

# Penfield Township Newsletter

SPRING 2009

## Safety House numbers

*Free Green house number signs with white reflective letters*

### Trustee Lloyd Gordon

Representative to South Lorain County Ambulance District

Residents of the township are encouraged to obtain and display these address signs for your rural mailbox. Contact Trustee Gordon or, the South Lorain County Ambulance District at 179 Herrick Ave. **Trustee Rick Conrad** advises that these signs are also provided free of charge by the Wellington Fire District at 202 Kelly St. Conrad is township representative to the Fire District ☎

## Township Website

[www.penfieldtownship.com](http://www.penfieldtownship.com)

### Trustee Rick Conrad

Board Chairman

The Township website contains up-to-date coming events, Board of Trustee meeting minutes, contact information for Elected and appointed Officials, Park information, Zoning & Building Permit information, Fees, Recycling information, Zoning Resolutions and Map, and much more.

All persons are encouraged to log on. We welcome feedback ☎

## Meetings & Township Hall

**Eleanor Gnadtt** Fiscal Officer

Trustees Meet 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 8PM

Zoning Commission & Board of Zoning Appeals meet quarterly, beginning with January, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Other meetings are, as scheduled and announced on the website, and on the sign in front of the township hall. All meetings are open to the public. ☎

## Park Board Happenings

### Duane Johnson

Park Board Chairman

The park Board had another busy and productive year in 2008. We hosted an Easter Brunch, which is held on Palm Sunday every year. The brunch is a feast featuring pancakes eggs, sausage biscuits and gravy, and much more for the modest price of \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for kids 12 and under. An egg hunt follows the brunch and is included in the price. Children who do not attend the brunch may participate in the egg hunt for \$1.00.

The park board also held the annual Reverse Raffle at Izaak Walton League. This is the board's most significant fund raising event and is held every year in late winter or early spring. It includes a chance at a \$1000 grand prize;

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## Zoning or building permits

**Zoning Permits** regulate the *use* of a property. The Township is divided into several zones, and each zone has specific permitted and conditional uses. Zoning permits specify certain setback requirements and are required for New Houses or Structures, Accessory buildings, Detached Garages, Ponds, Pools (above and in ground), Decks, Additions, Privacy Fences, change of use, and outdoor signs. **Conditional use permits** are required for Home Occupations, Tourist homes, and wireless Communication facilities. Most construction projects will also require a building permit.

**Building Permits** govern *how* a project is constructed. Building permits are required on most new construction and remodeling projects and are mandatory even though a zoning permit may not be required. For example building permits are required for re-roofing, siding, windows, cement driveways, hot tub installations etc. Call the Zoning Inspector when in doubt. Building permits and inspections are issued and administered by the Lorain County Building Department to ensure that work is performed by registered and bonded contractors and that the work meets the Ohio Residential Code requirements. The county building department is prepared to assist homeowners who are performing their own work. ☞

## Recycling News

**Curbside Pickup:** The Environmental Protection Agency, in conjunction with the Lorain County Solid Waste Management district, is introducing curbside pickup of recyclables throughout the county.. Allied Waste Management is expected to be delivering green carts for this purpose, to homeowners later this year. The Township is obligated to participate in this effort in order to continue to receive the grant funding for our **Drop – Off Recycling Center**. So long as the grant is sufficient to operate the center, we expect to keep it open. The hours of operation are from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturdays and from 3 PM to 7 PM on Wednesdays. We accept #1 Plastic, #2 Plastic, Milk Jugs (caps removed from all), Aluminum Cans, Bi-Metal Cans, Glass, Aluminum Foil, and Egg Cartons. There are green Allied Waste containers available 24 hours per day to accept pressboard and Corrugated Cardboard (flatten boxes please). Two green & yellow Abitibi containers are available for Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogues, and Junk mail. ☞

## Hall Rental

Penfield has two modern air-conditioned halls available for private functions. The halls are ADA compliant.

The Community Room (larger hall) seats 145 banquet style (312 theater style) and is equipped with a kitchen servery with warming oven, micro wave, refrigerator, and coffee pots. Rental is \$300.per day plus \$200 refundable deposit. This hall is ideal for wedding receptions and dinners.

The small hall seats 42 banquet style, (60 theater style). It is ideal for Birthday parties or bridal or baby showers. Rental is \$100 and a \$50 refundable deposit.

The halls have been made available for youth group meetings of 4-H and Scouts.

Contact the Fiscal Officer at 440-647-2540 to arrange a booking. ☞

## Cable Company

South Shore Cable Construction holds a non exclusive franchise for cable service in Penfield. GLW Broadband is the servicing provider. Dan Geib of South Shore, in his annual report to the township, stated that due to prohibitive costs they are not able to offer broadband internet service themselves at this time. They are attempting to engage a partner to be able to offer that service in the future. ☞

## About our Township

Penfield Township has very little commercial business and therefore operates on a limited budget.

There are no full time employees. All work is performed by part time workers or volunteers.

Residents serving on the **Zoning Commission** or on the **Board of Zoning Appeals** receive a small stipend to compensate for meetings attended.

**Part time workers** are engaged in snow plowing, roadside grass cutting, mowing of parks, township grounds, and cemetery, and processing of recyclables.

**Volunteers** drag the Ball fields and maintain the Recreation Park and Walking trails.

**Income:** Township portion of local government funds 60%, Issue II grants for road & bridge construction & resurfacing 21%, portion of gas tax 13%, Recreation Park Board fund raisers 3%, Cemetery fees & donations 3%, and Solid Waste District grant for recycling 1.5%. (Figures rounded)

**Major expenditures:** In the current budget 27% is set aside for contingencies & emergencies, Road & Bridge resurfacing 24%, Salary, wages & benefits 14%, Insurance 8%, auditing, travel, meetings, 8%, contracts for services (fire, ambulance, cemetery) 6%, repair, maintenance & improvements of building & grounds 5%, purchase of tools, equipment 5%, utilities and operating expenses 3%, supplies 2%.

The revenue for this year is forecasted to be down from previous year; as a result wages have been frozen to the previous year's level and other cost cutting measures have been applied.

**Projects:** During the past year a new metal roof was installed on the picnic pavilion at Recreation Park. With the help of the park board a new ceiling and light fixtures were also installed.

A portion of township roads were resurfaced by chip and seal and spot berming was done on Jones Rd (east of 301 to the Medina County line), Short Rd, and in conjunction with Lagrange Township, Webster Rd from Whitehead to 301.

**Forecast:** For 2009, the balance of the township roads will be chip & sealed and Sooy Rd will be widened. ☞

## Cemetery News

**Trustee Tom Younglas Cemetery Sexton**

Call 647-4020 to obtain lots, or to make funeral arrangements.

Residents are reminded that winter decorations should be removed from gravesites by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH – APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 10 AM

Park Board brunch serving Pancakes, Sausage biscuits & gravy, eggs, pastries, Coffee, Tea, Juice

Adults \$5.00 Kids under 12 \$2.50

Easter egg hunt follows ☩

### KEYSTONE ALUMNI BAND & FRIENDS – APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME: 7PM

30 piece band playing your favorites, Refreshments

Event is free 🆓

### PRIDE DAY – MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

PLACE: TOWN HALL

TIME: 8AM – 4PM

Dumpsters are available for scrap metal and items too large for normal trash pickup. Motor oil & automotive batteries are accepted at this time.

Volunteers and youth groups are need to help spruce up the grounds. ☑

### Memorial Day – May 25<sup>th</sup>

PLACE: Cemetery

TIME: 10AM

Keystone band will be part of the program. Veterans are encouraged to participate. 📍

### DUMPSTER DAY – AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>, & NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

PLACE: TOWN HALL PARKING LOT

TIME: 8AM – 4 PM

Scrap Metal & items too large for normal trash pickup. Motor Oil & Automotive Batteries are accepted at this time. Please no paint or hazardous material. ☑

## Park Board (continued from pg 1)

It also includes a steak *and* chicken dinner, beverages, and dancing all for \$35.00 per person.

We hosted an annual Halloween party with food, costume, and pumpkin carving contests, games, and more. This is a free event intended to bring the community together

The park board completed or started many projects in 2008. The concession stand counter was replaced, picnic tables given a fresh coat of paint, and a new garage door was installed. Shrubs and bushes were planted in the main flower bed beside the pavilion and a curtain was added to the north side to make the pavilion more comfortable and usable in various weather conditions.

The park board also put a new utility vehicle and field groomer into service. A microwave was purchased for the town hall to help with the Easter Brunch.

We amended the by-laws to allow for more members. Currently there are eight members including Duane and Jackie Johnson, Terri Bacs, Laurie Conrad, Wayne and Laura Schmigel, Tim Tyrone, and the newest, Shane Blankenship. If you would like to become a member, help out at the park, or have any suggestions or questions please call 647-4540

The park is used by Keystone High School Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshmen Baseball, four Cuyahoga Valley Baseball Association teams, many Keystone Hot Stove teams and other groups. The concession stand was operated by Keystone Hot Stove and will be in 2009 also. Hot Stove hosted tournaments last summer and is planning to host Regional and District tournaments this year.

The pavilion is open to the public and restrooms can be opened for your event. Visit [penfieldtownship.com](http://penfieldtownship.com) for more details or to download the Restroom Reservation Request Form. You can contact us at 647-4540 or [djohnson41869@ncwcom.com](mailto:djohnson41869@ncwcom.com).

Note the soccer field is not currently used as a soccer field and is available. ☺

## Flooding?

By law, Township Funds may only be expended to remedy flooding conditions on township roads by cleaning roadside ditches. Funds cannot be utilized to alleviate flooding on private property. Ohio Department of Transportation is responsible for State Routes and Lorain County is responsible for county roads. ☹

**ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

**TRUSTEES**

RICK CONRAD 19788 - INDIAN HOLLOW RD  
GRAFTON, OH 44044  
216-396-7015

LLOYD GORDON - 42950 JONES RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-281-0995

TOM YOUNGLAS – 19606 JONES RD  
GRAFTON OH 44044  
440-647-4020

**FISCAL OFFICER**

ELEANOR GNANDT - 42760 PECK WADSWORTH RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-647-2540 FAX 647-4607

**ZONING INSPECTOR**

RICHARD DONAHUE – 41241 WEBSTER RD  
LAGRANGE, OH 44050  
440-355-4581

**PARK BOARD CHAIRMAN**

DUANE JOHNSON – 41869 JONES RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-647-4540

**ZONING CHAIRMAN**

DENNIS SUDNICK – 20314 INDIAN HOLLOW RD  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
440-647-5524

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CHAIRMAN**

GARY WEIGL – 22853 ST. RT. 301  
WELLINGTON, OH 44090  
330-648-2630

**ZONING SECRETARY**

LINDA VAN METER – 24004 FOSTER RD  
LITCHFIELD, OH 44253  
330-648-2605

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Wellington, OH 44090

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