



BENTLEYVILLE NEWS

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A Message from the Mayor . . .



Dear Residents of Bentleyville,

I am delighted to take this opportunity to share with you how things are going in the Village we love.



We closed out the 2024 Fiscal Year with a comfortable surplus, and adopted a Village Budget in which every line item was carefully reviewed to meet the needs of the Village through thoughtful capital improvements and

providing robust support for our police officers. After serious discussion, Council voted to replace our aged and failing leaf vacuum, in order to allow us to continue curbside leaf pickup for residents in the fall. We are hoping to take delivery in the next few weeks of a chipper, which will allow us to process branches picked up at curbside into mulch. More information on that will be posted on the Village website as it becomes available.

We are vigorously pursuing state and federal grant funding. With the assistance of the State of Ohio and Cuyahoga County grant money, we were able to resurface the parking lot in the Village Park and to purchase and install a permanent bathroom, along the lines of those available in the nearby MetroParks. With grant money from NOPEC for energy efficient improvements, we replaced the rapidly deteriorating garage door in the Police Department as well as the corroded basement access walk-in door to the basement, and brought the wiring in the front of Village Hall up to code. Presently, grant applications are in process to help with the purchase of police radios, body cameras and protective body armor as our present equipment reaches the end of its useful life. And we are excited to once again offer Shakespeare In The Park, through a grant for community events provided by NOPEC. More details follow in the report of the Parks, Facility and Beautification Committee.

This fall, there will be two levy renewals on the ballot for your approval. These do not represent new taxes. They are renewals of the operating levies that have been in place, without any increase, since the 1980's, and which need renewal every five years. This helps us pay the bills.

The watercolor at the top of this message was donated to the Village by Mr. Nick Trudick, who was a neighbor of the artist, and who commissioned this painting. Only weeks later, the bridge collapsed into the river, and was never replaced by the County. The painting is now hanging in the Village Council Chamber. This "ghost bridge" is one part of the Village's story and history that we hope to share with you. We live in a beautiful place, rich with history. You are a vital part of it.

Sincerely,
Mayor Kathleen Hale

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Parks 2025 Calendar of Events:

Summer Bocce League

June through August - questions contact: chagrinvalleybocce@gmail.com



Shakespeare in the Park

Sunday, June 29th - Shakespeare Company performance of Twelfth Night - 4:00 pm

Booville

Sunday, October 26th - 4:00 - 6:00 pm



Holiday Tree Lighting

November 30th - 5:30 - 7:00 pm



All Village events are free and open to the public

Garden Club

As spring approaches, the Garden Club of Bentleyville is planning for the coming spring and summer season. Those plans include spring clean up of Village Hall beds and the placement of perennials and annuals. We water and maintain throughout the season.

Spring cleanup is scheduled for May 12th followed by planting on May 14th.

Currently, a trip to the Cleveland Museum of Art is scheduled to view the Picasso exhibit. In March, a

presentation by a Master Gardener is planned featuring a photograph view of The Chelsea Flower Show.

We meet once a month exploring varied topics, excursions and have work days devoted to the beautification of the Village. We welcome new members.

I hope this is the first of what will be quarterly newsletters from the Village. If you have a suggestion about what should be in the next newsletter, please let us know.



Police Department

Always feel free to contact the Village Police Department with any questions or concerns. There has been an increase in phone and online scams reported in the area. The Police Department has prepared a flier outlining things to watch out for. We will take your concerns seriously.

In addition to information submitted by residents for urgent Village push notifications and House Watch, the Village also maintains a list of resident contact information specifically for notice of Village events and activities. Please call Village Hall at 440/247-5055 if you would like your contact information to be included on either list.

And remember to stop by Village Hall to let the Police Department know if you will be out of the area and would like the officers on patrol to stop by and conduct House Watch during your absence.

A number of Village residents have sustained bad falls this winter, necessitating rescue by the EMT's. **The Chagrin Valley Fire Department** can help residents arrange for the installation of a Knox Box, a permanent way for safety forces to enter your home in an emergency without damage to your home, even if your home is locked. These are installed at homeowner expense. For more information, contact the Chagrin Fire Marshall, Jim Finley, at 440-247-1671, or at jim@chagrin-falls.org.

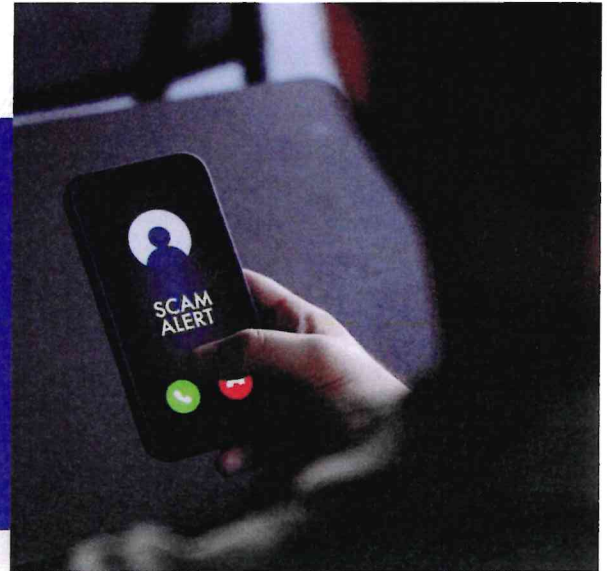
Please check the Village website (Service Department page) for important dates & rules concerning branch pick-up, hazardous waste, and leaf pick-up.

 Bentleyville Police Department

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STOP SCAMS



POPULAR SCAMS

- IRS Scam
- Sheriff's Office Scam- Jury Duty/Warrant
- Family Member Arrested Scam
- Subscription Pop-Up Scam
- USPS Package Scam
- Sun Pass Scam
- EZ Pass Scam
- Geek Squad Scam
- "Computer Hacked" Scam

SCAM TACTICS

- Scammers conduct social media and internet reconnaissance on their potential victims.
- Scammers call and deceive their victims into thinking the callers are law enforcement officers.
- Scammers may spoof a law enforcement phone number, falsely showing on the victim's caller ID.
- They may threaten their victims with arrest for outstanding warrants or other legal issues.
- They will instruct their victims to "resolve" the matter by "posting bail" with gift cards or Bitcoin.
- They usually instruct the victim to read the gift card codes or Bitcoin key over the phone.
- Scammers will request remote access to your computer.
- Scammer will make the situation "Urgent" to make you panic and provide sensitive information to them.

PLEASE CONTACT THE
BENTLEYVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT IF YOU HAVE ANY
QUESTIONS OR RECEIVE ANY OF
THESES CALLS/EMAILS

PREVENTION TIPS

• GUARD PERSONAL INFORMATION

Never share your Social Security Number, credit card details or bank account information over the phone unless you initiated the call and know the person or organization is legitimate

• VERIFY REQUESTS FOR MONEY

Always confirm the identity of anyone asking for money, especially if it is for an emergency involving a family member. Call the family member directly to confirm the situation. Never send cash via the mail.

• STAY INFORMED ABOUT SCAMS

Keep up-to-date on the latest scams and be aware of the scams that are most popular in your area.

• CONSULT WITH A TRUSTED INDIVIDUAL

Before making any large purchases or transactions, contact a family member or law enforcement agency.

• MONITOR FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS REGULARLY

Check you bank and credit cards statements regularly for unauthorized transactions. Set up alerts with your bank to notify you of any suspicious activity.

• BE CAUTIOUS OF EMAILS AND LINKS

Do not click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails. Scammers often use phishing emails to steal personal information.



If you would like to receive future newsletters by email rather than U.S. mail, please email admin@villageofbentleyville.com

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Village of Bentleyville Kimble Recycling Collection Calendar

Trash pickup every Monday | Recycle pickup every other Monday

If service day falls on or follows an observed holiday, your service will be delayed by 1 day for that week only.

Questions? Call 1-800-201-0005

Key

-  Holiday Observed
-  Recycling & Refuse Collection

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2025 Village Meetings

Council Meetings

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

Finance Committee

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Utilities Committee

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

Parks, Facilities and Beautification Committee

2nd Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Safety and Streets Committee

2nd Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Planning and Zoning

2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. If there are items on the agenda. Please check website prior to meeting.

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.