We have made it through another Greater Cleveland winter and head into summer which seems to go by very quickly these days.

Winter 2014-2015 took its toll on some of the Bentleyville roads, so as we evaluated our 2015 road maintenance program it became clear that it would be necessary to reassess some of the proposed street projects.

Consequently, the majority of our expenditures for 2015 will be for the repaving of Holbrook Road which took a particularly bad beating this winter. The estimated repaving cost for Holbrook is $250,000.00. The Village is also planning concrete repairs on Quartermane.

As I have done in the past, I encourage all Village residents to attend some of the activities planned at the Village Park for the summer and fall months. A list of the planned events is included in the newsletter. Many thanks to the members of council and the residents who have met over the winter to plan this year’s activities.

Congratulations are in order to Bentleyville resident Crispin Napolitano the head coach of the Division II Chagrin Falls Lacrosse State Champions. Additionally, six Bentleyville residents are members of the State Championship team - senior Grant Chimples, juniors Austin Lucas and Alex Baker, sophomores Matt Wynveen and Trevor Gravely and freshman Mark McGinley. Congratulations to all of you on a remarkable achievement.

I am pleased to report that are overall residential recycling measured in landfill solid waste tonnage, recyclables and organics increased from 29.75% in 2013 to 43.46% in 2014, keep up the good work.

Finally, I would like to remind all residents that 2015 is an election year in Bentleyville. The Office of the Mayor and two seats on council will be up for election. In addition, the Village will have two renewal levies on the ballot - a street levy and a general fund levy. These two levies have been renewed every year since 1980. The street levy generates approximately $56,000 in tax receipts for the Village roads and the general fund levy approximately $172,000 in tax receipts.

Have a great summer!

Leonard A. Spremulli, Mayor
Village of Bentleyville
The Village Park continues to get better every year. This year we are looking forward to additional improvements to the park. Boy Scout of America Troop 241 Eagle Scout candidate Austin Herpst will design and build two bocce ball courts as his Eagle Scout project. The Scout will complete his project this summer. Austin will raise all of the money to complete this job.

Any resident or bocce ball enthusiast who is interested in making a donation to help defray the cost of this project can drop off cash or a check at Village Hall. Molly at Village Hall has the pertinent information.

October 25 - Boo Ville at the Haunted River, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Enjoy hay-rides, paint pumpkins, enjoy the bonfire and observe the “spooky” things along the haunted river.

Continuation of the corn hole tournament.

November 29 - Holiday Tree Lighting and Reception, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Join us as we light up the Village holiday lights. Gather at Village Hall for entertainment and refreshments. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.
Earlier this year, the 1848 Duncan McFarland Homestead on Arbor Lane in the Cleveland Metroparks appeared to be headed for demolition. The Metroparks Executive Director Brian Zimmerman decided to raze the house and adjacent barn and return the site to green space.

This spring, the Metroparks demolished the barn structure adjacent to the McFarland Home. Nearly 30 years ago, this barn was relocated to this site to ensure preservation. This barn had been on Bentleyville Founder Adamson Bentley’s property on Miles Road. The Metroparks intended to raise the house next.

In 2001, the Duncan McFarland House was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Since that time the Friends of Duncan McFarland Homestead, community volunteers and many area boy scouts have completed major renovation projects at the home.

The Village is now in discussion with Metroparks. The Village is requesting that the Metroparks allow the Friends of Duncan McFarland Homestead time to explore the feasibility of relocating the house. The Friends will seek donations and grants to raise the money to move the building.

One possible location for the building is the community park, where it could be used as as a museum for Bentleyville history and as a community building.
If you would like to receive future newsletters by email rather than U.S. mail, please email admin@villageofbentleyville.com

Save The Date

September 26, 2015
6 pm - 9pm
Village Clambake

Pre-Sale tickets only
Call Village Hall for more information

2015 VILLAGE MEETINGS

Due to Summer Recess, there will be no August Council meeting

Council Meetings
3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee
3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

Utilities Committee
4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. if there are items on the agenda. Please check website prior to meeting

Parks, Facilities and Beautification Committee
2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Safety and Streets Committee
2nd Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Planning and Zoning
4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to the public. Meetings may be cancelled if there are no items on the agenda. Any cancelled meetings or changes in dates and times will be posted on the website.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Please remember it is the homeowner’s responsibility to keep the culvert pipes at the end of the driveway clear of debris. If you have a landscaper, please let him know not to blow grass clippings or leaves into the culvert.

2015 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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