

# Copley Connection



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## 2010 State of the Township

**T**he 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 2010, Copley Township anticipated receiving \$ 11.9 million of which \$ 11.3 million was actually received – a difference of about 5.3%. Expenses were anticipated to be approximately \$14.9 million of which the township spent \$11.4 million; a difference of approximately 30.6%.

How do those figures compare with 2009? On the revenue side, Property and Local Taxes increased 2.44% in 2010, State Local Government Funds increased 1.34% and "Miscellaneous Other" revenues, excluding Estate Tax, increased 16% over 2009 due in large part to an increase in grant funds received. Expenditures, on the other hand, increased as well. Salaries and Fringe Benefits, comprising 75% of the Township's total expenditures, increased 8.73% and 14.59% respectively over 2009 figures. In order to compensate, operating expenses and capital expenditures were cut dramatically resulting in a total increase of expenditures of just 10% for 2010. Herein, rests our ability to survive. While contractual obligations dictated an increase in salaries and benefits, the Board of Trustees and Department Heads' conservative approach to spending, coupled with the

fact that the Township has no long-term debt, allowed the Township to react and conserve its resources.

The financial challenge is not over. In 2011, the Township faces many concerns, mostly over which we have no control. The economic impact on future revenues is uncertain as the State struggles to fund its own shortfall. State Local Government Funds are slated for cuts as well as Estate Taxes for local governments. The cost of Health Care affects every segment of the business community with the results unclear at best. Amidst these uncertainties, the Township's union contracts expire at the end of 2011. Extra care will be required to balance the well-being of our outstanding workforce with the future financial stability of the Township.

Be assured, the financial future of the Township will remain stable. With the most positive outlook, we will plan for the worst case scenario. We will count on the State to keep its promise to cut local funding and will in turn continue to look at ways to cut our own expenses. We will remain flexible in our long-term planning and continue to look at new strategies to reach those long-term goals. Most importantly, we will strive to engage others in our quest; whether it is the union with which we need to negotiate, the vendor with new financing ideas or the neighboring community who wants to share equipment, services and technology understanding that the future looks so much brighter and the possibilities so much bigger by working together. The future for Copley Township is bright and we hope to join others with similar views to provide quality services efficiently and economically.

*Janice Marshall, Fiscal Officer*

**Active Senior Fair**  
**Thursday, April 14, 2011**  
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
**Copley Community Center**  
**1278 Sunset Drive, Copley, Ohio 44321**



Copley Township is pleased to announce its joint participation with the communities of Bath and Fairlawn, assisted by professionals from Chambrel Montrose and Copley Health Center, in the presentation of an active senior fair for area seniors. This four hour event will focus on everything imaginable that interest seniors.

Copley Township representatives will attend to explain what programs are currently available to seniors in our township. You can expect to talk with members of both the Fire and Police departments as well as others. Questionnaires (enclosed) will be available to aid in the determination of future events and activities.

Trustee Helen Humphrys of Copley, along with Bath Trustee Becky Corbett has been instrumental in the development of this event. Professionals Sandy Bougher,

Copley Health Center, and Carol Shemenski, Chambrel Montrose, have given invaluable time and effort in the implementation of this event, as well as Bill and Kay Daniel, residents of Copley.

In this new era where regionalism is becoming the focus of local government, the eventual outcome is the interaction of all three communities in providing unique parts of senior programming for their combined communities. We're fortunate that Chambrel Montrose and Copley Health Care are partnering with us not only for the fair but for future programs as well. This event, as well as future activities, represents a functional and cost effective partnership between government and the private sector.

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## Police Department Activity

### Prescription Drug Take Back Program

The Copley Police Department, in collaboration with the Summit County Health Department, has established a pharmaceutical disposal program for Copley residents to safely discard unused medications. The program is called DUMP, short for Dispose of Unused Medications Properly.

Folks acquire medication in the home that is no longer needed and they have no intent to use. Nationwide, police have seen an increase by teens in the abuse of prescription medications.

Folks should consider discarding unused medications properly. The Copley Police Department has installed a **"DUMP"** box in the police department parking lot where residents can safely dispose of unused medications. Simply drive into the police parking lot and drop unused medications in the grey colored DUMP box near the front of the building. We accept pills, capsules or syrups. Please do not deposit syringes. To dispose of syringes call 330-926-5600.



### Copley Police Department Bike Rodeo

The Copley Police Department's annual Bike Rodeo will be held June 4th in the Home Depot Parking Lot. This event is designed to help kids understand the importance of bicycle safety. The rodeo is an opportunity for local children and their parents to learn how to stay safe while riding bikes this summer. The annual Bike Rodeo is a chance for kids to get their bikes inspected, win prizes, participate in various riding events, meet Police Officers and enjoy a free hot dog and soda. This years' prizes will include bike helmets and water bottles. There will also be a drawing for a new bike.

This annual event is an extension of the Copley Police Department's community policing services and is an excellent opportunity for the area children and their parents to interact with their Police Department and Fire Department personnel in a positive way.

### Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy

The Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy presented by the Copley, Norton and Barberton Police Departments will once again hold a twelve week program that will provide instruction and information concerning a particular area of law enforcement.

Attendees will have the opportunity to experience how the police department plays a role in the community with some hands on training.

Anyone interested in attending the Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy may call Sgt. Jack Simone at the Copley Police Department 330-670-2714.

## Fire Department Activity

### Getting Ready For Spring Weather

Spring is here, but unfortunately it brings unpredictable weather like floods, thunderstorms and tornadoes. We all need to be prepared in the event of severe weather. The CDC recommends we have on hand:



- Battery operated flashlight, NOAA Weather Radio and extra batteries for both.
- An emergency evacuation plan that includes a map of your home and a route to safety from each room.
- A list of important information including important telephone numbers, insurance information, and medical information.
- A first aid kit.
- A 3-5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- An emergency kit in your car.

Practice an emergency plan for each type of severe weather. All family members should be aware of all the items above and also how to turn off the water, gas and electricity in the home. Advanced planning can decrease the risks when severe weather strikes in the spring.

### Tornado Warning Sirens

Copley maintains 6 sirens located across the township in order to warn residents of a tornado. The sirens have been refurbished to keep them in working order for many years to come. The dispatch center activates the sirens when a tornado has been spotted or when NOAA places Copley Township under a tornado warning.

The sirens are tested at noon on Saturday during tornado season, from March to October. They are not tested during the winter months to reduce wear and prevent breakage from freezing conditions.

When severe weather is approaching and the outdoor warning siren system has been activated, you need to do the following:

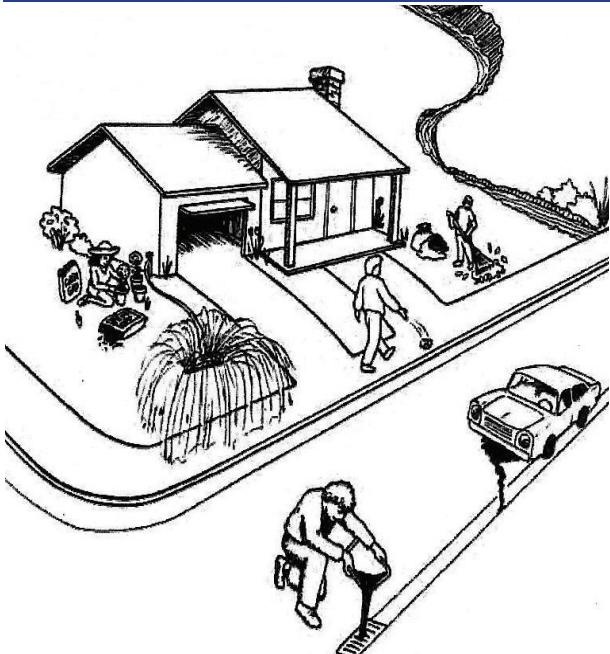
- Seek shelter immediately.
- Move to an interior room on the lowest level of your home, preferably the basement.
- Listen to weather reports on the TV, radio or weather radio to know when it is clear.
- If you are unable to go inside and a tornado is approaching, watch for flooding and lie in a ditch or low area protecting your head with your arms.

### Safety Town Sign Up

Copley Safety Town is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15, 2011. There will be two time sessions, 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 3:30 p.m. Participants must be Copley Township residents or reside within the Copley-Fairlawn City School District. There is no fee to participate. Forms will be online and at Copley Schools Kindergarten registration.



## Service Department Activity



Can you identify the activities that contribute to pollution in your watershed? Answers on page 6.

### Do you know.....

The difference between a storm drain and a sewer? Storm drains collect water from outside our homes and businesses and carry it, untreated, directly to streams and rivers. Sewers collect water from inside homes and businesses and carry it to treatment plants, where it is cleaned before it enters streams and rivers. So remember, only rain should go into storm drains, not trash, oil or other pollutants.

## Reduce Reuse Recycle



Mother Earth thanks you for doing your part!

## Zoning Activity

The Township Zoning Department staff issues zoning permits for all new construction to ensure compliance with Zoning Resolution requirements. Plans are reviewed by the Zoning Inspectors to make sure all items meet compliance relative to size, placement and use. Construction drawings are then submitted to the Summit County Building Department who then issues applicable building permits.

If you are planning to make improvements to your property by adding a deck, room addition or accessory building, please call the Zoning Department to obtain the necessary zoning permits. You can also print the forms from the Township's website, [www.copley.oh.us/zoning](http://www.copley.oh.us/zoning). We are happy to answer any questions before you begin a project. Please call us at 330-666-0108.

**The Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center** will be open on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 and will remain open through the end of September 2011. Hours of operation are:

Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

For additional information about the items that are accepted at the Center, and any fees, call 330-374-0383 or visit their website.

[www.saswma.org](http://www.saswma.org)

1201 Graham Road

Stow, Ohio 44224

(Near the Graham Road exit off Rt. 8)

## Community News

### Copley Community's 8th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Sponsored by: Copley United Methodist Church



**Saturday, April 16, 2011**

**(New Location)**

**Copley High School**

**3807 Ridgewood Road**

Line up at 1:15 p.m. Begins promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Preschool through 5th Grade

**10 Thousand Eggs** this year and a **SPECIAL DRAWING!**

A "HUGE" Solid **Chocolate** Bunny Information and registration cards will be provided entering the parking lot.

Make sure to fill out and turn in your registration card at one of the information tables **BEFORE** you line up.

Bring your own basket and don't forget your camera.

The **Easter Bunny** will be making an appearance! You can take your picture with him. He also has a special treat to hand out.

Refreshments, prizes and handouts for the kids.

Come join us rain, snow or shine for a hopping good time!

### Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade kicks off at Copley Fairlawn Middle School beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 30th. The parade proceeds south on Cleveland-Massillon Road to Copley Road then west on Copley Road to Copley Cemetery where the ceremony will be held. Rain location - Copley Middle School Gymnasium.

## Active Senior Program Survey

Please tear off and drop off at the Town Hall or at the Senior Fair

Would you like to see a Senior Group formed for social activities? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Which Community do you live in? Copley \_\_\_\_ Bath \_\_\_\_ Fairlawn \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

Would you join an Active Senior Organization if one was formed?

A) Local Community only..... Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

B) Joint Organization with surrounding Communities ..... Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Which age group do you fall into?

55 - 60      61-70      71-80      above 81      *(circle the applicable age group)*

How often would you care to meet?

Daily \_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_\_ Bi-monthly \_\_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_\_

Would you like activities to be structured (someone in charge) \_\_\_\_

Unstructured (do your own thing) \_\_\_\_

Would you like to be advised of community activities or services? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

If you are homebound, would you be interested in a visitation program? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Would you be agreeable to pay a small annual fee? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to pay a small fee for group activities, exercise, and education?  
Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to pay a modest price for a breakfast or lunch if offered?  
Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Do you have a means of transportation? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in volunteering? Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Do you know somebody else in the community who might be interested in a senior's program?

Y \_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_

Which of the following activities would you be interested? (Please Circle as many as you wish)

### **Creative Activities**

Music	Ceramics	Crafts
Herbal Classes	Art Classes (painting, drawing)	Origami
Scrap booking	Quilting	Knitting
X Stitching	Crocheting	Needlepoint
Woodcarving		

### **Educational Activities**

Computer Classes, Lectures on Health, Finance, Taxes, Medical/Insurance programs

### **Social Activities**

Lunches or Dinners	English Tea	Cookie exchange
Junk in the Trunk Sale	Single Seniors	Book Club
Trips: day or multi day	Service Projects	Classic Movies

### **Recreational Activities**

Aerobics	Tai Chi	Arm Chair Exercises
Dancing: Line, Ballroom	Bingo	Bocce
Card Games: Bridge, Casino Days, Euchre		Dominoes
Jig Saw Puzzles	Board Games i.e. checkers, chess, scrabble	
Shuffleboard	Wii Games- Bowling, tennis, dances, etc.	Pool - Billiards
Sports: golf, bowling, tennis, cross-country skiing, etc.		

Name, Address, Phone (OPTIONAL) \_\_\_\_\_

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***Thank you for participating in this survey. If you have questions or wish to discuss something we have missed please contact your respective community leaders.***

**COPLEY TOWNSHIP**  
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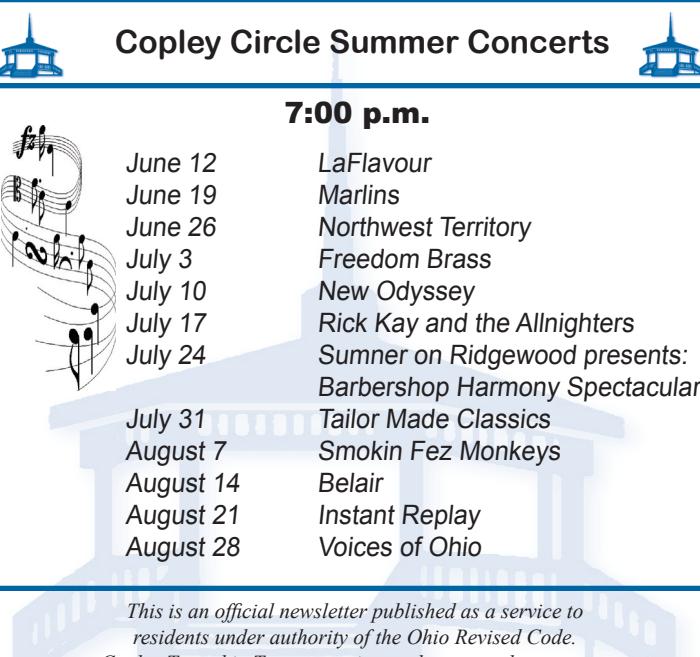
Answers from page 3:

1. Man dumping motor oil down the storm drain 2. Man littering 3. Eroding stream bank  
4. Sprinkler watering the pavement 5. Leaking antifreeze from car 6. Woman using  
fertilizers and pesticides improperly.

**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!

**Copley Circle Summer Concerts**



**7:00 p.m.**

June 12	LaFlavour
June 19	Marlins
June 26	Northwest Territory
July 3	Freedom Brass
July 10	New Odyssey
July 17	Rick Kay and the Allnighters
July 24	Sumner on Ridgewood presents: Barbershop Harmony Spectacular
July 31	Tailor Made Classics
August 7	Smokin Fez Monkeys
August 14	Belair
August 21	Instant Replay
August 28	Voices of Ohio

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**Copley Township Telephone Numbers**

Emergency Police & Fire .....	9-1-1
Non Emerg. Police & Fire .....	330-666-8866
<b>Administrative Offices</b>	
Fire .....	330-666-6464
Police .....	330-666-4218
Service .....	330-666-0365
Zoning .....	330-666-0108
<b>Trustees</b>	
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