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County Update

The Quarterly Newsletter for the Belmont County Engineer's Office



On October 7th, we held our annual Township Meeting. Historically we hold this meeting in April, but this year's meeting was delayed in hopes of a rapid end to the pandemic. Unfortunately, the pandemic persisted, and so to satisfy the Ohio Revised Code's requirements for an annual meeting, we held the meeting virtually. Many thanks are owed to our Information Technology and Office Manager Mike Lloyd and Belmont County Township President Frank Shaffer for pulling off a successful meeting. Hopefully next year's meeting will once again be held in person. Our crews, likewise, kept busy through the month by repairing guardrail, hot patching, and dragging our gravel roads. The bridge crew replaced a rotted timber retaining wall on CR 5 Crescent Road, and our road crews continued arm mowing and cleaning plugged culverts. The office staff directed the design of the CR 48 Wegee Road/Mead T-716 Lashley Road emergency slip repair, as well as the design of the Richland Twp. T-284 Bull Run Road culvert project. They also filed appeals on some of our 2018 disaster projects that FEMA had recently rejected. In late October we assisted our townships with their Ohio Public Works Commission applications, while our road crews prepared the snow plows for the upcoming winter. As the month ended our bridge crew replaced a small steel beam and timber deck bridge on Somerset T-3 Geisey Road with a coated corrugated metal pipe culvert.

A windy Halloween led to widespread tree clean-up for our road crews the first day of November. The bridge crew kicked off the month by replacing a twin pipe culvert bridge on Mead Township T-239 West Pipe Creek Road with a 14'x6' precast concrete box culvert. The road crews rushed to finish hot patching on several roads while the asphalt plants were still open. The office staff continued working on acquiring the needed easements for the slip repair project on CR 4 Sand Hill Road, while the road crews reestablished a temporary lane through the site to allow limited traffic throughout the winter. We also received some great news on our 2020 Local Roads Oil & Shale Program application. We were awarded \$500,000 towards the resurfacing of CR 10 Blaine Barton Road. The work is expected to

WELCOME NEW ENGINEER EMPLOYEE



Matthew Schultz

Position: Mechanic II
Location: Roscoe Garage


Favorite Food: Italian food
Favorite Pasttime: Boating

be complete in the summer of 2022. The road crews replaced failing cross culverts on CR 86 Pleasant Ridge Road and CR 4 Colerain Pike Road. They also finished their preparations for winter by wrapping up the last of the 2020 hot patching and installing snow fencing on CR 5 Crescent Road.

We didn't have to wait long to test the snow fencing, the first of December saw our first snow call out. After completing the West Pipe Creek box culvert, our bridge crew began replacing a deteriorated wing wall on a bridge on CR 4 Glens Run. The 16th we opened bids on our 2019 Local Roads Oil & Shale Program project, a slip repair on CR 10 Blaine Barton Road. The winning bid was submitted by Ohio West Virginia Excavating, a total of \$118,247.50, well below the estimate, which allows the entire construction cost to be funded by the grant. The project is expected to be completed in the summer of 2021. Another snowstorm hit us the 17th, and again on Christmas Eve. In between storms our crews were busy reloading salt stockpiles, clearing ditches, and repairing damaged or deteriorated guardrails while the bridge crew placed rip rap along a road bank on CR 56 Cats Run Road. The end of the month saw some more welcome news, the Ohio Department of Transportation Division of Jobs and Commerce awarded us an additional \$125,000 towards the CR 84 Oak View Road/CR 80 Pogue Road reconstruction project. This project was previously awarded \$244,806 from the State Transportation Improvement District (TID), and the project is expected to be constructed in 2021.

Despite 2020 being a very challenging year, we were able to accomplish a great deal. So far it appears that 2021 will be even busier.
 – Terry

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT!



NAME: Dustin Roe


POSITION: Account Clerk

OFFICE: Roscoe Garage

EMPLOYED WITH THE ENGINEER'S OFFICE:
since December 9, 2013


A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOURSELF?

Dustin is married and has a stepson. Before Dustin was the Account Clerk, he was on the road crew. Apparently, however, he had a tendency to drive into ditches, get stuck, and needed crew members to come to his rescue. We think Dustin is much better suited being a clerk. He does a great job in this role.




BELMONT COUNTY'S BEST KEPT SECRET?

Dustin says Mark Bosnic is something special. We think Mark is a great guy and worker, but we aren't exactly sure what this means, and Dustin wouldn't elaborate. We will just leave that between those two.




JOB SATISFACTION?

Dustin states that the best parts of his position are the experience and knowledge that he has gained. He also appreciates the friendships developed with coworkers.




INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

Dustin is the Captain of the Bethesda Fire Department and a basketball coach at Union Local High School.



FAVORITE MEAL?

Dustin enjoys a good steak with corn-on-the-cob, but anything with sauerkraut he cannot stand.





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Proposed excavation	(White)

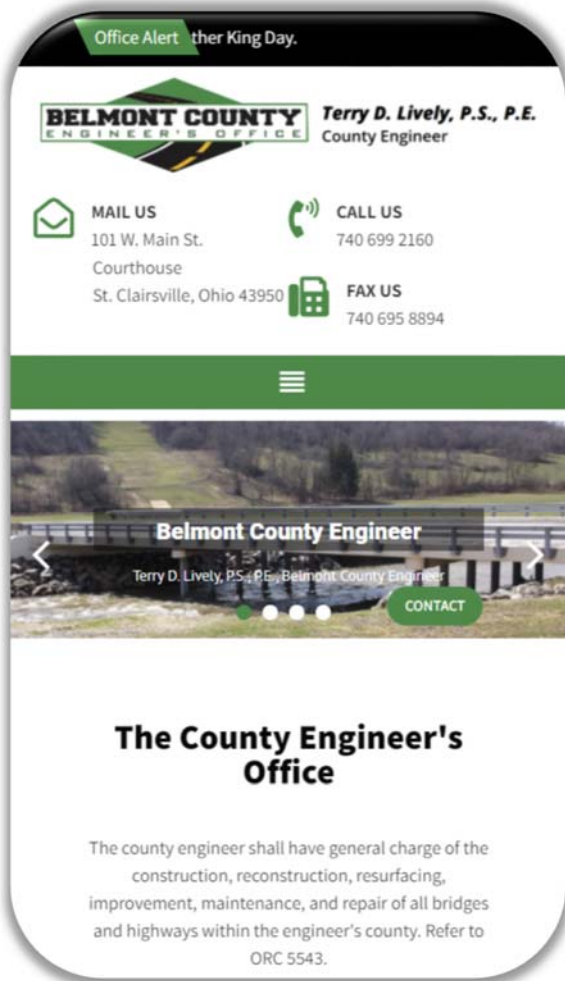
New year! New term! New website!

A new website has been developed and went live to start off the new year. The new site is easier to navigate, less cluttered, more functional, and better organized. Most importantly, the site has a more modern appearance, is more secure, supported, and is mobile-ready, which simply means the site

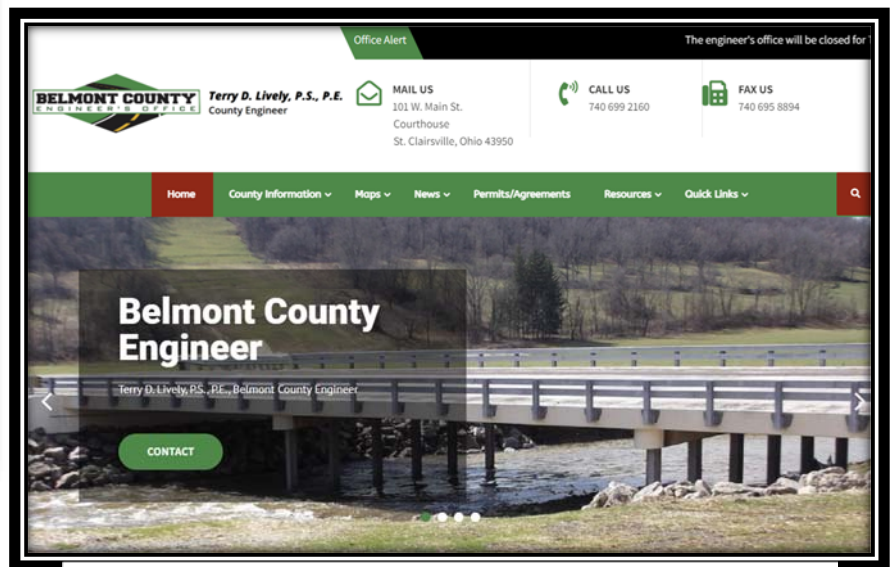
ANNIVERSARIES		
MARRIAGE	BIRTH	WORK
JANUARY		
none	Ed Bond, 12th Jon Walker, 16th Brent Brubaker, 26th	Chuck Earliwine, 8th, (14 years) Tom Butler, 13th, (18 years) Dan Boltz, 30th, (4 years)
FEBRUARY		
none	Randy Britton, 17th Brian Ware, 21st	David Fisher, 1st, (25 years) Randy Britton, 21st, (21 years)
MARCH		
none	Henry Kolodziej, 6th Dwayne Leach, 10th Chuck Earliwine, 13th Ken Wehr, 18th James Pyles, 18th Mark Bosnic, 29th	Albert Muntz, 6th, (26 years) Will Eddy, 7th, (5 years) Mike Drake, 7th, (10 years) Cory Milhoan, 18th, (2 years) Ike Nelson, 25th, (2 years)

NOTABLES	
New Year's Day – January 1st (Office Closed)	Super Bowl Sunday – February 7th
Martin Luther King Day – January 18th (Office Closed)	Valentine's Day – February 14th
National Freedom Day – February 1st	President's Day – February 15th (Office Closed)
Groundhog Day – February 2nd	Employee Appreciation Day – March 5th
World Cancer Day – February 4th	Daylight Savings – March 14th
	St. Patrick's Day – March 17th

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