

2017 First Quarter
March 28, 2017

County Update

The Quarterly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Office

Dates To Remember

Easter - April 16th

Mother's Day - May 14th

Memorial Day - May 29th

Father's Day - June 19th.

Terry's Desk



To paraphrase a line from the 1989 movie *Dances with Wolves*, "Now why don't Fred write?" For those of you missing your monthly edition of Fred's Desk, there's been a few changes here in Belmont County. Fred Bennett retired at the end of 2016 after serving over 40 years as the Belmont County Engineer. A truly remarkable career! I saw Fred recently, and you'll be happy to know that Fred is thoroughly enjoying his well-deserved retirement. And as Belmont County's new Engineer, I decided to make our newsletter a quarterly publication. And oh boy, it's been a busy first quarter. So here goes...

In January the mild winter from December continued, which saved us a lot of money in materials and overtime. January 30th marked the first day for our new Assistant Engineer, Daniel Boltz, P.E., and his experience was put to work almost immediately on a few slip repair projects. Also in January, we completed a bridge removal in Goshen Twp., and replaced it with twin four foot culverts. We saw a definite uptick in oil and gas activity, with several Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMA's) being submitted, and new pipeline construction gearing up.

In February, we kicked off several projects, both big and small. Our annual bridge inspection began, and we rebuilt another Goshen Twp. bridge by replacing the exterior beams, repairing two interior beams, adding a new timber deck, and underpinning the forward abutment. ODOT started three bridge projects over I-70, Plainfield Road and Clark Road replacements, and the new Commons Mall Crossing project. At the PLSO Conference in Sandusky, our GIS Director Don Pickenpaugh, P.S. received the Member of the Year award. Those of you who know Don, or have had the pleasure of working with him, you understand how much he deserves this honor. He built Belmont County's GIS department from scratch, and it is now one of the finest county GIS programs in the state. Our afternoon crew didn't have much snow to clear, so they were able to complete a lighting replacement project at our three garages. The new fixtures are more efficient and provide more candlepower than the old lights. The mild winter also allowed us to get some mowing, ditching, and pot-hole repair work done earlier than normal. With the early thaw we discovered a few new slip areas, but so far they appear to be the size we can repair with our own crews.

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Welcome Dan Boltz!

January 30th saw the addition of Daniel Boltz as the County's new Assistant Engineer.

Prior to joining the Belmont County Engineer's Office, Danny owned and operated a consulting engineering firm and served as a Project Engineer for Hendershot Management, the project management arm of the Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Company since 2005.

As a project engineer, he has prepared estimates for all types of bridge, culvert, roadway, retaining wall projects.

Danny obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1996 and a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1998, both from Ohio University, and has held a Professional Engineer's License in Ohio since 2002.

Danny is a native of Powhatan Point, Ohio and currently resides there with his wife (Renni) and two daughters (Sidney and Sophie).



Don Pickenpaugh Receives Award

The Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio held their annual conference in Sandusky, Ohio on February 16, 17 and 18th of this year.

During the conference, Don Pickenpaugh was presented with the 2016 Member of the Year Award.

Don has served in many capacities in the local Ohio Valley Chapter and on the executive committee over the years.

He has served as President of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio in 2011.

Don received his Professional Surveyors License in 1985 and his GISP certification in 2009.



2017 Annual Meeting With Township Officials

Thursday, April 27, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Belmont County Engineer's Office
Roscoe Road Garage
45741 Roscoe Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio

2017 Employee Safety Meeting

April 28, 2012 at the Roscoe Road Garage beginning at 8:00 A.M.
The County Engineer's Offices and Garages will be closed for the day.



Embankment work was recently done on this turn on County Road 4 Barton Road in an effort to improve drainage.



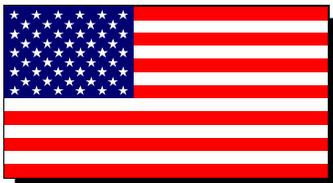
New bridge on Goshen Township Road 200 Gregg Road.

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March came in like a lion, in more ways than one. The weather turned colder and with more wind storms, so we were clearing a lot of downed trees. Our bridge crew made improvements to a steep hillside on Blaine Barton Road by laying back a bank in a sharp curve and removing several trees. The result was an improvement in ditch drainage, less debris on our bridge, and improved sight distance. We negotiated with internet providers to replace our current phone land lines with internet based phones, saving the County several hundred dollars per month. Pipeline work began with a flurry of activity, including some last minute changes in RUMAs. Our Tacoma Garage crew finished up installing electrical and vacuum lines for our approved RAP project. It looks like things are going to get even busier as the year progresses. Stay tuned!



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