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Community & Economic
Development Department
Open House
January 25, 2018
5:00 p.m.



Winterfest
January 27, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 11, 2018

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Greetings from Copley Town Hall!

This time of year, our thoughts naturally turn toward the holidays – some may be thoughts of excitement, some may be fond memories of times long ago and some might even be thoughts filled with sheer panic! Wherever you fit in the huge spectrum of holiday thoughts and wishes, my hope is that we can all share some thoughts of gratitude.

Last year, over 500 residents and stakeholders participated in a community perspectives survey designed to identify areas of success as well as areas of concern. Over 96% of those who responded indicated they would tell friends and family that Copley Township is a great place to live. As an employee of the Township, I can't tell you how grateful I was to hear that! We must be doing something right! Full steam ahead!!

Once we came down from that proverbial cloud, however, we realized there were still people out there that weren't so thrilled! There were, and still are, areas of concern that affect people's lives in such a devastating way that they are unable to move forward in a positive way. We have neighbors in our community that don't have adequate water...and when I say "adequate water", I mean enough water with which to cook or bathe let alone drink. We have neighbors who live in areas where every rainstorm poses a threat of flooded basements and financial ruin. We have business owners who need our support to survive and worn out business areas that need to be revitalized.

Since the survey results were revealed last year, there have been many great conversations with Township officials, our residents and our business owners that have included State and County Officials centered around some of these issues. In every case, creative solutions have been discussed and some progress has been made. New strategies are being considered with new collaborations between various entities. It has been a time of discovery and growth and as an employee of the Township, I can't tell you how grateful I am to be a part of that!

It is said that "it's fine to celebrate success, but it's more important to heed the lessons of failure". It is only because 4% of the respondents in our survey were willing to respond and voice their concerns that we will be able to move forward with programs that will benefit the Township as a whole. So kudos to the 4%...we are very grateful!

Till next time,

Janice Marshall
Administrator

Holiday Assistance For Local Needy Families

Copley Township's "Share A Christmas" Program

Would you like to be sure that your charitable contribution really benefits those in need? Would you like to see your donation help local families? Perhaps a neighbor has had a bad year, or your child may have a needy classmate?

Copley Township 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 over two hundred fifty children who may not have received anything at all under their Christmas trees awoke to find an assortment of toy and gift items on Christmas morning.

Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road beginning Monday, November 27 through Friday, December 15th. Checks and money orders may also be mailed to Copley Town Hall. Please make checks payable to Copley Township.

Application forms for assistance and further information are available online at www.copley.oh.us. For more information call 330-666-4218. These programs are for families residing in Copley and/or the Copley/Fairlawn school district only. Proof of residency may be required. 100% of the dollars raised benefit those in need. Please help us make the Holiday Season a little brighter for those not as fortunate by giving generously.



PRESERVING OUR PAST. SECURING OUR FUTURE.

Township Levies

Copley Township has an excellent history of supporting their safety services and township services, but this past elections results were truly remarkable.

The Road and Bridge Levy is the main funding source for road maintenance projects on township roads and rights-of-way. It may be used to purchase equipment used in road maintenance and it can be used to construct buildings to house that equipment. With the passing of the levy Copley can continue to provide a safe roadway system the residents have come to expect and enjoy.

The Fire Department replacement levy passed with more than 77% of the vote!

We thank you for your continuing support of the fire department and road department and the services they provide!



Mailbox Inspection

It's that time of year when we need to start thinking about the cold weather that will soon be upon us and what we need to do to prepare for it. Furnaces should be inspected to ensure they work properly and the filters changed. One thing residents should do is inspect their mailbox to see what condition it's in. We tend to forget about that during the summer months so make sure you give it a once over. Go out and give the whole unit a shaking. How is the post? Is it good and sturdy or is it close to breaking or rusting away? If replacement is needed it's better to do it now before the ground freezes. How well is the mailbox mounted to the post? Does it wobble or does it need to be remounted with new screws? How good is the mailbox itself? Is the door in good shape or is it ready to fall off? Are the house numbers visible or do they need to be replaced? Now is the time while it is still decent outside to make repairs or upgrades to ensure your mailbox can survive the rigors of winter.



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Every year Copley Fire Department talks about fire safety during the holidays, especially at Christmas time. Courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association, here are some tips to stay safe this holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacture's instructions for number or light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.

BEFORE HEADING OUT OR TO BED

- Blow out all lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

In the Spotlight



Ted Randles is a Navy veteran who served from October of 1958 to June of 1965. While on his 1st Tour of Duty, he served with VA-112, an air attack squadron, aboard the USS Hancock, CVA-19, off the coast of Vietnam from August 1959 through May 1960. He was awarded the Navy Good Conduct Medal & the National Defense Medal while serving there. After leaving the Navy in 1965, he attended the University of Akron from September 1967, graduating in December 1970. In 1967 he became the Charter President of the University of Akron Veterans Club.

When he moved to Copley he became the Charter Commander of the Copley Veterans Club and served as Commander for three of the first four years. After graduating from the University, he became an agent for State Farm Insurance, where he remains today, with no plans of retiring. He stated that he is honored to have served and to represent the fine men and women veterans of all branches of the armed forces across the country.

We are honored to present to you our TRUE HERO
TED RANDLES!



Community & Economic Development

Committed to the Community

The Multibase site has been a proud member of the Copley community since 1979. The site employs 40 people including production operators, skilled trades, professionals and engineers. Our employees are the lifeblood of our success and the engine behind our innovation. Their passion and creativity contribute to every aspect of operations within our plants and we are proud of their contributions to the DOW Performance Silicones business.

The site sits on about 13 acres and houses a number of blending and extruding machines. In addition, it has a wide variety of analytical testing equipment with a specialization in color matching technology. The products we manufacture touch people's lives every day. Silicones are found in clothing, cell phones, cars, buildings, cosmetics, the list is nearly endless. Silicones serve as key ingredients in products that make lives easier and better.

"Our site takes safety very seriously. It is the first and most important priority for every employee, every day," said Louis Harb, Multibase Copley Site Leader. "Nothing less than perfection is acceptable where safety is concerned. That commitment extends beyond our site into our homes and community."

"Business is healthy and continues to grow," Harb added. "We are committed to supporting the Copley community by offering opportunities for employee volunteerism, financial contributions and economic growth."



Multibase site Copley Road

As testimony to their pledge of support, the Multibase site for DOW Performance Silicones has generously donated funds for our Winterfest Celebration! This year, we will be able to offer ice skating to our families complete with skates, lights, music and, of course, hot chocolate! This event is scheduled for January 27, 2018 - cold or not - beginning at 2:00 p.m. and going until 8:00 p.m. that evening! Look for more details to follow.

Welcome New Talent

Mrs. Shawna Gfroerer recently joined the Community and Economic Development Department serving as the Administrative Assistant. Shawna will help support the day-to-day operations and assist with the implementation of the Department's core focus areas - Community and Economic Development, Community Engagement, Enhancement of Public Green Space, Neighborhood Revitalization, Preservation of Historically Significant Land/Structures and Strategic Land Planning. Shawna brings a wealth of talent and expertise to the Department. She previously served as the Director of Member Services for Business Professionals of America where she was responsible for managing contracts, coordinating events and analyzing membership demographics to target program development. Shawna resides in Copley Township with her husband Joe and two sons, Jack (9) and Josh (11).



and Economic Development Department.

The new space will assist in moving forward the goals of the department which are designed to focus on development, engagement, public and green space, neighborhood revitalization, preservation of historically significant structures/land and strategic land planning. We welcome the Copley Community into this space.

The Open House will be held on January 25, 2018 beginning at 5 p.m. We will honor the new space with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 6:00 p.m.

The recently converted space within the Townhall holds historical significance to the Township. The space was constructed in 1904 as one of the first centralized school houses within the State of Ohio. Delight in the historical beauty of exposed brick and refinished hardwood dating back to the early 1900's. The space has been restored to honor the community's history and tradition while preparing for the progress of our future.



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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!

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.

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

All Meetings Are Open To The Public.



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WINTERFEST

Copley Township

January 27, 2018
2 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Copley Community
Park

New for
2018...
Horse and carriage rides!
Ice Skating Rink!



KIDS OF ALL AGES!

Bring Your Sleds

and your parents and join us on Saturday, January 27th for an afternoon of fun....hot dogs, hot chocolate, donuts, bon fire, sleigh rides, sled riding, ice skating, scavenger hunt, dog sled and ice sculpture demonstrations, and much, more!!!

Sponsored by:
Copley Township, Police, Fire and Service Depts.

