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## Copley Township Maintains Strong Financial Future

Copley Township has a long history of establishing conservative fiscal policies enabling the Township to provide the many services and amenities currently enjoyed by all. The long-standing practice of incurring no debt has afforded the Township to maintain its superior safety forces and community support programs in an economic climate that has been more than trying. In addition, Copley has been a leader in collaborations with other entities.

### Police Levy on the November Ballot

This November, residents will consider a replacement levy in support of the police department. The 2-mill replacement levy expires December 31. The levy generates \$954,935 per year for a three-year period, the same as the last three years - **with no increase in taxes.** The 2-mill levy augments funding for 23 full-time patrol officers, six part-time officers, one administrative assistant, and support of a Juvenile Youth Officer with Bath Township, a D.A.R.E. program with the city of Fairlawn, and a Joint Dispatch Center with the cities of

Barberton and Norton.

The Board of Trustees, along with Chief Michael Mier, is committed to continue seeking opportunities to share expenses with our neighboring communities to maintain and enhance provided services. "We deeply appreciate the support of the Copley community," says Chief Mier, "and we are proud of the partnerships we have developed with our residents and businesses. Together we can keep Copley Township one of the safest communities in northeast Ohio in which to live, learn and work."

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## Police Department Activity

### Halloween In The Park

The annual Halloween Festival, co-sponsored by the Copley Police Department and the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with Copley Fire and Service Departments, will be held at the Copley Community Park, 3232 Copley Road, on Saturday, October 27, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Police Department will distribute free trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks and pumpkins, while supplies last. There will be hay rides, games, hot cider and donuts for everyone and a trick-or-treat "trail" for children 10 years old & under.

For the first time in Copley, the Fairlawn-Bath Branch Library will be hosting a "Story Walk" at the festival. Story Walk promotes the development of physical fitness and literacy skills by creating opportunities to walk and read outdoors. Follow the path and read the story with your children.

In case of rain, the festival will be held at the Copley Community Center, 1278 Sunset Drive.



### Share-A-Christmas

The Copley Police Department will be accepting donations for its annual "Share A Christmas Program" which benefits needy families in the Copley area by providing toys and gifts for children at Christmas time. Last year, the Police Department helped 103 families.

Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the Copley Police Department, 1280 Sunset Drive beginning December 1, 2012. Checks or money orders may also be mailed to the Police Department.

If you could use some assistance, know a family that could, or know a senior citizen who would appreciate a visit from a police officer, please call the Police Department at 330-666-4218. Application forms and additional information will be available on our website, [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) in November.

All money raised will benefit those in need. Please help us make the Holiday Season a little brighter for those not as fortunate as ourselves by giving generously.



## Fire Department Activity

### Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 4 at 2:00 a.m. When you turn your clocks back one hour, make sure you also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If your smoke detectors are wired into your electrical system, they may have batteries as a backup in case there is a power failure. Be sure to change the batteries in these detectors as well.



### Open Burning Regulations

The EPA defines Open Burning as "anytime you light an outdoor fire without a chimney or stack". This includes burning of leaves or brush and recreational or cooking fires. Open burning can release many kinds of toxic fumes which cause people with allergies to have difficulty breathing. These pollutants also make it more difficult to meet health based air quality.

Fires are permitted for barbecues, campfires, and cookouts. The wood stack can be no larger than 2 feet high x 3 feet wide. You must also use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent. You should have a water source accessible and big enough to extinguish the fire nearby.

Tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds and leaves can be burned as long as the fire is more than 1,000 feet from neighbors' inhabited buildings. Local mulching companies will accept leaves at their facilities.

The complete documentation regarding Ohio's Open Burn regulations can be reviewed at: [www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning.aspx) or by calling the Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2270.

Trick or Treat  
Sunday,  
October 28th  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



### Senior Snow Plow

**T**he Copley Township Board of Trustees has once again approved the Senior Snow Plow Program for senior residents who own a home in the Township. This service is designed to not only allow senior residents to get out of their driveway but also to let emergency service vehicles in, should the need arise. If you or your spouse are at least 65 years of age and own the home where you reside, you may qualify for this program. Please contact the Copley Service Department 330-666-0365 for details or visit our website at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us).



### Seeking Residents for New Architectural Review Board

The Copley Township Board of Trustees is accepting resumes until 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2012 for positions on the soon to be established Architectural Review Board (ARB). The ARB will enforce compliance with Copley's zoning standards pertaining to signs, landscaping and/or architectural elements for non-residential projects. Licensed architects, landscape designers, engineers and other similar professional backgrounds preferred. Interested residents should submit their resumes via email to Copley's Planning Director, Matt Springer at [mspringer@copley.oh.us](mailto:mspringer@copley.oh.us). Please place on the subject line, ARB.

### 2012 Road Projects

Copley Township joined other communities in the Summit County Engineer's 2012 Regional Paving Program. By joining this program Copley Township takes advantage of any savings that may be offered through large scale purchasing and continuing to collaborate with other entities.



### Copley Cemetery Walk

The Copley Historical Society is presenting their third annual cemetery walk on Saturday evening, October 13. \$1.00 tickets will go on sale at 7:00 p.m. at the historic train depot next to the Copley Cemetery on Copley Road. The walk will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Four speakers will portray early Copley families. They are the Osborns, Samuel Rothrock, the Frank family and Dr. Homer Long. The rain date is Sunday, October 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

### Copley Recycle Center

The township is very pleased by the response for the new Copley Township Recycle Center. Opened in late June, it has already had a significant impact on our environment. As of September 1st, 960 lbs. of plastic bottles/containers, glass bottles/jars, and steel cans, 1014.53 lbs. of paper/cardboard and 430 lbs. of aluminum cans have been recycled.

This center was completely funded with grant monies from the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority.

### Winter is Coming!

The Copley Service Department has begun preparing for the impending winter season. The Township has 1100 tons of road salt on hand and has another 174 tons being stored at the Cargill, Inc. salt facility in Cleveland. Copley belongs to the Community University Education Purchasing Association (CUE) with 53 other communities for the purchasing of products, and because of its size and purchasing power, this consortium receives discounts on pricing from many different types of suppliers including Cargill. The Township is responsible for maintaining 58.23 miles of roadways but not all roads in Copley belong to the Township. Please check our website, [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) for a full listing of roads and the responsible agencies.

### Winter Safety Tips For Your Home

Water heaters, furnaces and boilers need air to operate safely, otherwise they will produce deadly carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, and that means you can't see, taste or smell it.

The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without fever). They may include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of Breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness



Proper installation, operation, and maintenance of fuel-burning appliances in the home is the most important factor in reducing the risk of CO poisoning. Look for problems that could indicate improper appliance operations:

- Decreased hot water supply
- Furnace unable to heat house or runs continuously
- Sooting, especially on appliances and vents
- Unfamiliar or burning odor
- Increased moisture inside of windows

Every home should have a battery-operated CO alarm or plug-in CO alarm with battery back-up and a certified CO alarm in the hallway near the bedrooms.





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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 and Zoning Commission 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  
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