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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.

Prayers and get well wishes: Please keep Peninsula councilwoman Mary Booth in your prayers. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Road Department: Leaf pick-up will be continuing as the need arises. Please pile your leaves near the road, but not actually in the road. For more information, please call the Service Department at (330) 657-2600. All Road Department equipment has been serviced in readiness for the upcoming winter weather.

Zoning Updates: The Zoning Commission continues to work with Mark Majewski of Northstar Planning regarding text amendments to the Business Corridor. Currently under discussion are changes to the zoning text regarding properties in the area of Seasons Road. The applicant, EBS Construction, LLC, did not show up to the Board of Zoning Appeals hearing on October 24 regarding the property at 5079 Akron-Cleveland Road. The BZA voted to issue a continuance until the November 28 meeting. The Zoning Inspector issued a building permit for a new home at 105 Kendall Park Road. The trustees will be having a hearing on November 22 regarding two minor changes to the township's zoning ordinance. The township is in the process of reviewing the chart of zoning fees. Comparisons are being made to surrounding communities.

Police Department: The trustees offered thanks to Chief Joe Varga and the other members of the Peninsula Police Department for their attention to the Boston Cemetery during the week of Halloween.

Appointments: Trustee Randy Bergdorf was appointed as the representative to the Union Cemetery Association and Amy Anderson was appointed liaison to the Peninsula Police Department starting January 1.

Country Bazaar: Please be sure to stop at the Township Hall on December 2 to see the great items being offered at the township-sponsored Country Bazaar. We thank all of the vendors who have agreed to display their merchandise! The event will be from 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Share-A-Christmas: Collection boxes have been placed at the Peninsula Library and Terry Lumber for the donation of non-perishable food items. We greatly appreciate all who share with other members of the community again this year. The collection of food will be through December 15.

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 Jerry Ritch: 330-657-2015.

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 Village Council met in regular session on November 13, 2017. Council awarded a new trash hauling contract with Republic Services for three years. Included in the terms of the new contract are discounts to senior citizens 65 years of age or older. If you are eligible for the discount, please call Republic Services or the Village Hall with you name and address. The Village will pass along the information. The Council also agreed to renew the Village's Employee Health Insurance through the Summit County Health Connection for 2018. There was no rate increase.

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Councilman Mike Matusz reported that the resurfacing work on Stine Road is completed except for the striping and berms. He said they did an excellent job. The Mayor announced that there will be a vacancy on both the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals next year. Anyone who is interested in either position should contact the Mayor's Office.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission: November 27 at 7:00PM
Regular Council Meeting: December 11 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

Sandstone Sidewalk Update

By Dee Holody and Mary Booth

Hopefully you have had the time to stroll along Main Street in the last few weeks. If you did, you would have seen that the work has started to replace the sandstone sidewalks that were removed last summer during the ODOT Rt. 303 resurfacing project. Kevin Graham, owner of Timeless Landscapes and his crew are completing the sandstone work over the next few weeks. Since we got started later in the season than we had hoped, the ADA ramp replacement work will not take place until spring. The white concrete and the

bright red plastic ADA mats will be removed and replaced with "Peninsula Grey" concrete and granite ADA pavers. We appreciate your patience through the winter until we can complete the project.

Wastewater Update

By Dee Holody

The Village Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) has been completed by Stantec and is being reviewed by Planning Commission and Council. We hope to have the PER posted to the Village website soon. Council is also in the process of considering legislation to begin a monthly sewer fee for all residents, businesses, and public institutions located within the proposed wastewater district. Having a "guaranteed source of repayment" (i.e. a monthly sewer fee) is a requirement for the Village in the event we apply for funding through the EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, the Ohio Water Department Authority, or other traditional funding sources. We anticipate this initial sewer fee will be in the range of \$16 - \$20 per month for residents and possibly higher for business and public institutions. Once a sewer system is complete, monthly fee amounts will be adjusted based on determined rate and user type. If approved by Council, this fee will start in 2018. Establishing a monthly sewer fee now will continue to lay the ground work for moving our wastewater project forward. The next step in the process is to begin Design Engineering. If you have any questions about this sewer fee or the wastewater project, please feel free to contact any of Council's Wastewater Core Team members:

Dee Holody, dholody@yahoo.com
Mary Booth, marymarybooth@yahoo.com
Bill Clifton, cliftowh@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY Boston Township Hall Wednesday, December 6 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM

Join Santa Claus for the Annual Community Holiday party with food, fun, and crafts! This event is sponsored by the Peninsula Library, the Peninsula Police Department, and the Valley Fire Department. This event will take place at the Boston Township Hall on the corner of Rt. 303 and Riverview Road

SHARE-A-CHRISTMAS

The Boston Township Trustees will again be sponsoring this event. Food drop off locations are the Peninsula Library, Terry Lumber, and The Peninsula United Methodist Church. If you have any questions or know someone who should be on the recipient list please, contact Amy at 330-657-2439.

WITH THANKS

Peninsula Home and Garden Club would like to extend our sincere thanks to Luther Farms for once again donating the corn stalks for the bridge. They add so much to the ambience of our unique town and we greatly appreciate their generosity in providing them to us.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

The Candlelight Walk will occur this year on November 30 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM. The Village Tree lighting will occur at 6:00PM followed by caroling inside the Bronson Church. Shops, restaurants, organizations, and churches will greet you with holiday treats, festive music, special events and cheer!

December 2: Meet live reindeer on the Bronson Church Green from 1:00PM to 4:00PM. The Community Christmas Bazaar will be at the Boston Township Hall from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. New this year will be a free exhibit of gingerbread collectibles at the Bronson Church from Noon to 4:00PM. The mini concerts led by the Toy Soldier and friends will be moving to the Peninsula Methodist Church and will be held at 1:00PM, 2:00PM, and 3:00PM. Santa will be at Trail Mix this and every Saturday from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

December 9: The Elf Scavenger Hunt will begin and end at Yellow Creek Trading Co. from 11:00AM to 4:00PM with a prize upon completion. Before that, Fishers' is hosting Breakfast with Santa from 8:00AM to Noon. Mrs. Claus will be at the GAR Hall to help children decorate a gingerbread cookie. Her elf friends will face paint and give out balloon animals. The Gingerbread exhibit continues this day from Noon to 4:00PM. Red Brick Rhoades will play from 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Elements Gallery.

December 26: The Grinch will be back. The Illusion Factory will be giving a performance of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" at the GAR at 11:00AM. Tickets can be purchased for \$5.00 at the Peninsula Foundation. The Grinch will be visiting Yellow Creek Trading Co. from 1:00PM to 3:00PM and Frosty the snowman will be at The Log Cabin Gallery from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. We will again be raffling off the Grinch's Peninsula basket of goodies. Charlie Mosbrook will be performing at Elements from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.

All season long, businesses will again be collecting adult socks, gloves, and scarves for the Akron Snow Angels. The Christmas Tree Raffle which benefits children's programming and the Peninsula Chamber will also be taking place throughout the season at the Peninsula Library. For information on all of these events and more, visit explorepeninsula.com and The Christmas in Peninsula Facebook page.

NEW ARRIVAL

Angeline Elizabeth Anderson was born on November 16, 2017 to proud parents Melissa and Ben. She was welcomed by big brother Tanner and grandparents Diana Mitchell, Tom and Amy Germain, and Doug Anderson.

PENINSULA LIBRARY

Celebrate Christmas in Peninsula 12th Annual Mini Tree Display

Up through December 18 (drawing will be held on Tuesday, December 19)

The Peninsula Library and the Peninsula Area Chamber of Commerce invite everyone to stop by the Library and view the display of Holiday Mini Trees decorated by local merchants

and organizations. Raffle tickets will be sold for a tree of your choice, and the winner gets to take the whole tree home just in time for the holidays! Tickets are \$3 each or five for \$10. The display will open on November 25 and remain up through December 18. Tree winners will be drawn on Tuesday, December 19. The proceeds will go the Library's Carole Wright Children's Fund for children's programming and to the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

A 60's Music/Television Christmas presented by Bill Brauning.

Thursday, November 30 at 7:00PM

Celebrate the season with wonderful music, comedy and classic TV. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Peninsula Library. Please call the library to reserve a seat!

Classic Movie Night

Thursday, December 7 at 6:30PM *Miracle on 34th Street*
(20th Century Fox, 1947, 96 minutes)

Kids Craft: Christmas

Saturday, December 2 from 10:30AM to Noon

It is Christmas time! Come to the library and make some holiday crafts and cards! Write a letter to Santa which we will mail Special North Pole Express. For ages three and up with a parent/guardian. Please call to register so we have enough art supplies for everyone.

Adult Coloring—Christmas

December 9 at 10:00AM

Coloring books are not just for kids! Discover the therapeutic benefits of coloring at the Peninsula Library. During this drop-in adult coloring program you will relax, reduce stress, and leave feeling restored. Coloring books and supplies will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This is for ages 18(+).



The following article was submitted by Ed Andros. Due to space limitations a portion is printed here and the remainder in the online version.

CORRECTIONS ARE ALWAYS IN ORDER

Many thanks to Theresa Reinbolt for clarifying that before it was ever known as *Mater Dolorosa Cemetery* the little graveyard beside Happy Days Center was known to many as the *Cassidy Cemetery*. But, don't take our word for it. In 1887 a short article* was published in the diocesan newspaper at Cleveland detailing the efforts that had resulted in the construction of the building known today as *Mother of Sorrows Church*. Foremost among nine families singled out for recognition were three Cassidy brothers: James, Patrick and John. Although they left few written records providing their particulars, one who stood out was Patrick. It is possible that the person writing for the *Catholic Universe* had read the *Plain Dealer* article that appeared after the funeral of Patrick in October 1885 explaining his accomplishments in farming, raising a family and supporting the church. Regarding the cemetery, one short paragraph in the *Universe* omits any name for it:

In November of the year 1869 a cemetery near Peninsula was secured by the congregation of Hudson, in which the Catholics of the former place also are permitted to bury their dead.

Until 1931, Peninsula was without a resident pastor, so the responsibility for the administration of the little cemetery remained with the resident pastor of St. Mary's.

As for any possibility that such control meant the cemetery was named after the church in Hudson ignores another catholic cemetery. A history published in 1994 explains how a second cemetery was made available for area Catholics next to *Markillie*.

[In 1881] *the Wadsworths sold an adjacent three acres to the Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland. That was the beginning of St. Mary's Cemetery. The common boundary, 719 feet long, became a perfect setting for interfaith peace. Mixed Protestant-Catholic couples were buried along it, each spouse on the appropriate side of the border. In those days, when Roman Catholic rules required burial in a consecrated cemetery, this arrangement was a godsend for devout (or devoted) mixed couples.***

Between 1908 and 1910 it is believed that the catholic cemetery in Boston Township ceased to accept burials, probably as a result of regulations imposed by the Ohio Legislature. When Patrick's oldest son James died in 1909 he was buried in the cemetery known today as *St. Mary's* in Hudson. His wife, Elizabeth Harrington Cassidy and their children joined him over time. It appears that James' brother Andrew is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Cleveland and their brother William at Cedar Grove in Peninsula. Where the grave of Hugh Cassidy is located is not known to the author at this time.

William was the father of the James Cassidy born in 1879 who is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery along the western boundary just north of the maintenance shed. James appears to have been a popular name among the branches of the Cassidy clan living in Boston Township during the 19th century. Patrick reportedly had four sons and 31 grandchildren alive at the time of his death.

The earliest that the name *Mater Dolorosa* was applied to the church in Peninsula would have been during preparations for its dedication in 1882. The date set for performing a dedication often helped the diocese determine the patronal identify attributed to a new church and the feast day associated with *Mother of Sorrows* fell on the third Sunday during September of that year.

When questions arose as to the ownership of the cemetery, it appears that the Catholic Cemetery Association accepted responsibility for maintenance. Thinking in terms of what parishes existed in 1970, the property was obviously within *Mother of Sorrows* parish. The CCA is most likely responsible for erecting the sign (unfortunately misspelled) that reads *Mater Dolorsa* and gives the date of establishment as 1869. If we accept that date as valid, we will be observing a 150th anniversary in March of 2019.

I need to retract my assertion that the Doherty family had twin daughters. My mistake was to confuse Anna Coady Cassidy with Agnes Doherty Cassidy. Sure enough, they were born the same year, but not to the same parents. My rush to meet a deadline was hampered by taking a short cut: I didn't create a Doherty family tree to check my conclusions.

Sometimes mistakes can lead to second efforts that reveal additional facts missed during the first examination of records. Because I can access census reports online from my home using my library card, I revisited information regarding Doherty birthdates. The census in 1900 asked everyone for the first time to provide the month and year of their birth, not merely the number of years since they were born. Agnes Doherty Cassidy gave her birth as April 1842. During that same census couples were asked how long they had been married. Agnes and Andrew answered 30 years.

Margaret Doherty Cassidy was born in September 1847. She and William also reported they had been married 30 years. This suggests we now confront the possibility of a twin wedding instead of twin sisters. Mr. Doherty may have welcomed hosting a single reception-- if not his daughters. I've learned my lesson so I won't go any further than wondering what we might be able to learn if a marriage record or two were to surface. And certainly, if there are any errors you encounter with regard to my stories please bring them to my attention.

*I do not have the exact date of publication, only a photocopy of the hand-written and edited manuscript used to set the article for printing. The original is in the Archives of the Cleveland Diocese. Photocopies (complete with the prints of an author who was obviously getting ink on his writing fingers) plus a transcription with annotations I wrote are in the possession of the *Peninsula Library & Historical Society* and available to the public.

***Markillie Cemetery* by James Neil Henderson, was republished from June 1994 in *The Hudson Green* in June of 2007. In November 2017 it was accessed at <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohhudogs/GreenJun2007.pdf>

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