Copley Connection

Save The Dates...

Sweep the Streets
April 21, 2018

Copley Farmers Market
Grand Opening Day
May 31, 2018

Bike Rodeo
June 2, 2018

Safety Town
June 18-22, 2018

Car Show
Copley CommunityPark
July 8, 2018

Heritage Day
August 4, 2018

Bicentennial Kick-Off
August 5, 2018

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Sweep the Streets

Looking for a way to celebrate Earth Day? Mark your calendars for April 21, 2018 for Copley Township's 2nd Annual Litter Clean-up Campaign. This year, the campaign will be a "River Sweep" focusing efforts on our best kept secret - the Little Farms area. Some of the Township's most beautiful, natural treasures can be found along Pigeon Creek and its surrounding wetlands. The Akron Rugby Club will join the Township in its efforts to clean up the river from debris and litter and restore the natural beauty of the area. This event offers a great opportunity for families, scout troops, youth groups and neighbors to enjoy the outdoors while giving back to the community!

Parking is available at the Akron Rugby Club at 1763 Wadsworth Road, Akron, Ohio. The event will start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Safety gloves, vests and trash bags will be supplied and a box lunch will be provided after the clean-up. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes...we will be in a wetland area!

Please bring with you a signed Volunteer Waiver Release form that can be found on our website at www.copley.oh.us or call the Town Hall at 330-666-1853 to get more information.

Pigeon Creek

WINTERFEST 2018

Finally...after a couple of years when balmy temperatures kept winter at bay, Copley Township was able to hold Winterfest! The weather on the morning of February 11, 2018 looked more appropriate for raincoats and galoshes, but by the afternoon, parkas and ice skates were the order of the day. And there was a lot to take in - ice skating, sledding, horse drawn sleigh rides, ice sculptures, sled dogs, scavenger hunts and marshmallow roasting over an open fire - something for every member of the family.

Thanks to the generous donations from local Copley businesses, all events were free, including food and refreshments. A VERY BIG Thank You to all the businesses below for making Winterfest possible in 2018.

Iceless skating rink
sponsored by MultiBase

MultiBase	Haramis & Roe, Inc.
Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club	Hitch N Time
Copley-Fairlawn Schools	Lewis Landscaping Company
Rizzi's Pizza	Sister's Flower Haus Inc.
Akron Fossils & Science Center	Shisler's Cheese House
Copley Lions Club	Boy Scout Troop #382
Kids Academy	Copley CERT Team

What You Need to Know About Oak Wilt

By Joe Gregory, Arborist

What is oak wilt?
- Oak wilt is an aggressive disease that can kill your oak trees by disrupting trees' sap flow.
- Red oaks are more susceptible than white oaks.
- This disease can do to oak trees what Dutch elm disease did to elms.

How does oak wilt spread?
- Oak wilt is transmitted from diseased to healthy trees by two methods.
  - **Root graft transmission** is when the fungus spreads between underground root systems, traveling as far as 50' away. Much more common, this may account for up to 95% of oak wilt spread in Minnesota.
  - **Insects** are attracted to the sap that seeps from tree wounds and holes *and* the smell of oak wilt. Carrying oak wilt spores, these bugs unknowingly infect other trees-most often in summer.

Pruning Restrictions
- Avoid pruning from April 1 to October 1. Instead, the safest time to prune is between November 1 and April 1.
- For white, bur, swamp white oaks as well as elms, proper pruning cuts will substantially reduce the likelihood of infection.

Symptoms to Look For:
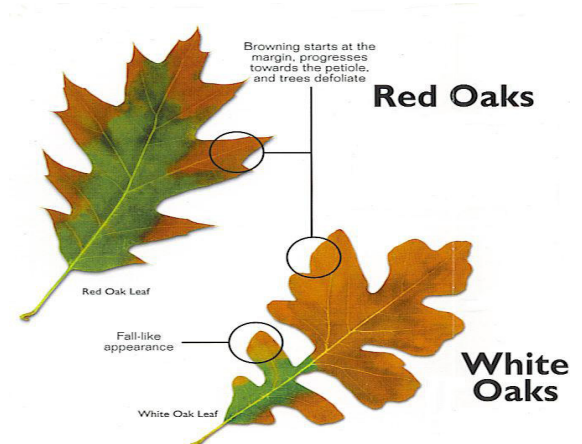If your oak was pruned from April-October, watch for oak wilt signs.
- Early August is when you'll start to see symptoms, such as the wilting, browning or excessive shedding of green leaves and branch dieback. Edges and tips of leaves turn color first.
- If you see these warning signs, scrape off 1-2 inches of bark on a branch that has wilted leaves or premature leaf drop. Under the bark, look for streaking, which is a tell-tale sign of oak wilt.

Control and Manage Oak Wilt
- Little can be done to help red oaks.
- Instead, focus on helping infected white oaks and reducing the spread of the disease.
- If one tree gets oak wilt, *all* nearby oak trees are at risk.
- Generally, you'll have to remove the infected tree and treat other oak trees with a fungicide to protect them.
- Your arborist may recommend a mechanical intervention since oak wilt most commonly spreads between root systems.

I want to know more! Who should I ask?
- Contact a Certified Arborist for more information.

Thank You For Your Service

Fire Lieutenant James Carter retired effective October 6, 2017. Jim worked for Copley for 32 years and was rehired as a Part-Time Firefighter/Paramedic, so he continues to serve Copley Township.

Fire Lieutenant Bruce Koellner retired effective September 22, 2017. Bruce worked for Copley for 34 years and was elected Trustee last November. He also continues to serve Copley Township.

New Firefighter/Paramedics Michael Jones, Andy Howell and Peter Akers were hired to replace retirees from 2016 and 2017.

Michael comes to Copley from Bath Fire Department and from a firefighting family. His father is a Lieutenant with the Richfield Fire Department. Michael has a Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Management from the University of Akron as well as his fire and EMS training.

Andy Howell comes to Copley from the Norton Fire Department where he was a Lieutenant/Shift Commander. Andy is married with two children and his wife is the Administrative Assistant for the New Franklin Fire Department.

As we begin the journey toward 2019, the Copley Historical Society will submit articles on Copley's history each quarter. The historical society has the history of the township archived on the top floor of the town hall. Volumes of newspaper articles back to the 1800's to present; school yearbooks; high school class records; family histories; and artifacts are just a sample of what is housed.

Copley Township - 200 Years in the Making

Township 2, Range 12 evolved out of the Western Reserve Territory officially into Copley Township on July 5, 1819. The evolution began when the state of Connecticut needed money for its schools. A tract of three million acres in the Northwest Territory was sold to the Connecticut Land Company for $1,200,000. The tract of land was divided into 129 smaller tracts, five miles square with approximately 16,000 acres each. The land was tiered in 24 ranges from the east boundary of Pennsylvania westward. The ranges were numbered consecutively north from the south line of the Western Reserve. On April 4, 1807, Mr. Gardiner Greene and a group of investors from Boston drew Township No. 2 in Range 12, which contained 16,321 acres for $26,087.00.
Ref. Fifty Years and Over of Akron and Summit County by Ex Sheriff Samuel A. Lane. 1892, pg. 695
Ref. The Story of Copley Township by C. Ray Sartoris and Margaret (Peg) Brown. 1969, pg. 11

Jonah Turner

Jonah Turner is believed to be the first settler in Copley Township. During the War of 1812, Jonah Turner marched along Smith Road (now SR18) with the battalion under Major Croghan. The army had camped near where Turner afterward selected his farm on Stony Ridge (SR18). Jonah lived on Stony Ridge until his death.

William Green

William Green came to Copley in 1814 as well. It is unknown if he is a relative of Gardiner Green, one of the Township's purchasers from Connecticut, or not. The latter owned perhaps more than any other of the original proprietors, and in his honor the township had been informally styled "Greenfield". Afterward, for some reason unknown, the name was changed to Copley in honor of Green's wife, whose maiden name was Copley. Turner and Green were probably the only settlers in the township until the fall of 1815.
Ref. William Perrin's History of Summit County Ohio 1881, pg. 640.

Bicentennial Update

Copley Township turns 200 July 5, 2019! Plans are well underway for the year-long birthday party kicking off the events with an historic re-enactment of the signing of the Copley Charter at Heritage Days 2018. Monthly events follow that highlight and celebrate the Township as it is today. Activities for all ages - including a 5K run, corn hole tournament, art show, theater production, road rally - will be held at different venues throughout the Township culminating with a parade and fireworks for the final weekend at Heritage Days 2019. Keep an eye out for more details as to how you can participate!

Play Monopoly a New Way

As a tribute to Copley Township, local businesses and community groups have joined forces and created our very own board game - COPLEY-OPOLY! Join the fun as you buy properties with names you recognize...Rizzi's, Sister's Flowers, Shisler's and more! Try to avoid "jail" as you maneuver through Community Chest cards that have you either doing victory laps or losing turns. Build your empire with Cavanaugh Builders or get stuck in the car wash at Laser Wash.

And...as a special bonus, five lucky "Golden Tickets" will be inserted in five random games - buy the game with one of the tickets and win $100! Great gifts for your family or for relatives who have moved away but still have ties to our community. Reserve your game today to make sure you aren't left out! Call Copley Town Hall at 330-666-1853.

Retired

Peter Akers comes to Copley from the Mount Pleasant, SC fire department. Pete is a Marine Corps veteran and is married with three children. Pete grew up in Orrville and wanted to raise his family back in Northeast Ohio.

We are all very proud of our new firefighters and wish our retirees well in their new endeavors!

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

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 2nd and 4th Tuesday 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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    Community/Economic Dev.................330-666-0108
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