

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

NOVEMBER

**Veterans Day
November 11th**

**Thanksgiving
November
28th & 29th**

**Offices and
Garages Closed**

Fred's Desk



AS OCTOBER winds down, construction works continues on our county highways and bridges. Earlier this week Lash Paving completed our 2013 resurfacing program after they paved about 1 mile of CH 122 (Slabtown Road).

We continue receiving help from the oil and gas industry. This week, Gulfport Energy Corp. has hired Lash Paving to resurface 3.9 miles of CH 128 (Boston Road) and 0.67 miles of CH 122 (Wright Road). They have repaired base failures, and will now be placing pavement fabric, and then resurface with 3" of base course and 1.5" of surface course.

Also, this week, Rice Energy, Inc. has hired Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co. to replace a 47' span steel beam bridge with new abutments and concrete box beams superstructure on Smith T-202

(Ike Scales Road). This was only possible because of the quick work by AEP, who had to set two new poles and anchors and install new 1 phase primary to the new poles. From our first contact with AEP to completion of their work took only 10 calendar days. Our "thanks" goes to Jeff Turner and AEP. Both projects are financed 100% by both oil and gas companies. Our "thanks" also goes to Gulfport and Rice.

November 13th at 11:00 A.M. has been set for the Re-bid of the Sand Hill Bridge Replacement Project. It is estimated that the cost of this project will be \$750,000, which will be paid for using Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) and local (MVGT) funds. The actual starting date for construction of this project will be late March, 2014.

The bridge crew just finished a new bridge of CH 48 (Wegee Raod) and have started this week on the replacement of a steel girder bridge on Washington Township T-101 (Millers Run Road). This new superstructure will be concrete box beams set on existing abutments. When completed in about 3 weeks, this will be the eighth bridge built by our bridge crew this year.

This time next month will be Thanksgiving. Time sure goes fast.



OUPS Facts

Through the month of September the Ohio Utility Protection service had a call volume of 812,054 for the year. September had a total of 101,052 calls.

i-dig and *e-dig* tickets totaled 261,359 through the end of the month.

The one day record for calls into OUPS was a total of 2,351 on June 29, 2010 with September 30, 2013 close behind with 2,299.

OUPS continues to improve and add services for the public to use.

Visit www.oups.org to see some of the features available.



Trick or Treat Dates

Please watch out for the little ghosts and goblins during the eveningS for the next week or so. Trick or Treat time are listed below. Please note that this list is not complete.

BARNESVILLE	OCT. 30	6-7 P.M.
BARTON	OCT. 31	
BELLAIRE	OCT. 31	6-7:30 P.M.
BETHESDA	OCT. 31	5-7 P.M.
BLAINE	OCT. 31	
BRIDGEPORT	OCT. 31	6:30-7:30 P.M.
BROOKSIDE	OCT. 31	
CENTERVILLE	OCT. 27	5:30-6:30 p.m.
FLUSHING	OCT. 31	5-7 P.M.
HOLLOWAY	OCT. 31	
JACOBSBURG	OCT. 27	5:30-6:30 p.m.



LANSING	OCT. 31	6-7:30 P.M.
MARTINS FERRY	OCT. 31	6-7 P.M.
MORRISTOWN	OCT. 31	5:30-7:00 P.M.
POWHATAN POINT	OCT. 31	6-7:30 P.M.
ST. CLAIRSVILLE	OCT. 31	6-7:30 P.M.
SHADYSIDE	OCT. 31	6-7 P.M.
YORKVILLE	OCT. 31	6-7 P.M.

Google Street View Cars

I recently saw one of the Google Street View cars in the area. I did not get a chance to talk with the driver but I did get a quick picture.

Mounted on top of the car is a sensor pod that takes photos, keeps track of position with a GPS receiver, and uses lasers to perform a 3D scan of nearby buildings and other features.



There have been four generations of cameras so far in the Street View program. The latest generation is being used around the world, and snaps photographs that are “near-HD” in quality.

Supposedly there are about 250 Street View cars driving around on streets and highways around the world. Each car uses 15 cameras that snap 360-degree views at a height of 8.2 feet.

Each car has a touch screen computer located in the passenger seat. The computer, cameras, GPS and lasers are connected to a server in the back of the vehicle for data storage.

To see some of the features available, go to google.com and click on ‘Maps’. Zoom to the area you would like to view, click once and then click the ‘Street View’ button in the upper left of the screen.

The photo below is near the intersection of Mall Road and the Eastbound off ramps of Interstate 70.

