

# Copley Connection



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## Save The Dates

Annual Recycle Day  
Copley Community Park  
October 5, 2024  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Document Shredding Day  
Copley Community Park  
October 12, 2024  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Halloween in the Park  
Saturday, October 26, 2024  
2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Trick Or Treat  
Copley Township  
Sunday, October 27, 2024  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Copley Circle Tree Lighting  
Copley Circle  
Sunday, December 1, 2024  
5:00 p.m.

Sign up for Copley Township ALERTS  
register at:  
<https://www.copley.oh.us/270/ReGroup-Alerts>

## Police and Fire Facility Completion Slated for Spring 2025

**I**n November 2023, Copley Township voters approved a property tax levy to support one of the largest and most important projects embarked on by the Township that will enrich our community in a trio of ways. The construction of the new joint Police and Fire Safety Facility is well underway...the floors are poured, the roof is on and the walls are taking shape. The new roadway connecting Cleveland Massillon to Copley Road has been constructed and the utilities are being extended before paving begins late this fall. The final segment of the project includes the renovation of the soon-to-be abandoned fire bays into a Community Room...and the creative juices are beginning to flow!

The concept of the Community Room is to provide a comfortable, modernized space for the residents, the community groups and others to meet and engage with one another featuring a kitchenette, restroom facilities and an outdoor patio area. The 1,767 square foot room can accommodate up to 72 people seated at 5' tables or up to 198 people in chairs only. Technology will be installed and available for the community to use for seminars and presentations and the kitchenette will allow for light beverages to be served. The Board of Trustees main goal, while considering options for the room, is to give back to the community by providing a place our residents can be proud of; one that reflects the spirit of the Township and is attractive and inviting to all.

The three aspects of the project are moving along as scheduled and completion is slated for Spring 2025. To follow along, sign on to the Township's website where drone videos and updates are available.



## Service Department

### Kiwanis Club and Copley Township Annual Recycle Day

USED TIRES, MOTOR OILS, E-WASTE,  
BATTERIES, LIGHT BULBS, & SCRAP METAL

Saturday, October 5, 2024 - 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Copley Community Park  
3232 Copley Road



PREFER EXACT CHANGE FOR LIGHT BULBS  
AND E-WASTE DISPOSAL FEES

#### Accepted Items:

Used Tires – Must be off the rim – No tires from businesses

Used Motor Oils, Used Filters, Used Antifreeze

Batteries – Auto, Motorcycle, Lithium, NiCad,

AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt

Scrap Metals & Appliances

Steel, Iron, Aluminum, Alloys

Must be able to be unloaded by hand

Fluorescent and CFL Bulbs – Disposal Fee – CASH ONLY

E-Waste – Disposal Fee For Computer Monitors & TVs

CASH & CARD Accepted for E-Waste ONLY

\$10 - for Tube TVs or monitors under 12"

\$20 - for Tube TVs or monitors over 12"

Flat Screens – No Charge

NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, CLEANERS,  
CHEMICALS, SOLVENTS, OR PAINTS WILL BE ACCEPTED

This event is for Copley Township Residents Only.

Proof of Residency Required

### Fiber Optic Installation in the Township

In the digital age, the demand for high-speed internet and reliable connectivity has become essential for economic growth, social interaction, and access to information. Fiber optics are known for their high-speed data transmission capabilities and reliability. The expansion of fiber optics is not just a technological upgrade; it is a necessary step towards technological advancement and supporting the ever-growing demand for data.

The installation of fiber in the Township will support the increased demand for bandwidth, support emerging technologies, and assist with economic competitiveness. The new infrastructure will provide faster internet speeds,

### Copley Township Document Shredding Day

Saturday, October 12, 2024

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Only

Copley Community Park

3232 Copley Road

Paper clips, staples, folders and envelopes are safe for shredding. Documents must be removed from 3-ring binders. Please inspect documents for objects and remove all binder clips.

10 Container Limit Per Vehicle



### Sign Up for Copley Township's NEW Emergency Alert System

Copley Township has a new Emergency Alert System called REGROUP. If you were previously registered with Nixle, and would like to continue to receive emergency alerts, you must register for the new Emergency Alert System, REGROUP. Go to: <https://www.copley.oh.us/270/ReGroup-Alerts> or scan the QR code to register.

Sign up for REGROUP and stay up-to-date on the latest weather warnings, road closures, or emergency situations in Copley Township.



**Regroup** 

improve reliability, and accommodate future growth. The expansion of fiber optic services ensures that the Township can thrive as we become more reliant on digital technology for communication.

The installation of the fiber infrastructure will undoubtedly cause some inconvenience and disruptions during construction. Unlike other public utility projects that are restricted to improvements in a specific area, communications projects are able to construct across an expansive area. By using existing utility poles and improving trenchless technologies companies are able to expand digital infrastructure very quickly.

Many developments and subdivisions have not had any  
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## Community & Economic Development Department



Comprehensive Land Use Plan

GET INVOLVED.

### land use plan community WORKSHOPS

JOIN US  
LAND USE PLAN WORKSHOPS  
FIRST THURSDAY MONTHLY  
5-7 PM  
COPELY TOWN HALL  
1540 S CLEVELAND MASSILON RD  
(LOCATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

CONNECT.  
ENGAGE.  
DISCOVER.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
LAND USE PLAN:

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Log on [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us)
3. Call Us @ 330.666.0108



### Grow A Wild Back Yard

Summit Metro Parks encourages residents to help wildlife and earn rewards from the comfort of your own home. Wild backyards can help wildlife thrive with small actions.

Find out how we can all help by taking simple actions in our own backyards - scan the QR Code or follow the link below to track your progress on your Wild Backyard Journey!

[https://www.summitmetroparks.org/  
wp-content/uploads/WBY\\_FORM-08-01-2023.pdf](https://www.summitmetroparks.org/wp-content/uploads/WBY_FORM-08-01-2023.pdf)



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utility improvements since the original construction so most residents have not experienced the type of disruption that accompanies infrastructure expansion. The Township has been working with the fiber providers to ensure that contractors are installing the utility in the least invasive fashion.

Lit Fiber, Frontier Communications, and Fairlawn Gig all have plans to install fiber infrastructure in the Township. Lit Fiber has already begun installations in various areas. Both Frontier and Fairlawn Gig are scheduling to start installing in the near future. The contractors for each company will be working within the public rights-of-way and utilities easements where applicable.

The providers will be communicating with property owners using mailers, lawn flags, and door hangers. Before any work begins you will notice various colors of flags and marking paint. This is the result of the contractors calling the Ohio Utilities Protection Service (OUPS) prior to performing any excavation. This is a crucial step before any excavation takes place to ensure that existing utilities are identified to avoid any conflicts. It is recommended to leave the markings in place until work is completed. Removing marking flags could delay the installation.

Not all items in the right-of-way or utility easement are public utilities. Property owners that have irrigation systems, dog fences, underground downspout drains, etc. may want to mark them with flags or paint and contact the fiber companies to notify them to avoid damage. Most installers are equipped with materials and supplies to repair those items if they encounter them during installation.

When crews are working in your area, they will install conduit and junction boxes. Following the initial installation rough grading and erosion controls will be put in place. Fiber optics will then be pulled through the conduit and final restoration will take place. Please note that final restoration typically takes place at one time in a regional area.

If you have questions regarding installation of the utilities, please contact the respective fiber company that is installing in your area.

Lit Fiber  
330-366-2008

Frontier Communications  
330-721-3927  
FTRQACentral@ftr.com

Fairlawn Gig  
330-668-3300 - [info@fairlawngig.net](mailto:info@fairlawngig.net)



## Fire Department

### Fire Prevention Week

The 2024 Fire Prevention Week campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

For this year's Fire Prevention Week, we are emphasizing the importance of smoke detectors. Due to the proliferation of synthetic materials in modern construction, home furnishings, and many other common items we use every day, fires burn hotter and faster than ever before. Synthetic materials also emit more toxic fumes than natural materials. Consequently, home occupants have less time to escape before being overcome by fire and smoke conditions. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is a global nonprofit organization, established in 1896, devoted to eliminating death, injury, property, and economic loss due to fire, electrical, and related hazards.

Since 1922, the NFPA has sponsored the public observance of Fire Prevention Week. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

**Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, outside each sleeping area, and inside each bedroom. For the best protection, interconnect all the smoke alarms so when one sounds, they all sound.**



For more information on Fire Prevention Week visit:  
[www.fpw.org](http://www.fpw.org)

## Police Department

### Coffee with a Cop

The Copley Police Department holds "Coffee With a Cop" the second Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Chick-fil-A, 47 Flight Memorial Drive in Copley Township from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Chick-fil-A is our host and provides the coffee. Copley Police officers are on hand to answer any questions you might have and to listen to your concerns. One-on-one conversations between citizens and police officers are the best way to build trust and mutual goals for communities.



*"Coffee with a Cop is a mission to improve trust and build relationships - one cup of coffee at a time."*

### Halloween in the Park

The Copley Police Department's annual Halloween in the Park will be held at Copley Community Park, Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parking is available at the B&W parking lot, 3333 Copley Road. Shuttles will operate between the parking area and the event between the hours of 2-5 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School.

Children can trick-or-treat through a path at the park, have fun with arts and crafts, and play many games and win some prizes! There will also be coffee, cider and donuts for everyone, while supplies last.

Copley Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to display safety vehicles. Free trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks, candy, prizes, and pumpkins will be passed out to all who attend, along with other trick-or-treat items while supplies last. This event is free to the public, thanks in part to our partner organization the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis.



Neighborhood **TRICK OR TREAT** in  
Copley Township will be  
Sunday, October 27th  
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



## Community News

### Share-A-Christmas

Plans are underway for Share a Christmas 2024. The program again this year will include the distribution of toys and gifts along with food baskets! The Copley Township Fire and Rescue Association will be accepting monetary donations for the annual "Share a Christmas" program. Those donations will be used by our very own "Santa's Helpers" to shop for those toys and gifts on the applicants' wish lists ensuring a few surprises for the nearly 100 families with children in our community who need some extra help during the Holiday Season. Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis will once again provide food baskets including holiday hams and canned goods and Copley Outreach will be helping with the trimmings!

The Copley Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Fairlawn Fire and Rescue Association, will be hosting a fundraiser on December 4, 2024 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Check out our Facebook Page for the location. All tips from the event will go toward Share A Christmas - all donations stay locally and 100% of the dollars raised benefit those in need. If you own a business and would like to get involved as a sponsor, please contact us at 234-738-4812.



Application forms for assistance and further information are available online at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) and at the front desk of Town Hall. For more information, call Town Hall at 330-666-1853. This program is for Copley residents, and Fairlawn and Bath families with children attending Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. The Share a Christmas distribution date is Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Spring Garden Waldorf School on Jacoby Road. Donations will be accepted beginning right now through December 6, 2024. Checks should be made payable to the Copley Fire and Rescue Association and can be mailed to 1540 S Cleveland-Massillon Road, Copley, OH 44321, attn: SAC. Please help us make the Holiday Season a little brighter for those not as fortunate as ourselves by giving generously.

### Copley Circle Tree Lighting

Copley Township's Holiday Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The Copley Volunteers, Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and the Copley Chamber of Commerce are combining resources to host this annual event. The Copley Circle Tree Lighting will include a visit from Santa, Carolers, Movie Characters and Hot Chocolate. Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss it!



### Copley Outreach Center

We at Copley Outreach would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You to all the community members, churches, and businesses for your continuous support in our mission to end hunger in our schools and our community.



In our ongoing efforts to support food-insecure families in Copley and the Copley-Fairlawn School District, we are reaching out to request your assistance. This year, we have provided monthly food assistance to families, distributed weekend bags of food to 120 students, and weekly summer boxes to 40 children.

Please keep the following information in mind:

To continue providing food assistance to those in need, we depend on the community's generosity for donations. So far this year, we have spent over \$10,000 on food from Aldi, Sam's Club, and the Akron Canton Food Bank. Your support, whether through food donations or monetary contributions, is highly valued as we work to address food insecurity experienced by members of our community.

In 2020, 3,533 households were recorded in the city of Fairlawn and 7,773 in Copley Township, totaling 11,306 households in our service area. If 200 households commit to donating \$15.00 a month to the Copley Outreach, that would add up to an impressive \$36,000 per year. This would cover the cost of all our food needs for an entire year.

Please visit our website and set up a monthly donation of \$10.00 or more at <https://copleyoutreach.org/donations-2>. There are NO additional fees, so all contributions go directly to the Copley Outreach.

Maryann Henry, Director  
COPEY OUTREACH CENTER



**Daylight Savings Time ends  
Sunday, November 3, 2024**



COPLEY TOWNSHIP  
1540 S. Cleveland Massillon Road  
Copley, Ohio 44321-1908

Prsrt std  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Cuyahoga Fls, OH  
Permit No. 136



### **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

#### **Fiscal Officer**

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

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