
Village of Boston Heights

NEWSLETTER

March and April of 2009

Calendar of Upcoming Events

All Meetings Listed Are Open To The Public!

- Mar. 24** **Finance Committee meets, Tues., 7 PM**
- April 1** **Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM**
- April 2** **Park Board meets, Thursday, 7 PM**
- April 6** **Olde 8 residents involved with sewer tie-ins, Monday 7 PM**
[Progress meeting.]
- April 13** **Cemetery Association meets, 7 PM**
[Note date change due to conflict with April 6 meeting]
- April 8** **Council Meeting, Wed., 8 PM**
[Public Hearing on parking regulations at 7:30 PM]
- Apr. 28** **Finance Committee meets, Tues., 7 PM**
- May 4** **Cemetery Association meets, 7 PM**
- May 6** **Planning/BZA Meeting, Wed., 7 PM**
- May 7** **Park Board meets, Thursday, 7 PM**

Village Bulletin Board

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Fairview Cemetery Association has organized and is meeting on the first Monday of each month in Village Hall at 7PM.

The organization plans to have fund raising events to support Fairview Cemetery. The group wants to coordinate with the Park Board and participate in this year's Fall Festival and perhaps a peddler/flea market event that Park Board has in planning mode.

Dawn Blakeney, president of the group, encourages community members to join the association on Monday nights to support Fairview Cemetery. Preservation of the cemetery located to the east of Village Hall is of much interest to the Cemetery Trustees and this organization which last year reset tipped headstones, planted new bushes and pruned existing shrubs. The following Saturdays at 9AM until 12PM [with the Sunday after as rain date] are planned for continued restoration of Fairview Cemetery: April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept. 19 and Oct. 17.

PLEASE BRING A GARDEN TOOL AND JOIN THE MEMBERS & HELP PRESERVE FAIRVIEW CEMETERY!

MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK BOARD

Our 9-member Park Board meets the first Thursday, 7PM each month. May 16 was named park clean-up day in preparation for the pool opening on Memorial Weekend [weather permitting].

This year's FALL FESTIVAL will be October 11; a Father's Day Pancake Breakfast at the park on June 21 and park board is still planning the peddler/flea market event date. Times posted later.

The regular Council Meeting of January 14, 2009 was held but no legislation could be acted upon due to lack of a quorum, therefore a special Council meeting was called for January 20, 2009 to consider that agenda legislation. A Motion approving the November 2008 Financial Statement was made.

Solicitor Mike Cassetty thanked Village Officials and audience present for his years as Village Prosecutor and Solicitor. [He accepted a Summit County administration position.]

Mayor Goncy reported that Summit County Council advises residents to watch for posting of the Northern Summit Citizens Advisory Committee scheduled to meet sometime in March. He also noted that our trash hauler, J & J Refuse issued 2008 Recycle and Solid Waste totals for the village and those are posted on the entry hall bulletin board. The Rt. 8 contractor is establishing a field trailer off Boston Mills Rd. just east of the Taiwanese and Friends Church. In conjunction with the upcoming 2010 Census, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce is asking for an area list of homeless shelters and emergency shelters. On a final note, the assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer, Laurie Stoddard, has given the Mayor a letter of resignation. [Presently, the position will remain unfilled.]

Mike Cheung reported that Planning and BZA would next meet February 4 @ 7 PM.

Scott Foss, Jim Hudson and Janet Miller reported on their respective committees.

Special Council Meeting, January
20, 2008

[Mayor Goncy, Councilpersons: Cheung, Foss, Hudson, Lightner, Slane and Clerk-Treasurer Zeman were present.]

After Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance and Approval of the Meeting Agenda:

ORDINANCE #1, Ratified all Ordinances passed by Council during Year 2008.

RESOLUTION #1, Elected Mike Cheung as President Pro-Tem of Council for the upcoming Year of 2009.

RESOLUTION # 2, Designated Members of Council to various Council Committees for the Year 2009.

RESOLUTION #3, Supports naming 2009, “The Year of the River”, promoting Stewardship of our Watershed and encourages residents, institutions and businesses to become partners in conservation, restoration and protection of our natural resources.

RESOLUTION #4, Hired and appointed Constance Hesske as Solicitor for the Village of Boston Heights. [Appointment until March 31, 2009 to review options.]

RESOLUTION #5, Authorized the Mayor to enter into contract with the Summit County Public Defender’s Office.

Council Meeting, February 11,
2009

[Mayor Goncy, Councilpersons: Cheung, Foss, Hudson, Lightner, Miller, Slane, Solicitor Hesske, Clerk-Treasurer Zeman and Village Engineer Schreiber were present.]

After Roll Call, the Pledge of Allegiance, Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes presented and corrected if needed, Mayor Goncy reappointed Cheryl and John Beyer to the Park Board for four-year terms and appointed Joe Blanda to a new four-year term on the nine member Park Board. The Mayor also announced the re-establishment of the Fairview Cemetery Association.

LEGISLATION FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION#6 Formally thanked and praised the Greater Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society for their participation and support at the time of the loss of our police officer Jarod Dean.

RESOLUTION #7, Authorized the expenditure of funds for the continuation and maintenance of the motorcycle division within the Village of Boston Heights Police Department.

RESOLUTION #8, Authorized the Mayor and Clerk-Treasurer to file an application with the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority, “The Authority”, on behalf of the village for a community recycling access grant.

A MOTION, Approved the village Financial Statement for the month December 2008.

Planning Commission/BZA

The Planning Commission met on January 7, 2009 and elected John Codrea as chairman. Boston Hills Property Investment LLC presented topography plans for review by our engineer. The following 2008 PC minutes were approved: April 2, May 7, June 4, and Aug. 8. Sept., Oct. & Nov. 2008 had no meetings; therefore there were no minutes to approve.

The BZA convened only to approve July 2008 minutes. William Hinkle is chairman of the BZA.

On February 4, 2009, BZA had a temporary sign for a Boston Commons Storage business that was continued until the March BZA meeting.

The February Planning Commission meeting finalized parking plan reviews in preparation for eventual submittal to Council.

Comprehensive Zoning Plan Committee

Is finalizing a resident questionnaire that will be submitted to Council for approval and then mailed to all Village households for feedback in creating a Comprehensive Plan for Boston Heights.

Village Zoning

A reminder from your zoning department. Our Village has over the years placed rules to preserve the character of Boston Heights by asking all residents to abide by a few rules to preserve everyone’s property values. Good upkeep of your property not only enhances your property values but also your neighbors. Your example can and should lead the way to improving your Boston Heights lifestyle.

From the Mayor's Office

Many of you now visually understand the impact that the Route 8 project makes upon our Village. Residents, when you are traveling through the construction area, please consider the hardship this project places upon our few remaining businesses. If at all possible, please support them by using their products or services. They too are a part of this community and wish for the completion of this project as much as you would like it completed.

A roadway that will connect Hines Hill Road to Boston Mills Road and complete that interchange is under construction. Our community, with Summit County agreement, may petition ODOT for naming that roadway. I have received the necessary paperwork to submit suggested names. The time frame is limited since the overhead signs for the project must have the approved name change from ODOT. If you have a suggestion, please contact me through Village Hall [330-650-4111] and leave a message with your suggestion or reach me at home [330-650-0267] as soon as possible.

In the early morning of January 19, 2009, I received a call from Chief Varga informing me that our Village had lost an officer in the line of duty on Route 8.

Jarod Dean had joined our police force less than a year ago. He left many great memories with his fellow officers and members of our village. Chief Varga and I received calls and e-mails from residents, nearby communities and also from people across the country expressing sorrow for the loss of our young officer.

On behalf of the Village, I wish to thank all of you who called, sent cards, shared a moment of silence, dropped off food, donated to the Jarod Dean account at First Merit set up by the Fraternal Order of Police, came to pay your respects at the calling hours and those who attended the funeral. The Dean Family as well appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

Your Mayor,

Bill Goney

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