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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.

Condolences: The trustees send their condolences to the family of former Peninsula Mayor Dewey Hansen. Dewey was mayor of Peninsula during the nation's bicentennial, serving from 1976 through 1979.

Reappraisals: Thank you to all who were able to attend the meeting with representatives of the Summit County Fiscal Office regarding property appraisals. The take-away item from the meeting is that should residents feel that there are errors on their property appraisal report or if the reappraisal amount does not seem appropriate, individual property owners need to respond to the Summit County Fiscal Office by October 1, 2017. The phone number is (330) 643-2710.

NOPEC: The Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) is a consortium of over 200 communities that shop for a price for natural gas on behalf of the communities. They sent out mailings to residents in both August and September, but asked us to reach out in case they missed some customers. NOPEC offers a plan for gas pricing which may or may not suit your needs. If you want to take advantage of NOPEC's pricing, then you do nothing and are automatically enrolled. Should you decide to go with another provider, you must opt out by calling NOPEC at (855) 667-3201.

Brush Chipping/Leaf Pick-up: The last scheduled brush chipping for the year will be October 2. Also, the first leaf vacuuming should be around November 1. For more information, please call the Service Department at (330) 657-2600.

PENINSULA COUNCIL

The Village Council met in regular session on September 11, 2017. Council decided to advertise for bids for the trash hauling contract for the Village. Councilman Matusz presented Council with a proposal for the repair of Stine Road. Upon getting more information, Council will hold a special meeting, tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 25 at 6:30PM to consider the proposals. The meeting may be scheduled earlier if the information can be obtained prior to then. The Mayor announced that they will be picking up the new Road Department truck sometime during the week of the 18th. The new truck and other equipment from the Road Department will be on display in the Village parking lot prior to the next regular meeting on the 10th of October. The Council also approved the new Village Employee Handbook. There will be some vacancies on the Village's Board of Zoning Appeals. Any resident who would like to serve on the Board may call the Mayor's Office.

Upcoming Meetings:

Planning Commission: September 25, 2017 at 7:00PM
Regular Council Meeting: October 10, 2017 at 7:00PM
Board of Zoning Appeals meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00PM as needed.

Contact Phone Numbers:

Non-emergency Police and Fire	330-657-2911
Mayor's Office	330-657-2151
Fiscal Office/Zoning	330-657-2714
Service (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

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Zoning Updates: On October 10, the Zoning Commission will be having a hearing on two minor amendments to the zoning ordinance. It has been proposed to remove the section of the zoning ordinance which allows accessory buildings to be used as quarters for hired help (section 5014a). The other change is that those making application for a variance to the Board of Zoning Appeals will be required to submit 20 copies of their documents, instead of the current 14 copies.

Zoning Inspector: The Trustees received two applicants for the position of Zoning Inspector. At the meeting on September 13, John Schneider was appointed to the position. The Zoning Inspector can be reached at (330) 657-2601.

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.

POETRY IN THE VALLEY

On Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00PM at the Peninsula Library: all poets and lovers of poetry are invited. Bring your own poems to read or your favorite poems by other poets. Open mike. Refreshments will be served. Hoping to make this a monthly event

PENINSULA PEDDLER DAY

Saturday October 7, 2017, 9:00AM to 4:00PM

It's Peddler Day again already, the annual Peninsula garage sale day. Call or text Mary to get your sale location on the map, 330-814-1112. If you would like a spot at the Methodist Church call Nancy, 330-657-4032. The church will also be serving lunch and having a rummage sale inside. Be sure to visit the Garden Club tent sale for beautiful dried flowers and homebaked goodies, the Library book sale and the *baazar baazar*, and Center St. food and fun. Maps will be available around town. Come have some fun and buy great things (or junk). Rain or shine.

CONGRATULATIONS SAM

Sam Bergdorf was awarded his Eagle Scout rank at a ceremony held at Camp Manatoc on August 13, 2017. This makes him the third generation in his family to achieve this award. Congratulations, Sam!



Becky, Tim, Sam, and Mitch Alvis

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Boston Township Trustees will again be sponsoring the Community Christmas Bazaar at the corner of Riverview Road and State Route 303. The event will be held December 2, 2017 from 10:00AM until 4:00PM. We will be adding additional spaces in the road garage so there will be plenty of room for more vendors. If you would like to participate or would like more information please call Amy at 330-657-2439.

CONDOLENCES

Deanna Balk passed away July 22, 2017. She was a 1973 Woodridge graduate.

Jim Spencer passed away September 5, 2017. He was eighty years old. Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Jan. He is survived by children Katherine Spencer, Andrew (Renee Geib) Spencer, Holly (Joe Trueman) Spencer-Trueman; grandchildren Garrison Spencer, Ashten (Nathaniel) Beiler, Reilly, Liam, and Darby Spencer-Trueman.

Dewey Hansen passed away September 13, 2017. He was ninety-one years old. Dewey and Marilyn moved to Peninsula in the late 60's. Dewey owned and operated Hudson Extrusions. He was Mayor of the Village of Peninsula from 1976 to 1979.

Dewey is survived by his wife Marilyn, sons Brad (Bowanne), and Greg, grandchildren Allison and Griffen.

A LITTLE CEMETERY LOST IN TIME

After moving here in 1999 my wife Jurate and I became familiar with the trailhead to Ritchie Ledges and the little cemetery next door to the Happy Days Center. Since then I've learned how an eccentric reporter instigated a grass roots movement to reclaim this small but interesting part of our community's history.

This summer, the *Beacon Journal* provided a laundry list of weird stories that attach themselves to Boston Township.

Columnist Bob Dyer's playful *Beware the Ides of Peninsula* summarized the internet-based legends that make us a destination for the morbidly curious. One aspect not mentioned by Dyer was the role his colleague at the *Beacon*, Fran Murphy, played in drawing attention to a neglected cemetery.

It was 1963 when the words *Time and vandals have taken a toll...* appeared in the area's major daily newspaper accompanied by photos of an unattended and overgrown property next to Happy Days. A reader reacted to the article by visiting the scene and discovering a fallen granite marker for Thomas Coady, a soldier from the Civil War. Only after appeals were made to the Catholic diocese was a crew from All Saints Cemetery in Northfield sent over in 1971 to clear away thickets of brush that had grown up since a last burial in 1902.

After a wait of seven years Fran was back in the news with pictures of still toppled gravestones. These images upset former Marine Francis J. Wade of Macedonia to the point he drove over to find the Coady memorial lying on its side. Returning home he told his wife they would work to have the monument raised in time for Memorial Day 1979. When Fran reported on his progress, she wrote: *Wade has contacted church and park officials and Peninsula residents. If records exist, no one knows where. How did the determined veteran get so much accomplished in the cemetery without help? This spring before Mother Nature got a head start, the six foot Wade went to work with block and tackle, skids and a piece of parachute harness. Whenever he could find a few hours, Wade would go to the cemetery and try to get the monuments upright.*

In June 1979 Fran congratulated Frances and Phyllis Wade on their remarkable accomplishment in making good on his pledge. She then turned to the subject of who was buried alongside Coady's parents as research had revealed that Thomas' body had been lost in the sinking of the steamboat Sultanna in 1865. It was time to find records and turn to the community for information. Two women shared with her what they knew: *"Mother lost an infant son who is buried there," recalled Mae McDevitt Vaughan, 91. Mary Montaquilla Fisher, a Peninsula native, remembered being told that her baby sister had been buried there.*

A *Centennial History* of Mother of Sorrows parish was published in 1982. The author(s) listed names of those buried at the parish cemetery, but did not make clear what records they consulted. When I encountered the site 25 years later, seasonal freezing and thawing had begun to tilt the markers. At some point a wooden sign was placed on the property that reads *Mater Dolorosa*, a regrettable mistake since it should be *Dolorosa*.

As had veterans before me, I went to the parish for permission to tidy things up and plumb the markers as best my wife and I might be able to manage on our own. I was invited to coordinate with the Catholic Cemeteries Association and asked their maintenance director if there were plans to correct the misspelled sign. I was told there were none. So far they've been true to their word, although I was recently told a stone sign was being ordered that would spell the name correctly. Correcting this can't happen too soon as I have found the incorrect spelling taken from the sign being entered into genealogy records and subsequently into international databases.

This July it came to my attention that our cemetery had been offered to a company in Nebraska. I contacted the diocese. Summit County officials were provided with the necessary

information and ownership by the diocese was confirmed. My point in sharing this story is to illustrate that caring for the past is an ongoing effort and learning about the community's past is a first step in preparing for whatever act of preservation may become necessary next.

In hopes of passing along what I've learned, the Park Conservancy and Happy Days Center will host a short talk and free concert on the history of Mater ~~Dolora~~ Dolorosa Cemetery. The date will be the solemn holy day of All Saints, Wednesday, November 1 at 7:30 PM. There will be refreshments. If you think you have a relation that is buried in the cemetery, I would be very interested to hear from you: edandros@aol.com.

Ed Andros

PENINSULA LIBRARY

Peninsula Library Events, please call 330-657-2291 for more information and to register.

Preschool Story Hour

Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00AM

Preschool Story Hour for ages 3-5. Please call to register.

Classic Movie Night

October 5 at 6:30PM—*The Producers*—(Embassy Pictures, 1968, 88 minutes)

3rd Thursday Yoga—6:30-7:30PM

October 19, November 16

Strengthen and stretch at the library in this program led by a Nirvana Yoga instructor. This class will include yoga poses, breathing exercises, and meditation. Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. Donation at the door. Sponsored by the Friends of the Peninsula Library.

Peninsula Peddler Day Book Sale and Bizarre Bazaar!

Saturday, October 7 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Make sure to stop by the library and browse through our book sale room and check out our Bizarre Bazaar Table!

A Crash Course in Retirement

Thursday October 12 from 6:30 to 8:00PM

If you are concerned about your retirement and realize there's a lot you don't know, this is the class for you! Topics will include: how to take income from your assets in the most tax-efficient manner, avoiding very costly IRA mistakes, what type of investment might be best for a retiree, and what might not be. This class is focused on critical retirement issues for anyone preparing for retirement or those already in retirement. Learning materials will be provided. Please call the library to register. Presented by James C. Sexton III, CFP, CFS of Western Reserve Capital Management of Hudson. Please call to sign up for this class.

Friends of the Library Book Sale Room

Friday the 13th Book Sale!

Friday, October 13 from 9:30AM to 4:30PM

Some people have a fear of Friday the 13th which is called Triskaidekaphobia. The Friends of the Peninsula Library want to start a new tradition and make sure everyone has a good time on Friday the 13th. Stop by the Book Sale Room on Friday, October 13th and shop for bargains galore! For every item you purchase, you will get an item of equal or lesser

value free! Where else can you find a good bargain, overcome a superstition and help the library all at the same time?

75th Anniversary Kick-off Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 4:00PM to 8:00PM
Boston Township Hall, 1775 Main Street

The story of the Peninsula Library begins with a Girl Scout party held on Halloween in 1942, with the donation of a book as the price of admission. 75 years later we will be returning to the same building to have a celebration. We will be having an old fashioned Oktoberfest with beer and brats, strudel and pretzels and root beer and hot dogs for the younger crowd. Music, raffles and other fun items will be on hand as well! In order to cover the cost of this event, there will be a \$5 charge per person. **Please RSVP to the library at (330) 657-2665 by Friday October 6.** For more information contact Director Randy Bergdorf

Kids Crafts: Halloween

Saturday, October 21 from 10:30AM until Noon.
Make and take crafts for ages 3 and up. Registration REQUIRED.

Fall Craft for Adults: Painted Wine Glasses.
October 26 at 6:30PM

Each participant will get a trio of wine glasses to paint and decorate as fall tea light candle holders. Registration is required so we have enough glasses for everyone. This program is free, however donations are always appreciated to cover the cost of supplies.

WANT ADS

FREE: Ash logs for firewood. Call John at 330-468-1121.

FOR SALE: Power chair \$300. Call 330-923-6285

HELP WANTED: Grabham's Candy. Call 330-923-6285.

FOR SALE: Mens Reebok size 11 NFL Steelers Edition, nearly new \$15.00. Ceramic/china miniature shoe collection (14) \$12.00. Eighteen insulators for \$12.00. Call Dave at 234-281-1172 or 330-338-9211.

From the Editors:

Have you used any of these services? We are asking for your feedback in rating them from one to five with five being excellent.

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YCN reader rating of 5, reporter very pleased with services.

LEGAL SERVICES: Local resident, Heather R. Johnston, is available to provide legal services. Call 330-657-2029.

