

From the Desk of the Mayor

BALTIC VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025

VILLAGE EVENTS

-Village Council Meeting:

Every 3rd Tuesday @ 6:00 PM
(at the Village Hall)

-Homecoming:

August 15-17 at Baltic Park.

NOTICES

From the Mayor:

I apologize for lack of newsletters the last few months! I've been extremely busy working extra jobs and trying juggle graduation parties etc.

*We are seeking a new Village Council Member. The open seat is chair of the Streets Department. You must be over 18 years old, a resident of the village for at least one year, and free of any felony criminal convictions. If interested please contact the mayor at village hall, or through our website.

*I am working with the Community Club, Historical Society and Village Council to plan a celebration for America's 250th anniversary in July of 2026. The plan is to celebrate the weekend after July fourth weekend as

this seemed to be by far the most popular option according to my Facebook poll.

We are looking into several different options for the festivities. As the year goes on we will get a clearer picture. Whatever we do, I want to be careful not to detract from the Homecoming in August, while still having a celebration worthy of our first quarter millennia as a nation!

Over please,

State Level Advocacy

A few months ago I attended a meeting of the Mayors Partnership for Progress in Columbus Ohio. We discussed the needs of municipalities all across the South East Ohio region.

New Philadelphia mayor Joel Day, Newcomerstown mayor Patrick Cadle, and myself met with State Senator Al Landis, and Representative Jodi Salvo to advocate for the needs of our local communities.



Two major issues were on the table. First, we advocated for the passage of a proposed amendment to the state budget which would allocate .5% of the state budget to local fire and police departments. It's difficult to tell if that measure will go anywhere but we made our best pitch.

Secondly, most of you will remember that state issue 2, which passed last year, legalized "recreational" marijuana use. However, I've personally seen the receipts, and our village voted massively against this constitutional amendment. All of Tuscarawas County voted against this amendment as well.

As best I understand it, the "Weed" Industry is lobbying to have the taxes on cabanas sales rotated back into the industry itself. Senator

Landis strongly agreed with our advocacy to allocate this tax money instead toward entities that help communities counteract the effects of legalized drug use, such as law enforcement and emergency services.

Later in the day I sat in for sessions of both the State Senate and the State House. Overall it was a great opportunity to meet the people who can help us solve issues for our village and our state.



Senator Landis gave us a formal welcome to the senate.

And for my fellow Buckeye fans who have asked, no, I did not get to meet our new Lieutenant Governor Jim Tressel haha.

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Village Website: villageofbaltic.com

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