

The Village of Botkins

Winter Edition

January 13, 2011

Wintry Weather Blows In

-- Jesse Kent, Village Administrator

Whoever penned "Let it Snow" must have lived 50 miles south of Atlanta. The village, and much of the US, has seen quite a bit of the white stuff with no end in sight. Snow plows continue to run so use caution and be alert. The good news is that road salt is considerably cheaper this year after a price spike in 2008.

Wastewater Plant Upgrade

The upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant continue on schedule. The brown block building that you may have noticed go up recently will house a pre-treatment apparatus meant to remove debris and foreign objects. To date, there have been no significant cost overruns. The project is still slated to finish up in late spring/early summer.

Residential and Commercial Trash Contracts Signed

The residential trash contract and the commercial contract for the Village of Botkins were both set to expire at the end of January 2011. Ohio Revised Code states that a trash contract should not be extended after five years. The village had reached its five-year limit with both contracts.

Our current residential trash contract is with Allied Waste/Republic (Allied Waste is slowly changing its name to Republic, so you may see

Tobias to Continue

A familiar village employee, Kevin Tobias, will reach 30 years of service come this February. With council's blessing, he plans to remain on at his current hourly rate. Thank you for your efforts, Kevin!

BBC Makes Proposal

Using club funds and donations, the Botkins Beautification Club recently made a proposal to the village council to turn greenspace, located at the corner of S. Main St. and W. South St., into a veterans memorial park. Since the village will retain ownership of the land, the council asks that the park be designed as maintenance-free as possible while offering access to all citizens and guests. More info will be known in the Spring.

either). The village uses a bag system for both refuse and recycling. The argument is that this type of system (instead of a waste bin program) is the most fair since residents only pay for what they throw out. There is no set cost for the month.

After bid the new residential contract went to Republic again. Trash bags will cost \$1.85 in year one, \$1.94 in year two, and \$2.04 in year three. Recycling bags will be \$1.00 in year one, \$1.05 in



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year two, and \$1.10 in year three. Costs have steadily increased over the last decade, partly as result of rising gas prices and greater environmental regulations.

The previous commercial contract was with Rumpke but the new contract is with Republic. The Republic prices were the lowest over the next three years. Businesses are able to pick and choose size of dumpster and number of removals in a given month.

Stay in the Loop:

This is a reminder that you can find a schedule of community events on the Botkins Village website located at www.botkinsohio.com.

In addition, all ordinances dating back to 2007 have been scanned and will be available soon on the website.



The Village of Botkins is also on Facebook! Become a friend and receive updates on meetings, town news, spotlights on businesses, and look at photos of Botkins now and yesteryear.





News from the Police Department and the Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Glass reminds everyone to use caution and patience when driving on the snowy roads, especially in the morning during the drive to work or school. Also, don't forget to use your headlights in the early morning, early evening, and when the weather turns bad.

Three new firemen, Chance Guisinger, Zachary Heinfeld, and Jason Powell, were recently appointed to the department by village council. We thank these men for their service and wish them the best of luck in their future firefighter training. Pat Fullenkamp and Craig Swank were appointed Chief and Assistant Chief, respectively, at the November 30, 2010, council meeting.

Village of Botkins Public Meeting Schedule								
February			March			April		
1	Service Committee	7:00	1	Service Committee	7:00	5	Service Committee	7:00
2	Rec. Park Board	7:00	2	Rec. Park Board	7:00	6	Rec. Park Board	7:00
8	Village Council	7:00	8	Village Council	7:00	12	Village Council	7:00
22	Fire & Safety Meeting	6:00	29	Fire & Safety Meeting	6:00	26	Fire & Safety	6:00
22	Village Council	7:00	29	Village Council	7:00	26	Village Council	7:00
22	Finance Committee	8:00	29	Finance Committee	8:00	26	Finance Committee	8:00

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