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Assistant Fire Chief Jim Rogers has retired after 30 years in the fire service. Jim began his fire service career in Copley in 1982 rising to the rank of Chief Fire Inspector. In 1993 he hired in at Fairlawn Fire in a similar capacity and remained with Fairlawn until he was appointed Assistant Fire Chief for Copley in 2005. Assistant Chief Rogers' effective retirement date is March 2011. We wish Jim the best in retirement.



Attention Copley Seniors - Save the Date!

Mark April 14th on your calendars for an enlightening day filled with fun, prizes and loads of information. Copley Trustees, along with neighboring communities, Chambrel Montrose and Copley Health Center, are hosting a Senior Fair that day from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Copley Community Center, 1278 Sunset Drive.

Planned to participate are 20-30 providers from all walks of life who represent health care, vision and hearing screening, legal and financial advice, physical fitness, nutrition, home safety, personal safety, prescriptions, etc.

You name it, we will have it. More information to follow, stay tuned.

EMS Billing for Residents

This year the Township started an EMS billing program for all patients who utilize the Township's Emergency Medical Service (EMS). We have had a non-resident billing program for several years and now we have included residents. However, residents will not be billed; the Township will only bill a resident's insurance. The Township will accept whatever the insurance company pays and write off the rest, including deductibles, copayments and non-covered services. If a resident does not have insurance, they will not be billed. If you have any questions, please call Fire Station #1 at 330-666-6464 and ask for Lieutenant Bower or Chief Benson.

Heritage Day 2011

It is hard to think of a summer event when the temperatures have been hovering in the mid to high 20's most of January. However, the annual Heritage Day event was held last August after a short hiatus and it was great to see it return. The Heritage Day Committee is looking for more volunteers to keep this tradition going and they need you! Join the fun, make new friends, and give our young people a tradition they will carry on when they are adults. To sign up, please contact the Town Hall at 330-666-1853 and we will forward your name and number to the committee chair.



Winter Reminders

The ice, snow and cold have taken a toll throughout the nation. At one point in January, 49 of 50 states had measurable snowfall. As much as we would like not to, we still need to drive in it, walk in it, and shovel it. Driving in the winter can be very treacherous especially during the first morning snowfall. When driving, always maintain two car lengths behind the vehicle in front of you and reduce speed by 5-10 MPH. If you are walking - watch out for black ice on the sidewalks and on the roadways. Never overdo or overheat. Dress in layers and stay warm and safe, we need every one of you.

In Memoriam Retired Copley Employees

Lois Jean Boyer
November 17, 1930 - January 15, 2011

Mary K. Bivens
August 14, 1942 - January 28, 2011

Robert Juve - 30 Year BZA Member Retires

Robert D. Juve was appointed to the Copley Township Board of Zoning Appeals December 2, 1979. In his three decades of service he saw many changes having served under ten different Boards of Trustees, worked with nine Zoning Inspectors, four Clerk-Treasurers, one Fiscal Officer, two Coordinators and two Administrators.

During his tenure he reviewed Copley's first shopping center, the first Planned Development District, the first high density subdivision, the first retirement community, the first satellite fire station and witnessed Sumner on Merriman in Akron become Sumner on Ridgewood in Copley. In all of his deliberations and decisions common sense weighed in each time.

The Copley Township Board of Trustees thank Mr. Juve for his dedicated service to Copley Township and further wish him good health in his retirement from public service and success and enjoyment in his master craft in wood carving.

From The Service Director

Heavy snow can wreak havoc on mailboxes. If the mailbox or the post or both are not sturdy, the snow itself can knock a mailbox over. Very rarely does a snow plow actually hit the mailbox. Inspect your mailbox post supports and the box itself for durability. If your mailbox is damaged by the weight of the snow, it is up to you, the homeowner, to repair or replace it. If the mailbox is actually hit by a snowplow, the Township will replace it per the Ohio Department of Transportation standards with a rural-style metal mailbox on a wooden post. Damage to a mailbox should be reported within one week to the service department at 330-666-0365. After one week, it will be the homeowner's responsibility.

On a related note, during snow events, please do not park your vehicles on the street. This will allow the plow trucks to clear the entire street and reduce the risk of a vehicle being damaged by a snow plow and also from getting "plowed in". Always remember to make sure there are not hazardous obstructions along the edges or corners of the roadway. We still have two more "good" months of winter; let's make it as safe as possible.

Weatherization

The Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) serves low or fixed-income families. HWAP is designed to help lower heating bills by correcting energy deficiencies. Studies show when weatherization is combined with educating clients on home energy efficiency, residents can save up to 25% on their home heating bills. HWAP provides weatherization of homes, safety inspections, and tune-ups of heating units. Go to www.co.summit.oh.us for more information and to download an application. You can call Leeann Gillenwater, Control Specialist at 330-643-2537 for more information.

Fire Department Promotion

Christopher Bower was promoted to Fire Lieutenant on December 25, 2010. He joined the Copley Fire Department as a Contractual Firefighter/Paramedic in 2000, and was hired full-time in July of 2002. Chris has served as the EMS Coordinator for 3 years and will continue those responsibilities along with supervising the joint Bath-Copley personnel at Stony Hill Station #2. Lieutenant Bower had the highest score from the assessment process and was recommended for promotion to the Board of Trustees after a personal interview with Fire Department and Township administration. Chris is married to Crystal and has three daughters, Katie, Megan and Jordan.



L to R, Lt. Christopher Bower, Chief Michael Benson

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) through its Tax Aide program offers free assistance in preparing personal income tax returns for persons ages 60 and older in the middle to low income tax brackets. The Tax-Aide Program is a charitable, non-profit program administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Locations that are convenient for Copley residents are the Fairlawn/Bath Library, Norton Library and Barberton Library. Appointments are necessary and be sure to gather all required information before you go. A photo ID and your original social security card are required along with a letter from Social Security Administration or your SSA-1099 benefit statement. It is also helpful to have a copy of last year's return.



Fire Department Activity

Copley Fire Department responded to 2,059 calls in 2010 compared to 2,204 in 2009.

Type	2010	2009	Change
All Fires	52	55	-3
False Alarms	279	281	-2
EMS	1525	1643	-118
Other Incidents*	203	225	-22

* Spills and leaks, Hazardous Conditions, Electrical, Public Service

Police Department Activity

Copley Police Department handled 22,521 calls in 2010 compared to 21,586 in 2009. As shown below, the department was kept busy.

Type	2010	2009	Change
Calls	22,521	21,586	935
Incident Reports	1,477	1,742	-265
Accident Reports	423	354	69
Arrests/Adults	374	388	-14
Arrests/Juveniles	115	69	46
Traffic Cites	674	772	-98
Traffic Stops	5,804	7,326	-1,522
House Checks	330	439	-109

The dispatch center was as busy because 22,521 calls meant 22,521 calls were routed to a department or dispatched out for Fire/EMS or for a police unit to respond.

Service Department Activity

Type of Service	2010	2009	Change
Salt Used in Tonnage	3396.61 tons	2629.92 tons	766.69
Road Miles Paved	4.03 miles	1.9 miles	2.13
Scrap Tires Collected	16.48 tons	12.97 tons	3.51
Pavilion Rentals	136	85	51
Burials	31	40	-9
Christmas Tree Pickup	282 trees	355 trees	-73
Brush Collection	117 truckloads	137 truckloads	-20
In-House (Employee) recycling	1982 pounds	701 pounds	+1281
Electronics Recycled	1152 Tons	Not offered in 2009	+1152
Batteries Recycled	1384 Tons	Not offered in 2009	+1384
Oil Recycled	361 gallons	670 gallons	-329
Anti-Freeze Recycled	15 gallons	106 gallons	-91

Zoning Activity

Zoning Department permit activity decreased in 2010, but with the ongoing entire rewrite of the zoning code, zoning activity has been non-stop.

Type	2010	2009	Change
Permits	232	276	-44
Single Family	10	23	-13
Attached Single Family	39	36	3
Residential Additions	10	16	-6
Commercial Construction	4	1	3
All Others	169	200	-31
Fees Collected	\$12,207	\$13,930	-\$1,723



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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!

 <h2>Meeting Notes</h2> <p>Regular Board of Trustees Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Please visit our website www.copley.oh.us for updated meeting times and special meetings.</p> <p>Check our website for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission Meeting Schedules.</p> <p>Follow Copley Township on Twitter www.twitter.com</p> <p>All Meetings Are Open To The Public.</p> <p><i>This is an official newsletter published as a service to residents under authority of the Ohio Revised Code. Copley Township Trustees review and approve the contents. Please direct comments and improvements to the Township Trustees.</i></p>	<h3>Copley Township Telephone Numbers</h3> <table border="0"><tr><td>Emergency Police & Fire</td><td>9-1-1</td></tr><tr><td>Non Emerg. Police & Fire</td><td>330-666-8866</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"> </td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Administrative Offices</td></tr><tr><td>Fire</td><td>330-666-6464</td></tr><tr><td>Police</td><td>330-666-4218</td></tr><tr><td>Service</td><td>330-666-0365</td></tr><tr><td>Zoning</td><td>330-666-0108</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"> </td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Trustees</td></tr><tr><td>Helen Humphrys</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Scott Dressler</td><td>330-666-1853</td></tr><tr><td>Dale Panovich</td><td></td></tr><tr><td colspan="2"> </td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Fiscal Officer</td></tr><tr><td>Janice Marshall</td><td>330-666-1853</td></tr></table> <p>COPLEY ONLINE WEBSITE: HTTP/WWW.COPLEY.OH.US EMAIL: TOWNSHIP@COPLEY.OH.US</p>	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
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