

# Copley Connection

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## Pigeon Creek "River Sweep"

April 24, 2010



On Saturday, April 24, the Township will host the first annual "River Sweep" of Pigeon Creek. The Township invites residents to join us in cleaning up litter and other debris from the trail path and creek banks. The Township received a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Recycling & Litter Prevention to pay for gloves, dumpsters, and safety goggles. The trail meanders alongside of Pigeon Creek and the area is in need of clean up of litter, sticks, and other debris.

Volunteers will meet at Copley Community Center, 1278 Sunset Road at 8:00 a.m. Each volunteer will receive gloves and safety goggles and be assigned to a team. The teams will be transported to the Pigeon Creek area by bus. Once they complete their assigned area, they will be transported back to the Community Center where everyone will enjoy a light lunch. We should be back at the Community Center by about 11:30 a.m. Advanced registration is not required, but encouraged. Please call Brenda Gemind at 330-666-0365 or email her at [bgemind@copley.oh.us](mailto:bgemind@copley.oh.us).

All volunteers are welcome to participate in this event. Please be prepared with boots and clothes that can get wet and muddy. Children are welcomed, but must be supervised by an adult.

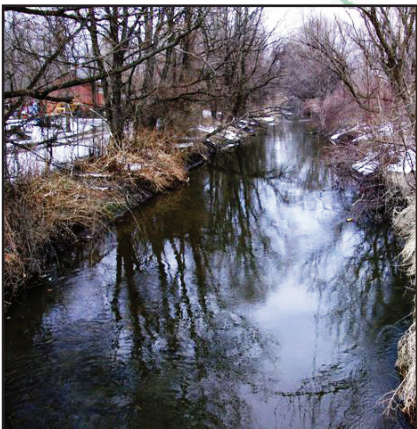
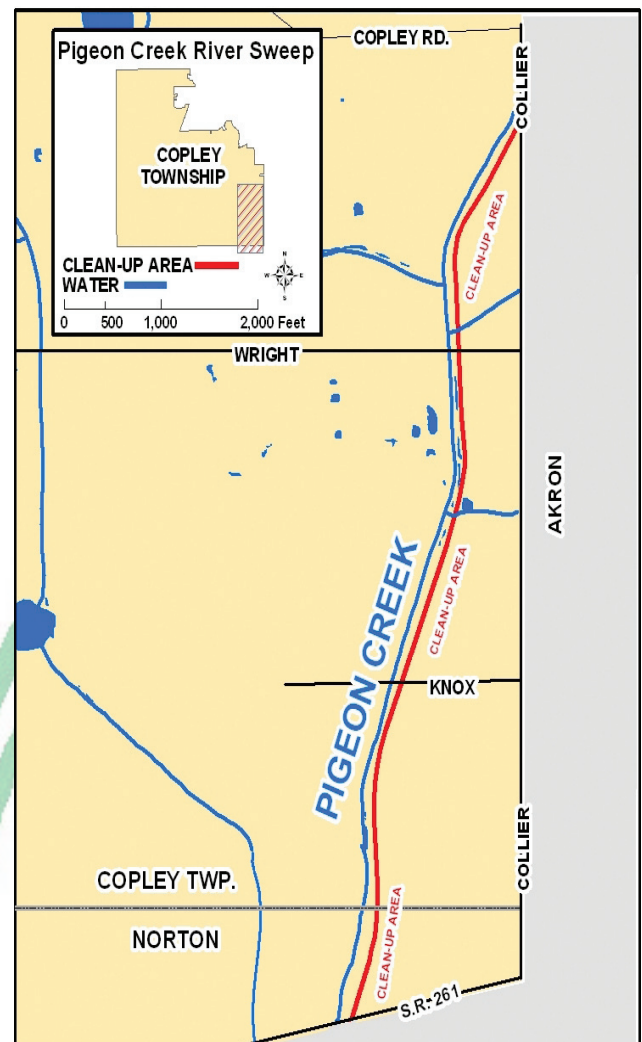
Pigeon Creek is a flowing tributary of the Tuscarawas River in the southeast area of the Township. Copley Township purchased 5 acres of abandoned railroad bed from the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad to complete a connection on the Pigeon Creek

Greenway Trail in the Summit County's Trails & Greenways Master Plan. The Township currently owns the trail from Collier Road south until Knox Boulevard. We are in the process of acquiring easements from Knox Boulevard to the City of Norton corporate line and a section north of Collier Road. The Township is looking for funding to

create a multipurpose trail that will be a link in the trail from the southern end of Summit County north to the Lake Erie shore.

For more information about the Pigeon Creek River Sweep, please contact Mark Mitchell, Service Director at 330-666-0365 or [mmitchell@copley.oh.us](mailto:mmitchell@copley.oh.us).

### Pigeon Creek Cleanup Area



## ZONING DEPARTMENT

### BEFORE YOU BUILD

... a deck, shed, or room addition, you will need to obtain a zoning permit from the Township. You can download the application from the Township's website at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) or stop in Town Hall and pick one up.

If you are not connected to a sanitary sewer, septic approval is required from the Summit County Health Department, 1100 Graham Road Circle (behind the Red Lobster at Rt. 8 and Graham Road), 330-923-4891.

Bring your completed application, (and Health Department approval, if applicable) with a simple drawing or sketch to the Zoning Department. If your application does not meet zoning requirements, you may apply to the Copley Township Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance. A complete list of requirements for whatever you plan to build can be found in the Township's zoning resolution, also on the website.

You can then take the zoning permit, along with your construction drawings, to the Summit County Building Department to obtain your building permits.

Fences **DO NOT** require a zoning permit, however a fence cannot exceed six (6) feet in overall height and must be a minimum of ten feet back from the road right-of-way.

The Zoning Staff is available from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to assist residents with their projects. It is easier to ask questions first before you start a project. Please do not hesitate to call or just stop in Town Hall if you have any questions or just to get more information. We are here to help.



## SERVICE DEPARTMENT

### FREE Shredding Days Confidential Recycling & Shredding Of Your Documents



SATURDAY		9:00 am - Noon (Rain or Shine)
April 17	Akron	Neoshed 2783 Gilchrist Road
May 8	Tallmadge	County of Summit DD Board Tallmadge Center - 630 North Ave Entrance off E. Howe Road
June 19	Fairlawn	City of Fairlawn Service Dept 3300 Fairlawn Service Drive
July 24	Macedonia	Macedonia Family Rec Center 1494 E Aurora Road
August 7	Green	Green Central Administration Bldg 1755 Townpark Blvd (44685)
September 18	Norton	City of Norton Admin Bldg. 4060 Columbia Woods Drive
October 9	Akron	LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

### LIMIT - 10 FILE BOXES OR SHOPPING BAGS



Summit County residents or businesses **ONLY**  
are welcome to visit **ANY** or **ALL** events!  
All paper shredded will be recycled!

At All Events SASWMA is collecting non-perishable food items for the Akron/Canton Regional Food Bank including Boxed Cereal, Peanut Butter, Canned Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Canned Beef Stew, Canned Soup.

Please remove binder clips, rubber bands, binders, paper clips, report covers, and hanging files. **STAPLES ARE OKAY**

### Keep Our Park Clean

When walking your dog in Copley Community Park, it is **your responsibility** to clean up after them - there are waste stations available throughout the park for your convenience. Let's keep our park clean and beautiful for all of us to enjoy!



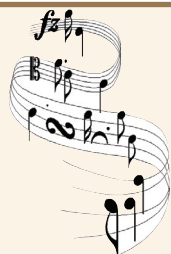
June 13 - LaFlavour

June 20 - Marlins

June 27 - Northwest Territory

July 4 - Freedom Brass Band

July 11 - Belairs



### Copley Circle Summer Concerts 7 pm

August 22 - Bob Ford and the Ragamuffins



July 18 - Phil 'n the Blanks

July 25 - Barbershop Quartet

August 1 - The Girls Band

August 8 - Class of '57

August 15 - Instant Replay





## POLICE DEPARTMENT ...

### Safety Town School

The Copley Police Department will be conducting their annual Safety Town School, Monday, June 28 through Friday, July 2 at Copley-Fairlawn Middle School, 1531 South Cleve-Mass Road. Safety Town School is a five-day summer education program for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall.

A simulated village is used to teach children most important pedestrian and bicycle safety rules. In addition, children view educational videos, listen to speakers from several different safety agencies, and ride a school bus. There will be two daily sessions, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Safety Town is free and open to children living in Copley Township or within the Copley-Fairlawn City School District.

Registration forms are available on our website [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us), at the Police Department, at the High School and Middle School.

Please call Sandra Sattler-Bittner at 330-670-2725 or email [mmason@copley.oh.us](mailto:mmason@copley.oh.us) if you have any questions.

### Prom Safety

Prom and graduation season is rapidly approaching. As parents, you are concerned about the safety of your children. Below is a summary of the underage drinking laws.

You cannot give alcohol to anyone under 21 years of age (even in your own home) even with their parent's permission.

You cannot allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

As a parent and homeowner, if you break the law, you may be arrested, sentenced to six months in jail and/or fined \$1,000.00

Discuss underage drinking with your teen. "Take a Stand." Refuse to supply alcohol to anyone under 21.

Be at home if your teen has a party. We want this to be a festive and joyous time, please help us in enforcing the laws regarding underage drinking. Please call the Copley Police Department 330-666-4218 if you have any concerns or questions.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

### Copley Officials Honor Third Grader

Summer Dillon, a third grader at Fort Island Primary School, was honored for her bravery at the March 3rd Copley Township Board of Trustees Meeting. Summer remembered her classroom training, called 9-1-1 and assisted emergency personnel when her mother, Karlene Buchanan, was injured in a fall in the basement of the family home. Summer calmly gave her address and condition of her mother to the 9-1-1 dispatcher.

When EMS personnel arrived at the home, they decided Karlene Buchanan needed to be transported to the hospital. Summer locked the home and rode with her mother to the hospital.

Board President, Scott Dressler, presented Summer with a proclamation recognizing her efforts. Trustees and members of the audience sang "Happy Birthday" to Summer, since the proclamation was presented to her on her ninth birthday.



Shown from left are Fire Safety Instructor Lydia Wochna and Kodak, Copley Fire Chief Michael Benson, Board of Trustees President, Scott Dressler, Summer Dillon, Karlene Buchanan and Summer's grandmother Debby Buchanan.

### Fire Prevention Education

The Copley Fire Department expanded its involvement at Arrowhead Elementary School for the 2009-2010 school year. Safety lessons are being presented on a monthly basis by Lydia Wochna (Firefighter Lydia) and Kodak, The Fire Prevention Dog. Firefighter Lydia and Kodak teach grades K thru 4th. Topics presented include Pond & Ice Safety, Holiday Safety, Halloween Safety, Poison Prevention, How a Firefighter dresses when fighting a fire, and Fire Prevention.



Firefighter Lydia and Kodak

Kodak is used as a teaching tool for some of the lessons. He teaches *Stop, Drop & Roll*, *Don't Hide From a Fire*, *Don't Panic*, *Crawl Under The Smoke*, and *Go To Your Safe Place*. Kodak dresses in costumes to match the lesson and reinforce the message. Kodak dresses in his turnout gear for the lesson that teaches children not to be afraid of how a firefighter looks and sounds if they come into a fire to rescue them.

Lydia was jointly hired by Copley and Fairlawn to work in the elementary schools in the Copley-Fairlawn School System. Lydia is the author of a children's book, "Kodak, Teddy, and the Big Fire" to help teach children about fire safety.



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**PLEASE KEEP OUR PARK CLEAN...**

When walking your dog in Copley Community Park, please clean up after them. There are waste stations throughout the park for your convenience. Please use them!

The Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center is located at 1201 Graham Road in Stow.  
The center is open May 4th - September 29th.  
The HHWRC's hours are:  
Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
330-374-0383  
**No longer accepting electronics (computers and TV's)**

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## 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.

Follow Copley Township on Twitter  
[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

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

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Peggy Spraggins .....330-666-1853

### COPLEY ONLINE

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