



# The Village of Botkins

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## South Street Improvements

The Village of Botkins will begin Phase 1 of the South Street Reconstruction Project this spring as part of its ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving community infrastructure. While the construction will take place specifically along South Street—from Robinhood Drive through the First Street intersection—the project represents a broader investment that benefits the entire Village by strengthening essential utilities and improving long-term reliability.

Construction is scheduled to begin in March, weather permitting, and is expected to continue through the spring and summer months, with completion anticipated toward the end of summer. The project includes a full roadway reconstruction down to the base, followed by stabilization to ensure long-term durability. In addition, crews will install a new, larger waterline, replace the stormwater system with updated connections, and construct new curbs and sidewalks to improve drainage, safety, and walkability.

This work is the first phase of planned improvements for South Street, with Phase 2 tentatively scheduled for 2027. While construction can be inconvenient, these upgrades are designed to provide lasting value, reduce future maintenance needs, and enhance the overall appearance and function of the area. The Village appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents during construction and will continue to share updates as the project progresses.

## Considering Building a Home in Botkins?

If you've thought about building a new home right here in Botkins, now is a great time to explore available options. Lots are currently available in two active subdivisions: Woodland Subdivision and Hageman Woods Estates. For information on Woodland Subdivision lots, please contact Weigandt Real Estate Development – Todd Weigandt at (419) 628-3107. For lots available in Hageman Woods Estates, contact Tom Schnippel at (937) 313-0141. General questions about building in the Village can also be directed to the Village Office Administrator.

To support new home construction, the Village offers an 8-year, 100% property tax abatement on the value of new residential construction, helping make it more affordable for residents to invest in building their future in Botkins. Combined with our strong community, quality schools, and local amenities, Botkins remains a great place to build and call home.

## Winter Safety Reminders

As winter weather sets in, residents are encouraged to take a few simple steps to help keep themselves and the community safe. Please use extra caution when driving during snowy or icy conditions and allow additional time to reach your destination.

When snow is forecasted, residents are asked to move vehicles off Village streets whenever possible. This helps protect parked vehicles and allows snowplows to clear streets efficiently and safely for everyone.

To prevent frozen water lines and meters, please keep crawl spaces closed and protected from cold air. The community park will remain open throughout the winter; however, the park will be closed on days when snow covers the park lane to ensure safe access.

## State of the Village Address Available

Mayor Symonds delivered the State of the Village Address at the January 14 Council Meeting. The address highlights recent accomplishments and outlines priorities for the year ahead. The full address is available on the Village's website and social media pages.

## Cole Park Improvements Continue

The Village will continue investing in Cole Park throughout the coming year, with a focus on ongoing improvements and beautification. These efforts are aimed at maintaining a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable space for residents and visitors alike. The Village is grateful for the continued support of community members and local civic organizations whose partnership helps make these improvements possible.

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- Paperless billing
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- Email notifications when your quarterly bill is ready

Plus, you can easily check your utility bill anytime through your account! Head to [botkinsohio.com](http://botkinsohio.com) and scroll down the home page for instructions and a link to get started.

Ensure your account includes a valid cell phone number to receive important non-emergency updates from the Village, such as water outages, road closures, and project updates. An online account is not required to receive these notifications.

## Recycling Pick-Up Calendars Now Available

The 2026 recycling pick-up magnetic calendars are now available to residents! They are available at:

- Village Office
- Botkins Post Office
- First National Bank

### Fire / Safety Committee

January 26	6:00 PM	Village Office
February 23	6:00 PM	Fire Department
March 30	6:00 PM	Police Department

### Service Committee

January 7	6:00 PM	Village Office
February 4	6:00 PM	Village Office
March 4	6:00 PM	Village Office

### Council Meetings

January 14	6:00 PM	Village Office
January 28	6:00 PM	Village Office
February 11	6:00 PM	Village Office
February 25	6:00 PM	Village Office
March 11	6:00 PM	Village Office
March 25	6:00 PM	Village Office

### Joint Recreation Board

No January Meeting	—	—
February 18	6:30 PM	Village Office
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### Botkins Community Improvement Corporation

October 13	6:30 PM	Village Office
January 12	6:30 PM	Village Office