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## Fire and Road Levies on the November 8th Ballot

**C**opley Township has two levies up for renewal for fire and road services. Renewal levies do not increase taxes. What one paid the last 3 years for these services, will pay the same the next three years.

The fire levy is a 3.0 mill renewal for a three year tax period and is strictly for fire department salaries (firefighters and dispatchers), operations, and equipment. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$103.93 per year for the fire levy.

The road levy is a 2.50 mill renewal for a three year tax period and is strictly for road department salaries, maintenance and repair of roadways and snow and ice control. The owner of a \$100,000 home would pay \$78.73 per year for the road levy.

### Fire Levy - Issue #5

Copley Township's Fire and EMS Department is a well-equipped, professionally staffed, full-time operation. A pioneer in establishing EMS service to the Copley community, the department's 17 full-time Firefighter/Paramedics and 40 plus part-paid Firefighter/Paramedics responded to 2,059 calls in 2010 and as of August 31 this year had 1,532 calls, an increase of 9% over last year.

In addition to the "traditional" fire fighting activities, Copley Fire Department provides many services to Township residents and businesses such as the following: CPR Training, Disaster Planning, Fire Extinguisher Training, Senior Knox Box Program, and Senior Fire Safety Education. Department members are part of the Summit County Hazardous Materials and Technical Rescue Teams, protecting Copley and the rest of Summit County by sharing resources, equipment and personnel.

The levy also provides Copley-Fairlawn Schools with a fire education officer who teaches our young people fire safety as well as participating with the Police Department in Safety Town each year.

### Road Levy - Issue #6

Copley Township is responsible for the maintenance of 58.23 miles of township roadways and rights-of-way. That responsibility includes repairing, spot repaving, or complete repaving projects. We also install and maintain all regulatory, warning, and street name signs. Roadside drainage ditches, driveway culverts, and storm water lines are maintained and repaired. We perform berm mowing and tree/bush trimming within the right-of-way where needed to ensure proper safe sight distance viewing for motorists.

During the winter season, snow and ice control becomes our main mission to keep the roads safe for all. Copley residents enjoy one of the finest road systems in Summit County and it is because of residents like you who vote for the Road & Bridge Levy. Voting for this 2.5 mill renewal levy does not increase your taxes and ensures that we keep the road system to a level you have come to expect.

## Senior Activities Prove Successful

The Bath-Copley-Fairlawn senior activities initiative has produced three very successful events this year: a senior fair, an ice cream social, and an educational forum on Medicare Plans A, B, and D, Medicaid, and Supplemental coverage. More activities are in the works and as the group moves on, appreciation and thanks must go to Chambrel Montrose, Copley Health Care Center, Copley Place, Bob Evans, Harvest Bread, Mobile Meals, Sam's Club, Sand Run Pharmacy, Seaman Retirement Planning, and Uliinski Law Firm who donated either their time, money or supplies. Of course, none of this would have been possible without the "blessings" of the Bath Township Trustees, Copley Township Trustees and the Mayor of Fairlawn. Planning is underway for more activities for 2012. Stay tuned.

## Police Department Activity

**H**idden in Plain Sight is an exhibit which will be presented by the Bath and Copley Police Departments on Thursday, November 10, 2011. Adults are encouraged to explore and interact with the display designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom. Throughout the exhibit are items that may indicate a teenager is involved in some high-risk behavior such as substance abuse, underage drinking, eating disorders, sexual activity and more.

Participants will be enlightened, educated and astonished. There is no charge to attend the program which will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 10 at Copley Community Center, 1278 Sunset Drive. No youth will be admitted.

The police departments would like to extend their appreciation to Downing Enterprises located in Copley Township for their assistance with this effort.

## Halloween 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 29th from 2:00 p.m. to 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 children 10 years old & under.

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



## Share-A-Christmas

The Copley Police Department will be accepting donations for its annual "Share A Christmas Program" which benefits needy families in the Copley area by providing toys and gifts for children at Christmas time. Last year, the Police Department collected \$7,607 and helped 80 families.

Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the Copley Police Department, 1280 Sunset Drive beginning December 1, 2011. Checks or money orders may also be mailed to the Police Department.



If you could use some assistance, know of a family that could, or know a senior citizen who would appreciate a visit from a police officer, please call the Police Department at 330-666-4218. Application forms and additional information will be available on our website, [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) in November.

All money raised will benefit those in need. Please help us make the Holiday Season a little brighter for those not as fortunate as ourselves by giving generously.

## Fire Department Activity

### Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 6 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 detectors. If your smoke detectors are wired into your electrical system, they may have batteries as a backup in case there is a power failure. Be sure to change the batteries in these detectors as well.

### Standard Time



### Fire Department Pancake Breakfast

The Copley Township Fire Department is sponsoring an "All You Can Eat" pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road.

Adults: \$5

Seniors: \$4

Children: 6-12: \$3

Children 5 and under: Free

### Winter Home Safety Tips

During the winter months, heating equipment is the leading cause of fires in the home. To stay safe and warm this winter, follow these tips:

#### Portable Space Heaters

- Should be 36" away from anything that can burn.
- Check for a UL label to ensure it has been tested.
- Never leave a space heater unattended. Turn it off before leaving the room.
- Never use space heaters to dry clothes or blankets.

#### Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

- Burn only seasoned hard wood. Do not burn trash, cardboard boxes or yard waste.
- Have a professional Chimney Sweep inspect your chimney annually.
- Use a screen or glass doors to prevent embers from escaping from the fireplace.
- Open flues before the fireplace is used.

#### Carbon Monoxide Precautions

- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced.
- Have a professional inspect and clean your furnace annually.
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home.
- Portable generators must be used outside. Never use them indoors or in a garage which will allow CO to build up.
- Install at least one CO detector near sleeping areas.



## Service Department Activity

**Road Salt** - The price of road salt will cost less this 2011-2012 winter season. The cost per ton will be \$44.81 (down from \$46.48). Based on a committal tonnage of 3300 tons (+/- 20%) this price reduction will save the Township approximately \$5,500.

**Mailboxes** - With the winter season approaching, residents should remember to check their mailboxes and posts before the snow plowing season begins to ensure those items are capable of enduring the rigors of the winter. The Township is not responsible to repair/replace any mailbox/post caused by the weight of the snow knocking it over. The Township will only repair/replace the mailbox/post if it was actually struck by the snow plow.

**Parking on Township Roads** - On street parking should be avoided if possible during snow events when plowing is required. This enables the plows to clear the roads quickly and completely and prevents multiple return trips to clear the street after the vehicles have been moved. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**Annual Christmas Tree Pickup** - The annual Christmas tree pickup is scheduled for January 9, 2012. All real trees must be out on the curb by 7:00 a.m. Removal of twine, string, wire, ornaments, lights, etc. is required. The trees are chipped and items left on the tree can damage the chipping machine.

## Copley Lions

Whenever a Lions Club gets together, problems get smaller and communities get better. That's because they help where help is needed - in our own communities and around the world - with unmatched integrity and energy.

The Lions' 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members make it the world's largest service club organization. Copley Lions are part of that worldwide service organization and they are in need of eye glasses. If you have eye glasses that are no longer useful, please drop them off at Copley Town Hall. Many would appreciate your generosity.



*Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.*

- Helen Keller

## Community News

### Flag Pole Dedication

As part of the Veteran's Day observance, a short ceremony will be held to dedicate the new 50-foot flagpole at the Veterans Section of Copley Cemetery.

At the conclusion of the ceremony consisting of 3 rifle volleys and Taps, the Copley Veterans Post, consisting of the VFW Post 7971 and the American Legion Post 473, will dedicate the flagpole. The ceremony will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 11, 2011.

This ceremony will be open to the public.



### Neighborhood Safety

Copley Township enjoys a low crime rate. We attribute the safety of our community to the relationships we have developed with you, our citizens. By working together, we have an impact on crime not only in Copley but in the surrounding area.

Please keep the following tips in mind:

- Keep garage doors down and house doors locked while working outside in the backyard.
- If you see vehicles traveling through your neighborhood that appear suspicious, do not hesitate to call the Copley Police. Our officers can check these suspicious vehicles out to make certain the occupants have a legitimate reason to be in the area.
- Be wary of traveling thieves, sometimes referred to as gypsies. They come to homes unannounced offering to perform home repairs at discounted prices. Sometimes, one member of the crew will enter the home looking for valuables to steal while the others perform the work. They are known for offering to seal asphalt driveways in preparation for the winter season.
- Door-to-Door solicitors are prohibited in Copley. We only allow non-profit organizations to offer items for sale door-to-door, such as boy or girl scouts, school organizations or the veterans groups. Do not hesitate to call the Copley Police if door-to-door salespeople come to your home selling magazines, cleaning products, etc.

Please don't hesitate to call your police if you ever observe any suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If we work together, we can keep Copley Township one of the nicest communities in Summit County in which to live, work or go to school.

Trick or Treat  
Sunday,  
October 30th

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



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

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US POSTAGE  
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AKRON, OHIO

### **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](http://www.copley.oh.us)

for updated meeting times and special meetings.

Check our website for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission Meeting Schedules.

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**

Administration	.....	330-666-1853
Fire	.....	330-666-6464
Police	.....	330-666-4218
Service	.....	330-666-0365
Zoning	.....	330-666-0108

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