

## 2015 State of the Township

The budgeting process begins with the Certificate of Estimated resources; a document prepared by the County Fiscal Office that includes expected revenues from property taxes and state funds; anticipated revenues submitted by the Township and carry over balances from the previous year. The Certificate is amended throughout the year as events unfold – grants are received or revenues fall short or sometimes, even exceed expectations. From that Certificate, the Township prepares appropriations for each fund in hopes of correctly anticipating expenses. In 2015, Copley Township anticipated receiving \$ 10.1 million of which \$ 10.2 million was actually received. Expenses were anticipated to be approximately \$13.3 million of which the township spent \$11.9 million; a difference of approximately 10.3%.

How do those figures compare with previous years? While we have witnessed a more consistent stream of revenue in the

last five years, it has been necessary, each year, to use carryover funds in order to allow for increased operating expenses. Joint operations with neighboring communities have allowed the Township to save resources and some capital expenditures have been either cut from the budget or postponed. Personnel

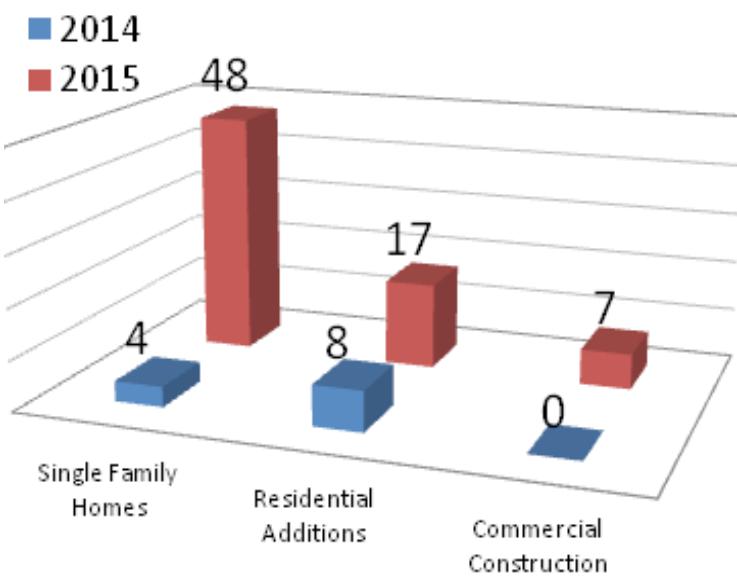
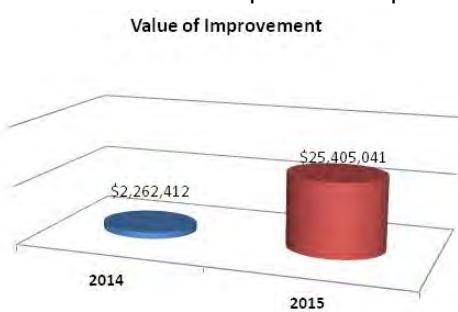
continue to be our most valuable resource and the Board of Trustees has committed to preserving the level of service our residents have come to expect. While contractual obligations have dictated an increase in salaries and benefits, a conservative approach to spending has allowed the Township to react and meet its obligations.

Financial challenges continue, however, be assured, the financial future of the Township will remain stable. With strategic planning, engaging others in additional joint ventures and continuing a conservative approach to spending, the future for Copley Township is bright and will continue to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.

### 2015 - Zoning Year in Review

Copley Township experienced another year of progress which is evident by the 2015 year-end report. With the third full year of implementing the new Zoning Resolution, great strides have been made towards not only fostering a business friendly environment but ensuring conservation efforts are realized during development projects. The estimated investment into Copley over the 2015 year was \$25,405,041. While development results in an increase to the tax base, conservation efforts are kept equally important.

With the recent adoption of tree preservation requirements, over 25 acres of woodlands have been preserved and 1,000+ trees have been planted. The Township continually reflects on the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and strives to find opportunities where we can preserve our past and continue to secure our future.



## Police Department

### 2015 - Year in Review

The Copley Police Department responded to 14,805 calls for service in 2015. Those calls included, but were not limited to, the following activity.

Alarm Drops	780
Animal Complaints	202
Burglaries	30
Domestic Arguments	61
Fights/Disturbances	179
Intoxicated Persons	147
Juvenile Complaints	144
Noise Complaints	112
Checks of Businesses or homes	2,662
Robberies	3
Shoplifting	57
Stolen Vehicles	18
Suspicious Persons or Vehicles	1,207
Vehicle Tampering	29
Thefts	215
Traffic Complaints	1,398
Traffic Crashes	601
Private Property Crashes	119
Traffic Stops	1,715
Wanted Persons	109

The Copley Police Department participated in several multi-jurisdictional programs including the Summit County Drug Unit, the Summit Metro Crash Team, Metro SWAT, and the US Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force.

### Southwest Summit Citizens Police Academy

The Copley, Barberton and Norton Police Departments are proud to present a program that provides insight to the public on the responsibilities and operations of the Police Department. The Southwest Summit Citizens Police Academy will begin March 24, 2016.

The SSCPA is a twelve week program that will be held Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The instructors will provide instruction and information concerning a particular area of law enforcement. Attendees will have an opportunity to experience how the police department functions with some hands-on training. You must be 18 years old, have no criminal history other than minor traffic violations. Background checks will be performed.

Anyone interested in attending the Southwest Summit Citizens Police Academy may call Sgt. Jack Simone at 330-670-2714. There is no charge to attend this program.



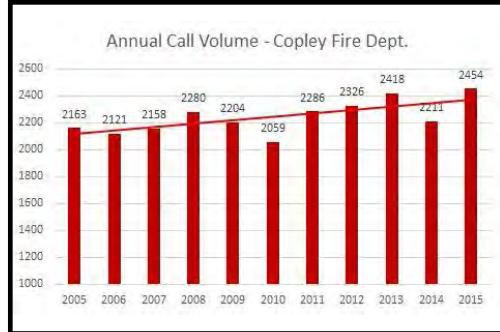
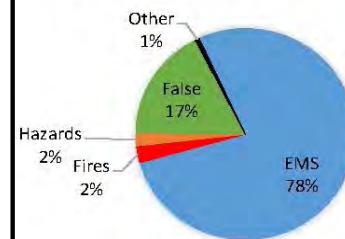
## Fire Department

### 2015 - Year in Review

Copley Township Fire Department had a record year in 2015 with 2,454 requests for service. This was an increase of 10% over 2014. Most of the calls were for emergency medical services; 1,904 requests, or 78% of the total. The Fire Department also responded to 63 fires, including 31 in buildings. The rest of the calls were for hazardous conditions, false alarms and other types of assistance.

Copley Fire Department has a robust training program with 2,982 hours of training completed in 2015, more than 56 hours per employee. Fire personnel completed 1,057 inspection activities in 2015; 622 annual inspections, 17 new construction plans reviewed and 113 re-inspections to confirm any hazards found were fixed. Fire personnel also installed 40 car seats and conducted 16 safety classes and tours.

#### 2015 Requests for Service



### Taxpayer Hero Award

Copley Township, the City of Norton and the City of Barberton was recognized for their successful collaboration in creating Southwest Summit Communications Center (SWSCOM). David Yost, Auditor of State, created the Taxpayer Hero Award to acknowledge state and local government officials who demonstrate initiative to cut costs and/or increase efficiency within their respective entities or to protect tax dollars and uphold the integrity of government in Ohio.

Pictured at right, from left, SWSCOM Manager Karen Gregorcic, Copley Police Chief Michael Mier, Auditor David Yost, Norton Police Chief John Dalessandro and Copley Fire Chief Michael Benson.



## Service Department

### 2015 - Year in Review

The Service Department has 6 full-time employees and is charged with maintaining all Township road right-of-ways and properties. That includes 3 cemeteries, one of which is still active. Service Department employees perform weekly maintenance to the buildings and grounds and perform road repair work such as spray patching, berm repair, traffic and road name sign repair/replacement, drainage ditch/storm line repairs, and crack sealing. The township has 61.085 miles of road and some of the repair work can be done by our staff but major repaving projects are contracted out. Below is a list of road projects completed in 2015.

**Concrete Replacement** - \$185,748.81 - 3000 sq. yds. on various township roads.

**448 Asphalt** - \$379,636.80 - Arrow Lake Estates - Full-depth restoration.

**448 Asphalt Spot Paving** - \$29,382.50 - Hillside and Kingsbury Crossing Allotments.

**Pavement Marking** - \$3,962.55 - Various township roads.

**Crack Sealing** - \$7,574.50 - Kingsbury Crossing, Kingsbury Trace, Laurel Woods, Heritage Woods, Commerce Drive.

**Hametown/Minor Road Culvert Pipe Replacement** - \$8,650.00 - 60' of 24 x 38 elliptical concrete pipe.

**Wallwood Drive Culvert Pipe Replacement** - \$22,980.00 - 60' x 24' Plastic Culvert Pipe

**Annual NPDES Storm Line Cleaning** - \$15,000.00

**Total Cost for these projects was \$652,935.16**

### Recycle Day

The 2015 event was held at the Copley Community Park and the participants were pleased with the new location because of the paved surface and the ease of entry/exit. Future Recycle Day events will be held at the park. The totals for the event are:

Used Tires - 2/40 yard containers

Used Oil - 275 gallons

E-Waste - 5,752 pounds

Document Shredding - 7,449 pounds

Batteries - 410 pounds of 37 different varieties

25 - 4' fluorescent bulbs

10 - CFL



## Community Information

### IRS Scam

As a reminder, we are currently entering the tax filing/return season. Last year, the Copley Police Department took numerous reports of identity theft, involving fraudulent tax returns where someone had used the victim's personal information to file a fraudulent Federal tax return.

Further troubling were the reports and calls we received regarding aggressive phone calls from persons purporting to be from the IRS. The caller typically indicated that the victim owed for back taxes and faced arrest unless they sent the amount owed to the calling party.

This is not how the IRS works. You know it's a scam if:

1. You receive a call demanding payment without any other official notice.
2. You are not advised of any opportunity to question or appeal the amount in question.
3. The caller requests or demands payment using debit or credit cards, or suggests certain payment methods.
4. Threaten that arrest is imminent.

If you receive calls of this nature, hang up the phone, do not provide the caller with any personal information, credit or debit card numbers.

If you think you owe the IRS money, or are concerned that you might owe for back taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040, or online at [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov).

You can also call the Copley Police department at 330-666-8866 to report this suspicious activity.

### Recycle Center Totals 2015

Once again Copley residents show they are good environmentalists by using the Recycle Center to dispose of recyclable materials instead of throwing them in the trash. In 2015 Copley recycled 21.02 tons (42,040 lbs) of commingle items (plastics 1-7, glass bottles & jars, and steel food cans), 1.06 tons (2,120 lbs) of aluminum cans, 31.58 tons (63,170 lbs) of paper & cardboard products, and 940 pounds of textiles for a total weight of 54.135 tons (108,270 lbs). Way to go Copley!



## Community Information

### Copley Akron Joint Economic Development District (JEDD)

It has been 21 years since the electors in Copley approved the Copley Akron Joint Economic Development District (JEDD), the first in Summit County and in the State of Ohio. Over these many years, township trustees received requests for water and sewer. The difference with receiving service or not is whether 75% of the area property owners petitioned for it.

#### History

The JEDD included all commercial and industrial areas in the Township. Other areas in the Master Plan were designated as High Priority Township Service Area, Non-Service Area and Detachment Area. The non-service area is the southwest section of the township and the detachment area is the Stonecreek subdivision on the east side which already had Akron water and sewer when it was in Akron as a result of an annexation. When the JEDD was approved by the electors, the forty-eight acre subdivision was returned to Copley.

Residential properties within the Township Service Area may be provided access to water service or sanitary sewer service, or both, if 75% of the property owners in the area designated by the Township and approved by the City petition the Board of Township Trustees for such services. All requests are subject to engineering and legal feasibility.

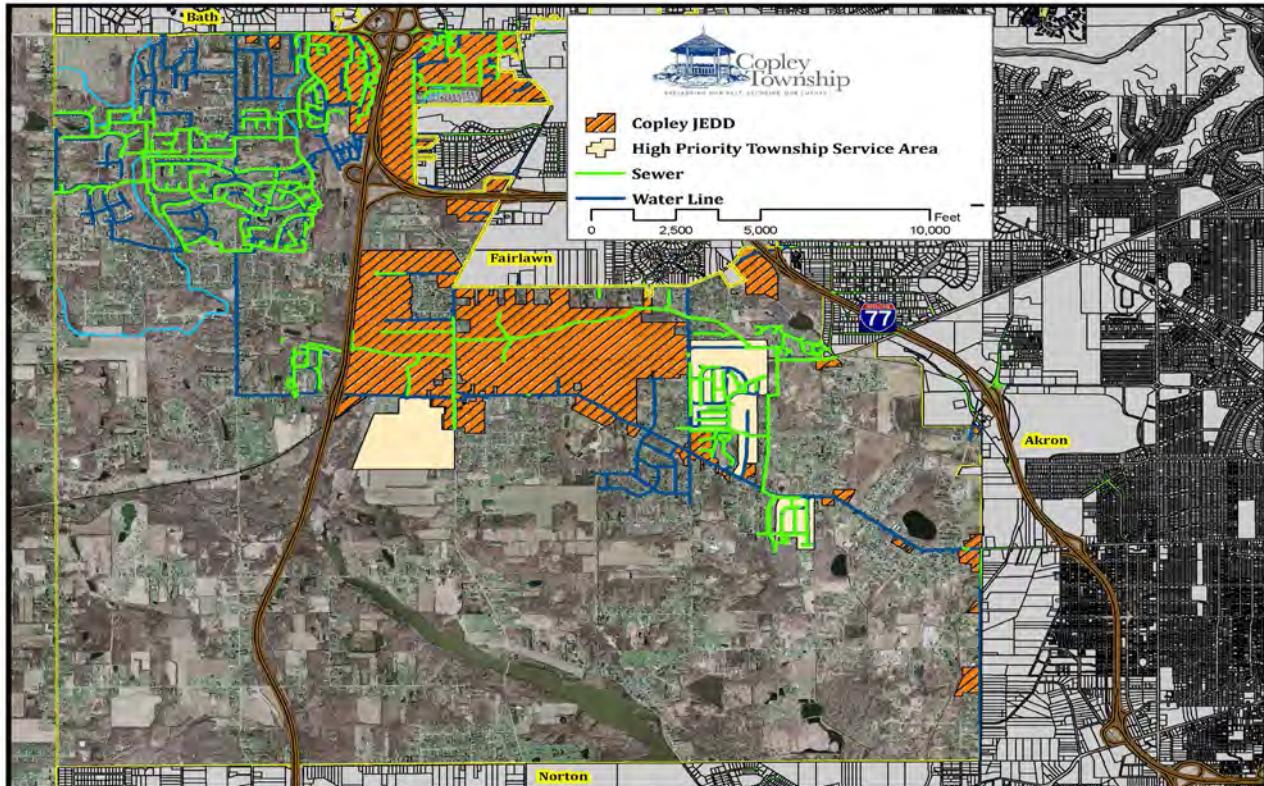
Initial water lines were constructed along Copley Road

(SR 162) and the sewer trunk line alongside of Pigeon Creek, which runs parallel to Copley Road. Off of those, extensions were made to petitioned properties for water or sewer. Three of the High Priority Township Service Areas: Broadview Avenue, the Copley Heights subdivision, and South Plainview Drive were in dire need of water and extensions were granted to those petitioners on an emergency basis.

Rates charged to township residential users for the provision of water service are equal to Akron Rates plus a surcharge of 22.5%. The agreement also provides for a tap-in fee or other charge to be charged at the time of connection to the water system or at a later time, which may be paid at one time or over a ten-year period. The same procedure applies for sanitary sewer services.

Copley trustees recently met with Akron officials in a JEDD board meeting and discussed collaborating on different areas related to the district. Specific properties discussed were North Plainview Drive (sewer), Druid Drive (water), Plevris Auto Service (sewer), Magdalyn Drive (water), the 3M property on the south side of Copley Road (detachment), Jacoby Road businesses (sewer), and the Copley-White Pond area as the gateway to Copley and Akron. The city of Akron will review all requests and another meeting will be set.

The trustees look forward to working with the City of Akron on many projects that would benefit both communities.



## Community Information

### Township Administrator Hired

The Copley Township Board of Trustees hired Copley Fiscal Officer, Janice Marshall as township administrator effective April 1, 2016. Mrs. Marshall has been fiscal officer since October, 2004.

She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Akron and is a graduate of Copley High School. Previously, Mrs. Marshall worked in the private sector as Director of Accounting and Human Resource Manager. She and her husband have three daughters.

Mrs. Marshall will resign from her position as fiscal officer at the end of her current term ending March 31, 2016. The trustees are seeking applicants with an accounting degree or commensurate experience in the financial arena to fill the position of interim fiscal officer. The successful candidate would have to be a resident of Copley Township and run for election on the general ballot this coming November.

The trustees are pleased to have Janice Marshall as the perfect fit to assist them as Copley grows and prospers.



### Community Emergency Response Team CERT

In April 2013, Copley Township formed its first CERT training program. CERT prepares residents to help themselves, their families and their neighbors in the event of a disaster. This volunteer program trains citizens to be better prepared to respond to emergencies in their communities. When emergencies happen, CERT members can provide critical support to first responders, immediate assistance to victims and can help organize spontaneous volunteers at a disaster site. CERT members also help with non-emergency projects that help improve community safety.

Copley's CERT Team consists of approximately 40 residents that have been training together for the past three years. CERT training is conducted the third Tuesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining Copley's CERT Team, residents can call Sgt. Jack Simone at 330-670-2714 or Sue Mack at 330-666-1853 for an application or go to [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) to apply.



## reWORKS

The Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center (1201 Graham Road in Stow) will reopen Thursday, June 2 and be open between 2 - 7 p.m. every Thursday thru September 29.

Household hazardous waste (HHW) is the discarded, unused, or leftover portion of household products containing toxic chemicals. Although the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center is closed until June, there are still many options for you to recycle.

Go to [summitreworks.com](http://summitreworks.com) or call 330.374.0383 for a complete list of Local Recycling Options.

ReWorks will hold a free on-site document shredding event Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center (1201 Graham Road in Stow) from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Only Summit County residents and businesses are welcome. All paper shredded will be recycled. There is a limit of 10 file boxes or shopping bags.

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THIS EVENT.



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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!

**IN MEMORIAM**

Former Assistant Fire Chief  
Kennard Wallick

November 9, 1942 - February 11, 2016

Kenny Wallick served Copley Fire Department from 1965 - 1998 rising to the rank of Assistant Chief. On behalf of Copley Township officials and its employees, we express our deepest sympathy to the Wallick family.



### **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

#### **Trustees**

Helen Humphrys	
Scott Dressler .....	330-666-1853
Dale Panovich	

#### **Fiscal Officer**

Janice Marshall .....	330-666-1853
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