

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Don't Forget!

March Madness Starts March 13th



Fred's Desk



FEBRUARY IS ABOUT OVER, and hopefully, so is winter. So far, we have had a pretty good winter, with below average snowfall and, except for a few days of very cold temperatures, a fairly mild winter. Let's just hope that March is also mild and dry.

B.B.R. Drilling Co. is about to complete a \$113,200 Slip Repair Project on CH 4 (Willow Grove Road). This project is funded 90% using Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) emergency funds.

Bids were opened on February 3 for our first 2016 construction pro-

ject, which is for 137 miles of center-line pavement markings. The County Commissioners received two bids, the low bidder from Aero-Mark, Inc. in the amount of \$147,776 and the second from Oglesby Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$153,692.60. The project has been awarded to Aero-Mark. This project is 100% funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and will begin in the spring when the temperatures are warmer.

We received word from Michael Miller, Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission, that our application for funding from them in

the amount of \$250,650 has been approved. This is for the removal and replacement beams, decking and guardrail on three bridges. Once this is done, all three bridges will be able to carry all legal loads. The first bridge is located on County Highway 92 (New Castle Road) in Wayne Township, the second on County Highway 132 (Temperanceville Road) in Somerset Township, and the third on Mead Township 715 (Mills Hill Road), just off Pipe Creek. Work will begin in July when funding becomes available.

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March 15-16, 2016

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Next week is our last week for our afternoon shift. We began our first shift on December 27th with three workers and one supervisor, with each employee working for a two week period, working from 3:30 P.M. until midnight.

Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks forward (spring forward) one hour. That should give us daylight until about 7:30 P.M. which will give us all spring fever.

Enjoy the rest of the winter.

Community Cleanup Days

The JB Green Team has announced Community Cleanup and Tire Collection Days for Belmont County.

March 19th – Wheeling Twp, Township Garage, 71240 Main St. (Rt. 9 north) Fairpoint
March 26th – Smith Twp, Centerville Community Center, 46642 Main St. Centerville
April 2nd – Colerain Twp, RST Excavating Garage, 71363 Colerain Rd. (Rte. 250) Colerain
April 9th – Pultney Twp, (Location pending)
April 16th – Pease Twp, lot behind Chapter Square, 68161 Commercial Drive, Bridgeport
April 23rd – Village of Holloway, Holloway Village Garage, 45 South St., Holloway
April 30th – Richland Twp, Township Garage, 66565 Warnock-St. Clairsville Rd. (Rte. 9 south) St. Clairsville
May 7th – Warren Twp/Village of Barnesville, Old Train Depot, 358 Mulberry St., Barnesville
May 14th – Goshen Twp, Township Garage, 61124 Hunter-Bethesda Rd. (C-92) Bethesda
May 21st – Mead Twp, Ferry Landing Rd., under Moundsville Bridge
June 4th – Union Twp, Township Garage, 70098 Alexander Rd., Lafferty
June 11th – Wayne Twp, Township Garage, 55020 New Castle Rd., New Castle

On February 18th the JB Green Team will hold a National Battery Recycling Day collection on Thursday February 18th inside the Ohio Valley Mall entrance, to the right of Pat Catans, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm.

Residents are encouraged to bring both rechargeable and single-use household batteries from digital cameras, remote controls, toys, power tools, hearing aids, medical devices, flashlights and that miscellaneous junk drawer to the collection sites.

Cell phone and cell phone chargers will also be accepted. Batteries to be collected include: Single-use Alkaline, Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd), Lithium Ion (Li-Ion), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH), Nickel Zinc (Ni-ZN), Lithium Primary button cell, and Small Sealed Lead-acid batteries.

The JB Green Team will provide a Call2Recycle battery/cell phone drop-off box for rechargeable batteries and another unit for single-use battery recycling.

Fun and informational literature on battery use and recycling for both children and adults will be available.

Additional information can be found at: <http://jbgreenteam.org>

April 21st, 2015
Annual Meeting with Township Officials
6:00 P.M. Roscoe Road Garage

April 22nd, 2015
Annual Employee Safety Training

All garages and offices will be closed.



Professional Surveyors Elect Officers

The Ohio Valley Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio elected officers for 2016 at their December 3 meeting at the Belmont County GIS Office, St. Clairsville.

Serving in 2015 will be President, Al Smith; Vice President, Don Kyer; Treasurer Rick Celestino; Secretary, Mike Fox; Delegate, Michael Austen. Steven Hill will serve as Alternate Delegate. A CPD Chair will be appointed by the incoming President.



Officers for 2016: Rick Celestino, Treasurer; Michael Fox, Secretary; Al Smith, President; Don Kyer, Vice President; Steven Hill, Alternate Delegate. Not pictured: Michael Austen, Delegate