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Heritage Day

Opening Ceremony

12:00 p.m. at the Circle

Copley Fire Department

8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. - Pancake Breakfast

Middle School - (2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. CAA/CSF Fun Run

8:30 a.m. CAA/CSF 5K

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Fun N' Games
Diaper Changing Station

Dunk Tank, Interactive Soccer and Tennis - CAA
Akron Children's Hospital Ambulance open for viewing
Free Rock Wall and Bounce Houses - Solid Rock Sports
Home Depot Kids Workshop 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free Fingerprinting by GASP - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Summit County Farm Bureau Ag Mobile
Face Painting, Games and Balloon Animals

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Copley Heritage Day Royalty Corner

Akron Fossils Booth

Boy Scout Troop 382

Cub Scout Troop 3384

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Copley High School

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - PTSA Extreme Rummage Sale

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Key Club Bake Sale

Appearances by the Following Mascots:

Sit Means Sit Dog Training 12:30 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Kid's Workshop by Home Depot 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Copley Circle Events

Copley American Legion & VFW
Honor Guard

National Anthem - Youth Singers from St. Lukes
LV Sound, DJ & MC 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Hula Hoop Contest 2:30 p.m.

Bake Goods "Sale"

Raffle Drawings

Food Vendors

Craft Vendors

Heritage Committee Booth

50/50 Tickets

Public Service Booths

Bake-Off Winner Announced 4:00 p.m.

PARADE - 6:00 p.m.

For more updates, please visit

www.CopleyHeritageDay.com

**Copley Heritage Day Parade 6:00 p.m.
Sponsored by
Copley Chamber of Commerce**

Police Department Activity

Police Department Bike Patrols

Our Police Department has five bikes which it uses, as needed, for specific purposes. These include crowd control, enforcing curfew violations and covering areas where vandalism is occurring. While nearly everyone can ride a bike, officers involved in bike patrols must undergo a 40 hour training program.

Parades and crowd control often require riding at very slow speeds. The ability to avoid obstructions or to navigate steps and rapid dismounts may also be important in certain situations. These and other skills are mastered during the training program.

Bike patrols are especially useful in catching juveniles damaging landscaping or otherwise damaging property during the hours of darkness.

The quiet approach possible on a bike has allowed our officers to ride right up to vandals without being detected on more than one occasion.



Juvenile Diversion Program

What happens to vandals once they are "caught?" Juveniles are taken home, released to their parents and charges are filed. Juvenile misdemeanor arrests go through our diversion program. This program has been operated by Licensed Social Worker Marcie Mason since 1983. It serves both Bath and Copley Townships which along with the Summit County Juvenile Court fund the program.

The process begins with a hearing in which Ms. Mason reviews the charges with the parents and the offender. The family's home life is discussed and the consequences of the offense are established. Usually this involves a 3 to 6 month period during which the offender is expected to behave, pay restitution (if applicable), undergo regular urine drug tests, and perform some form of community service.

The department has a list of agencies that accept juveniles in this program. There are senior residential facilities that welcome "friendly visitors." The Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity stores can always use extra hands. A therapeutic horse farm and local pet rescues also provide service opportunities.

When an offender successfully completes his or her program, the original charge becomes inactive. If the program is not completed or if there are repeated failures of the drug test, the original charge then goes to the Juvenile Court.

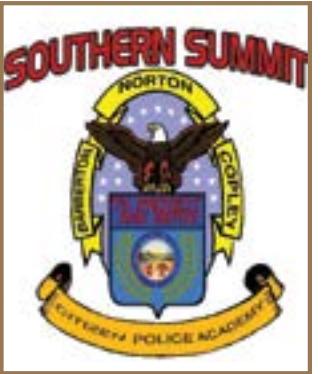
Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy

The Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy presented by the Copley, Norton and Barberton Police Departments will once again hold a twelve week program

beginning in September of 2014 that will provide instruction and information concerning a particular area of law enforcement.

Attendees will have the opportunity to experience how the police department plays a role in the community with some hands on training.

Anyone interested in attending the Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy may call Sgt. Jack Simone, Copley Police Department at 330-670-2714.



Bicycle Safety and Awareness

In reviewing the most recent statistics from the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration, 726 "pedalcyclists" were killed, and an additional 49,000 were injured in motor vehicle traffic crashes. Almost 9,000 (8,977) fatalities have occurred from 2003 to 2012.

In the summer more people are out on their bikes, leading to an opportunity for more accidents. It is also important to note that bicyclists must obey traffic laws regarding right-of-way on the roads, obey traffic signs, and should also be using proper hand signals. The bicyclists should recognize that the motor vehicle driver may not see the bicycle.

Parents should make sure that their children understand the importance of riding safely and responsibly on our streets. Bicycle safety may be enhanced by assuring the selection of proper safety equipment, to include a properly fitted and adjusted helmet, a front light that is visible for at least 500 feet, a clear front reflector, a red rear reflector, a horn or bell that can be heard for up to 100 feet, wheel mounted side reflectors, reflector pedals, reliable brakes, gears that are adjusted properly and operate smoothly, and a properly adjusted seat and handlebars.

When riding your bicycle you must obey the same traffic laws that apply to motorists. Bicycles must ride in the same direction as other traffic; riding in the opposite direction against traffic is dangerous and is a violation of traffic laws.

Motorists are required to allow at least three feet of space between them and a bicycle when passing them.

When riding on the sidewalk or in a crosswalk the bicyclist must obey all pedestrian signals and signs for crossing the street. The bicyclist should sound the bike alarm to signal to pedestrians that they are near and are passing by them.

Obeying all applicable traffic laws and recognizing that both bikes and motorized vehicles must respect the fact that they equally share the road will assure that all can travel safely.

Copley Community Park

For those who have not visited the Copley Community Park, you are missing out on a wonderful facility. Located at 3232 Copley Road the park consists of

85 acres that borders the Druid Hills Allotment to the west and the Copley Heights Estates to the east and south. The land was originally owned by the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M) and was mined for silica sand. The land was donated by 3M to the Township to be used for such a purpose and, with the help of a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the park opened in 2003.

The park offers visitors the opportunity to engage in many activities. It is easily accessible from two large parking areas.

Located next to the parking areas are information kiosks that have information and park rules posted. The kiosks also have a picture map of the park to help direct visitors to the different sites. Wheelchair-accessible paved walking trails lead out from the kiosks in different directions. For those walkers that like to track their distances there are three distinct trail routes that allow for that. Each was named for a prominent Copley resident from the past.

There is Greenfield Trail that is .35 miles, Gardiner Trail at .72 miles, and the longest is Turner Trail at 1.04 miles. The Turner Trail goes back through the woods on the west side and that portion is not paved. The trails are marked with symbol posts so one can track which trail they are on.

The park has two ball fields that see more than 160 games and practices per year and are used by local youth sports teams and organizations. The fields are not reserved on Sundays to allow for pick-up games among friends or families or if Dad just wants to hit grounders to Junior. There are also four soccer fields. Three are located near the

Brush Collection / Tire Collection / E-Waste

The Service Department will begin their annual brush collection for Copley Township residents as follows:

September 8, 2014 - brush pickup begins for all single-family homes located east of Cleveland-Massillon Road.

September 15, 2014 - brush pickup begins for all single-family homes located west of Cleveland-Massillon Road.

Brush is to be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m. on the Monday in which your district is listed.

Place brush material UNBUNDLED on curb.

Copley Township will hold its annual **Tire and Used Oil Collection Day**, October 4, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 3770 Copley Road, by the Historic Depot. Items accepted

retention pond and the fourth is in the outfield of Ball Field #2. These fields see over 300 games and practices per year and, like the ball fields, are not reserved on Sundays.

There are two playground areas located in close proximity to the parking areas. There are swings, slides, and climbing apparatus for the young ones to enjoy.



The most used items are the three pavilions that are nestled in the woods on the south end of the park. These pavilions are very popular and are reserved for events like family activities, birthday parties, reunions, company picnics, and church group outings. Each pavilion has 10 picnic tables capable of seating 80 people, electric outlets, and three charcoal grills. They were reserved 133 times in 2013.

The park is open year-round so summer is not the only time to enjoy it. There is a large sled riding hill along the main drive and a skating pond to the rear of the property.

One of the unique features of the park is the wetland areas. These areas support different types of animal life from ducks and deer to turtles and fish. They are an important element in providing a home for this wildlife. Visitors should remember never to disturb these areas so they remain in their natural state.

With all the wonderful activities that can be enjoyed at our park, it's no wonder why it receives over 12,000 visitors a year. If you have not paid it a visit, what are you waiting for?

at this event are used tires, oil, oil filters and antifreeze.

Car, motorcycle, tractor, lithium and rechargeable batteries are accepted. AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt can be discarded with your regular household trash as they pose no threat to the environment.

Summit County E-Waste Drop-Off

Saturday, October 4, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

1280 Sunset Drive - Copley Recycle Center
E-Waste items that will be accepted are cell phones, ink jet printers, computers/monitors, digital cameras, iPods, MP3 players, small electronics or appliances with a cord, televisions (\$20 charge/television)

Appliances not accepted are washers or dryers, refrigerators, humidifiers, air conditioners or any appliance that contains refrigerants.

Zoning Department Activity

Residential and Commercial Growth

The last issue of the Copley Connection included an article about the construction of 269 new homes planned for our Township: 167 in the Miller Farm subdivision, 65 in the Arbor Chase subdivision, and 37 in phase 4 of the Hillside Estates development.

There are also some interesting commercial projects currently or soon to be underway:

- Memory Care Facility (66 bed - 33,000 sq.ft. building)
- Akron Veterinary Hospital (20,000 sq.ft. expansion)

Also of interest is a Moving Ohio Forward Grant which will fund the demolition of 13 abandoned/neglected residences. The Connected Communities Grant, funding the study of Montrose area improvements, is also well underway.

Property Tax Levy Structure has Changed

Currently, the state pays 12.5% of Ohio's property tax levies by using the tax dollars they collect from your pay check. Under the rollback program, the state pays the first 10 percent of the tax bill for all property owners plus 2.5 percent for owner-occupied homes. This is an outdated commitment that has grown from a commitment of just over 61 million paycheck tax dollars in 1970 to over 1.2 billion paycheck tax dollars in 2011 (the most recent figure available). The state will continue to pay the tab on existing levies and their renewals but will no longer subsidize new levies.

To summarize, the state will fund the 12.5% state rollback for existing levies and any passed before the effective date of the measure. Levies on the August ballot will qualify for the 12.5% roll back. However, new levies on the November ballot will not be eligible.



In addition, an income limit will be restored to the homestead exemption. The state will continue to pay the bill on the first \$25,000 in home market value for those already in the program, but all new senior citizens and disabled homeowners entering the program will have to prove they earn less than \$30,000 a year.

Copley's 3.3 mill fire levy and 2.50 mill road levy are up this coming November. Both levies fund the operations of the respective departments and are vital to the continuing delivery of excellent services township residents have come to enjoy. Renew or replace? Copley trustees have always replaced levies to keep up with inflation and home values - increasing simultaneously. Today, all that has changed.

Fire Department Activity

Stretching Tax Dollars Through Grant Funding

There are seldom enough dollars in our Township budget to meet all the needs identified by our police, fire, service, zoning or other departments. This has been particularly true since the economic downturn beginning in 2008. As property valuations have decreased, new construction nearly stopped and State funds supporting local governments ceased, many services have been affected.

The Fire Department, under Chief Michael Benson, has been successful in receiving grants totaling over \$1.25 million dollars since 2008. This has eased the loss of local and state funds to some degree and allowed some improvements which otherwise would have been impossible.

Projects completed as a result of these grants include:

- A diesel exhaust system for Station #1
- Advanced driver/operator training with outside experts
- Upgrade of police-fire-EMS radio system for western Summit County (this included Bath, Fairlawn & Norton)
- Fire officer training per national standards (this included Barberton, Clinton, New Franklin & Norton)
- Replacing heart monitor-defibrillators with latest models in all the ambulances
- A new fire station alerting system with the joint dispatch center (which includes Barberton & Norton)

The local matching funds required to receive the \$1.25 million was \$128,307. Copley's success in acquiring these grants led Barberton and the Summit County Emergency Management Agency to request assistance from Copley in preparing grant applications -- which have been successful. Two recent grant applications totaling more than \$1.5 million are still pending: one for Copley alone and another in cooperation with Akron and Summit County. Hopefully those grants will be successful, too.

Firefighter/Paramedics Honored

Firefighter/Paramedics Tom Tomcik, Matt Beck and Paramedic Lyn Rankin were named the June EMS STEMI Team of the Month by Summa-Akron City Hospital. In the last Copley Connection it was reported Copley Fire is using state-of-the-art heart monitors that were purchased by a grant to detect heart attacks, especially the "ST" Segment Elevated Myocardial Infarctions (STEMI), which kill people.



Modern heart monitors, trained personnel and quick action save people from these killer heart attacks. Our personnel are being recognized for doing just that - within 7 minutes of arriving at the patient, they had a 12 lead EKG done, sent it over to Summa and within 13 minutes their STEMI team was activated - very fast. Copley Fire continues to be at the forefront of the newest technology and training, saving lives every day!

Community Activity

Movie Under The Stars

Copley Township is having their first ever "Movie Under the Stars" night on Friday, August 1st behind Copley-Fairlawn Middle School on the football field. The festivities will begin at approximately 7:00 p.m. Police, Fire and Service vehicles will be on display. Music and refreshments will be provided by Copley Township. The feature movie will be Dr. Seuss' The Lorax and will begin at dusk.

Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for a fun night under the stars at Copley Fairlawn Middle School. For more information, please call Sue Mack at 330-666-1853.

In the event of rain, the movie will be shown in the Copley-Fairlawn Middle School gymnasium.



Concert Rain Location:
Cross Point Alliance Church
Cleveland-Massillon Road
1.6 miles north of Copley Circle at intersection of
Rothrock Road

Bicentennial of Copley's First Permanent Settler

In 1800, Ohio was separated from the remainder of the Northwest Territory, and in 1803, Ohio became the first state of the territory to be admitted to the Union. On April 4, 1807, Mr. Gardiner Greene, who came from Boston with a group of investors, purchased Township No. 2 in Range 12, which contained 16,531 acres. The price was \$26,087.00. On May 28, 1807, the property was titled to Greene. Township 2 Range 12 in the Western Reserve, State

of Ohio, was named Copley. It appears that Gardiner Greene named the township in honor of his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Copley Greene.

In 1814, two years after the War of 1812, Jonah Turner, a member of Major

George Croghan's troops, who traveled through the area during the war, returned. On August 8, 1814 he purchased 321 acres of Lot One of Township 2 Range 12 for \$900.00 from General Simon Perkins. General Perkins, a friend of Gardiner Greene, acted as the land agent. Jonah Turner was the township's first permanent settler. Turner farmed his land successfully. Tax records of 1826 indicate that Jonah Turner was the only man in the township who owned three horses and eight head of cattle. His farm was located in the Stony Ridge area that runs along Medina Road (S.R. 18.) Turner served as the township's first overseer of the poor in 1819 and as a township trustee in 1820. Jonah Turner's place in the history of Copley is foremost and will be recognized in the 2014 Copley Heritage Day parade.

SAVE THE DATE...

Halloween In The Park
Saturday, October 25, 2014



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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 that range from 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 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Please visit our website 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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