

Copley Connection

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We've Moved Our Meeting Day To Wednesday

The Board of Trustees changed their regular meeting schedule to the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m.

At The 2009 Organizational Meeting, the following officers were elected for 2009:

Helen Humphrys - Pres.
Scott Dressler - Vice Pres.
Dale Panovich - Trustee

Janice Marshall continues her service as Fiscal Officer for the Township.

Board of Trustees
Helen Humphrys
Scott Dressler
Dale Panovich

Janice Marshall
Fiscal Officer

Land Use Plan Update

The Land Use Plan Committee has been working diligently to finalize the document that will be used as the basis for development in Copley for the next 10 years. The Committee has spent the last several meetings fine tuning the Goals & Initiatives that have been identified throughout the 18-month process.

The Land Use Committee has scheduled 2 meetings to further discuss the Goals & Initiatives, after which the completed document will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

This document is a critical component to the Township's future in that it will help guide development decisions, support the Township's position in any future litigation and become the basis for the re-writing of the Zoning Resolution which was started approximately 4 months ago.

The Committee strongly encourages the public to get involved in the Land Use Plan by:

- Attending the meeting on January 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Copley Town Hall
- Review and comment on the document on the Township website. You may also request a hard copy by calling Town Hall.
- Give us your opinion on the Goals & Initiatives identified by the Committee.

Thank You!

Thank you to the voters of Copley who supported the Road & Fire Levies that were on the November ballot. Both issues were overwhelmingly approved.

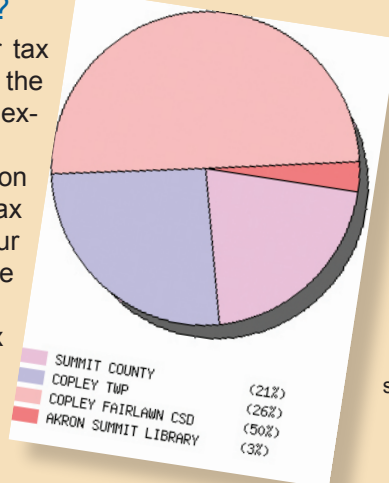
We appreciate your support! Thank you for the confidence you have in the Township.

Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

If you are interested in how your tax dollars are spent, there is a new feature on the Summit County website that will tell you exactly how your tax dollars are distributed.

Go to www.summitoh.net, click on GIS Geographic Information, click on Tax Map and then Parcel Search and enter your address and street name. (Do not include road, circle or lane.)

When the parcel information box appears, click on View Property Card. Go to the bottom of the property card and click on 2007. Half way down the page click on "WHERE DO MY TAX DOLLARS GO".



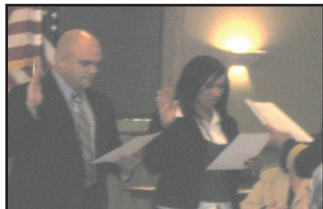
You will see the Full Year Distribution Details for Tax Year 2007/Collection Year 2008.

If you have questions, please email: summittreas@summitoh.net.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Copley Police Department added two full-time officers, two part-time officers and one full-time dispatcher to their staff in December.

Thomas Ballinger and David Smith were hired as full-time Officers. David Moore and Sarah Shendy were hired as part-time Officers and Cody Post is the new full-time Dispatcher.



Part-time Officers
David Moore and Sarah Shendy

Welcome to all our new employees!

Joint Dispatch Pilot Program

The Township is beginning a joint dispatch program on January 12th with the City of Norton. The goal of this 12-month pilot program is to improve service and reduce costs. In anticipation of this program, the Trustees have authorized the expansion of the dispatch area and installed several equipment upgrades. Calls made to the "911 Emergency line" and the non-emergency phone number will be handled through this dispatch center. Residents will not experience any change in the way calls are handled except that when they call on the non-emergency line, it will be answered "Police and Fire Dispatch". The dispatchers will know if the call is originating from Copley or Norton and will be handled accordingly.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of Copley Community Park

If you use the Community Park off Copley Road (Route 162), you probably noticed how beautiful the area is with its manicured lawns, playgrounds, shelters, parking areas and walking trails. Help us keep it beautiful and clean. We invite you to join us to become a "Friend of Copley Community Park". It is simple and open to everyone. All that is required is when visiting the park, pick up any trash or litter that may be on the grounds. If you see something that needs repaired, call us or send us an email so we can take care of it. You don't have to go out of your way, just pick up what you see when taking a walk. Please call Brenda Gemind in the Service Department at 330-666-0365 to sign up. We will sign you up and give you instructions when you call.

The Board of Trustees Meetings for 2009 will be the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please check our website, www.copley.oh.us for any changes in times or for special meetings.

Homestead Exemption Program 2009

Summit County Fiscal Officer John A. Donofrio is reminding senior homeowners the State Legislature has expanded the Homestead Exemption Program, a reduction in property taxes, for all senior citizens 65 years or older or permanently and totally disabled under the age of 65.

Every qualified homeowner will receive an exemption of \$25,000 on the appraised value of their home from property taxes on a single family residence, regardless of their income.

Applications are available beginning January 5, 2009 until June 1, 2009 at www.co.summit.oh.us/fiscaloffice or at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S Cleve-Mass. Rd.

Homeowners who currently receive the Homestead reduction do not have to reapply.

Copley Township Brick Orders

The Copley Heritage Day Committee sold bricks during the Millennium as a fundraiser for Heritage Days. The bricks are now in the walls of the announcement signs that are erected in Copley Circle.

The Township Trustees plan to continue the sale of bricks. This new program will compliment the brick walls. The bricks sold now will align the walkways to the walls.

Your inscription is limited to three (3) lines and 20 characters per line. Character count includes spaces between words. Cost per brick is \$25.00.

Please make checks payable to Copley Township.

Please complete the form and mail with check or money order to:

Copley Township Brick Program
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road
Copley, Ohio 44321

COPLEY TOWNSHIP BRICK ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Inscription - Please Print

Your inscription is limited to 3 lines and 20 characters per line.

Character count includes spaces between words.

You will be notified when bricks are placed in the Circle.



SERVICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 382

Many thanks to Steve Saxson and Alan Smith from Boy Scout Troop 382 for their Eagle Scout Projects at Copley Community Park. Steve constructed and installed 3 benches along the trails. Alan installed guide signs and trail markers to locate amenities, trails and their distances. Their hard work and dedication to the community is commendable and we thank them for their efforts to make Copley Community Park better for all of us.



Alan Smith, Boy Scout Troop 382

Job well done!



Steve Saxson, Boy Scout Troop 382

Recycling Works!

Did you know for every ton (2000 pounds) of paper recycled:

- Conserves the equivalent of 17 trees worth of lumber
- Saves 7,000 gallons of water
- Saves 4,200 KWh hours of electricity
- Saves 11 barrels (462 gallons) of oil
- Saves more than three (3) cubic yards of landfill space

These numbers reflect recycling works. Everyone needs to do their part to conserve our natural resources!

Shredding Dates

2009

Feb. 7th

May 2nd

Aug. 1st

Nov. 7th

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Town Hall

Retiring After 28 Years

After 28 years of working for the Copley Township Service Department, Clair Vandegrift has announced he will retire at the end of February 2009. Clair has proved his value to the township from the beginning and has risen to be our senior man gaining the respect and admiration of all who work beside him. His knowledge of this department is a huge asset that will be sorely missed. We all wish Clair the best of luck in the future.



Clair Vandegrift, retiring after 28 years of service with Copley Service Department

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Fire Department Increases Staffing



L to R Michael Kamp, Jeffrey Kohn, Brian Abbott

In December the Copley Fire Department increased their on-duty staffing to meet the needs of the residents and businesses of Copley Township. To accomplish this the Township hired three (3) full-time Firefighter/Paramedics and four (4) part-time Firefighter/Paramedics. Additionally, the Copley and Bath Township Fire Departments jointly hired six (6) part-time Firefighter/Paramedics to staff the combined Bath-Copley Stony Hill Fire Station #2 on Medina Road in the Montrose area.

New personnel hired were:

Brian Abbott, full-time Firefighter/Paramedic
Jeffrey Kohn, full-time Firefighter/Paramedic
Michael Kamp, full-time Firefighter/Paramedic

Terra White, part-time Firefighter/Paramedic
Chris Skinner, part-time Firefighter/Paramedic
Scott Robinson, part-time Firefighter/Paramedic
Jacob Lawrence, part-time Firefighter/Paramedic

New Uniform Patch

In 2008, the fire department members redesigned their uniform patch. The new patch incorporates the traditional Maltese cross for the fire service, a waving American flag and the four primary missions of: Firefighting, Emergency Medical Service, Rescue and Prevention. The new patch improves the uniforms and updates it to a modern style. Due to security issues, these patches are not available to the general public.



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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.**

**The Zoning Commission meets on the first Monday
of the month at 6:00 p.m. as needed**

The Board of Zoning Appeals meets upon application.

All Meetings Are Open To The Public.

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Copley Township Trustees review and approve the contents.
Please direct comments and improvements to the
Township Trustees.*

Copley Township Telephone Numbers

Emergency Police & Fire9-1-1
Non Emerg. Police & Fire330-666-8866

Administrative Offices

Fire330-666-6464
Police330-666-4218
Service330-666-0365
Zoning330-666-0108

Trustees

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Scott Dressler330-666-1853
Dale Panovich

Fiscal Officer

Janice Marshall330-666-1853

Township Administrator

Peggy Spraggins330-666-1853

COPLEY ONLINE

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