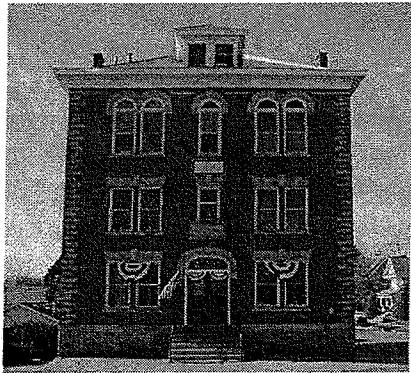


Voice of Baltimore

Mayor Bob Kalish

Baltimore, Ohio



Welcome... to the November, 2007 edition of the Voice of Baltimore 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

The village administration and council are beginning to look at the water distribution system in Baltimore. We believe this is necessary in order to assure that we do not end up in the same condition as we did with the sanitary sewer system—with findings from the Ohio EPA requiring us to upgrade our sewer system. Wilbur Smith and Associates, the village's engineering firm, conducted a Water Master Plan which assess our current system and provides us with recommended system upgrades through 2020.

The plan highlights three main areas. The first recommends that we replace and expand our current 75 year old water plant. Currently, the plant's operations is inefficient, and the cost for maintenance and repairs are extremely high. The second recommends new well sites. Our current wells do not meet current EPA well-head protection standards, and will have to be replaced sometime in the future. The third calls for long range upgrades to water lines throughout the village to help with water pressure and fire protection. A side benefit to residents will be a lower ISO (Insurance Service Office) rating that affects homeowner insurance premiums.

A special Council meeting was held on October 9 to review this plan with Council and the public. Anyone interested in the plan may review it at village offices.

Mark the Summer of 2008 on your calendars! In July of 2008 Group Work Camp will be making sure that homeowners in Baltimore, Thurston, Millersport and Pleasantville can receive help for repairs to their homes. Eligible homeowners will include Senior Citizens and families meeting certain economic and/or medical requirements. You can contact Pastor Mike Donnaly at 862-4343 for additional information.

Please feel free to 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. Go to www.baltimoreohio.org for on-going informational updates about what is going on with your village.

From the Desk of the Service Superintendent

By Dennis Rose

Snow Removal Policy

The Village of Baltimore is committed to providing safe, accessible streets during inclement weather. The policy for street salting and snow removal is below:

Streets within the village will be salted in the following order: collector streets (Basil, Basil-Western), Holder, Kumler, Granville), major streets within subdivisions, local streets, cul-de-sacs, then alleys. Removal of snow and salting of State Routes 256 and 158 will be performed by state personnel.

This year we will be using brine to help reduce the cost of using salt for the streets. Using brine saves on both the cost of salt and overtime since it can be put down a few days prior to inclement weather hits.

Streets will be plowed in the same order as salting will be done. Streets will continue to be plowed until excess snow is removed from parking lanes as well as driving lanes. This is done to free storm sewer catch basins so flooding or freezing does not occur, open the area to mailboxes, and open areas for parking.

The primary manner of cleaning cul-de-sacs will be salting since there is no where to put excess snow when plowing. Removal of plowed snow in cul-de-sacs will take place only when the snowfall exceeds eight (8) inches and all other cleaning activities are completed. Removal will only take place during normal working hours.

Residents of Baltimore can assist the snow removing process by piling shoveled snow from driveways to the right of the driveway as you face the street. Keep children away from snowplows; also keep children from building igloos or caves of snow close to the street. If at all possible during heavy snows, keep your parked cars off the street. Clean around your mailbox, if located close to the street, to assure mail delivery.

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Pictures of the New Wastewater Plant Being Built



Holiday Alert

By Michael Tussey, Police Chief

The holiday season is coming up soon. I would like to take this time to talk to you about your personal safety. As we all know, any of us can become a victim of crime. What each of us needs to do is make ourselves less of a potential target. Some simple tips are:

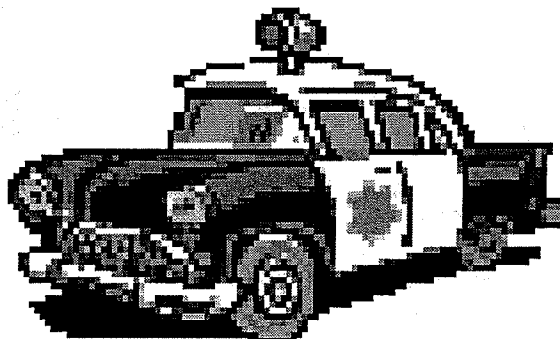
Never deal with anyone over the phone or at your door that you have not contacted previously. Many scams rely on you being a nice person who doesn't want to be rude. If someone calls and starts to ask personal questions or wants to confirm account numbers, social security numbers, or other financial information, HANG UP. Legitimate companies and banks will not operate this way.

When shopping, never leave gifts or packages in plain sight. Lock all purchases in the trunk or, if your vehicle doesn't have a trunk, place them on the floor and cover them with an old coat or blanket. Remember the buddy system when you shop.

When traveling in bad weather, carry a winter survival kit. This should include a blanket, heavy over boots, heavy gloves, cell phone, any daily medication in a clearly marked container, bottled water, and either some hard candies or an unopened can of nuts. Also remember to phone prior to leaving to let someone know where you are going and when you should arrive.

On another note, you will soon notice a change in the look of our police cars. We have gone to the more traditional black and white paint scheme. This was accomplished through donations with almost no cost to the village.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the local VFW for a very generous donation to our school educational fund. These funds will be utilized to assist officers in teaching internet safety to our children. I was also very honored to accept on behalf of your officers (a) Law Enforcement Service Award from this wonderful organization. Each of us here at the Baltimore Police Department are truly grateful.



From the Office of the Fiscal Officer **By Flo Welker, Fiscal Officer**

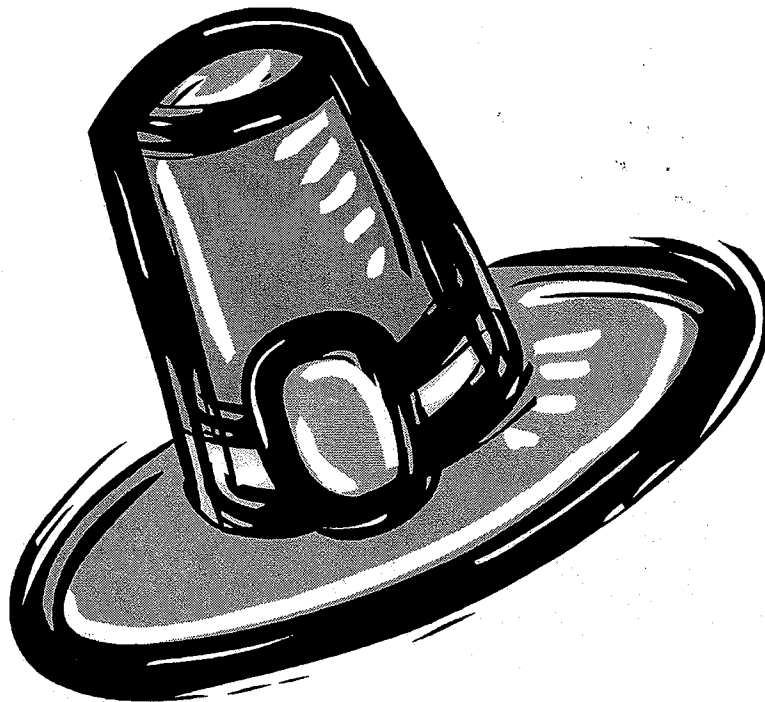
One of the goals for 2007 for the Fiscal Officer was to set up Direct pay for water bills. That goal has now been completed, and you can now sign up at the Village Offices to have your monthly water bill deducted from your checking account automatically.

Once you have signed up, you will receive a memo bill (do not pay) with the amount of your current bill. You will be able to keep your checking account books up to date and know the amount that will be deducted with the memo bill.

The first direct pay billing took place in October, and is working very well. For additional information or to sign up you can call 862-8550 and speak with the Water Administrative Assistant, Missy Doles.

We now have the sign up form available on the village website, www.baltimoreohio.org, so that you can make a copy of the form and bring it into the office, send it in, or put it in the drop box on the office's front door. Please remember that you must include a voided check with the form so that we can have the correct routing and account numbers.

From my house to yours, have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Community Update Highlights of August 14, 2007

A panel consisting of Mayor Kalish, Baltimore Downtown Restoration Committee Chair Kathy Badgely, Liberty Union-Thurston School Superintendent Paul Mathews, Village Administrator Marsha Hall, Councilmember and Service Committee Chair Tony House, and Police Chief Michael Tussey were the presenters. The presentation detailed **PROGRESS** in the village.

Mayor Kalish reported on **Planning and Progress**, reporting that this administration continues to make public safety a priority for Baltimore residents. We now have a full-time Police Chief, a new bike patrol, and new programs to keep our children safe from internet predators. Baltimore received its first tornado warning siren, which is now in operation.

Kathy Badgely's report highlighted her organization's cooperation with the village for **Restoration and Revitalization** of the downtown business district. She reported on the recently enacted Downtown Commercial Façade Grant program which will financially assist property owners with permanent façade improvements.

The **Ohio School Facilities Commission school projects** was the subject of Paul Mathews' presentation. The original "Master Plan" for LU-T school facility improvements was approved by the state's Controlling Board in 2001. Of that plan, the new middle school and minor upgrades to the high school remains. In May of this year, the state updated their assessment of district facility needs. Not surprisingly, the 2007 cost projects for a new middle school have gone up, and this assessment has now updated the high school upgrades to more than six times their original estimates. This forces the district to look at several options.

Village Administrator Marsha Hall reported on **Grants and Funding** for village projects and an update of the village's **Economic Development** plans. She indicated that the current wastewater treatment plant upgrade and an on-going Water System Master Plan is being funded through low interest (2.75%) loans through the Ohio EPA. The Southeast Force Main and Lift Stations project was financed by the Ohio Public Works Commission. She also discussed current new businesses and the village's plans to attract additional businesses.

Responsible planning was the topic of Councilman House's presentation. He spoke about Council's commitment to the 2004 Land Use Plan developed by a steering committee of residents, school officials, business owners, and village administration.

Chief Tussey discussed newly created programs to assist with **Safety** issues within the village. These include a bike patrol program partnering with the community for better safety. Three organizations paid for the cost of the bikes and equipment - the Baltimore Chamber of Commerce, the Baltimore Lions Club, and the Baltimore Rotary Club.

The Mayor ended the presentation discussing **Services** to our residents. The village's website, www.baltimoreohio.org, continues to be upgraded as a service to the community. Later this Fall, the village will begin offering on-line banking to its residents for the payment of water and sewer bills. Also, the state has approved additional modifications to the municipal offices to allow visitors to enter the building without having to step down.

GET TO KNOW THE STAFF

Officer
Bill Putnam



For many residents, **Bill Putnam** has been a recognizable face on many levels.

First and foremost, Bill has been a full-time police officer for Baltimore for the past five years. His duties include patrolling the village, handling business and vacation checks, traffic enforcement, and assisting motorists and residents. He also serves as the department's training coordinator.

Bill lives in the Millersport/Baltimore area with his wife of sixteen years, Andrea, and his four children, Jessica (age 15), Sarah (age 10), Kaleigh (age 9), and Cy (age 6). A lot of his spare time is spent coaching baseball and attending his kids sporting events. Bill also enjoys hunting, golf, and NASCAR.

When asked what he enjoys the most about his job, Bill responds that interacting with the community while protecting and serving the community of Baltimore is most important to him.

How does Bill feel about working for the village? "Baltimore is a great place to work for, and we have a lot of dedicated residents to the Village of Baltimore police force. Baltimore will continue to grow and we as a police force are going to need the continued support and dedication from the residents."

Service Department
Steve Chaffin, Chad Sims, Bud Hanna,
Richie Nafzger, Vikki Hartman



Waste Water Dept
Todd Logan & Danny Daniels



Water Department
Don Johnson



IMPORTANT DATES
November, 2007

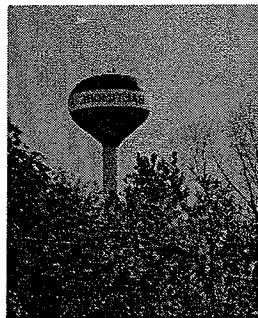
- 5th Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
- 6th Safety Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
- 8th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm
- 12th Veteran's Day holiday (office closed)
- 12th Council meeting, 8:00 pm
- 19th Service Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22nd Thanksgiving holiday (office closed)
- 23rd Day after Thanksgiving holiday (office closed)
- 26th Council meeting, 8:00 pm

December 2007

- 3rd Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
- 4th Safety Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10th Council meeting, 8:00 pm
- 3th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm
- 17th Service Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 27th Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7:00 pm (if agenda)

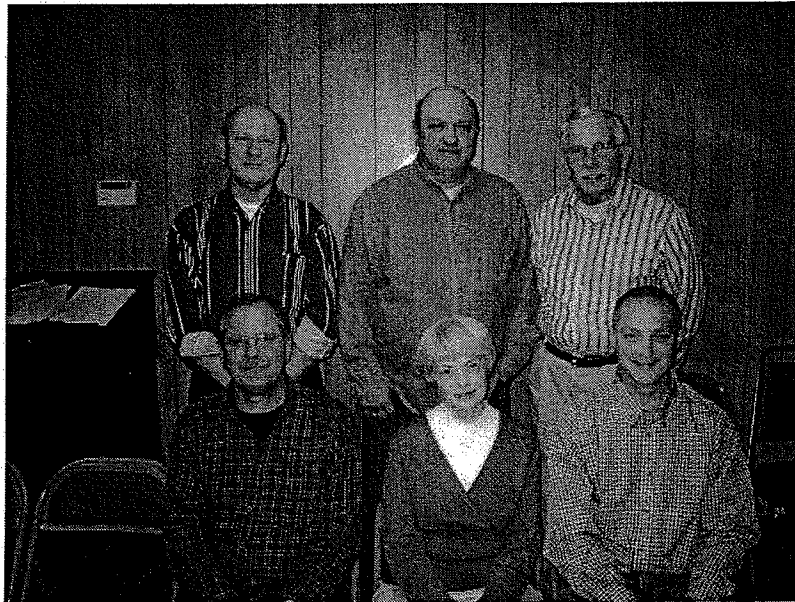
January 2008

- 1st New Years Day holiday (office closed)
- 1st Safety Committee meeting (call for date & time)
- 7th Finance Committee meeting, 7:30 pm
- 10th Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, 7:30 pm
- 14th Council meeting, 8:00 pm
- 21st Service Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
- 21st Martin Luther King holiday (office closed)
- 24th Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7:00 pm (if agenda)
- 28th Council meeting, 8:00 pm



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 (862-8550)
Fiscal Office
www.baltimoreohio.org

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

Fairfield Country Sheriff
Non Emergency: 653-5223