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## Calling All Volunteers!!

### NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADORS meet COPLEY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Copley's newest initiative to promote communication between the residents and the Township is the Neighborhood Ambassador program. The Township has identified 27 different neighborhoods - all with unique characteristics and challenges and all deserving of a direct line of communication with the Township. The Copley Community Volunteers group grew out of our Bicentennial committee and serves the Township by volunteering at community events and festivals. Together, their focus is on building relationships between each other and the Township and providing opportunities to enhance the quality of life and sense of community. This year, the group is looking to increase its representation to all 27 neighborhoods and to support community events like Arbor Day, the Copley Car Show, Heritage Days and CERT. The group meets quarterly to provide updates on Township events and to hear concerns or find out about issues in our Township. For more information, contact Janice Marshall at Town Hall at [jmarshall@copley.oh.us](mailto:jmarshall@copley.oh.us) or 330-666-1853.



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#### Save The Dates

Arbor Day Celebrations	
Apr. 29th & May 1	
Copley Car Show	
Copley Community Park	
Sunday, July 9, 2023	
Heritage Day Festival	
Copley Community Park	
August 4-6, 2023	

### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM CERT

What is CERT? How does CERT help the community?



Under the direction of local emergency responders, CERT teams help provide critical support by giving immediate assistance to victims, provide damage assessment information, and help organize other volunteers at a disaster site. Volunteers trained in CERT also offer a potential workforce for performing duties such as shelter support, crowd control, search and rescue, and evacuation.

This volunteer program trains citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in the communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can provide critical support to first responders. CERT members can also help with non-emergency projects that help improve community safety.

As a member of Copley CERT, you can help during disasters, participate in drills and exercises, and take additional training. CERT training takes 16 hours to complete and provides critical skills in emergency preparedness and response.

If you are interested in joining Copley CERT, you can call the Town Hall 330-666-1853 or go to [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) for an application.

Nixle ALERTS  
Text your zip code to 888777  
or register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

# Community & Economic Development

## Zoning Certificates

Summer is the time for home improvements and we are here to help. Zoning Certificates help to ensure land is being used appropriately, support positive property maintenance and protect home values. Visit <https://www.copleyoh.us/364/Start-A-Project> to get started on your next home improvement project.

Please note that properties located on septic and/or well must receive approval from the Summit County Public Health prior to receiving a Zoning Certificate.

<https://www.scph.org/sites/default/files/editor/WQ/BZ%20Application%202019%20Nov20.pdf>



Residents are also encouraged to contact the Department of Community & Economic Development for assistance prior to the start of any project!

330-666-0108 x 1108.

Resources available from the department include Plot Plans, historical permits, environmental data, service connections and much more.



## Summit County Agency Partners

Copley Township relies on the assistance of Summit County agencies regarding the review and authority of the permit process. For more information on Summit County agency partners visit:

**Summit County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
Pond Management, Drainage Concerns, Soil Information, Conservation <https://sswcd.summitoh.net/>

## Summit County Public Health

Water Quality, Septic/Well Inspections, Site & Soil Evaluations

<https://www.scph.org/water-quality/permitting-procedures>

## Summit County Planning-Department of Community & Economic Development

Lot Splits, Lot Consolidation, GIS Data, Addressing

<https://co.summitoh.net/committee-pages/Planning-GIS.html>

<https://data-summitgis.opendata.arcgis.com/>

## Summit County Building Standards

Building Permits, Floodplain Management

<https://co.summitoh.net/departments/Building-Standards.html>



# Code Enforcement

## Spring Cleaning

Is right around the corner; please keep in mind that it is a violation to have unsightly debris, or junk in your yard or around your property. Properties are expected to be kept free and clear of all weeds, or cut all such weeds and vegetation on land so they do not exceed eight (8) inches or more in length. Fallen leaves, branches, diseased plants, etc. should be collected and properly disposed of.

All buildings, and the exterior of all premises should be properly maintained so as to achieve an appearance characteristic to the neighborhood and to avoid blighted effects and hazardous conditions. Properly dispose of tires, vacated swimming pools, and other objects that retain standing water in order to reduce mosquito and other insects from nesting, which can create an increased nuisance.

Foundations, floors, walls, ceilings, and roofs of every structure shall be properly constructed and maintained, and shall be kept in good repair and in safe condition, so as to make all occupied rooms and other interior areas weather-tight, water-tight, rodent-proof, fit for human habitation, and kept so as not to adversely affect the neighborhood in which they are located. Junk, including Inoperable or Junk Motor Vehicles shall not be maintained on private property unless such vehicle, junk, is stored within a completely enclosed permanent structure. Enclosed permanent structures do not include tarps, tents, or temporary carports with canvas tops. Large metal containers, enclosed truck beds, shipping containers, and other similar items are not permitted to be used as an accessory building.

If you need help with your property or would like to report a violation, please email or call Copley Township's Code Enforcement Officer, Jeff Newman, at [jnewman@copley.oh.us](mailto:jnewman@copley.oh.us) or 330-666-0108.



# Heritage Day Events 2023

## Copley Chamber of Commerce NEWS

The Copley Community Chamber of Commerce will once again present one worthy resident with the Paul Janos Community Impact Award during Copley Heritage Days in 2023! To nominate a Copley resident who you believe has gone above and beyond to have a positive impact on the community, please contact Allison Chrien at [thecopleychamber@gmail.com](mailto:thecopleychamber@gmail.com). The nomination form is also available at [thecopleychamber.com](http://thecopleychamber.com) and [copleyheritageday.org](http://copleyheritageday.org).

In addition to Paul Janos Award nominations, the Copley Chamber is looking for volunteers to help run the Brighton Brewing Beer Tent during the main Saturday festivities of Heritage Day weekend, the Spirits of Copley event that same evening, and to ensure a smooth transition between the two. Contact Allison Chrien for more information on the different volunteer opportunities available and help make this year even better than the last!

## Inaugural Heritage Days Art Exhibition

We are excited to introduce the Copley Heritage Days Community Art Exhibition, a new event that celebrates the creativity and talent of the Copley community! This juried exhibition aims to showcase the work of local established and emerging artists while raising awareness for the importance of the arts in our community, and supporting the newly created Scholarship for the Arts.

Mark your calendars for the Call for Art, opening on April 15th, with the submission deadline of June 15th. The theme for this year's exhibition is "COMMUNITY". The exhibition will run from August 3rd to September 10th at Brighton Brewing Company and promises to be a vibrant and inspiring celebration of the arts in Copley. For more information, please visit <https://www.copleyheritageday.org>.

## Copley Heritage 5K!

The Copley Heritage 5K Race/1 Mile Walk heads into its second year, again kicking off Copley Heritage Days events! Copley Heritage 5K is Saturday, August 5 at 8:00 a.m.. The same great neighborhood course begins behind Copley Middle School and winds through the neighborhood west of Cleveland-Massillon Road. Proceeds from the race will benefit The Copley Outreach Center.

The 1 Mile Walk has been renamed in memory of Absolute Fitness Member and Community Friend, Danielle Easterly. "The Danielle Easterly Memorial Mile" is a free event giving race spectators, friends, and community an opportunity to come walk a mile in memory of Danielle or another loved one,

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# Service Department

## 2023 Road Program

Each year the township identifies roads that are in need of resurfacing. Road conditions are monitored throughout the year and many variables are considered when selecting roads for resurfacing. Resurfacing needs are identified and prioritized by assessing overall road conditions, where maintenance efforts are most concentrated, traffic volumes, type of traffic, proximity to other roads to be resurfaced, budget, current and future construction projects, etc.

The Township partners with the Summit County Engineer (SCE) for resurfacing projects. Working with SCE leads to a cost savings for the Township. SCE administers the bids for projects, provides engineering services, and provides an economy of scale advantage for Township projects.

This year the Township is performing concrete, asphalt, and chip seal resurfacing. The roads included in this year's road program are Heritage Woods Drive, Fairington Avenue, Devereux Drive, Ridge Crest Drive (South Hametown Road to Redfield Lane), Crusade Drive, Sunside Drive, Cliffside Drive, Denise Drive (Sunside Drive to Copley Road).

St. Clair Drive, Colby Drive, and Denise Drive (St. Clair to the Dead End) are listed as alternates and will only be resurfaced this year if project costs are on track to be completed below budget. The overall estimated cost for the pavement maintenance and resurfacing is approximately \$600,000.

## Spring is Here

Spring is a time for fresh starts and new beginnings. As we look forward to the end of the winter season and transition into spring now is the time to prepare for spring rains. Spring is an opportune time to clean gutters and downspouts, check your sump pump, and repair any leaks in roofs or foundations.

Surface waters are most often a nuisance when drainage systems are not working properly. Be sure that yard drains aren't covered by leaves, downspout and sump pump discharges are flowing away from structures, roadside drainage grates are clear of debris, and roadside ditches are flowing freely and unobstructed.

If your property has a drainage swale, ditch, creek, stream, or other natural watercourse confirm that those areas allow for the free and unrestricted flow of surface waters. This may require the removal of leaves, sticks, felled trees, etc. to ensure that surface waters can move downstream through their intended pathway.

Ohio follows the "Reasonable Use Doctrine". This ideology provides that no landowner shall unreasonably increase or

decrease the flow of surface water drainage onto adjoining lands, or unreasonably divert or alter the natural water course.

Regular maintenance like debris removal in a natural watercourse can have an overall positive impact on the flow of surface water.



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while doing a heart healthy activity.

Race cost is \$25. Runners will receive a race t-shirt, along with finisher swag. Age Group Prizes have been added this year too!

Have questions? Want to volunteer? Email Teresa Sroka [srokaciff@gmail.com](mailto:srokaciff@gmail.com)



# Police Department

## Safety Town 2023

The Copley Township Safety Forces will be conducting our annual Safety Town School this summer, which provides needed training for the kindergarten child.

Safety Town is a five-day summer educational program for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall. The children are provided instruction in a wide assortment of safety topics. A simulated village is used to teach children most important pedestrian and bicycle safety rules. The village is constructed of miniature buildings, streets, and traffic signals and signs. In addition, children view videos, listen to speakers from several different safety agencies, and check out a school bus. The serious subject of safety is combined with craft activities, songs, videos and lots of fun.

The 2023 Copley Safety Town School will be conducted Monday, June 5 - Friday, June 9, 2023 at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School, 1531 South Cleveland-Massillon Road. There will be two time sessions, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. and from 1:00 P.M. to 3:15 P.M. Parents are to pick the time session of their preference; however, the morning session does tend to reach capacity quickly. Typically, the afternoon class is a smaller class size (and usually less hectic!) Registration will be limited to the first 100 participants. Safety Town is open to children living in Copley Township or within the Copley-Fairlawn City School District who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. Students from Spring Garden Waldorf School that are not Copley residents may attend in the afternoon session. There are no exceptions

to this requirement due to space and equipment restrictions. Proof of residency may be requested. Fairlawn residents are encouraged to attend Fairlawn Safety Town.

You may register your child for Safety Town School by completing the registration form, that will be available after April 1st, on the Copley Township website, [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us), or in the lobby of the Copley Police Department and Copley Town Hall. Please email [safetytown@copley.oh.us](mailto:safetytown@copley.oh.us) if you have further questions.



# Fire Department

## Severe Weather Alert!!

It's that time of year once again...news alerts of severe weather flash across the screen, the tornado sirens go off and everyone thinks...is this for real? Should I be worried and take these warnings seriously? The answer? Yes...and here are some helpful tools to get you ready!

- Tornado warning signs include seeing a funnel cloud, hearing a loud roar and noticing a change in the sky color; lightning and hail are also common in tornado weather
- Best protective location is a safe room or shelter. Get to a sturdy building with a small, interior, windowless room at the lowest level – a basement is best
- Practice moving quickly to a protective location in the places where you spend a lot of time
- Be prepared for power outages by gathering supplies for each household member
- Take time now to safeguard critical documents and take pictures or videos of your belongings
- Go to <https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes> for more information.



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### **Motor Vehicle License Tax to Copley Township**

Please remember - when renewing your annual license plate/sticker, make sure you state you live in COPLEY TOWNSHIP so the Township rightly receives its portion of the license tax fee. Copley has six zip codes - Akron 44320, Akron 44333, Barberton 44203, Copley 44321, Norton 44203, and Wadsworth 44281. The registrar will write the city address name on your driver's license in the jurisdiction area unless you state you live in Copley Township!

## **Meeting Notes**

Regular Board of Trustees Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Please visit our website [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) for updated meeting times and special meetings.

Check our website for the Board of Zoning Appeals, Zoning Commission and Architectural Review Board Meeting Schedules.

All Meetings Are Open To The Public.



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### **Copley Township Telephone Numbers**

Emergency Police & Fire ..... 9-1-1  
Non Emerg. Police & Fire ..... 330-666-8866

#### **Administrative Offices**

Fire .....	330-666-6464
Police .....	330-666-4218
Service .....	330-666-0365
Community/Economic Dev .....	330-666-0108

#### **Trustees**

Jim Schulte	
Scott Dressler .....	330-666-1853
Bruce Koellner	

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Janice Marshall .....	330-666-1853
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#### **Fiscal Officer**

Linda Peiffer .....	330-666-1853
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