performances all these students considered the long hours of rehearsals rewarding and worthwhile.

Tom and Maria and the parents of the performers would like to thank the Peninsula businesses and organizations for their support by purchasing advertisements in the program.

GET WELL WISHES

Please keep John Puchalsky in your prayers. Get well wishes to Sig Wojtkowski, Joan Flory, Gloria Ritch, Nancy Sue James Zvara, Dave Mayer, and Bob Mayer. Last month we were very pleased when Bob Collins asked to be removed from our get well list. This month good news comes from Nina Alvis. Our best wishes to both of them.

WOODRIDGE REGISTRATION

The Woodridge Local Schools Board of Education has designated August 1st as the birthday cut-off date for kindergarten enrollment. In other words, if your child will turn 5 years old by August 1st, you may register him or her for the 2007-08 school year at the Administrative Office at 4411 Quick Rd.

In order to provide for individual differences in school readiness, however, the State of Ohio permits children whose birthdays fall after August 1, and on or before January 1, to be tested for early admission into kindergarten. If you are interested in this option, application packets are available for pick-up at Woodridge Primary School, 3313 Northampton Road, Cuyahoga Falls. When you return your application to the school office, you can make an appointment for your child's testing date. Early entrance testing is scheduled for August 2 and August 6, 2007. If you have any questions about kindergarten readiness and/or early entrance testing, please contact Amy Patterson, School Psychologist, on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays at (330) 928-1223.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences and prayers to the Lee Family on the death of Lydia Jean Lee, and to Father Terzano and his family on the death of his brother, Ted Terzano.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: Lot of maternity clothes. 68 total pieces, including Long pants, capris, shorts, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, ¾ sleeves shirts, short sleeve shirts. Name brands including: A Pea in the Pod, Announcements, Baby & Me, Bundle of Joy, Duo, In Due Time, Liz Lange, Maternity Accents, Motherhood, New Addition, Oh! Mama, and Take Nine. To be sold as a lot only. Will not separate. \$200.00 – that is a little less than \$3.00 per piece! Call Angela Kogut at 216-509-1090

WANTED: Aged/composted manure. You deliver. Please call Daniel Greenfield 330-657-2924.

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

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

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

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

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.

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.

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 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 330-668-1051.

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.