

Copley Connection



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Heritage Day Bake-Off Winners



Cakes

Vicki Chisholm - 1st
Meaghan Austin - 2nd
Vicki Chisholm - 3rd



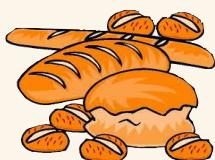
Pies - Pastries

Polly Friess - 1st
Polly Friess - 2nd
Vicki Chisholm - 3rd



Cookies

Jess Guedras - 1st
Pamela Doubell - 2nd
Macy Whitaker - 3rd



Breads - Muffins

Meaghan Austin - 1st
Christine Dersi - 2nd
Macy Whitaker - 3rd

Heritage Day 2013

An all call for community volunteers issued last spring for the Copley Heritage Day committee resulted in a very successful event filled with plenty of food and craft vendors, children's games and the much-anticipated parade at six o'clock. The financial assistance from our sponsors, the work force from Copley Township and the many volunteers made this possible. Many thanks to...

Akron Dispersions, Autobahn Service Center, Copley Chamber of Commerce, Copley Chiropractic Clinic, Copley Circle Auto Parts, Copley Fire & Rescue Association, Copley Police Department, Copley Service Department, Copley Tool Rental, Copley Township Trustees, Graves Lumber, Hummel Funeral Home, Independence Financial Group, InfoTeam Internet Services, Jim's Locksmith, Lewis Landscaping, LV Sound, Mom's Club of Copley/Fairlawn, Paul M. Kaput, D.D.S., Shearer Equipment, The Vine Fellowship, Thomarios and Walter Properties.

Copley Trustees Thank the Copley Heritage Day Committee

Thank you to the 2013 Copley Heritage Day committee members for a job well done. We are ever grateful for the time and dedication given to make this annual event enjoyable for Copley residents, businesses and visitors.

As we draw nearer to Copley's bicentennial in 2019 "It will take a Township" to plan the celebration. It is our hope that many more will volunteer on the Copley Heritage Day committee so that when 2019 arrives we are ready for a weeklong celebration. Therefore, if you are free on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. please consider attending the Copley Heritage Day meetings at Copley Town Hall.

Copley Township Trustees

Scott Dressler, Helen Humphrys and Dale Panovich



National Anthem sung by St. Luke's Ministries Youth Group



American Legion Post 473, Commander Mike Corathers and Dick Bowersox

Police Department Activity

Halloween In The Park

The annual Halloween Festival, 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 26 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.

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

Share A Christmas

The Copley Police Department's annual "Share a Christmas Program" will be running through December 18th. Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the police station, 1280 Sunset Drive. Participating families will also receive food baskets donated from Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and coats, hats and gloves from the Copley Outreach Center. Application forms and further information will be on our website www.copley.oh.us.



Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 3rd 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.



**Trick or Treat
in
Copley
Township
will be Sunday,
October 27
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**

Standard Time

"Fall Back"

Fire Department Activity

Portable Generators Are Helpful, May Also Be Harmful

Many residents of Copley own and operate portable generators when their power is out. Your fire department wants to stress the proper use of portable generators is important for the safety of you and your family. According to a recent study by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) operating a portable generator "indoors or close to open windows, doors or vents" has resulted in more than 500 deaths in the last 8 years. The most vulnerable are our residents 65 years or older.

According to NIST, the exhaust of a portable generator produces carbon monoxide "at a rate of 500 to 4000 grams per hour." You do not want that deadly and colorless, odorless gas entering your home. The Copley Fire Department recommends following the manufacturer's instructions when operating a portable generator and these tips from the United States Fire Administration:

- Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows and vents.
- NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
- Install battery-operated or plug-in (with battery backup) carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your home, following manufacturer's instructions.
- Test CO alarms often and replace batteries when needed.
- Never plug the generator into a wall outlet. This practice, known as backfeeding, can cause an electrocution risk to utility workers and others served by the same utility transformer.
- If necessary to connect generator to house wiring to power appliances, have a qualified electrician install appropriate equipment. Or, your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.

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



Service Department Activity

Septic System Inspections

In an effort for Copley Township to be in compliance with Ohio EPA Phase II Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination Regulations, the Summit County Health Department (SCHD) has been inspecting waste water discharges from septic systems throughout the township. This is done by taking a sample of the waste water from where it exits the system and taking it to a lab for testing to see if it falls within mandated EPA acceptable limits. In many cases, there is no access to the discharge location and no sample can be obtained. In those situations, the SCHD has been ordering property owners to install an inspection port so the inspectors have the required access. In some older allotments, and because of the design of the septic systems of that time period, discharge lines can be buried very deep in the ground. In order for these systems to drain properly, common septic lines were installed by the home builders in which several individual homeowner systems were tied into and discharge at a single location. Questions have arisen as to who would be responsible for the maintenance and repair of these common septic lines and the answer is the property owners whose septic systems they serve. Copley Township is only responsible for maintaining roadside storm water drainage systems to protect the road base and not private septic systems.

Senior Snowplow Program

The Board of Trustees has again approved the continuation of the Senior Snowplow Program for our elderly and/or disabled residents. Qualified participants who cannot or should not shovel snow from their driveways have appreciated this service since its inception in the 2007-2008 winter season. If you are 65 or older and/or disabled and think you may qualify, please visit the Township website at www.copley.oh.us or call 330-666-1853.

Copley Service Department

Some people don't want to think of winter yet, but the Service Department has to in order to be fully prepared for the impending weather. The plow trucks, plows both large and small, salt spreaders, front end loaders, and pickup trucks will soon be ready for the first sign of snow. The Township has approximately 1000 tons of salt on hand to start the season and another 2900 tons is available through CUE membership contracts.

Winter Reminders

- Check your mailbox to make sure it is sturdy or needs repairs. The township is not responsible for mailboxes knocked down by heavy snow or slush.
- Use only flexible markers to mark the edge of your yard by the road. Rigid markers, poles or any solid object will be removed.
- Refrain from placing garbage cans in the road.
- Do not park in cul-de-sacs.
- Do not shovel, blow or plow snow into the road. This creates a road hazard. Homeowners and snowplow contractors should be aware they can be cited for placing obstructions, including snow, on the roadway.
- Do not plow snow across the road. Snow from your driveway should be kept on your property.
- Never let your children play on or in large piles of snow by the roadway. Plow drivers may not see them when pushing snow and tunnels can collapse and bury the kids.
- Slow down when approaching a snow plow. The plow driver is very busy inside the cab. You may see him but the plow driver may not see you.

Community Activity

Bath and Copley Townships received a study grant for \$50,000 from the Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS) to improve accessibility in the Montrose area that is in both townships' jurisdiction. The plan is to study the feasibility of making the area intermodal for pedestrians, cyclists, bus-riders and motorists. In addition, the study should aid the townships in how to "soften" Montrose with a sense of community via visual aesthetics.

The consulting company hired to conduct the study is Environmental Design Group (EDG). There will be several meetings with the businesses in Montrose as well as public forums for everyone to attend.

To better understand how the area is currently accessed, a survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BetterMontrose>. The responses to date have exceeded expectations. The survey is online until November 1. Copley residents and businesses are encouraged to take the survey; we need your feedback.

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 Clubs 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 located at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S Cleveland-Massillon Road in the main lobby. Please consider donating your old glasses to those less fortunate.



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1540 S. Cleveland Massillon Road
Copley, Ohio 44321-1908

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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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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

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