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Copley is located in Summit County, west of the City of Akron, south of Bath Township and the City of Fairlawn, north of the city of Norton and east of Medina County. The 2020 Census estimated our population at 18,403.

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

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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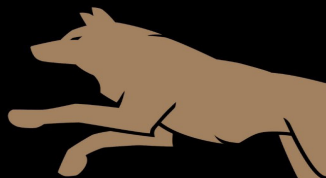
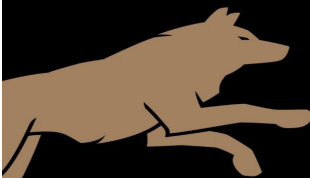


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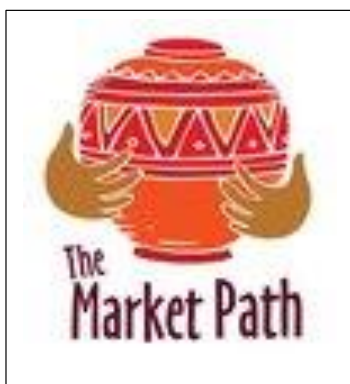
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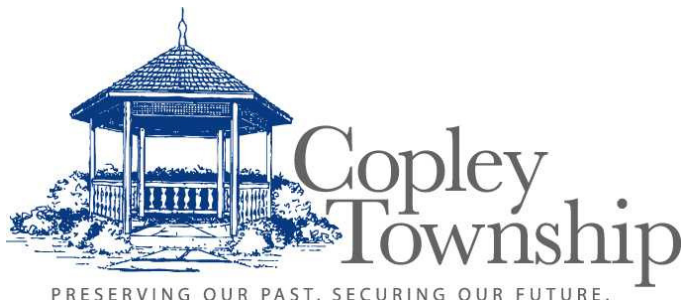
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# GREETINGS!



**JANICE L. MARSHALL**  
TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR



**G**reetings! Its a new year and we are proud to release our new edition of the Copley Township magazine. For the third year, we hope to provide a chance to learn something new about the Township and to offer some ways to participate in your community. This year, some of the featured articles focus on those community agencies that provide resources and options for our most vulnerable neighbors. The Township articles will provide updates on some of the projects we embarked upon in 2023 - some that were completed and some that are still underway. And we provide an inside look at what really provides the fuel for the machinations of the Township - the unsung heroes that keep things moving!

If recent events have taught us anything - both in our larger, more global society as well as our more intimate personal settings - it is that there is not just one story, but a gathering of all our stories that defines a place. We hope we have provided a varied representation of all that makes Copley Township home - an appreciation for the values of past generations along with excitement for progress and revitalization tempered with our long-standing commitment to take care of each other. From the entire Administrative staff, the Safety Forces and our Service personnel, welcome to the stories of Copley Township!

Settle in and enjoy the read...



# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Trustee Scott 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 logistics 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.

**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 four.

**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.

# ■ FISCAL OFFICE

*"As your Fiscal Officer, I am open to all public requests. Please feel free to send an email. No request is too small."*



**LINDA PEIFFER**  
Copley Township Fiscal Officer

The Ohio Revised Code establishes the duties and responsibilities of the Fiscal Officer. The Fiscal Officer is elected to a four-year term that commences on the first day of April following the election.

The Fiscal Officer has all the fiscal responsibilities of the Township including paying bills, payrolls and receiving revenue as it is distributed to the Township. In addition to the fiscal duties, she also maintains an accurate record of the proceedings of all the Board of Trustees meetings. She is the liaison between the County Fiscal Officer and the State of Ohio Auditor's office.

The Fiscal Officer also notifies the Board of Elections of all vacancies in the Township of elected officials. She also must notify the Board of Elections of all changes in the township's boundaries.

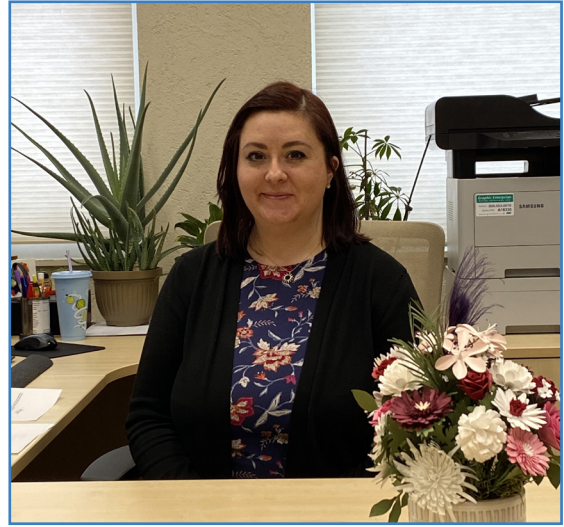
Linda Peiffer was appointed May 10, 2016 as Interim Fiscal Officer. Linda is a native of Atwater, Ohio and is currently a Copley resident. Linda attended the University of Colorado and John Carroll University where she studied Real Estate Management. Previously, Linda worked in the private sector in 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.





Janet Iverson has been employed in the Fiscal Office at Copley Township since February 2019 and performs a variety of tasks including Payroll, Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable. Janet has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She lives in Wadsworth with her husband and has two adult children. In her spare time, she enjoys crafting, cooking and her pets.



Megan is the newest addition to the Fiscal team, joining the Township in April 2023. Already she is having a positive impact filling a full-time position processing Accounts Payable. She is a quick learner with an uncanny ability to remain "cool" under pressure and will soon be assuming more tasks in the Fiscal Office. We look forward to a long tenure for Megan as she displays daily efficiency, diligence and capability.





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# ADMINISTRATION

You may be wondering just what makes the Township tick. How are the everyday initiatives completed? How do the major projects get done? Just who is dotting the "i"s and crossing the "t"s? Meet our Administrative Assistants - those individuals that work every day supporting their Department Heads and staff personnel... the glue that holds the operations together and the "go-to" resource for information. Every organization needs "that person"...the one that keeps everyone on track and organized...and Copley Township has a team of the best!



## Meet Keely Meissner

Keely started with the Copley Fire Department in September 2001. Coming from the City of Fairlawn where she worked in the Service Department, Keely brought valuable knowledge about working in the public sector. She quickly became a valuable resource for the Fire Department and today, she provides that wisdom and historical knowledge that comes with being a loyal and dedicated employee. Keely is the first point of contact for information and scheduling car seat checks, CPR classes, Knox-box installations - anything and everything Fire related! Around the office, Keely has quick wit and the kindest of dispositions - always available to help and support the fire safety forces and residents alike.

## Meet Sue Mack

Sue started with the Township in July 2004 as one of the two front desk Receptionists. It quickly became apparent that Sue has quite the knack for developing publications using her technical expertise and creative eye and is now the editor of the quarterly Copley Connection Newsletter and this annual Copley Magazine. In addition, Sue serves as the Township's Social Media Manager, responsible for all content on the Township's website and social media platforms. A long-time resident of Copley, Sue also serves as the coordinator for the Citizens' Emergency Response Team (CERT) and coordinates "Movie Night in the Park" events in the summertime. Her wealth of knowledge and willingness to get involved provides the foundation for many new Township initiatives.

## Meet Selma Muller

In August 2007, Selma began her employment with the Township as a part-time accounting clerk in the Fiscal Office. New to the public sector, Selma was exposed to a variety of administrative projects including payroll and record keeping. In January 2012, Selma became a full-time employee focusing on human resources and record retention. Today, as Human Resource Manager, Selma is also responsible for the Township's Wellness Programming, Document Management System, Bureau of Workman's Compensation reporting, and procurement of supplies. Equally important is Selma's role in supporting our employees with their health benefits providing information and connections to the proper resources. She has garnered the trust and respect from all and is able to provide that necessary peace of mind for each and every employee.



# ***You've reached Copley Township... how can we help you?***



## **Meet Beth Siddall**

Beth joined the Township in February 2016 as our front desk Receptionist and redefined the word "WELCOME". After just a few moments, her infectious personality will captivate you and you feel right at home! Her passion is in helping others and she will go out of her way to make sure their issues and concerns are addressed. Beth is the first link - and for many, the only link - to the Township and the importance of making it a positive experience cannot be overstated. Fortunately, Beth makes it her mission to gather great information and really, has never met a stranger! In addition, Beth provides administrative support for the Township Administrator and is the Township liaison to the Heritage Day Committee. Next time you call or stop by the Town Hall, make sure you say hello!



## **Meet Sheryl Deppisch**

In April 2016, Sheryl joined the Township as a part-time Administrative Assistant in the Police Department. Following the retirement of Sandy Bittner in 2021, Sheryl was able to assume her roll full-time. Clearly, the job requires the ability to multi-task, to maintain confidentiality, and to think on your feet. Sheryl manages all of that, keeps about 30 Police officers organized and assists those who call or stop in to the station. In addition, Sheryl helps to coordinate two community activities - Bike Rodeo, and Halloween in the Park - contributing to the positive relationship cultivated between the Police Department and our residents. Sheryl is an integral part of the department providing an administrative foundation for the officers and a helping hand to the residents.



## **Meet Clarissa Hunt**

Clarissa started with the Township in January 2019 in the Community and Economic Development Department. A fairly new concept in the Township, the department was, and in some ways still is, growing and finding its own identity. Clarissa has been instrumental in helping to develop the mission and focus of the department by coordinating and participating in community events such as the Arbor Day celebration, creating the department's web page on the Township's website and providing support for the Planning and Zoning Inspector and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer. You may meet Clarissa while applying for a building permit or seeking a Zoning Variance; She brings a wonderful sense of humor and conscientious expertise to her position making for a truly pleasant experience for all.



## **Meet Kristen Light**

The Service Department hired Kristen in May 2021 and has welcomed the professionalism and expertise she brings to the department. Kristen was quick to recognize the need for compassion and common sense while fielding issues and concerns and has carried on the tradition of "service" to our residents. While managing the Senior Snow Plow Program, ordering supplies and applying for Recycling grants, Kristen still keeps nine employees prepared and ready to tackle the myriad of jobs the department encounters. Her patience is limitless and her commitment to the tasks at hand unwavering.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION

A significant part of our mission to serve the citizens of Copley revolves around prevention. We call it Community Risk Reduction. In other words, we want to reduce the number and severity of emergencies before they happen. This effort takes on many forms through different venues. We engage the community through various services, including CPR, Public Education, and Outreach activities. Our CPR program is offered to all residents, businesses, and individuals who work within the township. Similarly, the Public Education program leverages established relationships with Copley Schools, Businesses, and Senior Living Facilities to reach kids, adults, and seniors with fire safety information. Our Public Outreach Program allows us to connect with the citizens. Much of our interaction with the public takes place on their worst day. We believe our relationship with you should start before that 911 call is made. By proactively connecting with our community, we improve communication and hopefully make someone's worst day not so bad. Below is a brief list of services that we provide.



### CPR Training

- Basic Life Support for healthcare providers
- Heart Saver certification (Bystander CPR Training)
- First Aid & AED (External Automated Defibrillator) training

### Public Education Activities

- Annual Safety Town Program for incoming kindergartners
- Four Cities Compact Fire Safety/EMT program
- Safety talks at local Independent / Senior Living and Nursing homes
- Fire Extinguisher training for businesses

### Outreach Activities

- Participation in neighborhood block parties
- Lead parades with a fire truck
- Participate in local events (Home Depot open house, Circle Lighting and Memorial Day events)

The Copley Fire Department Public Education, Outreach, and CPR programs are here to serve you. Our programs can be tailored to fit most requests. Some restrictions may apply. Please call us or use the QR code below if you have any questions or are interested in our programs.





*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



FF/Medic Matt Beck  
Community Events / PR



FF/Medic Andy Howell  
CPR and First Aid Training



FF/Medic Mike Marias  
Schools / Pub Ed

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

**COMMITTED TO OUR COMMUNITY**



**MICHAEL MIER**  
**POLICE CHIEF**

**Copley Township is the ninth largest community in Summit County. There are over 18,000 residents in Copley which, covers about 22 square miles, with about 6,900 housing units. Although townships are normally small and serve as the local government for rural areas in Ohio, Copley is one of Ohio's many urban townships. Copley Township is the largest township in the county, larger than all of Summit County's villages and larger than many of its cities.**

Copley Township has a good mixture of residential uses from the highly developed neighborhoods in the northern section of the township, where the lot sizes are typically one half acre in size, to the larger tracts of farm land and homes on large lots in the southern section of the township. Copley has a good mixture of single family homes, apartments, condominiums, and hotels. We also have a vibrant business community.

Copley Township police officers are highly trained and provide a high level of service to the various neighborhoods, businesses, and schools in our community. There are currently 33 police officers on the Copley Police Department. Most of our officers work in the uniform division, patrolling the community and responding to calls for service. Five officers are assigned to the detective bureau, and investigate a variety of criminal offenses.

The Copley Police Department participates in several regional law enforcement partnerships to save your tax dollars and provide the highest level of police service available. We participate in the Metro SWAT Team, Summit County Drug Unit, the Ohio Organized Crime ONSET Task Force, United States Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force, the Summit County Mobile Field Force Unit, and the Summit Metro Accident Investigation Team.

The Copley Police Department currently uses the dispatch services of the SWSCOM Communications Center. Early this year, the Copley Police Department will begin using the newly formed Summit Emergency Communications Center for all dispatching and related services. This consortium of several Summit County communities will save us money and provide the highest level of dispatching services in this area. Once on board, this communications center will provide dispatching to

nine Summit County communities. Dispatch centers represent a significant cost of all departments' budgets. Through sharing the cost of personnel and the expensive radio, telephone, 9-1-1 and ancillary equipment necessary to run a dispatch center, Copley Township will share these costs and save tax dollars.

Copley Police officers patrol your community in marked police cruisers, unmarked cars, bicycles, a motorcycle, two off-road vehicles, and on foot to provide you with the highest level of police service.

The department's K-9, "Chip", works daily with his handler on patrol. Chip is cross trained in tracking, article search, narcotics detection, and protection of his handler. Chip can not only track suspects who try to evade police detection, but can search for lost children and elderly persons who have become disoriented and have walked away from home or nursing facilities.

The Copley Police Department and the Copley-Fairlawn Schools have entered into a partnership to provide one School Resource Officer at each of our school buildings; the High School, Middle School, and Arrowhead Elementary. These SRO's provide building security and work with the staff and students to help maintain the safety of the learning environment.



If you watch police shows on television, you might have noticed that most highlight federal law enforcement agencies. The truth is, federal agencies have narrow law enforcement roles and only have jurisdiction in federal cases. The bulk of the police work takes place at the grass roots level by local police departments. Our officers receive hundreds of hours of in-service specialized training each year and have the expertise to investigate all criminal matters. More importantly, we serve you close to home. We are here to answer any questions you might have and to assist in a variety of matters.

The Copley Police Department offers numerous programs including; DARE, Senior Citizen Watch, Safety Town, Vacation House checks, as well as many others.

Should you have any questions about your safety, feel free to call. Officers are available to come to you to address your concerns. Please feel free to call the Police Chief, Michael Mier, at 330-666-4260. We would be happy to have an officer speak to your service group, neighborhood homeowner's association, or special interest group. Together, we can help keep Copley Township one of the safest communities in northeast Ohio in which to live, go to school, and work.



**Officer Caleb, Resource Officer  
Arrowhead School**

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# SERVICE DEPARTMENT

## New Location for Copley Recycle Center

The construction of the new safety facility is underway. The new police and fire facility will be located near the area of the existing recycle center facility on Sunset Dr. To make room for the new safety facility the recycle center is now located at 1540 S. Cleveland Massillon Rd. behind Town Hall. Users of the facility should enter using the south driveway (where the post office drop box is located) and proceed to the window in the white building on the left. The recycle center monitors will be located in the white building to guide users on how to dispose of their recyclables. The recycle center will be ready for use at the new location on January 4th, 2024.

All of the same items will be accepted and the hours will continue to be the same. Items allowable in the commingle container include #1 and #2 plastics; clear, brown, and green glass bottles and jars; steel or bimetal cans; and aseptic cartons only (orange juice, milk, half and half, etc.). Please ensure that all recyclables are thoroughly rinsed before disposing into the container. Aluminum cans are accepted in a separate container that is clearly labeled for aluminum can disposal.

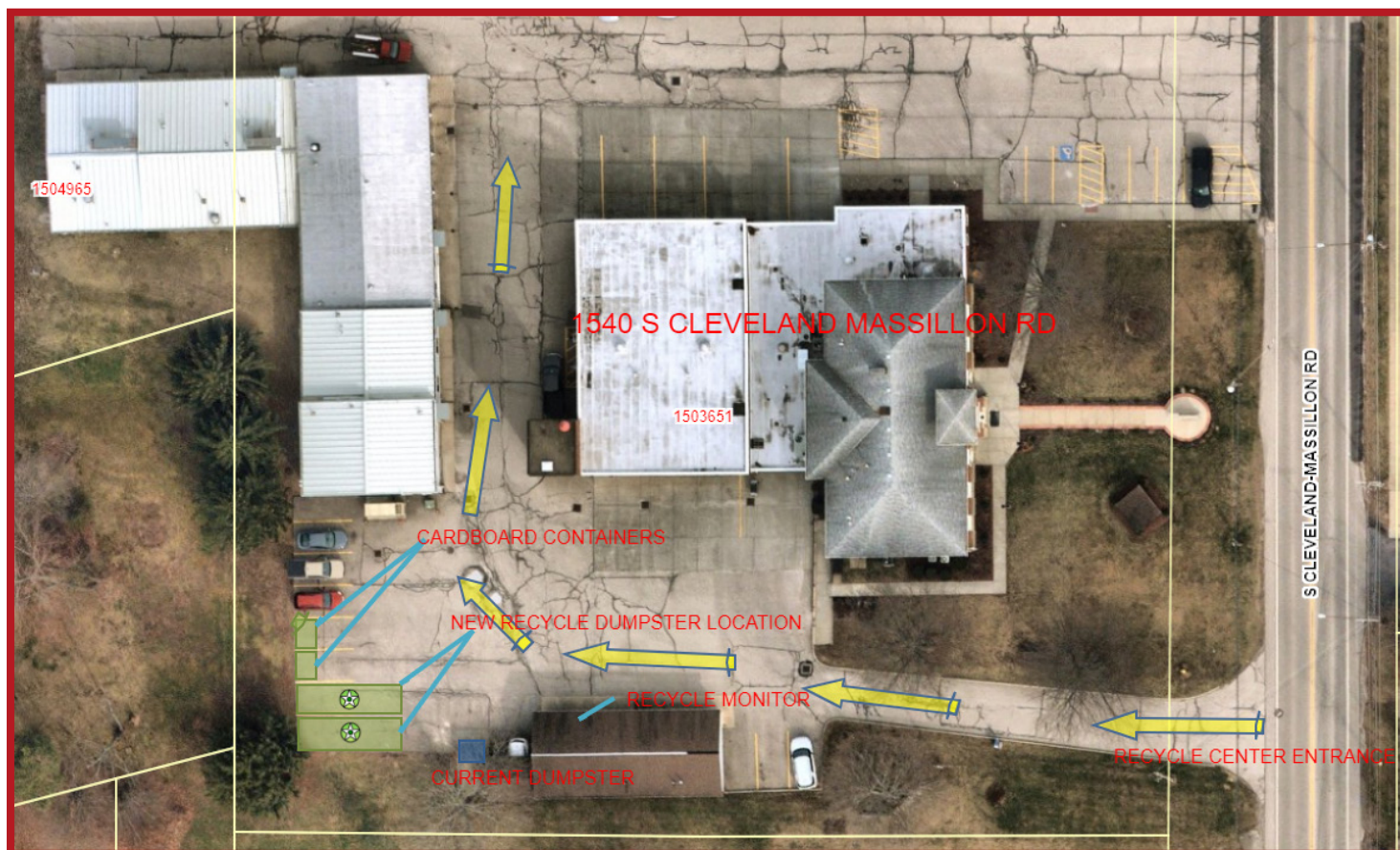
Paper, cardboard and electronic waste will also continue to be accepted at the new location. There are two containers for paper products. The paper recycling containers are used for newspapers, paper, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, chipboard/fiberboard (cereal, pop, and beer cartons), envelopes, phone books, and aseptic cartons. Please be sure to break down any cardboard boxes to ensure the most material can be deposited into the containers.

The electronic waste container can be used to dispose of electronics that have cords or use batteries. Items accepted in the electronics recycling bin include computers, modems, routers, servers, multimedia players, game consoles, stereos, cell phones, batteries, printer cables, wires, holiday lights, power adapters, computer monitors, tablets, ink/toner cartridges, and small flat screen televisions. If you have any questions if an item is recyclable e-waste, call the Service Department at 330-666-0365.

### Recycle Center Hours:

**Thursdays: 3:00PM – 7:00PM**

**Fridays and Saturdays: 9:00AM – 1:00PM**



## SNOW REMOVAL/MAILBOX DAMAGE

Occasionally mailboxes are damaged during snow removal efforts. However, a properly installed and maintained mailbox will withstand snow removal operations. It is important that mailboxes do not extend past the curb or road edge. Mailboxes that are improperly installed and extend out over the curb or road edge are at a higher risk of being damaged by a plow. It is also beneficial to periodically inspect the mailbox for deterioration of the construction materials. Rotted wood and corroded fasteners will decrease the likelihood that a mailbox can withstand being struck by snow as a plow driver clears the road.

Damage can occur from a direct plow strike, from throwing snow, and from other unrelated events. Mailboxes damaged by a direct plow strike will be repaired by the Township. Mailboxes damaged from the snow plow throwing snow from the road are the responsibility of the homeowner. Repairs to mailboxes struck by a plow will not occur until after the snow clearing operations are completed.



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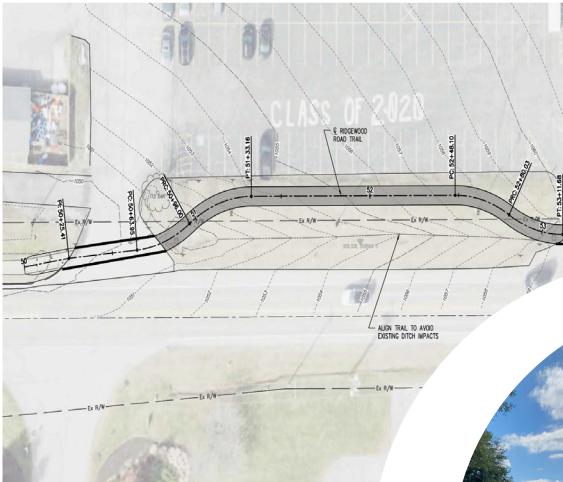
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# ■ COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CAPITAL INVESTMENT UPDATE



### RIDGEWOOD ROAD TRAIL

The proposed 1.2 mile trail along Ridgewood Road, connecting Hametown Road to Cleveland-Massillon is entering the detailed design phase. Over the last several months, township staff along with the project consultant, Environmental Design Group, have been working diligently with each property owner along the north side of Ridgewood Road to review alignments. Ridgewood Road is a challenging roadway given the curvature of the road, open-ditch drainage, and existing right-of-way constraints. The location of the trail along each property has to navigate those challenges

as well as utilities and specific concerns property owners may have. The alignment has been tweaked several times as new information comes to light. The next phase will be preparing the construction plans for the trail and developing an opinion of probable cost. The project's cost will be critical in determining if we can construct the entire segment or have to construct the project in phases. The project has received \$750,000 in state funding in addition to \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars on behalf of the township. The target is to complete the design this spring to put the project out to bid in 2024.

### GET INVOLVED ! ARBOR DAY!

Copley Township has been recognized as a Tree City USA for four consecutive years. To support that designation we take 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 (330-666-0108).



## PUBLIC PARKING LOT

The construction of the public parking lot along Copley road (south side of Copley Circle) was completed in the fall of 2023. The lot is accessed along Copley Road heading east from Cleveland-Massillon Road. A short access road takes you back to the 85-space lot. The lot is engineered with an underground detention system to maximize the parking area and contain stormwater on-site without impacting adjacent property owners. The lot will help serve the community for events at Copley Circle, as well as at Copley Middle School. The lot also benefits the number of local businesses around the circle that are limited by their current parking footprint. Future development around Copley Circle and the expansion of existing businesses will also see the benefit of public parking already available. The lot was funded by ARPA dollars on behalf of the township.

## COPLEY ROAD SEWER

Central sewer installation along Copley Road is currently in detailed design. The project limits stretch from State Route 21 east to Copley Circle. The second phase will begin at the east side of Copley Circle heading east another 3,000' along Copley Road. The remaining phase of the project will include the commercial intersection of Copley and Jacoby Road. This project is being managed by the Summit County Department of Sanitary Sewer and designed by Environmental Design Group. This will nearly complete the buildout of central sewer to Copley's commercial properties along Copley Road. The project is anticipated to complete design this year and begin construction later this year starting east of Copley Circle. Portions of the construction plans are currently under review by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

## CLEVELAND-MASSILLON ROAD SIDEWALK

In the fall of 2023, the township completed the reconstruction of nearly 700' of new 5' concrete sidewalk stretching from Copley Middle School to Copley Circle at the southeastern corner of Cleveland-Massillon Road and Copley Road. The existing sidewalk in this area was 3' and 4' in some locations and was constructed nearly 50 years ago.

The second phase would be on the north side of Copley Circle, on the west side of Cleveland-Massillon Road going north to the railroad crossing (Approximately 1,000'). This is currently in the design phase. Design should be completed in the spring of 2024 with construction targeted in 2024 as well. This project will ultimately connect at the northern terminus with the newly constructed Sunset Drive connection to Cleveland-Massillon Road just south of the railroad crossing. Sunset Drive is under construction as the new connecting roadway from Copley Road to Cleveland-Massillon Road to facilitate the Copley Safety Center. This roadway will have new sidewalks as well, increasing connectivity to these planned and constructed Cleveland-Massillon Sidewalks.



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# ■ JOINT POLICE AND FIRE FACILITY

## **COPLEY TOWNSHIP TO BUILD NEW JOINT POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY FACILITY**

In November 2022, the residents of Copley Township voted and approved a levy to fund the construction of a new facility to house the Township's Police and Fire Departments. The facility will be located off Sunset Drive and serve as the new shared base for all police, crime prevention, rescue, EMS and fire prevention services within the community.

As Copley Township has grown over the years, the need for additional Police Officers and Firefighter/Medics has also grown. Because of this, the current facilities are no longer able to meet current best practices for

modern safety forces operations. In addition, it has become a challenge to provide the level of protection and support the community has become accustomed to from these departments. With the new facility, the Township is moving forward with one of the most meaningful investments in our generation that will enrich our community in a trio of ways. It will bring Copley Township a modern joint fire and police department facility, an in-demand community center with outdoor features and green space, and an access road that will help rejuvenate the circle and expand our pedestrian network. In addition, the new Safety Facility will enhance

the work and lives of our public servants, providing a safer, more efficient environment in which our firefighters, EMS and police can continue their efforts to protect our community.

The plans are complete, the permits have been issued and now the construction begins with an anticipated date of completion in early 2025. Watch the progress through our website at [www.Copley.oh.us](http://www.Copley.oh.us) where we plan to chronicle the progress of this major project. Throughout, your safety forces will continue to serve your community with unparalleled efficiency and professionalism.





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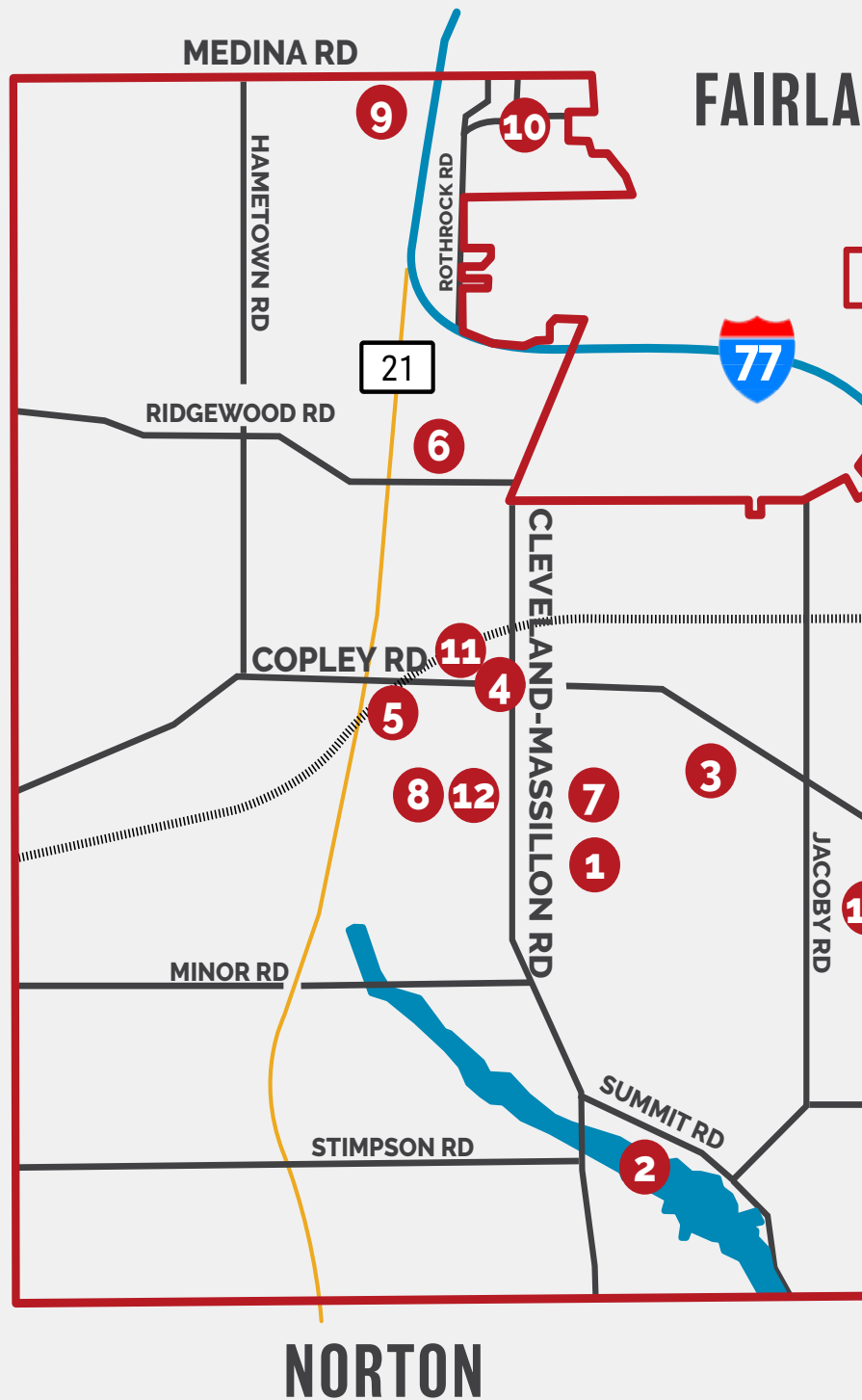
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- 1** ARROWHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL
- 2** BARBERTON RESERVOIR
- 3** COMMUNITY PARK
- 4** COPLEY CIRCLE
- 5** COPLEY DEPOT
- 6** COPLEY-FAIRLAWN HIGH SCHOOL
- 7** COPLEY-FAIRLAWN MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 8** FIRE DEPARTMENT No 1
- 9** FIRE DEPARTMENT No 2
- 10**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



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- 8** Total Eclipse of the Sun - Party in the Park
- 22** Sweep the Streets! Litter Clean-Up
- 28-29** Arbor Day Celebrations

## JUNE

- 1** Bike Rodeo

## JULY

- 14** Copley Car Show

## AUGUST

- 1 - 4** Heritage Days Celebration

## SEPTEMBER

- 9 - 13** Brush Collection - East Side
- 16 - 20** Brush Collection - West Side

## OCTOBER

- 5** Recycle Day
- 12** Shredding Day
- 26** Halloween in the Park
- 27** Trick or Treat in Copley Township

## NOVEMBER

- 6-20** Share A Christmas Interviews/Donations

## DECEMBER

- 1** Holiday Tree lighting

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# ■ COMMUNITY NEWS

## Copley United Methodist Church Free Store!

Copley UMC hosts a free store on the first Friday of the month. Persons in need of gently worn clothing or household items may drop in between 10:00AM and 2:00PM to browse through adult and children's clothing. No appointment is necessary. In January we will also be open on Saturday January 6 from 10 to 11:30 AM in hopes of finding people that can use our many coats!!

We are most grateful to the PTSA at the middle school and Girl Scouts of Copley-Fairlawn troop 90291 who held a "warm and woolly" warm clothing drive. They brought us several large bags of coats, hoodies, gloves, hats, and scarves as well as some boots. Because of this large donation we were able to send a large selection of warm scarves, gloves and hats to Harvest Home, an Akron Women's Shelter. There are often more women in need of shelter than they have room for, and when that happens, they can be given warm scarves, gloves and hats to get them through the cold weather.

Our purpose is to support the Outreach Center of Copley to ease the financial burden of families in the Copley-Fairlawn area. However we are open regardless of need.

We will again be accepting donations in February. You can bring them to the church on the first Friday of the month.

Thank you for all the support we have had.





## 2023 Paul Janos Community Impact Award

The recipient of the Paul Janos Community Impact Award for 2023 was presented to Maryann Henry, Director of the Copley Outreach Center.

Maryann assumed her position at the center in 2019 and has worked tirelessly to ensure the people of Copley Township have access to the support they need during the most unexpected and difficult of times. "Maryann has made a difference in the lives of others and has demonstrated exceptional commitment, dedication, and effort. Her quiet demeanor and endless passion for helping, offers those in need a lifeline, all while maintaining their dignity and self-esteem during their most vulnerable times."



Maryann Henry  
Director of the Copley Outreach Center

Please join us in thanking Maryann for the impact she has made on the Copley community!

And for more information about the Copley Outreach Center and how you can support their efforts, please visit [copleyoutreach.org](http://copleyoutreach.org).

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"Every gift was a treasure and has a special place in my heart and home. The tree painted by the child is in my window still."

"I love the blessing stone and the tips but, I mostly hold the Daily Blessings close to my heart."

"Your church is quite amazing too!" "Taking care of people you don't even know."

These are just a few of the comments we have received at Stage4 from individuals who have received one of our Comfort Bags. These notes warm our hearts and are so encouraging to us.

Stage4, a ministry of St. Luke's Anglican Church right here in Copley, ministers to those facing the devastating diagnosis of cancer by distributing Comfort Bags to 6 cancer treatment centers in the Akron/Medina area.

Pam Harris, of Sharon Center and her friend, the late Sherry Petryszyn, founded the group when they both received their Stage 4 cancer diagnosis. As they met to comfort each other and talk about living with cancer, they began making cards with inspiring messages of hope and encouragement. They then sold their cards in the café at St. Luke's. The cards sold out! Pam and Sherry decided to use the money to start making the Comfort Bags. This was back in May of 2021.



**St. Luke's Church Volunteers and Summa City Hospital Nursing Staff**

*Stage4 started as two friends with stage 4 cancer making cards around a table to thank people that had blessed them. It has grown far beyond what either of them ever expected.*



To date, Stage4 has now delivered close to 1000 Comfort Bags. The number of bags assembled each month is determined by the number of new chemotherapy patients entering area infusion centers for treatment. At times there is a request for over 50 bags a month.

The Comfort Bags are filled with helpful tips, inspirational messages, and practical gifts to those beginning their cancer treatment journey. The staff of local cancer infusion centers in our area then gives the bags out to new chemotherapy patients.

Many of the volunteers in our Stage4 group have been treated for the same cancers as those receiving the bags. Those volunteers desire to offer hope to the bag recipients, hope that there is life on the other side of cancer treatment and the knowledge that they are not alone. Others in our group are currently in cancer treatment. Stage4 provides a place where they can gather with people undergoing similar treatments.

And finally, there are those who will be in treatment for the rest of their lives. Stage4 gives everyone in these situations the ability to reach out with compassion to those beginning what can be a lonely and frightening journey.

Stage4 continues to grow! We are hoping to deliver Comfort Bags to even more cancer treatment centers in 2024. As a ministry of the church, the program is funded through St. Luke's as well as through community donations. Donations can be made online at [stlukesakron.net](http://stlukesakron.net). Stage4's "Sponsor-A-Bag" is a program where individuals can make a \$35.00 donation to cover the cost of 1 Comfort Bag.

As Stage4 grows, so does the need for volunteers. If you would like to join us in this exciting ministry, we meet at St. Luke's - Tuesday evenings: 6:30PM-8:30PM and Thursday mornings: 9:30AM-11:30AM. For more information about joining Stage4 as a volunteer, making a donation, or becoming a corporate sponsor, you may contact Pam Harris @ 330-620-0547 or St. Luke's Church office @ 330-665-2227.

You can also email us, [stage4ministry@gmail.com](mailto:stage4ministry@gmail.com) and visit us online [stage4ministry.com](http://stage4ministry.com).



### *Made with Love*

*Stage4 bags are hand-made by skilled volunteers. We put our hearts into every bag to ensure it is full of love before we put anything in it.*





# Chianti Idley

MUSIC & ART FOUNDATION

The Chianti Idley Music and Art Foundation was formed in memory of our daughter that was lost to suicide. Her love for the arts lives on as we fund private music and art lessons, provide scholarships to music and art majors, and by passing along donated instruments to students who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford them. Visit our website and help us by donating to a good cause.



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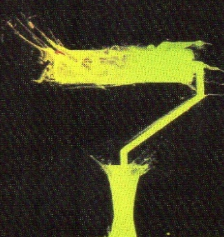


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# Building for the Future

Thanks to the support of our community, the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools have undertaken a major building and renovation project beginning with the 2023-2024 school year.

In November of 2022, our community supported and passed a \$50 million bond issue which will allow our school district to upgrade our facilities and improve the educational environment for students at all five of our buildings.

## These renovations include:

1. New Field House, bleachers and track at Copley High School stadium.
2. Upgrades and improvements to the cafeterias and kitchens at Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School.
3. Upgrades to the auditorium at Copley High School.
4. Creating a new front entrance at Copley High School.
5. Upgrades to the main office and counselors complex at Copley High School.
6. Upgraded bathrooms in all five of our school buildings.
7. New Turf Athletic Field and track at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School.
8. Connection to the city sewer at Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School.
9. District fencing project.
10. Locker room renovation at Copley High School and Copley-Fairlawn Middle School project.



## Copley-Fairlawn

## by the numbers

- Average ACT Score: 22
- Students continuing their education in college: 81.1%
- 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:
  - 40 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 120,000 meals during the school year.
- Transportation Services safely delivers approximately 2,200 students to and from school annually.

**5** schools

**2,830** students

**16:1** student-teacher ratio

**8** full-time counselors

**4** school psychologists

**4** licensed clinical counselors

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