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New State of the Art Communications Center In Police Dept.

Copley's Dispatch Center began in the home of Jack Welton, a Copley Fireman, and his wife Barb in 1969. At that time, the Police Department had only one cruiser. In 1974, the dispatch center moved to the lower level of the Town Hall where it remained until July, 1995 when it moved to the new Police Station on Sunset Drive.

Over the next 13 years, the Township grew in population and size. In 2007, Copley Township



Trustees agreed to join the Summit County 800 MHz Regional Radio System allowing communications with several departments within the county as well as State and Federal agencies. Due to the change in radio systems and the lack of space in the current radio room, the Trustees looked at several options to accommodate the new equipment. The decision was made to move the Communications Center into what was the police training room. After several months of construction and re-engineering of the

new and existing equipment, the Communication Center was opened in late December. The new center has two dispatch positions that incorporate an all new digital touch screen radio console with dual screen CAD computer aided dispatch) mo-

tors, integrated mapping software along with several other components from the old center. In 2008, Trustees approved the addition of a third station to accommodate future needs of the center and provide a third dispatcher during the peak activity periods. The room was designed to accommodate up to three complete dispatch positions allowing the center to grow with

needs of the Township. Dave Sattler, Systems Administrator, coordinated this major reconstruction project from its inception. Thanks to Dave, the transformation went smoothly. Great Job!

The Barberton - Norton Mosquito Abatement Program

On December 18, 2007, a petition was filed with the Summit County Common Pleas Court to expand its district to include the communities of Green, New Franklin, Copley, Coventry, Springfield, Clinton and Lakemore. This petition proposes to create a new district to handle mosquito spraying. In order to pay for this new service, the group proposes to impose a .3 mill unvoted property tax on each parcel in Copley Township.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution in opposition of the creation of this new service. Currently, the Summit County Board of Health provides this service and the Trustees are very satisfied with the spraying that we have received in the past. The Trustees believe that paying additional property taxes for services that we already receive is unnecessary and thus have authorized the Township's Legal Counsel, Irv Sugerman, to oppose the creation of this new district in Common Pleas Court.

The Township has a petition opposing the new mosquito district at the front desk of the Town Hall. The petition will also be available at the Board of Trustees regular meeting on March 25. If you have questions, please feel to call Town Hall 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 330-666-1853.



Fire Department News...

OHIO SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 23-29th culminating in a Statewide Tornado Drill on the 26th. Copley residents should expect to hear our tornado sirens on the 26th at 9:50 am. Schools will also be practicing their tornado drills. The Copley Fire Department encourages employers to incorporate Tornado and Fire Drills into their safety programs as part of their Emergency Operations. For more information, please visit www.FEMA.gov.

OUR NEW AMBULANCE HAS ARRIVED!



On February 27th, the Copley Fire Department took delivery of a 2008 Braun Ambulance built upon a Ford E450 chassis. This unit was purchased to replace a 7 year old ambulance which will be placed in reserve status as a shared resource for Copley, Bath, Fairlawn and three other communities in our region. The new

ambulance will respond from Copley Fire Department Station 1, attached to Town Hall. The reserve/shared unit will be housed at our jointly operated Bath-Copley Fire Station, Stony Hill Station 2, covering the Montrose area.

The fire department responded to more than 2,100 requests for service last year, with greater than 70% of those for Emergency Medical Service. This new vehicle will help maintain the exceptional level of service residents of Copley enjoy and expect from their Township Fire Department.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS...

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

- For your home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher that can be used on all types of home fires.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit.
- Know when to leave your home. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

Copley Community News...

Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center

The Household Hazardous Recycling Center will be opening Tuesday, April 1, 2008 and will remain open through the end of September, 2008. Hours of operation are:

Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday evening, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

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.

HHW Recycling Center
1201 Graham Road
Stow, Ohio 44224
(Near the Graham Road exit off Rt 8)

AARP Tax-Aide Program

The AARP through its 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 60 years or older.

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

Did You Know....

Copley Township has a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Akron.

- Total businesses in Copley within the JEDD Service Area: 1,019
- Total collected in 2007: \$5,644,155.49
- This is 6.26% above 2006 collection.



Jeffrey Varga
Firefighter/M



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DATED MATERIAL

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!

**2008
Concert Schedule**

*Summer Concerts in the Circle
7 PM*



June 15	LaFlavour
June 22	Ernie Krivda and the Fat Tuesday Big Band
June 29	Class of '57
July 6	Freedom Brass Band
July 13	Melvin Goins & Windy Mountain
July 20	Logan Wells
July 27	Barbershop Harmony Spectacular
August 3	Phil & Sparky Show Band
August 10	Swing Machine
August 17	Rebeats
August 24	ETC All American Youth Choir

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Copley Township Telephone Numbers

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Non Emerg. Police & Fire 330-666-8866**

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Police	330-666-4218
Zoning	330-666-0108
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