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Happy New Year! 2015

We wish to take this time to express our sincere appreciation for the confidence that our residents have in Copley Township and its services. We thank you for the successful passage of both the fire and road levies and promise to continue the delivery of services that sets Copley apart from the rest.

The New Year starts our community events with Winterfest on January 24th at Copley Community Park. The inaugural last year was very successful in almost blizzard conditions. December was "snowless" but it looks like Old Man Winter woke up in January!

All departments are productive and the recycle center on Sunset Drive proves recycling is a way of life in Copley Township.

This coming fall should see the ground breaking of the new police department. Right now we are lining up the utility rights of way for the installation of sewer and water to Sunset Drive. We purchased property directly across the street from our police building on Sunset Drive and the property immediately south of the Town Hall on Cleveland-Massillon Road. Both are for the future use for township purposes.

As 2015 begins, we wish you the best!

Copley Township Trustees

Scott Dressler, Helen Humphrys, and Dale Panovich

Copley Fiscal Officer

Janice Marshall

Frequently Asked Questions

As a way to prevent the same questions from being asked over and over, FAQ's have become a form of contemporary literature - an art form created from the Internet. Today, you can find them popping up everywhere. Here are some of our "Frequently Asked Questions" and answers, just because...You Asked!

Q: How can I dispose of an old American Flag?

A: Residents of the Copley/Fairlawn area have a location to drop off their worn or torn American Flags with the knowledge that they will be properly retired at an appropriate ceremony. The drop box is located at the Copley Veterans Post at 3255 Copley Road in Copley.

Q: Where can I dispose of old prescription drugs?

A: There is a drop box in the police department parking lot where you can drop off your old prescriptions and over the counter medications. **No needles please!** For syringe disposal call 330-926-5600.

Q: Can I donate my old prescription or reading glasses?

A: Yes, The Copley Lions Club has a container at the town hall where you can drop off your old glasses, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm.

Q: Does Copley have a Recycle Center where I can drop off my recyclables?

A: Yes, Copley Recycle Center is located at 1280 Sunset Drive next to the Police Department. The center is for all Township residents and businesses that want to recycle but may not have an avenue to do so.

Q: Does Copley have a leaf pick up in the fall?

A: Unfortunately we do not, but we do have a Brush Pick Up in September for tree branches.

Q: Does Copley have a city income tax?

A: No, Copley is a Township so there is no local income tax. Individuals working for an employer located within the Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Akron will pay a 2.25% employment tax that is submitted to the City of Akron by the employer.



Police Department Activity

Winterfest 2015

Last year, Winterfest was a huge success. Mother Nature cooperated and turned Copley Community Park into a winter wonderland dropping enough snow to satisfy all the residents that came out to enjoy the winter festivities.

Winterfest 2015 will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Activities will include ice skating, sled riding, dog sled and ice sculpture demonstrations, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and much more.

The Copley Police, Fire and Service Departments have been working hard preparing for this year's festival... So get out of the house, shake off those winter blues, dig out your sleds and sharpen your ice skates, and come on out to Copley Community Park for some fun in the snow!!



Share-A-Christmas

The Copley Police Department, Copley Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and Copley Outreach Center with tremendous assistance from the Copley Fairlawn Schools made the following 2014 Christmas Programs possible - 71 Copley and Fairlawn families received food baskets, 183 children received toys and an overwhelming number of coats, hats, gloves and mittens were distributed. More than \$10,000 and hundred of toy donations came in to the police department. Food items were collected by Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis. Coats, hats, gloves and mittens were collected by Copley Outreach Center. Many volunteers helped with this effort. Thank you to Copley residents, businesses and local organizations that made all of this possible! A special "Thank You" goes out to CrossPoint Alliance Church for allowing us the use of their facility as our distribution center.

Copley Officer Appointed By Attorney General

Copley Police Officer Sarah Shendy has been given one of the most important assignments of her distinguished law enforcement career. Officer Shendy was selected by Attorney General Mike DeWine to be part of a 15-member panel that will work to provide recommendations on how "use of force" training and community policing can be improved in the State of Ohio.

Officer Shendy and the other panel members will discuss the reexamination of Ohio's training curriculum to determine

Fire Department Activity

Meet Copley's New Fire Lieutenants

Andy Ayoup was promoted to Lieutenant by the Copley Trustees effective November 29, 2014. Lieutenant Ayoup began working as a part-time firefighter/paramedic with Copley in 2003, and was hired full-time in 2007. Lt. Ayoup has an Associate's Degree from Walsh University and is a State of Ohio Certified Fire Safety Inspector, Fire Instructor and Hazardous Materials Technician. Andy is active on the Summit County Hazardous Materials Team, oversees our firefighting protective equipment and is in charge of our department's fire training.

Even though Lieutenant Ayoup is already certified for his position, he will be taking additional training in leadership, incident management and fire service supervision. Andy and his wife have three children with a fourth on the way. We wish Lieutenant Ayoup great success in his new position.

Jeff Varga was promoted to Lieutenant by the Copley Trustees effective December 6, 2014. Lieutenant Varga began working as a part-time firefighter/paramedic with Copley in 2001, and was hired full-time in 2007. Lt. Varga is a State of Ohio Certified Fire Safety Inspector, Paramedic and child car seat installer. Jeff is also one of the instructors and team leaders for our

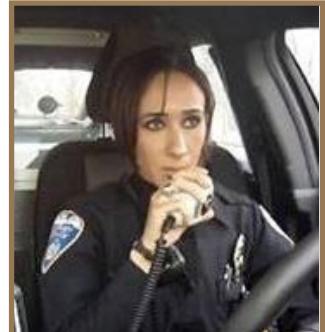


Community Emergency Response Team. He oversees our public safety education program, provides quality assurance for our incident reporting system and is the Supervisor assigned to our joint fire station with Bath Township: Stony Hill Fire Station #2.

Lieutenant Varga holds most of the certifications he needs for his position, and will be working toward becoming a State of Ohio Emergency Medical Services Instructor in 2015. He will also be training in incident management, fire service supervision and fireground safety. Jeff is the father of two girls. We wish Lieutenant Varga great success in his new position.

if improvements can be made to better train officers in use-of-force situations and community relations.

**Congratulations
Officer Shendy!**



Service Department News

2014 Year End Totals for the Copley Township Recycle Center

Plastics #1 - #7, glass bottles & jars, steel food containers

- 27,539 pounds (13.76 tons). When these items are collected together they're called "commingle recyclables". 200 lbs. of commingle per cubic yard - 10 cubic yards per ton - 1376 cubic yards of landfill space saved.

Paper Products - 109,836 pounds (54.91 tons) - One ton of recycled paper saves 17 trees. In 2014, the Recycle Center saved 933 trees and saved 181.2 cubic yards of landfill space. Paper weighs more than commingle so there are fewer cubic yards (3.3) per ton.

Aluminum Cans - 4160 pounds (2.08 tons) How many aluminum cans does it take to weigh 2.08 tons? The average 12 ounce drink can weighs about 14 grams (empty of course) and 450 grams = 1 pound so $450 \div 14 = 32.14$ cans per pound $\times 4160$ pounds = 133,702.4 cans! Wow! Lay those cans end to end and they would stretch nearly 9.5 miles! That's about the same distance from the Gazebo in Copley Circle to the Gazebo in the center of Wadsworth.

The totals above are for the Recycle Center alone but we know the actual totals being recycled from within the Township are a much higher number due to our conscientious residents who recycle weekly through their trash haulers. This newsletter is distributed to about 7900 addresses so if each of those addresses recycled just one pound of commingle, paper, and aluminum cans combined on a weekly basis, an additional 410,800 pounds of materials from our community would not go to landfills. That's incredible. Recycling works and it does make a huge difference. So, remember - REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE!

2014 Annual Tire & Used Oil Collection Day Totals

Tires - 3/40 cubic yard containers

Used Oil - 375 gallons

E-Waste - 5669 pounds (2.83 tons)

Document Shredding - 4769 pounds (2.38 tons)

Batteries - 43 of different recyclable types

Thank you to Kimble Companies, Akron/Canton Waste Oil, Accurate IT Services, All Ohio Secure Shred, and BatteriesPlus.

Road & Bridge Funding

The Ohio Revised Code mandates the Road & Bridge funding to be used solely for the maintenance of township roadways and allows for the purchase of equipment and materials for that purpose. It cannot be used for any other purpose such as building maintenance or cemetery operations. If you are curious about how the Road & Bridge fund is spent, the totals of the road projects from 2014, including snow and ice control, are below.

448 Asphalt Paving - .66 miles - \$214,335.26

Chip Seal Paving - 4.72 miles - \$100,736.00

Concrete Roads - 3000 SY - \$163,623.36

Pavement Markings - \$3,839.75

Dogwood Terrace Lateral Pipe Replacement - \$37,466

Kendall Road Lateral Pipe Replacement - \$16,500.00

Community News

Copley Heritage Day

The Copley Heritage Day committee would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! As we begin 2015 and look forward to another Heritage Day, we would like to send out a big THANK YOU to the following businesses that sponsored Heritage Day 2014.

The Copley Township Trustees
Copley Fire, Police and Service Departments

Akron Dispersions

Bloch Printing

Buon Appetito

Copley Tool Rental

Copley Circle Auto Parts

Copley American Legion

Copley Chiropractic

Copley-Fairlawn Schools

Copley United Methodist Church

EarthFare

Eyesite

Flemings

Hummel Funeral Home

LV Sound

Montrose Ford

Mutual Health

Paul M. Kaput DDS

Shearer Equipment

Shulte & Company CPA's Inc.

Thomarios

Vision Graphics

Walter Properties

Walmart

The Winery at Wolf Creek

Witschey, Witschey & Firestine Co. LPA

In 2015, Heritage Day will be on August 1st. If you would like to attend our meetings and help plan for this year, please join us the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Copley Township.

Catch Basins & Curb Repairs - \$19,000.00

Crack Sealing - \$14,920.30

Road Patching - \$4,477.51

Road Salt - \$135,528.44

Total - \$710,426.62



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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 5:30 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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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
Zoning 330-666-0108

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