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■ GREETINGS!



We look forward to sharing all that Copley Township has to offer with you - our residents, our business owners, our friends, neighbors and visitors. As you peruse our magazine, our hope is that you learn something new, find a new favorite place to hang out, and mark a few dates on the calendar where we can meet and celebrate our community. As always, we value your input and look to you for the next best idea! Welcome to Copley Township where we believe that preserving our past will secure our future!

Janice L. Marshall
Township Administrator

Ms. Marshall was first appointed in 2004 as Fiscal Officer serving until 2016 when she was appointed Township Administrator. She attended Copley-Fairlawn City Schools and graduated from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Ms. Marshall lives in the Township where she and her husband raised three daughters.

Welcome to Copley's inaugural edition of the Copley Township Magazine - an annual publication distributed to area residents, business owners and visitors that provides a bird's eye view of all that Copley Township has to offer - a description of all services offered by the Township, an annual calendar of events, a map of the Township providing the location of various Township destinations; a magazine that can serve as a guide to those new to the area and to all who are looking for a particular service or retail business. The goal is to provide information about the Township, annually, in a format that is a "go-to" reference when looking for a place to shop or dine, a needed service or Township data.

As Township Administrator, I am privileged to work with your Elected Officials and dedicated Department Heads to provide services and amenities that enhance our community. As a Bicentennial Community, Copley Township has a rich heritage of dedicated and gifted leaders who lay the groundwork for the diverse and thriving community that Copley is today. Through consistently conservative fiscal policies, the Township enjoys financial stability and is able to provide unrivaled front-line safety services along with unparalleled road maintenance and top-notch natural amenities.



ELECTED OFFICIALS



SCOTT DRESSLER

Trustee Dressler grew up in Copley Township attending Copley-Fairlawn City Schools from Kindergarten through twelfth grade. Active in Boy Scouts Troop #382, he was the ninth recipient in his troop to receive the Eagle Scout Award. Trustee Dressler received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from the University of Akron and was certified as a Senior Professional in Human Resources. His career has included management positions in the banking and finance industry as well as in logistical operations. Recognizing the importance of good communication and leadership skills, Trustee Dressler is certified as a Toastmasters International Speaker and helps others become more confident when speaking publicly. He has served the Copley Community through much of his adult life serving 8 years on the Copley-Fairlawn City School Board and 25 years as Copley Township Trustee. Trustee Dressler is married and has four adult children.



BRUCE KOELLNER

Trustee Bruce Koellner is a lifelong resident of Copley Township and graduate of Copley High School. He holds an Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science from Stark Technical College, a Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Management from Franklin University, and a Master of Science in Leadership from Grand Canyon University. Trustee Koellner served the Copley Fire Department as a firefighter/EMT, Firefighter/Paramedic, and Lieutenant Fire/Medic for 34 years, retiring in 2017. During his tenure in the fire department, he was a charter member of both the Summit County Hazardous Materials Response Team and Summit County Technical Rescue Team, with over 30 years of service to both teams.

In addition to his career in the fire service, he has been a Registered Investment Advisor and Copley business owner for over 29 years. Bruce and his wife, Janel, have been married 33+ years and are the parents of three grown children, and grandparents of three.



JIM SCHULTE

Trustee Jim Schulte began his career in public accounting with Ernst & Young, eventually moving into the private sector serving as Auditor, Manager of International Taxation and Director of Taxation before becoming Corporate Senior Vice-President and Treasurer in publicly traded corporations. Currently, he owns and operates a public accounting firm, Schulte & Company CPAs, Inc. with diverse clients spanning 20 different states.

Graduating from the University of Akron with bachelor degrees in Accounting and Criminal Justice and a Masters of Taxation, Trustee Schulte has served his community beginning in the Ohio National Guard and is a member of Blue Coats and AMVETS. He has coached and supported youth sports and has led fund raising and capital improvement projects for Copley-Fairlawn City Schools and the University of Akron. Jim and his wife have lived in Copley for over 30 years where they have raised their three children.



LINDA PEIFFER

Linda Peiffer was appointed May 10, 2016 as Interim Fiscal Officer. Linda is a native of Atwater, Ohio and is currently a Copley resident. Linda attended the University of Colorado and John Carroll University where she studied Real Estate Management. Previously, Linda worked in the private sector in management, accounting and is the owner of several businesses. Linda is also an independent real estate broker in Colorado and Copley, Ohio.

Linda's passion is carriage driving and collecting Victorian memorabilia including restored carriages and sleighs. She created Hitch-In-Time in 2007; horse drawn carriage rides replicating Victorian era transportation complete with period accoutrements.

■ COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The department's focus lies within several core objectives which include economic development, community engagement, neighborhood revitalization, and strategic land planning. Copley strives to foster sound economic development objectives which facilitate investment, through the Community Improvement Corporation, a strategic Business Expansion Retention Plan, and well-placed Infrastructure. We emphatically believe engaging with our residents will foster greater community pride and collective unity. Part of that engagement includes engaging with homeowners to improve and enhance the housing stock and thereby help foster strong and prosperous neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to utilize the Property Maintenance Code and Keep Copley Beautiful initiatives to help protect and restore our neighborhoods. We must also do our part to plan for future generations. A great deal of attention has been given to strategic planning initiatives as this becomes the foundation for an equitable community. Zoning Permits and Resolutions are instrumental in sound land planning. Additionally, Copley supports a Comprehensive Land Use Plan which guides the Township on strategic land-use decisions.

How Can We Help?

BUSINESS RECRUITMENT AND EXPANSION (BRE)

As part of an ongoing effort to assist in keeping Copley businesses competitive, the Community & Economic Development Department administers a Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Plan. The BRE is the foundation of effective economic development and often includes onsite business visitations. The Department's BRE focuses on finding

ways to help businesses overcome regulatory obstacles or working to find solutions to assist with site relocation or business expansion.

We also focus on recruiting and showcasing what a great place Copley is to invest in. We encourage prospective businesses to reach out to understand what land and commercial space is for sale or vacant throughout the Township. Connecting new businesses with the right people within the community can spring success and promotion, which we also take great pride in with our ribbon-cutting ceremonies offered to every new business (photo).

Whether you are an existing business or looking to locate in Copley, we pride ourselves on keeping strong relationships with our state and local partners who assist with permitting, grants, and incentives. With so many different agencies and opportunities available to businesses - the information can be overwhelming, and that's where we are happy to help sift through what fits best for you and your specific situation. Questions related to BRE should be directed to our Director, Loudan Klein.

ZONING PERMITS

Looking to break ground? Residential and commercial improvements are handled by our Zoning Inspector and more information can be found on the "Start and Project" page of our website. There you will find step-by-step instructions on regulations, what you need to submit, and how to get approved! For residential - whether you are installing a pool, building a home, or adding a deck, the process is easy and can be done all online. Commercial projects are subject to more review depending upon the degree of work, the "Start a Project"

page outlines minor, modified, and major site plan requirements that commercial projects are categorized by. Questions related to Zoning Permits, should be directed to our Zoning Inspector, Shawna Gfroerer.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The purpose of the Property Maintenance Code is to protect the public health, safety, public convenience, comfort, prosperity, or general welfare as it pertains to areas, premises, and buildings used for residential, commercial, industrial, travel, and public purposes. Residents are able to report property maintenance complaints online through our website.

Copley is committed to providing a safe environment for all residents. The Department of Community & Economic Development is charged with identifying and removing blighted structures for the goal of creating safe environments in all areas of the Township. Revitalization efforts are geared towards the repurposing of blighted land to assist with stormwater management, recreation, and much more!

The Property Maintenance Code itself can be found on our website, and any questions related to the code itself or to file a complaint can be directed through our Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Newman.



NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS

The Neighborhood Master Plan, developed through our Comprehensive Land Use Plan is designed to identify and explore the many unique and charming neighborhoods within Copley. While neighborhoods consist of different home styles and development patterns, each neighborhood inherently has passionate individuals with intimate knowledge of strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for their area. The Community & Economic Development Department is committed to being the conduit and assisting the local residents to bring about the change they wish to see. Residents are encouraged to volunteer as Ambassadors in each neighborhood. To become an ambassador, please contact our Director, Loudan Klein.



BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Residential and commercial construction, as well as strategic land use decisions are guided by three boards and commission here in Copley. The Architectural Review Board is charged with design review of all new construction, changes, and additions to commercial, industrial and multi-family projects including signage. The Board is authorized and directed to provide an advisory review to the Zoning Inspector. The Board of Zoning Appeals or BZA consists of five residents appointed by the Copley Township Board of Trustees tasked with holding public hearings related to: change or extension of a non-conforming use, conditional uses, variances, and administrative appeals. The Zoning Commission, also a five resident appointed commission by the Copley Township Board of Trustees was established for the purpose of developing and maintaining a plan regulating land use within the Township. This plan, set forth both in texts and maps, indicates permitted and prohibited uses of all land within the Township. Actions of the Zoning Commission are subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. All Township Boards and Commissions have staggered terms, and quite often vacancies are available. To learn more about any of the Boards or Commissions or to see if there are any available vacancies, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Clarissa Hunt.



TREE CITY USA®

GET INVOLVED! ARBOR DAY!

Copley Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA for three consecutive years and to support that designation we take great pride in celebrating Arbor Day! Celebrated annually on the last Friday of April, Copley will support activities and events which usually involve tree giveaways, kid's activities, and education on how to contribute to our tree canopy restoration. To get involved, or to hear more about upcoming efforts, please contact our Administrative Assistant, Clarissa Hunt.



CED STAFF



"We take great pride in what we do here in the Department of Community and Economic Development - we have the opportunity to work in a great community that supports mindful growth, but also ensures protection of its natural areas, and with that, created a sustainable place to raise a family or start a business!"



Loudan Klein
Director of Community &
Economic Development

Loudan Klein, Director of Community & Economic Development. Mr. Klein oversees and coordinates all residential, commercial, and industrial development activities within the Township which facilitates tax base growth, provides new job opportunities, and maintains the community's reputation as being a great place to live, work and do business.

Shawna Gfroerer, MPA, Zoning Inspector. Ms. Gfroerer serves as the Zoning Inspector supporting the overall operations of the zoning & permitting process for the Township. As part of her responsibilities, Ms. Gfroerer is the Department liaison for the Architectural Review Board, Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission.

Jeff Newman, Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Jeff Newman serves as the Township's Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Newman reviews concerns and complaints by performing on-site investigations. Mr. Newman is tasked with ensuring structures are structurally safe and properties are free from nuisance and blight affects.

Clarissa Hunt, Administrative Assistant. As the Administrative Assistant for the Department of Community & Economic Development, Ms. Hunt assists the Director, the Zoning Inspector and the Code Enforcement Officer as well as serves as a liaison for the various events, activities, programs and business celebration

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC)

The Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) is designed to advance, encourage, and promote the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Copley Township. The CIC functions as a not-for-profit and has all the powers granted a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 1702 and 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Copley Township Board of Trustees have officially designated the CIC as the Township's agency for economic development per Chapter 1724 of the Ohio Revised Code. Guided by a 10-person Board of Directors, the CIC is focused on revitalizing undeveloped or underutilized land throughout the community and supporting local businesses through its Annual Matching Grant Program. To learn more about the CIC, please contact the Executive Director, Loudan Klein.



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If you have ever telephoned Copley Town Hall, these are the very first words you may have heard – live and in person – from our Receptionist, Beth Siddall. Focused on providing solutions and answers to a whole variety of questions, Beth is a wealth of information who has, really, never met a stranger! From directing your calls to greeting Township visitors, Beth is your first link to an entire network of Administrative Staff here to serve you!



Social Media Content Manager

Beth works closely with our Social Media Content Manager, Sue Mack, in getting the word out about all the happenings in Copley Township. Sue's gift with technology provides a digital link to Township services as well as providing links to County and State agencies. You can sign-up on the website to receive notifications of meetings scheduled with the Board of Trustees and Zoning Boards, view past meetings, and find answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. The Township has a presence on Face Book, Twitter, Instagram and Linked-In where current events and activities are highlighted. Residents can receive emergency notifications through NIXLE - a reverse information system that provides news on weather alerts, road closures and other crisis situations.

Human Resource Manager

Rounding out the Administrative Team is our Human Resource Manager, Selma Muller. In addition to taking care of our 100+ employees with their wage and benefit needs, Selma is also responsible for the Township's document management system, our employee wellness program and for procuring office supplies. As we all know, the success of any organization is directly related to the efficiency of those who take care of the administrative tasks – to that end, Selma is critical to the Township's ability to provide the unparalleled services our residents and business owners have come to appreciate.

General Information

For additional information on how you can sign up on our website, social media platforms and NIXLE account, or if you have a question related to anything "Township", feel free to give us a call! You will find a group of dedicated individuals ready to answer your requests and provide solutions to your concerns!

SERVICE

The Service Department is tasked with maintaining all Township-owned buildings and their properties along with all dedicated Township road right-of-ways. With a crew of nine full-time professionals possessing a variety of skills, the Service Department cares for our 80-acre Community Park, Copley Circle and three cemeteries while maintaining all Township buildings - Copley Town Hall, Fire Station #1, Old Fire Station #2, Service Department garages, the Police Station, the Community Park maintenance building, equipment storage facilities, the salt storage building, the Historical Depot, and ACY Caboose. In addition, the Township preserves 61.715 miles of Township roads ensuring safe and secure passage in any and all types of weather conditions.

The Service Department is also responsible for maintaining the Copley Township Recycle Center located at 1280 Sunset Drive, next to the Copley Police Department. The Copley Township Recycle Center was made possible by using Community Recycling Access Grant (CRAG) funding from Summit Reworks, the solid waste management authority for Summit County. The facility opened in August 2012 and was built to give residents a way to recycle if they have no other means to do so and one doesn't have to be a Copley resident to use it.

The Recycle Center, is open on Thursdays from 3PM to 7PM and Friday and Saturday from 9AM to 1PM. Our



Recycle Center Monitors, Paul "Andy" Schlegel and Dennis Jebber, are at the center to inspect all recycles in order to prevent trash contamination.

There are three recycle containers; Commingle Container, Aluminum Cans Container and the Paper/Cardboard Container. Due to changes in the recycling industry worldwide, our accepted item list has changed. To view the entire list of accepted items, please visit our website at: www.copley.oh.us or call the Copley Service Department at 330-666-0365. There are guidance signs and flyers available on site to help users deposit their recycling items into the correct containers. Please take a flyer home for future reference.

Welcome Greg Tracy

Mr. Greg Tracy joined Copley Township as the new Service Director/Road Superintendent. His first day on the job was December 29, 2021. Mr. Tracy comes to us from the City of Barberton where he served as the Director of Public Service. He has ten years of experience in public service and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from The Ohio State University.

Greg currently holds multiple certificates with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, possesses a Class A CDL, a Commercial Applicator Pesticide License, and is currently the Chairman for the Community University Education (CUE).

Greg spends most of his free time with his family, enjoying the outdoors visiting many area parks including Copley Community Park as well as the Summit MetroParks. He enjoys hiking, running, swimming, and wood working. Greg also is active as a volunteer, working with Smiles Are Forever, a non-profit for pediatric cancer, where he is involved with fundraising events to raise money for children with cancer.

If you see Greg out and about in the township, please welcome him to our family!



FIRE

The Copley Fire Department will work together to provide superior service to Copley Township citizens and businesses through comprehensive risk management and safe, efficient, and effective response. Copley Fire Department Mission Statement

Established as a volunteer fire department in 1937, the Copley Fire Department is a well-equipped, professionally staffed operation. The department is made up of full and part-time personnel working around the clock to provide Fire, Rescue, EMS, and Prevention services to Copley Township and surrounding communities.

Copley Fire Department staffs and operates two fire stations 24/7. Station Number 1 serves as the headquarters for the department. Located at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road, the operations section resides in the lower level of the Town Hall. Fire Administration offices are located on the main floor. Station Number 2 is located at 4570 Medina Road, on Stony Hill, just west of the Montrose commercial area. This station is jointly operated by both Copley and Bath Township Fire Departments. This relationship started over 25 years ago and has saved millions of dollars for both townships while providing a second fire station location for both communities.



Station #2

As an EMS pioneer, the Copley Fire Department established EMS in Copley beginning in 1974, with the first Paramedics graduating in 1976. From its humble beginning using a 1968 Chevy van, the department now provides modern, high-tech rescue and emergency medical services. Under the medical direction of Doctor Andrew Yocum, the Copley Township Fire Department employs highly trained Paramedics who use an aggressive medical protocol and state-of-the-art equipment to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) to Copley residents.

Consistent with the mission, Copley Fire Department trains and prepares for response to all hazards, including Fire, Rescue, and EMS. Utilizing an apparatus fleet of 3 Fire Engines, 3 ALS Ambulances, 1 Ladder Truck, 1 Water Tanker, and 1 Brush Truck, Copley Fire Department responds to approximately 3,000 calls for service annually. In addition to maintaining a constant readiness to respond, Copley Fire Department incorporates robust Risk Management activities deployed under the Prevention program.

An integral part of any public safety program is Prevention. This simple yet powerful approach involves the whole community as stakeholders. Together, the Fire Department, business owners, and residents of Copley collaborate through programs including Fire Safety Inspections, Child Car Seat Installations, Residential Knox Box Program, and Fire Safety Training. Copley Fire Department also empowers the public by providing Fire Extinguisher Training, First Aid, and CPR Classes. This synergistic relationship makes Copley Township a safe and enjoyable place to work and live.

For questions or information on how Copley Fire Department can help you, please call 330-666-6464.

POLICE

Copley Township is the ninth largest community in Summit County by population. There are 18,403 residents and 6,900 housing units. The Police Department has 30 Officers and one Police K-9 Officer that patrol the community. You can reach us by dialing 9-1-1 if you have an emergency, 330-666-8866 for all non-emergency police calls and 330-666-4218 if you wish to reach the business office.

The Copley Police Department offers a variety of programs and policing initiatives to the community.

- DARE – includes lessons to students on drug use and misuse, personal safety and decision making
- Safety Town – which brings instruction to kindergarten aged children, concentrating on traffic safety, calling 9-1-1 and skills to avoid stranger danger
- Vacation house checks – you can have peace of mind that we are making sure your home is safe and secure while you are out of town
- Senior Citizen Watch Program is a way for us to check on seniors daily if needed
- School Resource Officers are in the Copley schools to enhance school safety

Our annual community events include the Annual Bike Rodeo and Halloween in the Park, which are two events

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for the children to interact with our Police Officers in a positive way while having fun. There is also Share a Christmas and Christmas with a Cop, these two events help our officers provide a Christmas to families in need. Coffee with a Cop is a monthly program held at Chick-fil-A in Montrose where citizens can meet Copley Officers and ask questions or just enjoy conversation.

The department's Police K-9 Officer is named Chip! Chip is trained in narcotics detention, criminal apprehension, tracking, obedience, article search and is always ready to protect his partner from attacks. He is a valuable member of the Copley Police Department and is on duty to help protect you, your family and our community businesses.

Copley Police Officers also participate in several regional law enforcement efforts. We participate in Metro Swat, Summit County Drug Unit, Onset Task Force, Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force and the multi-jurisdictional Mobile Field Force Unit.

We are a very busy Police Department working hard to continue making Copley Township a safe community for everyone. If you have any questions or would like more information on how Copley Police Department can help you, please call 330-666-4218.



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FROM THE COVER...

In 2019, the Community and Economic Development Department collaborated with volunteer architects, Marty Caruso and Kelly McPherson, to design a prototype for future gateway signs for the Township. The result?? This one-of-a-kind welcome to Copley Township constructed at the western border of the Township at the intersection of Route 18 and Medina Line Road. This new sign was constructed and landscaped through a collaborative effort between the Township, the Copley Community Improvement Corporation and the Copley Chamber of Commerce.

Next in line, the Town Hall sign was replaced with a similarly constructed sign and landscaping...this time adding lights. Most recently, the eastern border has been enhanced and identified with the Township's third gateway sign welcoming all to Copley Township as they travel from the City of Akron. All together, the plan calls for 10 gateway signs throughout the Township to help visitors - and even our own business owners and residents - to identify when they are within the limits of Copley Township.



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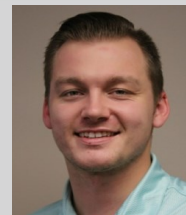
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History of Ohio Townships

The Pilgrim fathers brought the township form of government to America in 1620. This unit of local government eventually spread as far west as the Rocky Mountains. Today, it is found in 22 states, known as the town or township.

In Ohio, the township predates our state government. The townships' size and shape were determined by the Congressional Acts, which established the various land grants. As the Ohio territory became populated, it was only natural that the surveyed townships should become the basic unit of local government.

In 1804, the elected officials of a township consisted of three trustees, a clerk, two overseers of the poor and a sufficient number of highway supervisors, in addition to justices of the peace and constables. A township treasurer and assessor were later added. In the early years of statehood, Ohio township government cared for the poor, maintained the roads and preserved the peace.

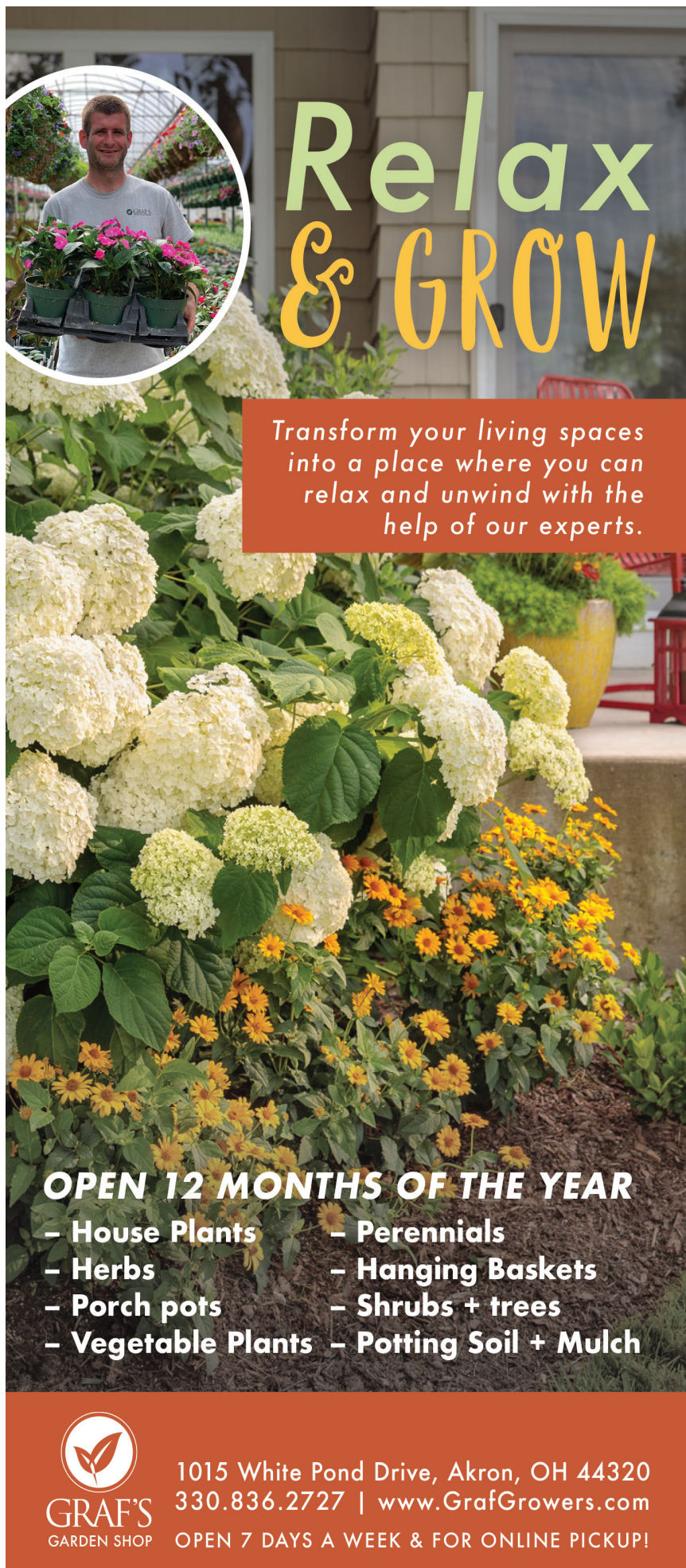
Today, just as in 1804, the township is a political subdivision of the state. To keep pace with the demands of changing times, the functions, duties and obligations of the township have changed over the years. Demands for increased or different services have prompted the state legislature to grant Ohio's 1,308 townships the authority to fulfill these changing needs.

Three trustees and a fiscal officer, each elected to a four-year term, administer our townships today. In addition, some townships now appoint a township administrator, whose duties are defined by the individual township. The township administrator typically helps plan, coordinate and implement township goals.

Elected officials fill their roles on a part-time basis; however, their intimate knowledge of their community, its needs and its citizens enables them to offer more personal service than any other unit of government.

Townships today are responsible for fire and police protection, parks and recreation, zoning, cemeteries, waste disposal, maintaining roads and more.

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VOLUNTEERS

COPLEY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS - "Where Things Get Solved...When you Get Involved"

Looking for a way to get involved with your community? A core group of volunteers living and working in Copley have the answer!



The Copley Township Volunteer group meets quarterly at Copley Town Hall on March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st, 2022 and will schedule additional meetings as needed. The Town Hall is located at 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road. Plans are getting underway for the Arbor Day Festivities. Arbor Day is celebrated annually in Copley Township the last weekend in April. Volunteers are needed to assist with tree distribution, tree plantings and Arbor Day Celebration activities. To volunteer or learn more about Arbor Day in Copley, please contact Loudan Klein, lklein@copley.oh.us or visit <https://www.copley.oh.us/297/Programs>.

Offer your time, energy, ideas and love for Copley Township to the Copley Community Volunteers! So far, the group has identified three core areas of concentration: supporting community events, beautification of the Township and fundraising. Join us to create strategies to accomplish all three and sign up for those areas that interest you most! There is no time commitment - volunteer as little or as much as your schedule allows! You'll meet some who have been dedicating their time to the community for years and others who are new to the group. Regardless, you'll be helping to create a sense of community with others who share your vision and passion for Copley Township.

The volunteer opportunities are endless. Whether you have an hour or weeks, there are many special events in Copley throughout the year and it takes many people to be successful. Some of the events include the Copley Car Show, Copley Heritage Days, Halloween in the Park, and Copley Clean-Up Day. There are also many organizations in the Copley Community such as the Neighborhood Ambassadors, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), the Copley Outreach Center, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 473, Copley Bandstand Committee, Copley Historical Society and Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club. For more information please call Beth Siddall, 330-666-1853.

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on staff in the district to provide support and services at every grade level.

Academics: Copley-Fairlawn offers high quality academics to prepare our learners for life beyond the classroom. Teachers are supported by educational assistants and specialists in reading, guidance, art, music, gifted education, physical education and intramural sports. Throughout the district, psychologists, speech-language pathologists and tutors work with students to support their learning needs.

Four Cities Compact: As a member of the Four Cities Joint Vocational Compact with Barberton, Norton and Wadsworth City Schools, students have access to a variety of career technical programs where they can receive college credit, learn hands-on skills and earn industry credentials.

Extracurriculars: Athletics and extracurricular activities are offered throughout the district to meet all interests and abilities, from Pep Band, Quiz Bowl and Spirit Club to Cyber Patriot and Science Olympiad. With 15 clubs and activities offered at Copley High School and 10 offered at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Even our youngest students have fun options to choose from, such as Gardening Club and Jump Rope Team in our elementary schools! Our athletic teams have won Suburban League titles in football, boys basketball and boys soccer. Swimming, gymnastics, boys track and girls track teams each had members qualify for the Ohio state tournament.



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Vice President, Board of Education
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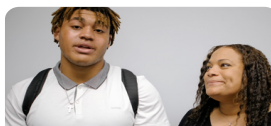
Tracy Faith

Counselor, Copley-Fairlawn Middle School
"Everyone has a place here!"



Eric Smith

Principal, Copley High School
"Our district is an eclectic mix of human beings – there are 30 native languages spoken in students' homes."



Landon and Patrice Robinson

Class of 2021
"Copley is inclusive: of ethnic backgrounds, families and programs."

COPLEY-FAIRLAWN BY THE NUMBERS:

Average ACT Score: 22

Students continuing their education in college: 81.1%

High school graduation rate: 93.7%

Graduating Class approximate size: 230

AP classes offered: 18

District-wide student technology ratio: 1:1

Athletics teams offered through the Suburban League:

- 55 high school
- 20 middle school

Extracurricular activities and clubs offered:

- 15 in the high school
- 10 in the middle school
- 18 in our elementary schools

Copley Cares Outreach Program provides student meals through the week, weekends and school breaks for children in need.

Food Services serves approximately 30,000 meals during the school year.

Transportation Services safely delivers approximately 2,200 students to and from school annually.

Three new school buses were recently added to the fleet.

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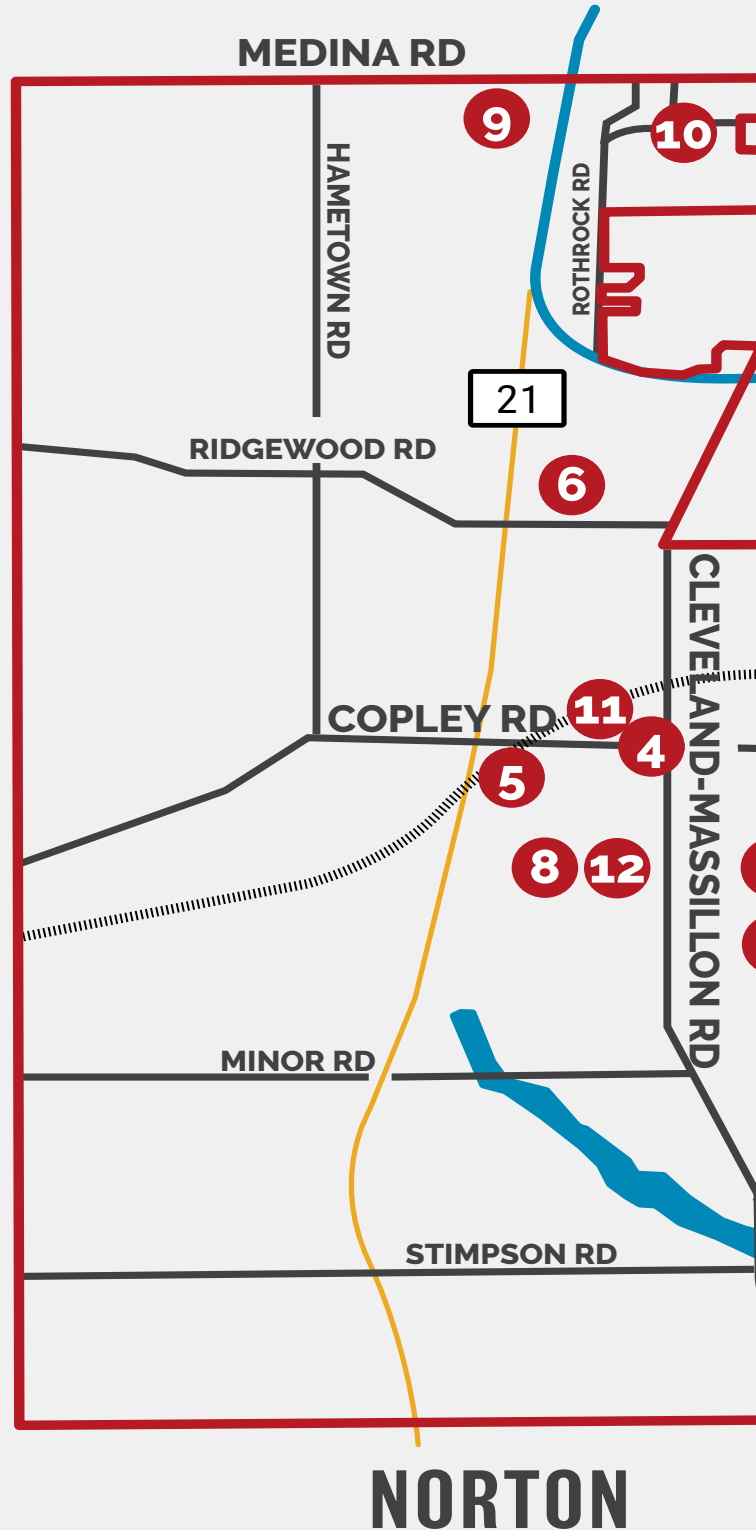
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- 2** BARBERTON RESERVOIR
- 3** COMMUNITY PARK
- 4** COPLEY CIRCLE
- 5** COPLEY DEPOT
- 6** COPLEY HIGH SCHOOL
- 7** COPLEY-FAIRLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 8** FIRE DEPARTMENT No 1
- 9** FIRE DEPARTMENT No 2
- 10** MONTROSE COMMERCIAL AREA
- 11** POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 12** TOWN HALL
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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At the Town Hall, we have to plan ahead to make sure we are prepared to host a variety of activities throughout the year. So...here are some dates for you that you can put on your brand new calendar - color coded for FAMILY FUN!

Plenty of details will follow but these are some sure bets you can put on your calendar with no fear of needing to cross them out! Remember to check out our website at www.copley.oh.us for more events and to register to receive notices of Township meetings, news and current happenings! You can also receive notices of emergencies, road closings and Township advisories by signing up on the website or by texting your zip code to 888-777.

APRIL

16 Sweep the Streets! Litter Clean-Up

JUNE

4 Bike Rodeo

AUGUST

5 - 7 Heritage Days Celebration

SEPTEMBER

12-16 Brush Collection - East Side

19-23 Brush Collection - West Side

OCTOBER

1 Recycle Day

29 Halloween in the Park

30 Trick or Treat in Copley Township

NOVEMBER

14-22 Share A Christmas Interviews/
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Beginning in the month of October, Copley Township will be accepting monetary donations for the annual Share A Christmas Program. The COVID-19 virus has changed many things - including how we conduct this very important event. Due to safe distancing and other recommendations from the State and Summit County we accept donations in the form of cash, check, or gift cards ONLY. This program has helped hundreds of local families in years past

Your monetary donations will be given to local families we anticipate helping this year due to so many families being out of work and struggling. Checks can be made out to Copley Township Share A Christmas. All proceeds will be used to buy gift cards so parents may purchase the presents that are listed on the kids' wish lists.

Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis and the Outreach Center in Copley will continue to participate by providing for families in the area who have young ones, or school age children in the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. All donations will stay locally to help our neighbors.

Application forms for assistance are available online at www.copley.oh.us and at the front desk of Town Hall. For more information call Town Hall at 330-666-1853.



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Copley Outreach Center

The Copley Community Outreach Center is one of the only local community resource centers located in Copley Township. The Center is a faith based, volunteer driven food assistance center that has been in operation since 1995 under the support of the Copley United Methodist Church and Guardian Angels Catholic Church. In 1995, the two Churches converted a small single family dwelling located on the corner of S. Cleveland-Massillon Road and N. Sunnyfield Drive into an Emergency Food Pantry to meet the growing needs of residents in the Township and within the Copley-Fairlawn School District. Over the last twenty-six years, the Center has grown to provide resources for Utility to help prevent shut-offs, as well as emergency food assistance. These services are offered primarily to seniors and low income families. The Outreach Center has partnered with the Akron-Canton Food Bank to assist in food supply needs at a reduced rate.

In December of 2019, Mrs. Maryann Henry was appointed as the new Director of the Copley Outreach Center. Mrs. Henry has taken steps to continue to support all of the families in our community and our school district. The Center is now able to provide annual assistance to over 30 seniors in the community, 100 families and 165 students in the Copley-Fairlawn School District.

The Copley Community Outreach Center is fortunate to have the support of organizations including; The Copley United Methodist Church, Guardian Angels Church, The Copley Fairlawn School District, Copley Kiwanis, and Angels in Blue Jeans, supported by Guardian Angels.

Learn more about the Copley Outreach Center at <https://copleyoutreach.org>.



Scouts BSA Troop 382

Scouts BSA Troop 382 was founded in May of 1956 chartered by the Copley Grange and met in the Town Hall. Boy Scouts of America is an organization that provides a program through volunteer leaders that provides young people with the skills to make ethical choices and respect for others as well as our environment for their lifetime. It is a youth run organization with adult volunteers guiding the youth leaders through a program centered on outdoor skills and teamwork.

Troop 382 meets every Tuesday at Copley United Methodist Church at 1518 S. Cleveland Massillon Road Copley, Ohio from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The Troop can be reached at www.Troop382.com or at mfscouter@aol.com.

Gold Star Girl Scouts

If you were to line up every box of cookies sold by the Copley-Fairlawn Girl Scouts in 2021, the stretch of Thin Mints, Samoas, and Tagalongs would span over two-and-a-half miles. That's 14,170 feet of sugary goodness, to be exact! That's longer than the Hollywood Walk of Fame!

Here in Copley, our Girl Scouts are working hard to earn gold stars of their own. In the past three years, the Copley Fairlawn Girl Scout Service Unit is proud to have 7 girls earn their Girl Scout Gold Award. This award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Of course, the Girl Scouts don't stop at just cookies. Local troops dedicated countless hours of community service to the Girl Scout National Volunteer Project by cleaning up trails and donating to food banks and shelters. In addition, the Girl Scouts collected, cleaned, and sorted over 800 pounds of plastic which was eventually recycled and transformed into 8-foot benches. You can find these benches at Fort Island Elementary and St. Hilary School, ready to be enjoyed.



The Copley American Legion

The Copley American Legion, Frank Bender Post 473 was chartered by the National Legion Dec 12, 1933, and the Department (State of Ohio) Dec 22, 1933. Named for Copley resident, Benjamin Frank Bender. Frank was orphaned and raised by the Miksch family in Copley. He died of pneumonia and was buried in France during WW I. While organizing the creation of the Post, close friend and founding member of Post 473, Cecil Hopkins, suggested naming the Post after Frank.

The Copley American Legion Auxiliary Unit 473 was chartered by the National Auxiliary on April 30, 1937, and the Department (State of Ohio) on May 10, 1937. There were 24 original members, and now several second and third-generation active members. The American Legion's goals, mission, and activities are supported in a variety of ways though local charities by contributing time, spirit and money to support our veterans and community organizations.

Unit 473 organizes post dinners, get-togethers, and especially Memorial Day ceremonies and parades. Copley High School along with members of the Legion, administer the Americanism & Government testing. Students who place well in the statewide testing, may be awarded a trip to Washington DC, highlighting many Memorials, placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown, Gettysburg, and the 911 Memorial in Pennsylvania.

Family of Legion members are eligible for Auxiliary membership. Monthly meetings are on the first Wednesday at 10:30 am at the Post, 3255 Copley Road. Our motto is..."Service--not-self".

The Legion has a continuous record of community service to their members and local veterans since their charter was issued, organizing the annual time-honored commemorative

Memorial Day Parades and Ceremonies. In 2022, the Copley American Legion, Frank Bender Post 473 will hold the 90th consecutive ceremony.

Since the early 60s, the Legion has raised the flag at all Copley home football games. Most members are also active in a variety of Legion-related groups, local church and community organizations.

All who have worn the uniform, and were honorably discharged, are eligible and are included in the membership. The meetings are on the second Tuesday, 7:00 pm at the Post 3255 Copley Road.

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Copley Historical Society

The Copley Historical Society was formed in 1974 by area residents when it was discovered that the old AC&Y rail depot was to be destroyed. The saving, moving, and restoration of the Depot was the work of the Society.

Other projects include a Pioneer Memorial Marker located in Copley Cemetery, identification of century homes, taped interviews with older residents entitled, Copley Historical Society Memories Program, cataloging of newspaper clippings dating from the mid 1800's onward, return of the Copley Cannon (which was stolen twice), securing and restoring a 1947 railroad caboose and acquiring historic artifacts and objects.

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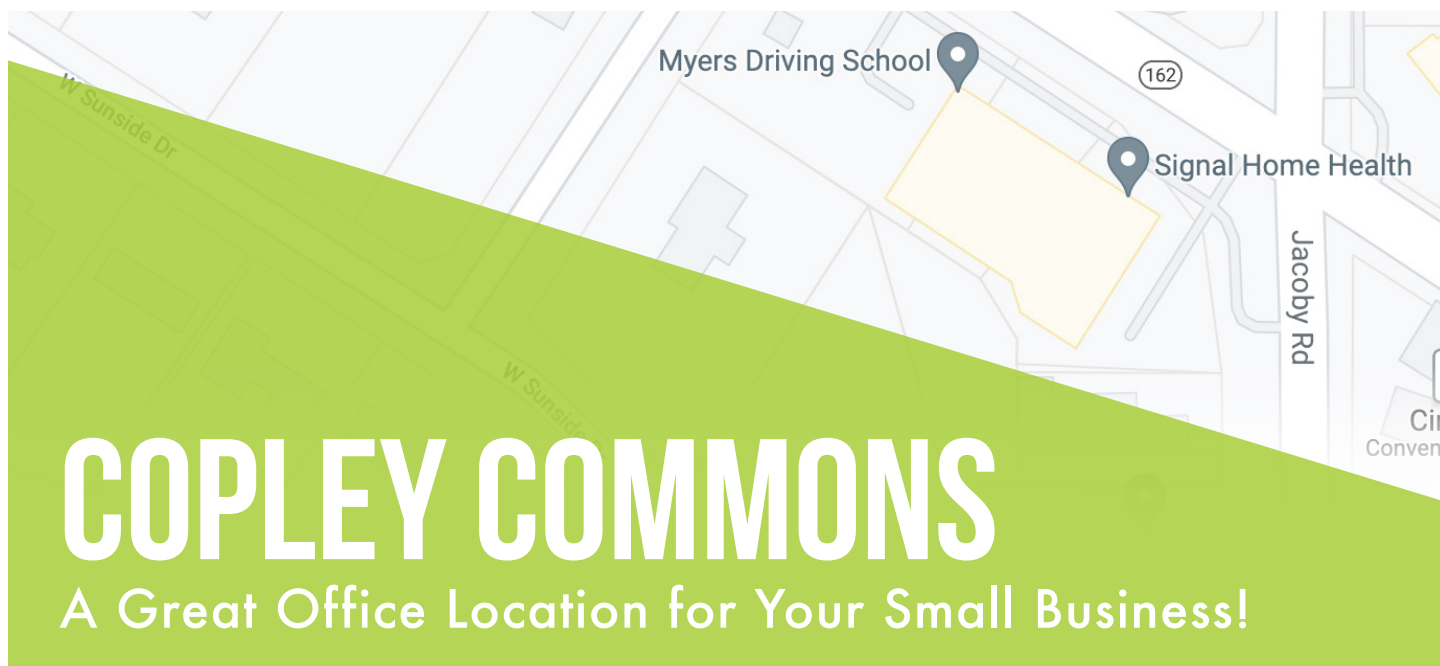
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