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## Heritage Day August 3, 2013

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## Raising the Environmental IQ

With the goal in mind of "Raising the Environmental IQ" of Northeast Ohio residents, the Soil and Water Conservation Districts in the region have partnered with the Western Reserve Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D), the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Soil and Water Resources and Division of Wildlife, the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD), Ohio State University Extension, Tinkers Creek Watershed Partners, and the Countryside Conservancy, to create a series of "Conservation Crusader" spots on WKYC-TV, Channel 3, in Cleveland. The program was initiated in 2012, and was spearheaded by the ODNR Division of Soil and Water Resources Program Specialist, Dorothy Farris. The spots originally aired on the television program "Good Company" and are now being shown on "Live on Lakeside." The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (OEPA) Ohio Environmental Education Fund (OEEF) is providing the funding for the 2013 programs.

Whether you are a city dweller, suburbanite, or live in a rural area, you will learn about a subject that relates to your own environmental interests and "Backyard." For example, in the "Backyard Conservation" show recorded by WKYC Chief Meteorologist Betsy Kling, viewers learned that protecting the environment starts at home, and that getting in the habit of managing lawns through sustainable practices is easy to do with some very simple steps. The "Conservation Crusader" presentations featured for the 2013 season include educational messages on The Planting and Benefits of Trees, Caring for Streams Around Your Home, Healthy Lawn and Landscaping Practices, Bat Conservation, Wildlife in Winter, Waste Water and Septic System Maintenance, Solutions to Water Pollution, Native Plants and Rain Gardens, Rainbarrels, Pond Health, Exploring the Outdoors, Watersheds, Composting, Local Foods and Community Gardens, Hooked on Fishing, Green Cleaning, Vernal Pools and Wetlands, and Backyard Conservation.



Find out how you can be a "Conservation Crusader" by tuning in to WKYC Channel 3, Live on Lakeside, at 11:00 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in 2013. You can also go online to view recent programs at:

[http://www.wkyc.com/life/programming/Live\\_on\\_Lakeside/article/288534/442/Carmella-Shaw-Trees-Please-31113](http://www.wkyc.com/life/programming/Live_on_Lakeside/article/288534/442/Carmella-Shaw-Trees-Please-31113) and

[http://www.wkyc.com/life/programming/Live\\_on\\_Lakeside/article/289150/442/Kathi-Vrable-Bryan-Justin-Rodgers-Rain-Gardens-31413](http://www.wkyc.com/life/programming/Live_on_Lakeside/article/289150/442/Kathi-Vrable-Bryan-Justin-Rodgers-Rain-Gardens-31413).

You can also view special programs by the "Weather Personalities of Channel 3." A recent presentation on managing storm water around your home is available for viewing at <http://www.wkyc.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=287693>.

For information about the programs you can call the Summit Soil and Water Conservation District at 330-929-2871 and you can view the 2012 programs and "Weather Personality" segments on our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Summit-Soil-and-Water-Conservation-District/170451803004991>.

## Police Department Activity

### Safety Town Registration

Safety Town is a five-day summer education program for children who will be starting kindergarten in the fall. Police Officers and Firefighters provide instruction on how to stay safe. Lessons include how to cross streets safely, to avoid strangers, use of seat belts, bus safety, bicycle safety, and more. Children will experience and practice a variety of situations to help them recognize and deal with unsafe situations. Safety Town will be held July 8-12, 2013.

Participants must be Copley Township residents or reside within the Copley-Fairlawn City School District. There is no fee to participate. Forms are online at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) and in the Police Department lobby.



### Community Emergency Response Team

The Copley Police and Fire Departments have created a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is designed to educate residents on the subject of disaster preparedness. The sessions began in April and are intended to inform citizens about hazards that may impact the Copley Township area. Copley Police and Fire personnel will instruct attendees on the basic skills required to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace immediately following a disaster.

Areas covered during the training include individual and family emergency preparedness, emergency medical response, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster response. CERT members practice their skills by taking part in hands-on exercises and activities.

In order for members to maintain their skills and continually learn new skills, members will be required to attend monthly meetings/trainings. Copley CERT members will also have an opportunity to participate in the Summit County CERT training program which is 16 hours of instruction sponsored by the Summit County Citizens Corps.

We are currently taking applications for the Copley Township CERT program to serve families impacted when disaster strikes. For more information, or to register for the CERT training, please contact Sue Mack at 330-666-1853 or visit the Copley Township website [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us).

## Fire Department Activity

### What in the world is SWSCOM?

The Southwest Summit Communications (SWSCOM) public safety dispatch center is a joint project between Copley Township and the Cities of Barberton and Norton. Based on the success of a pilot dispatch program between Copley and Norton, the new center is being built through a loan from the State of Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund. Savings from combining our dispatch centers will pay back the loan with zero percent interest.

Personnel currently working for the three communities will become employees of the new center. By combining our personnel, the new center will be able to provide a higher level of service at a lower cost. For example, the pilot dispatch program saved a life in its first week of operation because the combined staffing level made it possible. One of our professional Telecommunicators provided pre-arrival instructions to a 9-1-1 caller who provided CPR before Paramedics arrived; the other personnel dispatched the EMS ambulance and police at the same time. There was no time wasted putting callers on hold while the safety forces were dispatched.

The savings to pay off the loan will be found by eliminating duplicate technologies, equipment and services. Each dispatch center has to have computer network equipment and software to operate. Our new center will allow three communities to pay for a single center, saving each community approximately 66% on the operating costs of dispatch. Another side benefit to combining computer networks between the three communities is shared internet access costs, telephone expenses and information sharing, especially between law enforcement agencies.



SWSCOM is your future public safety dispatch center, saving money while providing better service. It is an example for other communities to follow, or to join.

### Fire Department Receives Grant

The Copley Fire Department received an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to purchase three new Lifepak 15 monitor/defibrillators. The grant in the amount of \$113,748 required only a five percent match from Copley Fire Department. The new devices will enable paramedics to more accurately identify victims of heart attack and carbon dioxide poisonings. Successful treatment of these conditions depends on limiting the time from recognition to definitive treatment. The devices allow us to transmit 12-lead ECGs and other patient information directly to the emergency department prior to arrival. The monitor/defibrillators that are being replaced are still very capable and will be distributed to our first arriving fire apparatus. This will add diagnostic and treatment capabilities to FD vehicles that were not previously available.



## Community Activity

### Focus on Community

*Focus on Community* continues as the leadership from a council of churches held their first Copley-Fairlawn Community Leaders' luncheon in April. The churches of Copley and Fairlawn sponsored the luncheon in hopes of promoting more effective collaboration among the community organizations and churches in meeting the actual needs of the Copley-Fairlawn area. Government officials, school officials and civic organizations came together to share their ideas in meeting the needs of both communities. Stay turned...

### Heritage Day 2013

An all call for community volunteers has been issued by the Copley Heritage Day committee to help out for the August 3rd event from 12 - 7 pm. Please contact Daryl Warner at 330-671-3590 (cell) or 330-666-3568 (work) if you can volunteer. Individuals and groups are welcome.

The day includes food and craft vendors, children's area, car show, and the parade at six o'clock. Please consider volunteering an hour or two for this wonderful community event.

### ReWorks Adopted as New Name

The Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA) has made great strides towards recycling, reducing reliance on landfills and most recently committing to the vision of zero waste in Summit County. The agency name however has continued to confuse their efforts and says nothing about who they are and what they do. In an effort to become a household name, they have adopted the new name ReWorks and the tagline Lead, Teach, Act - Target Zero.

The new name, logo and tagline speak volumes in regards to action taken by the agency, their goals, achievements and mission. ReWorks is here to lead the communities, schools, businesses and residents, teaching them how to reduce their waste, recycle, compost and act.

### Copley Homeowners Association – Looking out for you!

The Copley Homeowners Association (CHA) meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the North Room at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S Cleve-Mass Road. The association is open to all. Subdivision HOAs should consider sending a representative to CHA to keep updated on township, county and state issues that affect property owners. The next meeting is June 27th with guest speaker Police Chief Mike Mier. For more information or to apply for membership, contact David Supelak at 330-666-7165.

### Donate Glasses and Change Someone's Life

Imagine if you could help a child read. An adult succeed in his job. A senior maintain her independence. Provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Every day, the Lions Club's recycled eyeglass programs do all of this and more.

Here's how you can donate glasses and help. The Copley Lions Club has a collection site that is located at Copley Township Hall, 1540 S Cleve-Mass Road in the main lobby. Please consider donating your old glasses to those less fortunate.

### Congressional Medal of Bravery

Officer Ben Campbell received the Congressional Medal of Bravery for his heroic actions on August 7, 2011 - the day seven people were shot and killed by a deranged gunman in Copley Township. The award was presented by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, who was joined by other local legislators and law enforcement leaders.

Campbell's awards include a Valor Award by the Ohio Attorney General and a "Top Cop" Award from the National Association of Police Organizations.



Officer Ben Campbell

### Copley Creekside Farmers Market

The Copley Creekside Farmers Market opens May 30th and runs through October 24, 2013 every Thursday from 3-7 p.m. rain or shine. Special events are planned throughout the season including music, guest chefs and more. The Grand Opening Celebration is June 6th with Jane Snow as guest Chef. Jane is an award winning food writer and the past food editor of the Akron Beacon Journal. Children's Day is on July 11th and Community Day on July 25th.

Check out the event schedule at [copleycreeksidefarmersmarket.com](http://copleycreeksidefarmersmarket.com) for more details on our outstanding chefs and events and to view a list of this year's vendors.

### Copley Circle Summer Concert Schedule

June 9	LaFlavour
June 16	Sierra Hull & Highway 111 Band
June 23	Jack Schantz Sextet
June 30	Voices of Ohio
July 7	Freedom Brass Band of N. Ohio
July 14	Northwest Territory
July 21	Barbershop Harmony Spectacular
July 28	Hey Mavis
August 4	Phil'n the Blanks
August 11	Akron Big Band
August 18	Greased Lightning

All concerts begin at 7:00 p.m.



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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](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  
Zoning ..... 330-666-0108

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