

## Village Elected Officials

Robert "Bobby" Kalish, Mayor  
Bob Hankison, Council President  
Jim Hochradel, Council  
Tony House, Council  
Chuck Keller, Council  
Judy Landis, Council  
Dwayne Mohler, Council



## Appointed Officials

Marsha Hall, Village Administrator  
Flo Welker, Fiscal Officer  
Dennis Rose, Service Superintendent  
Michael Tussey, Police Chief  
Jeffrey Feyko, Solicitor  
Armand Houze, Income Tax Administrator

## Important Phone Numbers

### Village Offices: 862-4491

Administrator and Zoning  
Mayor  
Water Billing  
Fiscal Office  
[www.baltimoreohio.org](http://www.baltimoreohio.org)

### Police Department

Non Emergency: 862-4205  
Emergency: 9-1-1

### Fairfield Country Sheriff

Non Emergency: 653-5223

# Voice of Baltimore

Mayor Bob Kalish

Baltimore, Ohio



**Welcome...** to the August, 2007 edition of the Voice of Baltimore, formerly the Mayor's Newsletter, informing you, the residents and the business community of Baltimore, about Your government. The Mayor's Newsletter is issued quarterly, and features articles by various village officials.

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## Mayor's Update

Since Memorial Day, the full-time working Police Chief, Michael Tussey, and his staff continue to provide Baltimore a safer community to live in and work. Chief Tussey has met with the Liberty Union-Thurston Schools Superintendent, Paul Mathews, to implement a safe school partnership. He also plans to present an internet safety program to parents and students. As everyone is aware, the problem with internet predators is something that impacts everyone; small community or large city.

Business checks are also a priority for the department. Under the direction of Chief Tussey, officers are continuing to routinely check businesses during off hours to make sure that they are safe. The village's website, [www.baltimoreohio.org](http://www.baltimoreohio.org), has been updated to include a section for residents to request vacation checks, as well as to report potential crime issues or drug activity.

Once again the Mayor's Update will be held at the Liberty Union High School cafeteria on August 14 at 7:00 pm. The administration will brief the Baltimore community on the projects and programs initiated. I urge all residents to attend.

Baltimore is anticipating that we will receive our early warning siren sometime in August. We have been working with the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency and the Basil Joint Fire District to site the siren at the optimum location. The siren will be located at Johnson Park next to the pool. Please remember that the siren is used as an outdoor warning only. Residents are urged to either follow weather emergencies on your television or computer or obtain a weather warning device for indoor warning.

I realize that, with one's busy work and family schedules, you may have wanted to meet with me. You can call me at 862-4491 to schedule a time to meet and I will be happy to meet with you on any issue or concern, and do my best to work around your schedule. If unable to meet in person, just e-mail me at [mayor@baltimoreohio.org](mailto:mayor@baltimoreohio.org).

## **From the Police Chief**

**By Chief Michael Tussey**

I would first like to say what an honor it is to be the new Chief of Police here in Baltimore. I have had the opportunity to meet many people here and have been made very welcome by the community. Coming from a much larger organization I have a somewhat different perspective on policing. What I found out quickly was that much of what I learned over the years works well here.

As some of you have spoken to me know, I am very much a believer in Community Policing. Because of this you will see much more interaction between my officers and the citizens here. I also want to make our officers more accessible to the children of the community. One of the ways is through partnering with the school system with programs such as internet safety and stranger danger. We are also in the process of implementing a senior citizen awareness program. This program gives information to our senior citizens to help them avoid becoming a victim of crime.

I was asked to speak to several of our civic groups, and we discussed the importance of partnering together in order to make Baltimore the best possible place to live. As a result of this partnering, the citizens will soon see something that may seem a little unusual. Baltimore officers will soon be patrolling on two wheels. With generous support from the Rotary, the Lions Club, and the Chamber of Commerce, the department has secured two police bicycles and the associated equipment for the officers. The bikes will be used to patrol parks, back alleys, and cemeteries. The bike officers will also offer bike safety inspections, and, starting after the first of the year, we will have a bicycle registration program that will help to recover stolen and missing bikes.

Another first will be an open house at the police department that starts one hour after the completion of the Baltimore Festival parade. We have remodeled the interior of the building, and, by the day of the parade, will have a new look to the exterior. The best part of this is that the remodeling was completed with almost no expenditures of village funds. Officers will be available to answer questions and the kids can have an opportunity to sit in a police car. And, best of all, we will have free hot dogs for as long as they last.

As we move forward together here in the village remember that we are your police department and we need to hear from you in order to serve you better.

Please visit our new website to see all of the services that we offer the community. You may now request a speaker, report unusual activity, request a vacation house check or soon just view pictures of our officers out in the community. Also, remember that you can contact me by link on the site, [www.baltimoreohio.org](http://www.baltimoreohio.org), or directly e-mail me at [mtussey@baltimoreohio.org](mailto:mtussey@baltimoreohio.org) with any questions.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **August 2007**

- 6th - Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 7th - Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 8 - 11 Baltimore Festival
- 9th - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 13th - Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 14th- Mayor's Update (Liberty Union High School), 7:00 pm
- 20th - Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 23rd - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 pm (if agenda)
- 27th - Council Meeting, 8:00 pm

### **September 2007**

- 3rd - Office closed for Labor Day holiday
- 3rd - Finance Committee Meeting, (call for date & time)
- 4th - Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10th - Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 13th - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 17th - Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 24th - Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 27th - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 pm (if agenda)

### **October 2007**

- 1st - Finance Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 2nd - Safety Committee Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 8th - Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 11th - Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:30 pm
- 15th - Service Committee Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22nd- Council Meeting, 8:00 pm
- 25th - Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 7:00 pm (if agenda)

## **Farmer's Market**

The Baltimore Downtown Restoration Committee is sponsoring the Baltimore Farmers Market every Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The market, featuring fresh produce and other treats, is held at the Old Basil Firehouse at the corner of SR 256 (Market Street) and High Street in Baltimore. Entertainment is featured on the last Friday of each month. Interested vendors can contact Mike Grover, the Market Master, at (740) 304-2004 or e-mail him at [MCAgrover@yahoo.com](mailto:MCAgrover@yahoo.com).

## GET TO KNOW THE STAFF



**Mike Tussey** was recently selected over a number of candidates as the Village's full-time Police Chief. Chief Tussey began his law enforcement career in 1978 at New Lexington, Ohio. He has also worked for the Fairfield County Sheriff Department, and, most recently, spent twenty years with the Westerville, Ohio Division of Police.

Chief Tussey also is an adjunct faculty member at Columbus State Community College, teaching forensics. He also teaches firearms and other topics at the police academy.

In his spare time, which is rare since he came to Baltimore, he can often be found on his motorcycle. He has ridden in most states, Mexico and Canada. In addition, he enjoys traveling and camping.

A huge fan of The Ohio State University athletics, he has season basketball tickets and always tries to go to a few football games every year. Go Bucks!

Chief Tussey not only stresses "Community Policing" for his department, he lives it. He received the "Service to Mankind" award from Sertoma International for raising funds and building a veterans memorial in Westerville.

Married to Mary, the Tussey's have one son who lives in Lancaster with his wife and son.

**Todd Logan** is one of the village's most recent employees. He has worked for the Village of Baltimore as a Service Department employee for sixteen months.

Primary duties of Todd is at the wastewater treatment plant. They include performing lab tests, making sure the plant runs smoothly, and helping out wherever needed.

Todd has been married for seventeen years to Damaris Logan. Since Todd has seven children, obviously family means everything to him. He even knows the names of all of his kids — Kasie, age 16; Karrie, age 15; Mason, age 11; Mackenzie, age 7; Maria, age 3; Malayna, age 2; and Michael, 10 months.

When asked what he likes most about his job, Todd says, "Family means everything to me, and with the job I have I am close to home and get to spend more time with the kids. I also like the fact that everyday is something new. There is never a dull moment."

In Todd's spare time (yes, he really does have a few moments!) he plays church softball, golfs, and runs around with his kids.

How does Todd feel about working for the village? "Working for the village has been great. Everyone is super nice and is willing to help each other out. It's nice to put in a hard day's work, and go home knowing that you helped someone."



## Wastewater: Service vs. Cost

By Marsha Hall, Village Administrator

The Village of Baltimore has operated a wastewater treatment plant and system for many years. In the early 1980's, the plant was upgraded, financed by a newly created Sewer Debt Service Charge to all users. However, during rain events, the flows going into the plant increased to the point that bypassing occurred in the wastewater collection system. The major source of inflow and infiltration (I/I) into the wastewater system was the main 15 inch interceptor line which begins at the plant and travels through the village south of Market Street, with the point of overflow of the system at the Mill St. and Monroe St. pump station. Due to this, in 1991, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) ordered the village to eliminate these overflows.

Through 2002, Village officials continued to attempt to eliminate the I/I which helped to create this serious problem, with little positive results. OEPA approved a plan of corrections to be done, culminating with the upgrade and expansion of the treatment plant. Without the required work being completed, OEPA could fine the Village until the work is completed and/or come in and set the user rates to pay for all of the required projects.

Work was done on the interceptor by repairing the section of line that is under the creek, then expanding and re-lining another portion of the line. These projects required loans of \$125,000 and \$900,000 respectively; both have since been paid in total. In 2005 the remainder of the interceptor near Company Street was replaced and a lift station constructed at a cost of approximately \$2,000,000. This project was financed through a private loan, and is currently being paid off by the Sewer Debt Service funds.

In addition to the plant upgrade, currently a new force main and lift station is being constructed on the south edge of the village. This project will provide additional capacity to the south and east portions of the village, providing additional capacity in the current main line south of Market Street. This project is being paid through the combination of a grant and 20 year no interest loan through the Ohio Public Works Commission funding program.

The treatment plant project is also well underway, with completion scheduled for late Winter. The plant is being expanded in two phases to limit upfront costs. The first phase will serve the needs of the community for ten to twelve years. The project is being financed through the Ohio Water Development Authority through a low interest (2.75%) loan, and paid back through the Sewer Debt Service fees.

The second phase of the plant will not be completed until required by additional growth in system users. This phase of the expansion will be paid for by capacity fees paid entirely by new users of the system. It is anticipated that the Sewer Debt Service fee imposed to users has reached the maximum amount required, and will be reduced as the debt is retired.

Village officials have worked closely with OEPA to complete the required projects; financing them as expeditiously as possible. Future wastewater projects will be funded by new users to the system, through the capacity fees paid to be a new user of the system. Capacity fees will continue to be reviewed to assure that these fees meet the demands.

## The Village's Financial Picture

by Flo Welker, Fiscal Official

For the first time in several years the Village of Baltimore has entirely taken over the operations of the Baltimore Swimming Pool. We have been having very good weather for the pool, and it is doing well.

David Christie is the Pool Manager, and Katie Sayre is the Assistant Manager. Peggy Rogers is in charge of the Concession Stand. These people have been in their positions for a couple of years and do a very good job. We have employed eighteen (18) other employees, including lifeguards, concession stand workers, office workers, and swim instructors. This year they work directly for the village, and have the opportunity to modify pool operations that will enhance the pool visitor's experience.

In comparing the revenue for the gate receipts for 2006 and 2007 (through the 17th of July), our revenue is up \$9,770.00. A breakdown of this increase is as follows: daily gate receipts up \$3,400.00; memberships up \$2,270.00; concessions up \$3,600.00; lessons up \$275.00; and parties up \$225.00.

The day to day operations have run more smoothly than it has for awhile because problems that might arise are addressed immediately by the Village Administrator and/or Service Superintendent. Most problems that have arisen have been handled by the Street Department in record time or by the pool employees themselves.

We hope that all of the residents that have used our pool, and will continue to use it, will enjoy it and bring your friends. It is a great way to spend time with your children and other members of your family and friends. School will be starting soon, and the everyday routine of vacation time will give way to school routines.

## Village Briefs

### Mayor's Community Update

Mayor Kalish and his administration invites the entire community to the annual Mayor's Community Update being held at the Liberty Union High School cafeteria on Tuesday, August 14 at 7:00 pm. This is your chance to hear what is happening with YOUR village government and to ask questions of village officials.

### Alt Park Playground Project

Currently a group of community residents are working hard to fund a new playground at Alt Park in memory of Connor Simonson, a student of Liberty Union Middle School who passed away in November of 2006 of complications from Leukemia. They have held a number of fundraisers, the last being an August 3 Domino's All-U-Can-Eat Pizza night at LU Elementary School from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. If you are unable to attend and would like to donate, you can send a check to: Fairfield National Bank, c/o Connor Simonson Memorial Fund, 1301 W. Market St., Baltimore, OH 43105.

## FROM THE DESK OF THE SERVICE SUPERINTENDANT

By Dennis Rose E-mail: drose@baltimoreohio.org

### UPDATE ON NEW SEWER PLANT

The new sewer plant is moving along on schedule. They have almost completed pouring the tanks and lower level of the building, which includes about 1,250 yards of concrete and 256,000 pounds of steel. The contract to build the new sewer plant was awarded to Doll Layman of Tipp City, Ohio. The state of the art plant will be using Zenon Membrane bio-reactor (MBR). Phase 1 will increase the plant size to .67 million gallons per day (MGD). The second phase will increase the plant to 1.01 MGD with a total estimated project cost for both phases of \$5,400,000. Phase one of the new plant expansion should be on line early 2008



### WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

We have replaced a section of water line from Maple Grove Cemetery north to the Village Corporation limits with HPDE pipe and installed 3 new fire hydrants on the line. During the construction of the sewer line to the new Ace Hardware by the developer, it was found that the existing water line was installed in the early 70's with thin wall PVC. This water line would have collapsed with the use of a fire truck pumping on it.

### STATE ROUTE 256 PAVING PROJECT

Ohio Department of Transportation installed new ADA ramps at the intersections and also will be grinding and repaving ST RT 256 this summer. Please be careful as construction is going on.