



# BENTLEYVILLE NEWS

Summer 2015

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## ***Your Village Government***

### ***Mayor***

Leonard A. Spremulli..440-349-4654

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John Bourisseau.....440-247-0722

Christine Comstock.....440-247-1109

Kathleen Esposito .....440-247-6084

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Ken Kvacek.....440-248-8999

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### ***Village Hall (All Departments)***

.....440-247-5055

### ***Building Official***

..... Jeff Filarski, MBIS

### ***Service Director***

..... Dale Berger

***Fiscal Officer*** .....Bernice Schreiber

***Clerk of Council***.....Bernice Schreiber

### ***Mayor's Admin. Asst.***

.....Molly Snow

### ***Police Chief***

Gabe Barone .....440-247-0155

***Police Admin. Asst.***..... Jackie Papa

### ***Law Director***

Ann Oakar.....216-587-2120

### ***Village Engineer***

Jeff Filarski.....440-439-1999

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***Department***.....440-247-7373



## ***A Message from the Mayor. . .***

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 Quartermare.

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

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# Upcoming Village Events

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### August 16 - Safety Day

Kids and adults will enjoy exploring our police cars and service department equipment.

Meet our Police Chief and patrol officers. Also, meet our firemen and their rescue unit. A school bus will also be there. Refreshments and lunch provided.



### September 19 - Village Wide Garage Sale, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Want to hold a yard sale but are afraid to do it? We will hold a village wide garage sale where you can set up at your home

or join others in setting up tables. Start saving items now so you can turn your trash into cash! Rather not have a sale? You can donate your items to a community table to raise money for community activities. Let us know if you are planning a sale, we will have a list of all addresses participating to help promote the sales.

### September 26 - Equinox Cheerful Hour and Clambake 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Let's celebrate the fall equinox with a Village clambake in the community park.

Bakes will be available with presale tickets only. For additional information call the Village Hall or visit [villageofbentleyville.com](http://villageofbentleyville.com).



### 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.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT



We would like to welcome one new part-time police officer and one new auxiliary officer to the department. Mayor Spremulli swore-in part-time officer Matthew Weaver (*photo left*) and auxiliary officer Mike Samijlenko (*photo right*) to the department at the May Council Meeting.

## VILLAGE PARK

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.

Also this summer, another Boy Scout from Troop 241 will be working on his Eagle Scout Project at the Union Cemetery. David Di Staulo will replace the road and information sign at the Cemetery on Liberty Road. David will also install a small parking pad for Cemetery visitors.

The Union Cemetery has sixteen identified graves, but there may be another 40 graves there that are not yet identified. The original grave maps were destroyed in a fire nearly 50 years ago.



## McFARLAND HOMESTEAD



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 a museum for Bentleyville history and as a community building.

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Two things we hear in the building department quite often is "Does that need a permit?" or "My contractor told me I don't need a permit for that". Most, if not all projects even very small ones require some type of permit and inspection. Most view the permit and inspection process as a hindrance to the completion of their project. On the surface it may seem like a waste of time and money but it is a necessary service that protects the owner from potential problems. Inspections help to ensure the work was performed in a safe manner. In addition, some inspections are required by law; for example new houses, additions, hot water tank replacements and electric panels. So when planning that new project and meeting with prospective contractors please keep the following points in mind:

- *Research contractors; ask friends and neighbors, search the Better Business Bureau or Angie's List. A reputable contractor can make all the difference in having a successful project, repair or installation.*
- *When choosing a contractor ask questions: Are they registered with the village? Do they get all proper permits and inspections? How long have they been in business? How long have they worked in the area and do they have any references?*
- *Compare materials from one contractor to the next; two contractors may have the same bottom line number but the materials may not be of the same quality. In construction just as in most anything else you get what you pay for.*
- *When in doubt about the need for a permit and or inspections, please feel free to call the Building Department we are glad to answer your questions. It's much better to address any questions or concerns in the beginning of a project instead of after it has started.*

*Asking a few questions and keeping these few items in mind can make the difference between quality jobs that you will be happy with for years to come or one you will have problems with six months after completion.*

For additional information on required inspections and or projects that do not require a permit see the Ohio Building Code or Residential Code of Ohio Section 102.10 & 108.2 or visit our website for a list of required inspections.



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## 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

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

John Bourisseau

### **FINANCE**

Jonathan Slain - *Chairperson*

Kathleen Hale

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

Spencer Pisczak -

*Chairperson*

Katie Bunker

Kathleen Hale

Doug Miller

Leonard Spremulli

### **PARKS, FACILITIES AND BEAUTIFICATION**

Christine Comstock -

*Chairperson*

Kathleen Esposito

Ken Kvacek

Bonnie Goldston

### **SAFETY AND STREETS**

John Bourisseau - *Chairperson*

Ken Kvacek

### **UTILITIES**

Kathleen Hale - *Chairperson*

Kathleen Esposito