

2017 Second Quarter
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County Update

The Quarterly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Office

Terry's Desk



As expected, spring quarter was busy as several projects continued and others got started. In April, we began new speed and curve ball bank studies utilizing a 90% safety grant from the Federal Highways Administration. Work continued on the Rover pipeline across the entire county, and there were lots of questions and concerns from our residents. We were successful in negotiating a temporary bridge modification and eventual replacement of a bridge on CR56 Cats Run. The plan included coordination with the Monroe County Engineer and three different townships for the detour route. We started planning for next winter by signing up for the ODOT salt bid. The last two winters have been mild, but we always have to prepare for the worst. We began yearly inspections of our 280 bridges, and began preparing our gravel roads for road oil dust control. April 27th we held our annual meeting with township trustees, followed by our employee safety meeting the next day.

In May we were busy with our normal maintenance activities, like cleaning ditches, mowing, and patching potholes. Pipeline work continued on the Rover and Markwest lines in several locations around the County. It seems we have had an unusual number of trees fall on our roads this spring. It's not clear if it's the wet spring weather, or dead ash trees, or just coincidence, but they're causing a lot of overtime for our crews. We've also had our share of road slips pop up. Fortunately, the ones we've seen so far this spring are small enough for our crews to repair. Also in May, our GIS department switched to a new server, and the results were obvious, with much faster speeds. ODOT continued work on the Clark Road bridge, the Plainfield Road bridge, and SR 331 projects along I-70.

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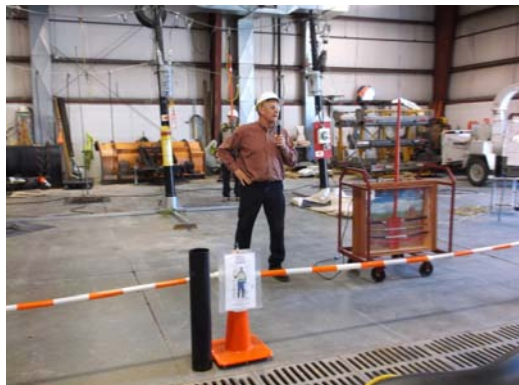
Dates To Remember

July 4th

All Garages and Offices
Closed

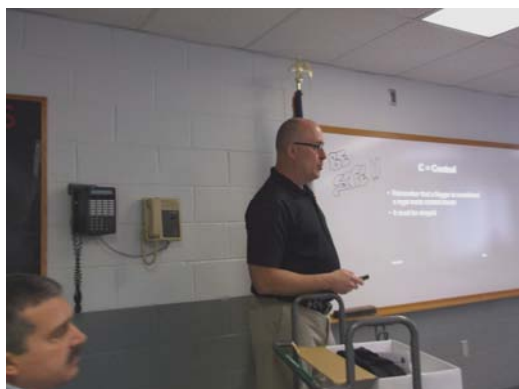
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2017 Safety Meeting Recap



Ken Kemmerer and his crew from South Central Power gave a live electric demonstration.

James Wood from Rice Energy gave a presentation on safety measures in the oil and gas field.



Art Brushart from ODOT, talked about the many programs that are available through LTAP.



OUPS Stats

In 2017, the Engineer's Office has received 3,817 email tickets through the Ohio Utility Protection Service. This, by far, has been the most tickets received by our office.

OUPS has set records this year for the number of tickets processed with 7,215 tickets on May 22nd, 7,278 on May 30th and 7,457 tickets on April 24th.

So far this year, OUPS has seen its volume increase to 541,725 to date.



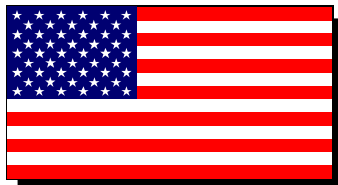
Wedding Anniversaries	Birthdays	Employment Anniversaries
July		
STEVE & DONNA CLARK July 3, 35 years DAYLE & RHONDA CONAWAY July 8, 39 years WESLEY & MOLLY WELLS July 21, 33 years KEITH & MELISSA LUYSTER July 30, 15 years	MARVIN HICKENBOTTOM, July 19 RANDALL HAMMOND, July 22 TROY DUFFY, July 28 DAVE FISHER, July 30 TIM MOORE, July 31	
August		
KEVIN & LISA WEST August 27, 29 years	DUSTIN ROE, August 5	TERRY LIVELY August 1, 3 years TIM MOORE August 12, 4 years BETH VINCENZO August 24, 28 years STEVE CLARK August 31, 19 years
September		
DAVE & TWILA FISHER September 3, 34 years	EITH WILLIAMS, September 10 KEITH LUYSTER, September 16 WESLEY WELLS, September 25 STEVE CLARK, September 28	HEREZA OHARA September 5, 22 years SCOTT SALL September 27, 7 years JOHN PARKINSON September 29, 20 years

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In June we began spraying our guardrails for weed control. This work speeds up our mowing, helps extend the life of our guardrail, and improves safety by increasing the sight distance along our roads. We had one our bridges replaced on Crum Road in Wayne Township by Gulfport to facilitate a new well site, and they are currently replacing another bridge on CR16 Nixon Run. Our crews finished two slip repairs, one on CR 32 Kilgore Road and the other on CR 214 High Ridge Road. ODOT continued work on the new Commons Mall Road project, and completed the CR 2 Deep Run bridge replacement. Lastly, we signed a new contract with our bargaining unit that will last until 2020. It will be here before you know it! Stay safe and have an enjoyable summer.



Please remember our troops serving overseas