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Save The Dates

Cemetery Walk
Saturday, October 13, 2018
Copley Cemetery
4:30 p.m.

Halloween in the Park
Saturday, October 27, 2018
2:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Trick Or Treat
Copley Township
October 28, 2018
5 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Order Your Copley-opoly
game today!
330-666-1853

Nixle ALERTS
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or register at www.nixle.com

Police Levy on the November Ballot

On November 6, 2018, residents will be asked to consider replacing the current 2-mill operating levy and increase it 1.5 mills to equal 3.50 mills in support of the police department.

Why the Increase?

The Copley Police Department is funded through two operating levies, a 4.5 mill continuous levy and a 2.0 mill levy that expires at the end of this year. Copley voters will be asked to replace the expiring 2.0 mill levy with a 3.50 mill levy, for an increase of 1.50 mills.

Currently, the 4.50 mill levy generates \$2,210,352 per year and the 2.0 mill levy \$982,354, for a total of \$3,192,706. The 2018 police budget is \$3,478,464. Consequently, the Copley Township General Fund covered the shortage this year, as it has for the past several years. The shortages are attributed to increasing operating costs while the amount these levies generated remained the same year after year.

Beyond meeting the current year's expenses, all departments must have operating funds to pay the minimum first two months of expenses in the following year, before property tax revenues come in from the county fiscal office.

The proposed 3.5 mill levy would generate \$1,829,913 per year for a three-year period. Coupled with the 4.5 mill continuous levy, which never increases and generates \$2,210,352 per year, the total operating funds would be \$4,040,265. The estimated budget for 2019 police operations is \$3,815,464. The passage of the new levy would provide for a carryover of \$225,257, which would cover the first two months of operation.

Levy Cost to Homeowners

Please see the chart below to determine your annual cost. The 3.50-mill levy augments funding for 23 full-time patrol officers, 5 part-time officers, one and one-half administrative assistants, a DARE program, and SWSCOM (joint dispatch center) with the cities of Barberton and Norton.

The Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, Administrator and Chief Mier are committed to continue seeking opportunities to share expenses with our neighboring communities to maintain and enhance provided services. "We deeply appreciate the support of the Copley community," says Chief Mier, "and we 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, attend school and work."

Cost to Homeowners

\$100,000 Home	Per year	\$122.50	Increase from 2015	\$52.50
\$150,000 Home	Per year	\$183.75	Increase from 2015	\$78.75
\$200,000 Home	Per year	\$245.00	Increase from 2015	\$105.00
\$250,000 Home	Per year	\$306.25	Increase from 2015	\$131.25
\$300,000 Home	Per year	\$367.50	Increase from 2015	\$157.50

Community & Economic Development Department

Neighborhood Master Plan

Copley Township is comprised of twenty-seven neighborhoods each encompassing their own unique history, style and population. Rich in agriculture, elegance and craftsmanship, Copley strives to maintain a balance between preservation and development.

The Neighborhood Master Plan is being designed as a tool to collaborate with our residents in a very custom way tailored to the needs and desires of each neighborhood. Throughout the Township, our residents are impacted by varied opportunities for growth, education and public service. What may work for one neighborhood, may not fit the needs of another.

The Neighborhood Plan is designed to engage, educate and connect our residents with Township Officials in a personal way while also encouraging community spirit among residents within those neighborhoods. For more information go to - www.copley.oh.us/306/Neighborhood-Master-Plan.



- The Department of Community & Economic Development

Neighborhood Ambassadors

Neighborhood Ambassadors are essential to the success of any strong community. Find your neighborhood above and become an Ambassador today!

Neighborhood Ambassadors serve as a local point-person for information in your part of the Township. Ambassadors are charged with promoting improvements, identifying problems, and informing neighbors about beneficial services and programs.

Ambassadors may volunteer just a little bit of free time, or choose to devote significant efforts toward neighborhood projects that connect neighbors. Organize a block party or help build community by chatting over the fence.

Neighborhood Ambassadors receive ongoing support and guidance from the Township Administration and the Department of Community and Economic Development.

By building a team of neighborhood-level leaders, the cumulative impact of this positive force will expand. Ultimately, the neighbors who volunteer as Ambassadors lay the groundwork for lasting excellence and long-term community pride.

WHAT IS A NEIGHBORHOOD AMBASSADOR  a person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity also known as (AKA) CHAMPION, SUPPORTER, CONNECTOR	QUALIFICATIONS  love YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COPLEY TOWNSHIP	BE THE LINK  1. TALK WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS 2. TALK WITH TOWNSHALL 3. SHARE PROMOTE ENGAGE	VOLUNTEER TODAY! 330-666-0108 EMAIL: sgm@copleyoh.us CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP ONLINE 
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PROJECT ✓ BUILDING BLOCKS

The Community and Economic Development Department recently kicked-off the first official Project Building Blocks. Caring individuals from our community joined forces with local businesses and civic groups to assist a Copley family with the rebuilding of their home. The volunteers gathered from all walks-of-life and invested with sweat, equity and compassion. Additional volunteer opportunities exist. To learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference, please contact the Community and Economic Development Department at (330) 666-0108.



BETULA HOME BUILD

TENTATIVE CONSTRUCTION DATES
Follow us on Facebook & Twitter to stay up-to-date on project notifications and announcements.

General- All invited. Skilled Labor-Those with skills in the particular area

ROOF	General	Sept. 8
SIDING/WIRING/DOORS/WINDOWS/PLUMBING	Skilled Labor	Sept. 9-Oct. 26
DRYWALL	General	Oct. 27
LANDSCAPE	General	Oct. 27
PAINT	General	Nov. 3
CARPET	Skilled Labor	Nov. 3
FIXTURES	General	Nov. 10
DEMO	Skilled Labor	Nov. 17
WELCOME HOME MOVE-IN DAY!	General	Dec. 1

PLEASE BRING GLOVES, DRILLS, HAMMERS AND OTHER SUPPLIES AS NEEDED

2571 BETULA AVE.
Sign Up Online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/CKvBWC3
OR Contact Jeff Newman
330.666.0108 x 1175

**PROJECT ✓
BUILDING BLOCKS**

**Copley
Strong**
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION



**Daylight Savings Time ends
Sunday,
November 4, 2018**

Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week

Today's home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

Copley Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) ---the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week™ for more than 90 years---to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere™," which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

"These numbers show that while we've made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there's still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. "This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today's home fires grow and spread."

Copley Township Fire Department says this year's "Look. Listen. Learn." campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- **LOOK** for places fire could start.
- **LISTEN** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- **LEARN** 2 ways out of every room.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.



Halloween in the Park

The Copley Police Department's annual Halloween in the Park event will be held at Copley Community Park, 3232 Copley Road, in Copley Township. This event will be held Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Rain location will be Copley-Fairlawn Middle School.

Children can trick-or-treat through a path at the park while parents can try their hand at "Copley Trivia" to win prizes! We will have games, crafts, face painting and other fun activities for kids and a table for adults to purchase "Copley Bicentennial" cups, games, etc. for the holiday season. There will be coffee, cider and donuts for everyone, while supplies last.

Copley Police and Fire Departments will be on hand to display safety vehicles. Free trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks, candy, prizes, and pumpkins will be passed out to all who attend, along with other trick-or-treat items while supplies last. This event is free to the public, thanks in part to our partner organization the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis.

Police Department

Coffee with a Cop

The Copley Police Department holds "Coffee With a Cop" the first Wednesday of each month at the Montrose Chick-fil-A, 47 Flight Memorial Drive in Copley Township from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. The Chick-fil-A is our host and provides the coffee. Copley Police officers are on hand to answer any questions you might have and to listen to your concerns. One-on-one conversations between citizens and police officers are the best way to build trust and mutual goals for communities.



"Coffee with a Cop is a mission to improve trust and build relationships - one cup of coffee at a time."

Share-A-Christmas

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. Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S Cleve-Mass. Rd. beginning Monday, November 26, 2018. Checks and money orders may also be mailed to Copley Town Hall. **Please make checks payable to Copley Township. 100 percent of the dollars raised benefit those in need.**

Applications and more information on this program will be available on our website www.copley.oh.us in November.



Bicentennial News



Looking for that perfect gift for that certain someone? Look no further than your own back yard and consider a commemorative item that represents all the best parts of Copley Township! We have something for every member

of your family from our very own Copley-opoly board game to whimsical coffee mugs and ornaments designed by Leandra Drumm. Maybe you want to memorialize or pay tribute to a family member or friend...you can do so by purchasing your very own personalized square on the Copley Township Bicentennial quilt. Community Groups have Copley items as well...the Copley/Norton Lions Club have t-shirts and hats for sale and the Copley Historical Society has beautiful concrete stepping stones for your gardens. All are available with just a phone call to the Town Hall at 330-666-1853 or by email to jmarshall@copley.oh.us.

BICENTENNIAL UPDATE

On November 16, 2018, put on your dancing shoes and join your friends and neighbors at the Parker Barn for a night of Contra Dancing! Not sure what we're talking about? Contra Dancing is a mixture of folk dancing, square dancing and line dancing – it's a lot of fun and easy to learn! (For an introductory video, see the You Tube video "Contra Dance Beginners Session"). The Bicentennial Committee has engaged a "caller" and live musicians who will have you dancing like an expert in no time! The fun begins at 7:00pm with a short lesson followed by music, dancing and fellowship until 9:00pm. The Parker Barn is located at 4072 Copley Road; the event is free and open to the entire community.

Plus...if you love baking and want to see how your talents stack up with your Copley neighbors, the Copley Creekside Farmer's Market will be sponsoring a baking contest during the Contra Dance! Prizes will be awarded for First Place, Second Place and People's Choice for the best cookie or bar cookie. For more information, contact Allison Chrien at info@copleyfarmmarket.com.

And don't forget...it's "No-Shave November" – a reminder to all the men out there to focus on Men's Health!! What better time to kick off the Bicentennial Beard Growing Contest! Guys...if you've ever wanted a good excuse to legitimately skip shaving, here it is! Judging will take place at our final Bicentennial celebration in August 2019 so you have about 10 months to let it groooow!

For more details on all the events, call the Town Hall at 330-666-1853, visit www.copley.oh.us, or visit the Face Book pages for Copley Township or Copley Township Bicentennial Celebration!



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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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