

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

April Facts

April comes from the Latin word 'aperire' which means to open. The name is appropriate because in many places trees and flowers begin to bloom and open during the month of

Fred's Desk



SPRING IS HERE, but with the cold and snowy weather, you would never know it. This winter had over 40" of snowfall, which was above average. We had no snow at all the past two years in March.. This past Monday morning changed that, when about 6" of snow fell. Let's hope we don't have an Easter snow.

Bids will be opened by the Belmont County Commissioners on April 3rd for the placement of centerline pavement markings on various county highways. We will be striping somewhere between 93 miles to 133 miles of highway, depending on the unit cost per mile bid by the

successful contractor. We have available \$120,000 provided by the Commissioners.

The bridge crew recently completed a new retaining wall on County Highway 4 (Colerain Pike). This wall consisted of the placement of concrete blocks, 2'x2'x6' on a concrete footer. The wall is 6' in height and 84' in length. The blocks, which weigh about 3480 pounds (1.74 tons), were poured in our Lloydsville Garage this past February. The estimated cost for this project was just under \$29,000.

The bridge crew resumed work this week on building a new bridge on County Highway 5

(Clover Ridge Road). The new bridge will be a 42' span, 24' wide concrete box beam structure on new abutments, One abutment was constructed early this winter. A temporary bridge was constructed to keep the road opened.

The road crew has been busy this past month with snow and ice control, installing culverts, patching potholes, trimming trees, and ditching along our roadways. The office staff is also busy, mainly from activity with the oil and gas industry.

Since April arrives next week, let's hope it arrives with warm weather.

**All Offices and Garages Closed
Friday, April 19th, 2013
for
Annual Employee Safety Training**

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Colerain Pike Retaining Wall

As Fred mentioned in his article, the retaining wall which was recently built on Colerain Pike was constructed using pre-fab concrete blocks. The blocks interlock and are also pinned together. During inclement weather, the bridge crew uses the forms pictured below left and will make 3 or 4 at a time for future use.



April 18th, 2013
Annual Meeting with Township Officials
6:00 P.M. at the Belmont County Engineer's Department
Roscoe Road Garage
Oil / Gas Road Issues

April 19th, 2013
Annual Employee Safety Training

First Aid  ***Ohio Highway Patrol*** 

Bureau of Workers Compensation  ***Bureau of Workers' Compensation***

Oil / Gas Road Issues

Heavy Load Securing 



All Community cleanup days begin at 10:00AM and end at 2:00PM. Belmont and Jefferson County residents (ONLY) are invited to participate in any scheduled clean up events listed below. Bring your old household junk, appliances, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, household electronics, car batteries, household batteries, toys, etc.

Only car and light truck tires are accepted this year – **NO** semi-trailer or other large tires. Items **NOT** accepted at community collection events include: food waste, leaves, tree or grass cuttings, construction/demolition debris, large tires. **Absolutely NO** paints, liquids or hazardous waste materials are permitted at community cleanups.

2013 **Belmont County** scheduled dates are:

April 6, Colerain Township, RST Excavating Garage, 71181 Colerain St., Colerain (north side of Rt. 250 across from County Road 14 Farmington Rd.)

April 13, Goshen Township, Goshen Township Garage, 61124 Hunter-Bethesda Rd. (County Road 92), Bethesda

April 20, Warren Township/Village of Barnesville, old Train Depot parking lot, 300 E. Church St. Barnesville

April 27, Village of Holloway/Flushing Township, Village Garage, South St.,Holloway

May 4, Pultney Township, Neffs Fire Hall parking lot, 54044 Pike St. (OH-149), Neffs

May 11, Richland Township, Richland Township Garage, 66565 Warnock-St. Clairsville Rd.(State Route 9), St. Clairsville

May 18, Mead Township, under the Moundsville Bridge, entrance to Ohio Edison Burger Station, 57246 Ferry Landing Rd., Shadyside

For additional information on news and events visit: <http://www.jbgreenteam.org/>

Upcoming CEAO Events

2013 Bridge Workers, Supervisors and Engineers Conference

April 9-10, 2013

Deer Creek State Park Lodge, Mr. Sterling, Ohio

2013 Ohio Traffic Safety and Roadway Utility Conference & Trade Show

April 30 - May 1, 2013

Crowne Plaza North, Columbus, Ohio