

Copley Connection

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October 2009

Dates to Remember

Oct. 31 - 2pm-4:30pm
Halloween Festival in Copley Park

Nov. 1 - 5pm - 7pm
Trick-or-Treat

November 1st
Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 1st
CFD Pancake Breakfast
8:00 am - Noon
(See page 3)

November 3rd
Election Day
Don't forget to vote!

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED:

Veterans Day - 11/11
Thanksgiving Day
11/26-27
Christmas Day - 12/25
New Years Day - 1/1/10

Board of Trustees
Helen Humphrys
Scott Dressler
Dale Panovich

Janice Marshall
Fiscal Officer

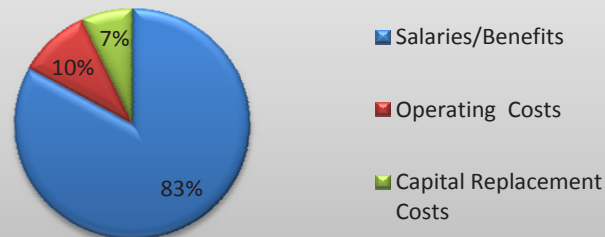
Copley Maintains Strong Financial Picture

Copley Township has a long history of establishing conservative fiscal policies and making wise financial decisions enabling the Township to provide the many services and amenities currently enjoyed by all. The long-standing practice of incurring no debt has afforded the township the ability to maintain its superior safety forces and community support programs in an economic climate that has, unfortunately, caught many communities unaware and unprepared. Like many of its residents, Copley Township is in the process of carefully considering budget options for 2010 with a speculative view of revenue projections and a watchful eye on anticipated spending. In 2008, through generous community support, a 3.3-mil replacement levy for the Fire Department was passed along with a 2.5-mil replacement levy for continued maintenance and repair of roads and bridges. In November 2009, residents will once again be asked to consider a replacement levy in support of the Copley Township Police Department to continue the exceptional services we have come to expect.

Historically, the bulk of the Police Department's budget is used for personnel and related expenses. In 2008, approximately 83% of the year's total expenditures went to salaries, and benefits.

The department currently employs 23 full-time patrol officers, 6 part-time patrol officers, and one administrative assistant as well as contributing support to a Juvenile Youth Officer, Joint Dispatch Services with the City of Norton, and the D.A.R.E. program. About 17% of the total budget is

Police Department Budget 2008



spent on operating costs and capital replacement. In addition, the Board of Trustees, along with Chief Michael Mier, is committed to continue seeking opportunities, like the Joint Dispatch Program, to share expenses with our neighboring communities while maintaining, or even enhancing, provided services. "We deeply appreciate the support of the Copley community," says Chief Mier, "and are proud of the partnerships we have developed with our residents and businesses. Together we can keep Copley Township one of the safest communities in northeast Ohio in which to live, learn, and work."

Share a Christmas

The Copley Police Department's annual Share a Christmas Program will be up and running through December 19th. Donations of cash and new toys are being accepted at the police station, 1280 Sunset Drive. Participating families will also receive food baskets from Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and coats, hats and gloves from the Copley Outreach Center. Application forms and further information will be on our website www.copley.oh.us.



COMMUNITY NEWS...

How Can You Tell If a Child Might Have a Vision Problem?

Risks and Warning Signs of a Vision Problem:

- A family history of eye problems
- Crossed eyes or eye turn
- Lazy eye
- Childhood eye disease

Behavior or Traits Which Could Indicate a Vision Problem:

- Eyes that don't appear quite right
- Crooked or unusual head position
- Lack of interest in tasks that are performed close-up
- Inability to stay on task
- Holding things too closely
- Rubbing eyes frequently
- Blinking too frequently
- Red, crusty, itchy, burning or painful eyes
- Unusual sensitivity to light
- Poor eye-hand coordination or depth perception
- Double vision
- Squinting, closing one eye or covering one eye frequently
- Headaches after reading or using a finger as a place mark while reading

A child who has or does these things may have a vision problem and needs an eye exam.

Free Vision Screening

Copley Lions Club and Copley Township in conjunction with Ohio State University Extension and the 4-H Club Teen Volunteers is providing a FREE VISION SCREENING for children ages 3, 4 and 5. The screening is aimed at identifying eyesight problems in children at an early age, when treatment is most effective. This screening is designed to determine if a child may have a condition called Amblyopia, commonly referred to as "lazy eye", which is a leading cause of blindness in children. The screening is used to identify possible vision problems that cannot be seen by simply looking at the child, but need more attention by an eye doctor.

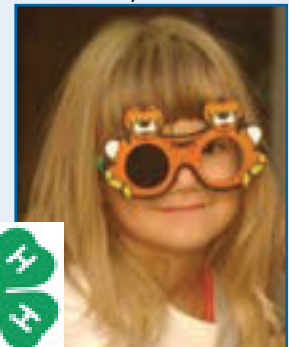
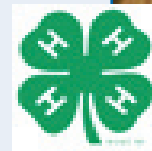
Where: Copley Community Center
1278 Sunset Drive

When: Saturday, November 7, 2009

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. A permission slip must be filled out prior to screening.

For more information regarding this free program, please contact: Patti at 330-666-0024 or Bill and Kay at 330-666-5582.



"Promoting Recycling in Summit County"

"Get Caught Green Handed" 2009

Copley Township Action Plan

Get Caught Green Handed is an incentive program that encourages residents to curbside recycle. The reward is donated by "Green Handed Partners" that provide incentives (gift cards) to those who utilize their curbside recycling program.

The Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority (SASWMA) "green team" will canvass neighborhoods looking for residents that have loaded (filled with correct items) recycling bins at their curb. When SASWMA staff spots a loaded bin, they will place a green handed sticker with a gift card attached to the recycle bin. The program will run October through November in Copley Township.

You can recycle newspaper, cardboard, plastic bottles #1 & #2's, glass jars and bottles and metal cans.

GET CAUGHT GREEN HANDED



Michael Mier
Copley Township
Chief of Police



www.saswma.org



Copley Residents can "Get Caught Green Handed" by the Summit Akron Solid Waste Management Authority

You Can Recycle:

- ➔ Plastic
- ➔ Metal Cans
- ➔ Glass Jars
- ➔ Newspaper
- ➔ Cardboard

If you are "caught" with a loaded recycling bin, you will receive a gift card from one of our "Green Handed Partners."

Our "Green Handed" Partners: Akron Aeros, Gioninos Pizzeria and Swenson's Drive Inn

More information about
"Get Caught Green Handed" call 330.374.0383

Curbside recycling Info: Call J & J Refuse at 1-800-201-0005 OR your current waste hauler



POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL IN THE PARK

The annual Halloween Festival, sponsored by the Copley Police Department, in cooperation with Copley Fire and Service Departments, will be held at the Copley Community Park, 3232 Copley Road, on Saturday, October 31st from 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Police Department will distribute free trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks and pumpkins, while supplies last. There will be hay rides, games, hot cider and donuts for everyone and a trick-or-treat "trail" for kids 10 & under.

In case of rain, the festival will be held at the Copley Community Center, 1278 Sunset Drive.



*Trick or Treat in
Copley Township will be
Sunday, November 1st
5 pm - 7 pm*



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS ...

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS, CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 1st at 2:00 a.m. When you turn your clocks back one hour, make sure you also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide

Standard Time



detectors. If your smoke detectors are wired into your electrical system, they still may have batteries as a backup in case there is a power failure. Be sure to change the batteries in these detectors as well.

COPLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Copley Township Fire Department is sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 1, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at Fire Station I, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road.

Adults: \$5

Seniors: \$4

Children 6-12: \$3

Children 5 and under: FREE

SERVICE DEPARTMENT ...

SENIOR SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM

At the August 19, 2009 Board Meeting, the Copley Township Trustees approved the Senior Snow Removal Program for the 2009-2010 winter season.

If you were on the program last year and wish to remain on the program, you must complete a renewal application form available on our website, www.copley.oh.us or at the Town Hall.

If you are a new applicant, please fill out a new application form. If you need assistance in getting your application notarized, there is a notary at the Town Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

You are eligible for the program if you are at least 65 years of age or disabled, own your home and there is no one in your home that is capable of removing snow.

*Winter will be here
soon...please
remember to assist our
road crews when they
are out plowing and
salting by not parking
on the streets or in the
cul-de-sacs.*



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

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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.

The Zoning Commission meets on the 4th Monday of each
month at 6:00 p.m.

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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

Fire 330-666-6464
Police330-666-4218
Service330-666-0365
Zoning330-666-0108

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