

Copley Connection



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Dates to Remember

February 15th
Presidents Day
Administrative Offices
Closed

March 14th
Daylight
Savings Time Begins

March 20th
First Day of Spring

Board of Trustees
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Dale Panovich
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Fiscal Officer

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS:

Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and Copley Police Department

Township residents benefit from a strong partnership between the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and the Copley Police Department. Residents have been the recipients of many projects that the two groups have collaborated on the last few years.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time, with a large chapter in Copley Township. The objective of Kiwanis is to encourage their members to volunteer in their community to build better and stronger communities. They meet weekly at St. George's Church on Ridgewood Road to plan and organize their activities. This year, the group is led by Jane Scott who serves as their president.

Over the last several years, the Kiwanis and the Police Department have partnered on many projects. This partnership has led to some important programs and enhancements in our community. Some of the more visible projects are the annual *Share-A-Christmas Program*, the annual *Halloween In The Park* and the construction of the shelters at the Community Park built in 2005.

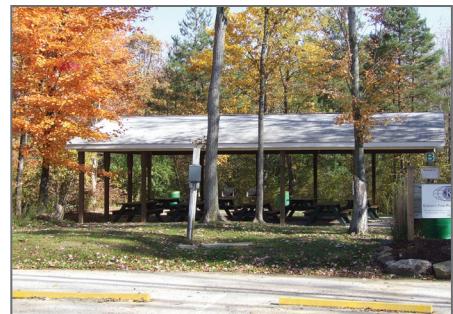
Some of the other community programs that the members of the Kiwanis volunteer their time are:

- Key Club for Copley-Fairlawn High School students
- Builder's Club for Middle School students
- K-Kids Program for Elementary School students at Fort Island
- The Copley-Fairlawn High School After Prom
- Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army
- Copley Community Heritage Day
- Annual Tire Recycling Program

The Township greatly benefits from this partnership because it enables us to provide services to our residents that are outside the traditional role of police departments. Together, they have been able to achieve a strong synergy that has benefited residents.

The Township is grateful for all the work, time and energy donated by the members of the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club. They certainly help make our community the best it can be.

For more information on the Township partnership, please contact Chief Mike Mier, 330-666-4218 and for additional information on the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club, please contact Jane Scott at 330-666-1523.



Copley Community Park Pavilions



Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Food Distribution Share - A - Christmas 2009

SASWMA Caught Copley Township Green Handed

The Summit/Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA) Green Team caught many Copley residents recycling. This one month program rewarded recyclers for their efforts. SASWMA's Green Team spotted over 50 loaded recycling bins filled with the correct recyclables in them and placed a large sticker with a gift card donated by Copley businesses. Shislers Cheese House, Judy's Ice Cream, Chick-Fil-A and Swenson's all donated gift cards.

If you need a recycle bin call J & J Refuse at 1-800-201-0005 or your current waste hauler. They will provide you with a recycling bin, then toss in plastic bottles #1 and #2's, aluminum and steel cans, glass jars and bottles, all paper, cardboard and chipboard.



FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The AARP through its **AARP Tax-Aide Program** offers a **free** and confidential service that assists individuals in preparing their personal income tax returns and answers tax questions. This service is available to taxpayers **with middle and low income, with special attention to those ages 60 or older**. The AARP Tax-Aide Program is a charitable, non-profit program administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Last year, over 2 million taxpayers nationwide, were provided free tax help by nearly 32,000 qualified counselors who volunteered their time during the "tax season" at various sites.

Taxpayers receive in-person counseling and tax preparation service at sites located in libraries and senior centers. In Summit County most libraries have one day a week where you may, by appointment only, have your income tax returns prepared. Sites that are convenient for Copley residents are the Fairlawn/Bath, Norton or Barberton Libraries and Barberton Senior Center. Contact one of these sites for the day and hours of operation and to make the necessary

2010 NATIONAL CENSUS

The Federal Government will be conducting the 2010 national census this spring. The census is an accurate count of the U.S. population. The information collected is the basis for many important but often overlooked political, economic, and social decisions that are made that end up affecting our daily lives at all levels of government.

When you receive the questionnaire in the mail, it is very important that you fill in the form and promptly mail it back. Census information affects the number of seats our state occupies in the U.S. House of Representatives. People from many walks of life use census data to advocate for causes, rescue disaster victims, prevent diseases, research markets, locate pools of skilled workers and more.



Participation isn't just important - it's mandatory.

For more information about the 2010 Census
please log onto
www.census.org.

REGISTER TO VOTE
or
print an absentee form at
www.summitcountyboe.com
Primary Election May 4, 2010

appointment or to speak with an AARP Counselor about your tax situation, tax questions or what forms/information you are required to present.

You will need to bring all documents that you receive from your employer, bank, investment institution, social security, Federal & State government estimated tax payment information, etc. Two forms of identification are also required, one photo I.D. and your original Social Security Card (and those of any dependents), letter from Social Security or Social Security Benefit Statement (SSA-1099). It is always helpful to bring your prior year tax return.



Submitted by William Daniel



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

RESIDENTIAL KNOX BOX PROGRAM

The Copley Township Fire Department is offering qualified elderly residents the option to have a knox box installed on the door of their home. In an emergency, the Fire Department will access the key stored securely in the locked Knox Box to quickly gain entry to the house. This helps prevent damage to doors and windows in the event the resident is unable to get to the door to unlock it. The master key to the Knox Box is secured electronically in Fire Department vehicles and must be released over the radio by a Copley Dispatcher. This system has been used effectively for many years on commercial and public buildings.



This program is for senior residents living alone, those with life alert devices or those with significant health issues limiting their mobility. There is no charge for this service.

Residents who would like to have a Knox Box installed or have any questions regarding the program should call Firefighter/Paramedic Jeff Varga at the Copley Fire Department at 330-666-6464.

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 the 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.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT ...

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

Winter is here and it's time to begin salting and plowing the roads. The Copley Service Department asks you to check the following:

- Make repairs to your mailbox now so it will withstand the winter weather. The Service Department will only replace a damaged mailbox if it has been hit by the snowplow and not from the weight of the snow.
- Make sure there are no hazardous obstructions along the edges or corners of the roadway. All hazardous obstructions in the right of way will be removed by the Service Department.
- During snow events, park your vehicle in your driveway so our plow trucks can clean the entire lane. This also reduces the risk of your vehicle being damaged by the plow and keeps it from being "plowed in" during heavy snowfalls.

Copley Township has an ample supply of salt this winter. We have 1,000 tons on hand and have an additional 3,000 tons at our disposal.

Please call the Service Department at 330-666-0365 with any questions or more information.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ...

SOUTHERN SUMMIT CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The Copley, Barberton and Norton Police Departments are proud to present a program that has been designed to develop an awareness of the police department's function in the community.



The Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy is a twelve week program that will provide instruction and information concerning a particular area of law enforcement. The chief objective is to open means of communication between the citizens and their Police Department. Additionally, we want to develop an awareness of the police department's function in the community. The intention of the Academy is not to make police officers out of the graduates, but to make them better informed citizens, with an accurate knowledge of the many responsibilities and functions of the police department.

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

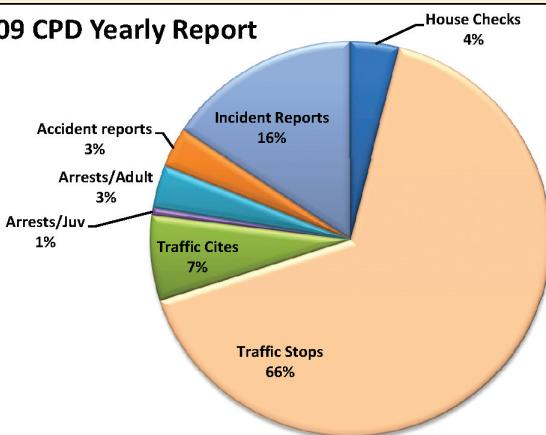
Anyone interested in attending the Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy may call:

Sgt. Jack Simone - Copley - 330-670-2714
Sgt. Michelle Toris - Norton - 330-706-0084
Sgt. Brian Brown - Barberton - 330-861-7254

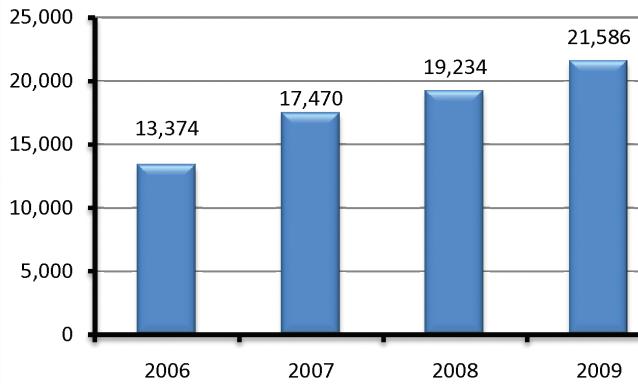
2009 In Review

COPLEY POLICE DEPARTMENT

2009 CPD Yearly Report



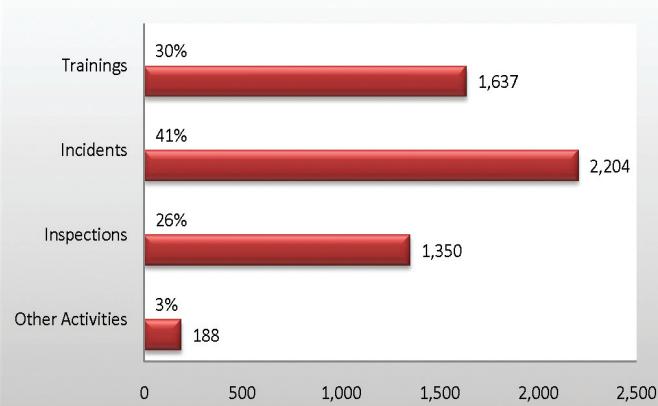
CPD Total Calls Per Year



COPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Copley Township Fire and EMS service is a full-service, well equipped, professionally staffed, full-time operation, under the direction of Chief Michael Benson and Assistant Chief Jim Rogers. The Township supports two fire stations; Station #1 located in the Town Hall at 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road and Stony Hill Fire Station #2 at 4570 Medina Road west of the Montrose area. Bath and Copley Townships jointly own Station #2 and share the cost for

Copley Fire Department Activity Report for 2009



The Copley Police Department is a full service and professionally trained department, under the direction of Chief Michael Mier and Lt. Luke Marchmon. The Copley Police Department is staffed by 23 full-time and 6 part-time police officers, one youth worker and an administrative assistant.

Copley Police Officers regularly patrol the community in marked police cruisers, undercover vehicles, bicycles, and on-foot to provide residents with the highest level of police service. Copley Township enjoys a low crime rate, and in particular, a very low violent crime rate. We regularly work together with our citizens and business owners to keep Copley one of the safest communities in northeast Ohio in which to live and work.

Over the last 4 years, the demand for services for our officers has increased 61% with the department responding to over 21,000 calls last year. The majority of calls are traffic stops which adds a difficult dimension in handling the busy area of Montrose and I-77, SR 21 and RT 18.

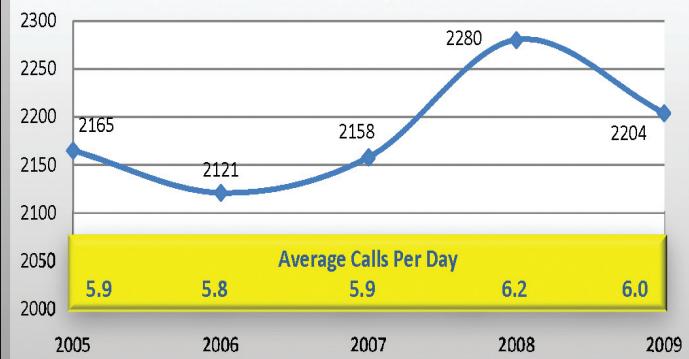
2009 POLICE STAFF

Management	2
Sergeants	3
Patrol Officers	18 full; 6 part
Admin. Asst.	1
Youth Worker	1

staffing and operating expenses.

The Fire Departments have an average of 6 calls per day between both stations. Calls for service have increased over the last four years. The department is currently staffed with 18 full-time and 43 part-time employees. In 2009, the department started requiring that all new employees are certified paramedics at the time of appointment.

Total Calls Station #1 and #2



2009 In Review

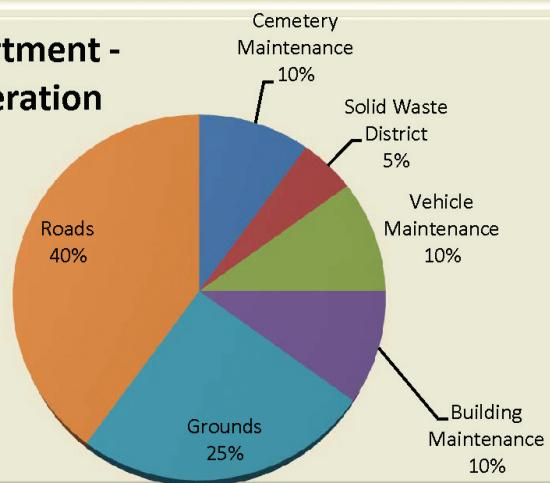
COPLEY SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Copley's Service Department performs many functions such as ice and snow removal, brush collection, maintaining proper drainage and maintaining three cemeteries owned by the Township under the direction of Director Mark Mitchell and Assistant Director, Doug Miller.

Over an average year, the department spends the majority of its time on road maintenance and building maintenance. The Service Department has eight buildings and park areas that are maintained on a daily basis, which includes the Police and Fire Department buildings that operate a 24/7 operation. The Service Department also maintains 58.24 miles of township roads with a full time staff of six. The staff is on call 24 hours a day when their services are needed.

The Service Department also provides an annual tire recycling and waste oil program, document shredding, Christmas tree pickup and brush collection. In 2008, the Board of Trustees authorized a pilot snow plow program for senior citizens. The program was a huge success and was expanded for 2009/2010, where there are currently 205 residents participating.

Service Department - Areas of Operation



Copley Service Department Vehicles and Equipment

COPLEY ZONING DEPARTMENT

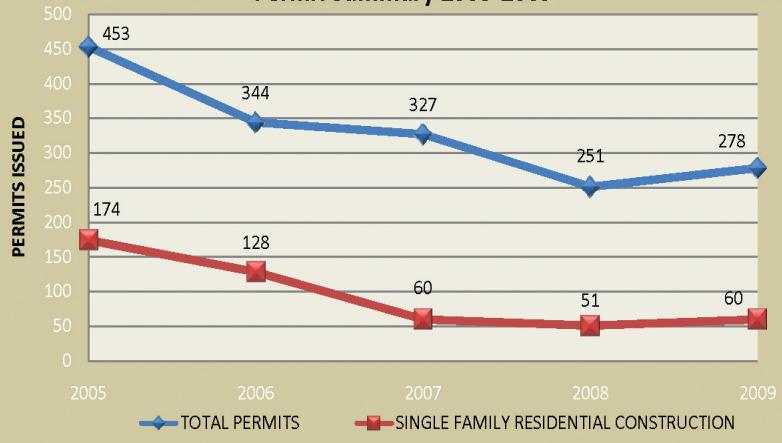
The Township Zoning Department Staff issues zoning permits for all new construction to ensure compliance with Zoning Resolution requirements. Plans are reviewed by Assistant Zoning Inspectors, Sue Schultz and Matt Springer to make sure that all items meet compliance relative to size, placement and use. Once a zoning permit is issued, construction drawings are submitted to the Summit County Building Department who will issue applicable building permits.

In line with the current economy, permit requests for both new home starts and improvements decreased since 2006. However, in 2009, Copley still issued 278 zoning permits for various projects including 60 new homes. These permits represent an investment of \$11,847,000 into our community.

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 necessary zoning permits. You can also print out forms from the Township's website at www.copley.oh.us/zoning. We are happy to answer any questions before you begin a project, please call 330-666-0108.

Copley Township Zoning Department

Permit Summary 2005-2009



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

PRSR STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 351
AKRON, OHIO

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!

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.

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets upon application.

Check our website for the Zoning Commission Meeting Schedule

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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	
Helen Humphrys	
Scott Dressler	330-666-1853
Dale Panovich	
Fiscal Officer	
Janice Marshall	330-666-1853
Township Administrator	
Peggy Spraggins	330-666-1853

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