

VILLAGE HALL

Business Hours

Monday through Friday 8:00 AM 4:00 PM

CLOSED

December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve

December 25, 2025 – Christmas Day

December 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve

January 1, 2025 – New Year's Day

Stop at Village Hall to pick up Zoning forms, file a Police Report, fill out a House Check and ask questions regarding Village activities.

**You may also obtain the forms online at
www.villageofbostonheights.com**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

12/9/2025 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Meeting

12/23/2025 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg

1/7/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Planning Commission/BZA

1/13/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Mtg

1/27/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg

2/10/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council Meeting

2/18/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Planning Commission/BZA

2/24/2026 @ 7:00 P.M. Council/Finance Mtg

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2025



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www.villageofbostonheights.com

NEWS AND EVENTS

SEE WEBSITE - FOR MORE INFORMATION



WELCOME

NEWLY ELECTED AND RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS



BOB BARTKO:

To the Residents of Boston Heights, Thank you for your support and for re-electing me to the Village Council.

I am honored by your trust and will continue to do my very best for our community. I will always listen to your concerns, welcome your feedback, and work hard to represent the interests of all Village residents.

With gratitude, Bob Bartko

SASHA CHETYRKINA-MILLER:

Dear neighbors, I am honored and humbled to serve our community for 4 more years as a Council member. In listening to so many of you, I know I must continue to advocate for more transparency and engagement. Only together can we make thoughtful and exemplary decisions for our Village. What is our shared vision? How will today's decisions impact the future? How will these decisions impact daily life? What is the fiscally responsible approach? Ultimately, all my efforts will be guided by our shared values: to preserve the rural landscape, quiet neighborhoods, and the quality of life we treasure in our unique village.

Thank you for your vote and thank you for the conversations! I hope to get to know more neighbors, so I can be better informed to serve the whole community. Please reach out!

Your council member, Sasha Chetyrkina-Miller

CHRIS FENN:

Thank you for electing me to the village council. I will do my best to maintain the trust that you have bestowed upon me. One of my first goals is to work with the rest of our village officials to build a safety center that will meet current and future needs of our police and firefighters. I also want to maintain the excellent relationship that we have with Valley Fire District, who has given us outstanding service. Thank you again and look forward to serving you. Respectfully, Chris Fenn

SUSAN WELLS:

Thank you, Village of Boston Heights, for electing me to serve on Council. I am truly grateful for your trust and support.

I look forward to working together, listening to our residents, and serving our community with heart, purpose, and respect.

Sincerely, Susan Wells

RETIRING COUNCIL MEMBERS

RON FENN:

The Village of Boston Heights extends its deepest gratitude for your many years of dedicated service as a Councilman since April 8, 2010, along with previous years as Zoning Inspector and and Volunteering on the Fire Department. Your commitment and leadership have made a lasting impact on our community.

We wish you all the best in your retirement and thank you for the many years of service to the Village and its residents.

JANET MILLER:

Dear Villagers,
To everything there is a season. My season serving as your Councilwoman ends this year, it has been an honor to represent you for five terms(20 years). Having served on all Committees and as President Pro-temp was a continuous learning opportunity. It inspired me to take classes in the Master's program at the University of Akron in Public Administration, seminars and special meetings brought depth of understanding in multiple areas. Learning about everything from wetlands, dispatch, police, fire, small growth, and the needs of our three school districts.

My responsibility, I felt, was to serve from a citizen's perspective. Always trying to clarify at the council table and one on one, what a constituent would like or need to know.

As your former Councilwoman, I plan to stay informed, attend meetings and remain visible.

My most humble thanks to you all and to all my former colleagues.

I wish you peace and love, Janet L. Miller

SENIOR NEWS & EVENTS



DECEMBER 2025

Macedonia Senior Center
9691 Valley View Rd.
Macedonia, OH 44056
Cheri - 330-468-8300 ext. 432
Leah - 330-468-8300 ext. 430

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 12pm - Mahjong	2 FOOT CARE Meal Delivery: Sweet & Sour Meatballs	3 10am - Exercise 11am - Live Music 11:45am - \$4 LUNCH: French Onion Chicken	4 11:45am - \$4 LUNCH: Kielbasa & Kraut Meal Delivery: KFC Box	5 NO LUNCHEON TODAY!
8 12pm - Mahjong	9 Meal Delivery: Turkey Wrap	10 10am - Exercise 11am - Santa 11:45am - \$4 Lunch: Taco Bar	11 10am - Tai Chi Meal Delivery: Pork Chops	12 11:45am - \$4 Lunch: Sausage & Pepper Sandwiches
15 12pm - Mahjong NO BOOK CLUB THIS MONTH, SEE YOU IN JANUARY!	16 Meal Delivery: Chicken Romano	17 JAZZY 10am - Live Christmas Pops 11am - Santa 11:45am - \$4 Lunch: Taco Bar	18 10am - Tai Chi Meal Delivery: Capoteoli & Meatballs	19 10:45am - Lunch Vendors: 11:45am - \$4 Lunch: Meatloaf
22 CLOSED	23 Meal Delivery: Cheeseburger	24 CLOSED Merry Christmas	25 CLOSED	26 CLOSED
29 CLOSED	30 Meal Delivery: Chicken Parmesan	31 CLOSED		

SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE SENIOR
EVENTS AND INFORMATION

MACEDONIA SENIOR CENTER DOORSTEP MEAL DELIVERY DECEMBER

MEAL DELIVERY WILL CONTINUE TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

REGISTER ONCE TO RECEIVE DOORSTEP MEAL DELIVERY
DECEMBER 2nd thru DECEMBER 30th

MEALS ARE PREPARED FRESH DAILY & DELIVERED DURING LUNCH HOUR
BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. MEAL IS READY TO REHEAT & ENJOY

TUES DEC 2 Sweet & Sour Meatballs
TUES DEC 9 Turkey Wrap
TUES DEC 16 Chicken Romano
TUES DEC 23 Cheeseburger
TUES DEC 30 Chicken Parmesan
THUR DEC 4 KFC lunch box
THUR DEC 11 'Free' Breaded Porkchop
THUR DEC 18 Cavatelli & Meatballs
THUR DEC 25 delivery not available
THUR JAN 1 delivery not available

8 meals @ \$4. Plus \$4 credit from November and 12/11 is free Due for December is \$24

To REGISTER: CALL LEAH at 330.468.8300 EXT 430
Name, address, & phone number is all that is needed to register

COST: \$4.00 PER MEAL TOTAL DUE FOR DECEMBER \$24.00 per person
YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR PAYMENT FOR DECEMBER AT THE DOORSTEP TO BE
COLLECTED BY THE DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS OR YOU MAY MAIL IT BACK.

Check payable to: City of Macedonia * 9691 Valley View Rd * Macedonia * 44056
MADE POSSIBLE BY: DIRECTION HOME, Area Agency on Aging and
the CITY OF MACEDONIA

NEW RULE: WE NO LONGER ACCEPT CASH
- Check or Money Order ONLY -

FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

Discover Fairview Cemetery - A Place of
Care, Community, and History

For those who may not know, Boston Heights is home to **Fairview Cemetery**, located next to Village Hall. Plots are available to **Village residents**, and the grounds are lovingly maintained not only by our Public Works Department, but also by a dedicated **association of volunteers** who go above and beyond with beautification and improvements.

Thank You to Our Cemetery Decorators

The Village of Boston Heights extends heartfelt appreciation to all the volunteers who generously gave their time to decorate Fairview Cemetery. Your efforts bring beauty, warmth, and dignity to this cherished space, and your dedication helps preserve its history and spirit for our community.

One especially meaningful area is **The Garden of**



Angels, a section devoted to infants. The memorial here was thoughtfully rebuilt with funds raised by the volunteer group.

But our volunteers do much more than tend to tombstones and plant flowers. They bring life and warmth to the cemetery

and surrounding areas by:

- Decorating the **100-year-old fence** around the cemetery, Fire Station, and Turnpike bridge on Olde Eight Road for the holidays

- Hosting beloved community events like the **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at Matthews-Thomas Park
- Organizing the **Craft Show and Soup Sale** each November at the Fire Station
- Sponsoring **Raffle Baskets** at the Fall Festival

There's always something to do — from **weeding flower beds** and **straightening stones** to **stuffing candy** into Easter eggs. If you have a little time and a big heart, we'd love you to **join our volunteer team** and help keep Fairview Cemetery a place of pride and remembrance for our village.

If you have questions or need further information, contact us here at Village Hall and we will put you in contact with someone from the Fairview Cemetery Association.

MATTHEWS-THOMAS PARK Park Advisory Board News

The Village of Boston Heights Park Board will not hold meetings in **December, January and February**.

Meetings will resume in **March**, with the date to be announced.

Thank you and have a wonderful holiday season!



POLICE DEPARTMENT



WELCOME NEW OFFICER Officer Marc Bazdar

Marc Bazdar officially joined our community on November 14th as a police officer. Marc previously worked for Cleveland PD, Cleveland Regional Transit Authority PD and Peninsula PD before joining our police department. We are delighted to have him here and wish him every success in his new role.



From the Desk of Council President, Dave Maccarone



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There were a lot of rumors floating around about the proposed Safety Center during this last election period and I would like to address them directly. Nothing has been finalized, and we are still in the discovery phase, meaning that all the details of the new facility are being evaluated. Also, no village money has been used for the investigation. Last year we received a grant for \$850,000 to be used for the design and construction of the Safety Center. Some of that money is being used to conduct this study. Last week the team went through a “page turn” review of the specifications, all 90+ pages! The next step in the process is to solicit and evaluate the RFQ’s (Request for Qualifications) of contractors who are interested in building the Safety Center. Once we approve their qualifications, they will receive the bid package containing those 90+ pages of specifications. When all of the quotes are in, we will have an accurate idea of the cost. All of this is necessary so that we can go forward with grant applications and explore other methods of finance. The goal is to fund the new Safety Center with bonds, grants, existing village funds and potential naming rights.

Included with the Winter Newsletter is a letter addressing the concerns about the project that you may have. We are also including a concept drawing along with a schematic showing the new floor plan. I encourage you to contact Mayor Antal or myself if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Dave Maccarone
Chairman Economic Development
and Public Safety Committees

COUNCILMEMBER RICH LYON’S CORNER



🌲 ✨ Season of Celebration
and Giving ✨ 🌲

- Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day
- Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Dec. 12 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Dec. 15 – Hanukkah (first day)
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
- Dec. 26 – Kwanzaa (first day)
- Jan. 7 – Orthodox Christmas

Tis the season for remembering, celebrating, and giving! While traditions may differ, what unites us all is the reminder to care for one another — especially those in need.



☀️ Please help others as you can and give as your means allow.

📧 Best wishes to all as you celebrate the season in your chosen way!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

We are thrilled to announce that the Boston Heights Road Department is transitioning to the Boston Heights Public Works Department! This



name change reflects our commitment to providing services to better serve our community.

What Does This Mean for You?

The Public Works Department will continue to offer essential services, including:

- Road maintenance and repairs
- Roadside Leaf collection, Brush & Branch Collection
- Snow removal and seasonal services
- Storm Water infrastructure management
- Parks and recreation maintenance
- Cemetery Operations

This update enhances our commitment to keeping Boston Heights clean, safe, and beautiful for all residents. Our goal is to deliver not just road maintenance, but comprehensive public works services that enhance your quality of life.

WINTER IS HERE....

To stay safe around salt trucks, Maintain a safe distance of at least 100 feet, stay out of their blind spots, and drive cautiously

. Avoid passing the truck, especially if it is plowing, and be prepared for sudden stops and changes in road conditions. Always have your headlights on, as this makes your vehicle more visible to the truck driver and other drivers.

BUILDING & ZONING



When the snow starts to pile up, we all have a part to play in keeping Boston Heights safe and moving. **According to Section 351.15 of the Village's Codified Ordinances, a snow parking ban automatically goes into effect once three (3) inches of snow have fallen.**

That means no parking on public streets during these conditions. Keeping vehicles off the road allows our Service Department to plow and salt more effectively and clear the streets. The faster and safer they can get the job done. It also helps ensure that emergency vehicles can reach residents without delay.

So, when the forecast calls for heavy snow, please move your car into your driveway or another off-street spot. Your cooperation makes a big difference — for your neighbors, for our crews, and for the whole Village.

ZONING INSPECTOR

JASON POPIEL
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VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE CHIEF MIKE PACKARD

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Alexis Becker

Valley Fire/Medic

About Alexis

Alexis, also known by Lexi, has been working for the Valley Fire District for over 2 years. She also is a part time police officer for the village of Newburgh Heights for 5 years. She has a deep passion for serving others, dedicating her life to protect communities and helping people in times of need.

Why Get a Fundraiser Shirt?

Alexis is currently battling Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She is in and out of the hospital for weeks at a time for treatment. Purchasing a shirt for Alexis means giving hope to a brave young firefighter battling this cancer. Your generosity will help cover her medical treatments, ease the financial burden on herself and her family, and give her the chance to focus on healing and living the full, healthy life she deserves. We are truly grateful for your kindness, and we want you to know that 100% of every donation will go directly to Alexis to support her fight against Leukemia.

How to get your Shirt!

You can Purchase your donation shirt by scanning the QR code below or visiting the website listed below-thank you for your support!



**HELP Alexis and her
fight to beat Leukemia!**



shopvalleyfire.com



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GO TO
VILLAGEOFBOSTONHEIGHTS.COM

Have a safe and happy holiday season from
Valley Fire
District

Chief Packard



A LETTER FROM MAYOR ANTAL

Village of Boston Heights – 2025 Year in Review & 2026 Outlook

Dear Village Residents:

As we wrap up 2025, I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and/or Happy Holidays! I'm grateful for the chance to reflect on this year's successes and outline the opportunities waiting for us in 2026. Our mission remains steady and simple: protect the character of our Village while improving daily life, building community, and keeping Boston Heights on a strong path for the future.

2025 Year in Review

Matthews-Thomas Park Improvements

Our continued work at Matthews-Thomas Park really paid off this year:

- The fountain and dual aerators noticeably improved pond health and knocked back the algae.
- Clearing out overgrown trees and brush opened up views, brightened the park, and improved safety.
- The newly remodeled pavilion has quickly become a more welcoming space for community gatherings.
- Our new guided nature walks drew great participation and helped residents see the park in a whole new way.

More Ways to Stay Active - Pickleball

Residents asked and we listened. This year, eight new pickleball courts were added, and they immediately saw strong use. The courts have quickly become a dependable outlet for recreation, offering residents a convenient place for active play and friendly competition.

Community Traditions Return

The Valley Fire District Steak Fry, one of our most-loved traditions, was successfully brought back this year. Strong turnout showed exactly how much our community values coming together to support our first responders.

2026: A Focused Plan for Continued Progress

Exploring a New Safety Center & Village Hall

Police, Fire, and EMS remain at the top of our priority list. We are actively evaluating the possibility of constructing a new, modern safety center that would also include a new Village Hall.

To be clear, no final decision has been made. Council President Dave Maccarone and I are leading the charge on feasibility, architectural analysis, and financing options. We're reviewing designs, confirming cost estimates, and continuing to pursue additional federal and state funding.

So far, we've secured \$1.7 million in grants including \$850,000 from the Ohio Senate OTSCIF Capital Bill and another \$850,000 is expected from Congresswoman Emilia Sykes' 2025 Community Funding Project. These achievements put us in a strong position as we evaluate next steps.

Redevelopment of the Former Norwood Inn Site

A key commercial site in the Village is set for a fresh start. Plans for the former Norwood Inn property are moving forward, with more details coming soon. This redevelopment is expected to bring new business energy and strengthen our commercial corridor.

Bass Pro Shops

We remain optimistic that Bass Pro Shops will move ahead with constructing one of their signature outdoor retail destinations next to Costco on Bass Pro Drive. While we don't yet have an official opening date, conversations have been encouraging, and we believe this project has real momentum.

More Enhancements at Matthews-Thomas Park

We're not done yet 2026 brings several new improvements:

- Installation of outdoor windchimes to create a calming, distinctive atmosphere along the trails.
- Construction of deck and boardwalk-style pathways around portions of the pond for safer, more scenic access.
- Continued trail expansion to further connect and complete our growing trail network.

These additions will keep elevating the park as a central, high-quality amenity for residents of all ages.

Looking Ahead

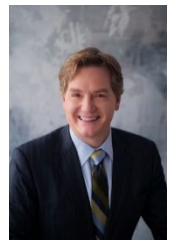
In January, we'll welcome two new council members. Congratulations to Susan Wells and Chris Fenn on their election to four-year terms. They will serve alongside returning members Bob Bartko and Sasha Chetyrkina-Miller, who were also reelected this November. Council veterans Dave Maccarone and Rich Lyons will continue their dedicated service as well.

We will also bid a heartfelt farewell to two long-serving council members, Ron Fenn and Janet Miller. I want to extend my sincere gratitude for their decades of devoted service to the Village. Their commitment, steadiness, and hard work have left a lasting mark on our community, and their contributions will be remembered with deep appreciation.

Our Village has built steady momentum by strengthening infrastructure, expanding recreation, and investing in what matters most. The work accomplished in 2025 and the plans set for 2026 reflect a practical, optimistic, and future-focused approach to keeping Boston Heights a wonderful place to call home.

Thank you for your continued support, involvement, and pride in our Village. I'm looking forward to another productive and positive year ahead.

Warm regards,
Ron Antal
Mayor, Village of Boston Heights



The Vision

The new facility would connect the existing fire station with a new wing for police and administrative offices. The fire station itself would also receive necessary upgrades. This design honors the strong mid-century character of our existing building which is welcoming and distinctly Boston Heights.

As DS Architecture describes it:

“As a civic presence, the station is grounded in its surroundings and seamlessly integrated into the identity of the landscape. It stands with strength and continuity, a recognizable part of village life...a true second home where those who serve find belonging, renewal, and strength.” Renderings are available to view at Village Hall.

Cost and Funding

The target budget is about **\$9 million**. It’s ambitious, but achievable. It will be financed responsibly through grants, bonds, existing village funds, and potential naming rights. The bond will be paid back by regional income tax from the businesses operating in the village. Currently, there are no plans to use property tax money.

What About the Old Village Hall?

Our historic Village Hall has served us well but maintaining it has become increasingly difficult. For example, last winter, the water pipes froze for a week. While we do not plan to tear it down, its future use is still open for discussion and new concepts. Ideas include a community center or a small local shop. We’ll welcome input when the time comes.

What’s Next

We hadn’t planned to share all this quite yet mainly because we are still evaluating concepts and building designs, but we wanted to address recent rumors and misinformation with facts. Once the plans, cost estimates, and financing details are finalized, we’ll hold a public meeting to present everything openly before council votes. Then, with your support, the real work can begin.

The Bigger Picture

Ohio’s 600 large and small villages are under new scrutiny following House Bill 331, which creates a pathway for dissolving villages and small municipalities that can’t sustain essential services. The first service on that list is police protection. Simply put: **if we lose our police department, we risk losing our village identity.**

Ron Antal, CPA



Mayor, Village of Boston Heights

Dave Maccarone



Council President,
Chair – Public Safety Committee



An Open Letter to the Residents of Boston Heights Regarding the Proposed Safety Center

November 3, 2025

Dear Village of Boston Heights Residents:

There has been a lot of talk recently about the Village Safety Center project, some accurate, some not so much. We'd like to take a moment to clear the air and share where things actually stand. Our goal is simple: **To create a safe, efficient space for our police and fire departments to serve our community, both today and well into the future.**

Nothing has been finalized, and **no village funds have been spent** to date. Over the past year and a half, we've been working with DS Architecture, a firm that specializes in public safety facilities, to explore what Boston Heights needs now and what may be needed ten to fifteen years from now. The Village has been fortunate to secure **\$1.7 million in state and federal grants**, \$850,000 from the Ohio Senate OTSCIF Capital Bill, and another \$850,000 expected from Congresswoman Emilia Sykes' 2025 Community Funding Project. These grants have funded conceptual planning and potential design options to date.

Why We Need a New Safety Center

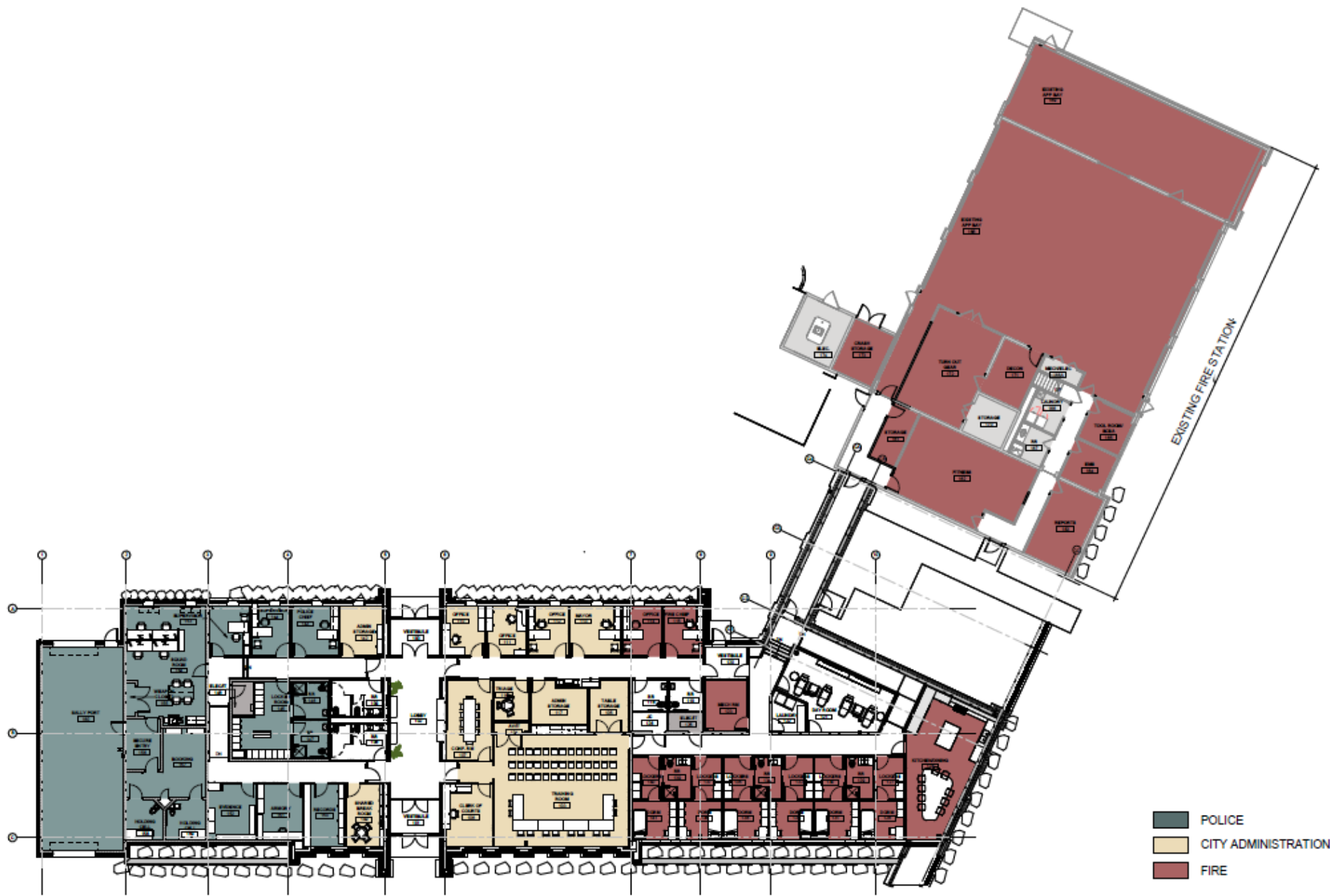
Our police department currently operates from the basement of our over 100-year-old Village Hall. It's cramped, outdated, and not up to modern safety standards. A few years ago, the Bureau of Criminal Investigation reviewed the facility and found numerous issues, while some are fixable, others are not. Without meaningful updates, we risk losing our police department altogether.

What Happens If We Don't Act

If we were to lose our department, law enforcement duties would fall to the county sheriff's office. That would mean fewer patrols, higher costs, and far less personal service. The officers who know our families and streets best wouldn't be here day to day. That local connection matters.

Planning for the Future

We've asked our Police Chief, Fire Chief, and administrative team to think beyond today, five and ten years ahead. Our architects have done the same. While no one can predict the future perfectly, the design takes growth and long-term needs into account.



FLOOR PLAN
SP-172

Village of Boston Heights Safety Center





Village of Boston Heights Safety Center

