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## Save The Dates

Volunteer Meeting -  
Nov. 25th 6:30pm Town Hall

Administration Offices Closed  
Nov. 28-29, 2019  
Thanksgiving Holiday

Copley Circle Tree Lighting  
Dec. 1st 6:00pm

Share A Christmas Fundraiser  
Town Tavern  
Dec. 4th 6pm-11pm

Trolley Shop Hop  
Town Hall Open House  
Dec 7th Noon - 5pm

### Nixle ALERTS

Text your zip code to 888777  
or register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

## We are thankful for...

Since this is the November issue, it is fitting to talk about Thanksgiving. According to accounts, the historic event didn't happen on the fourth Thursday in November, as it does today. And, it wasn't even known as Thanksgiving then. Instead, it was considered a harvest celebration and was held whenever the harvest was in and the pilgrims were ready to gather and enjoy the fruits of their labor; which could fall between September until mid-November depending on the weather.

"Thanksgiving has been celebrated nationally on and off since 1789, with a proclamation by George Washington after a request by Congress. Thomas Jefferson chose not to observe the holiday, and its celebration was intermittent until the presidency of Abraham Lincoln, when Thanksgiving became a federal holiday in 1863, during the American Civil War. Lincoln proclaimed a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens," to be celebrated on the last Thursday in November. Under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, the date was changed between 1939 and 1941 amid significant controversy. From 1942 onwards, Thanksgiving has been proclaimed by Congress as being on the fourth Thursday in November."

So, what do we know about Thanksgiving in Copley? We do know that more than likely, they did have turkey, albeit wild turkey. According to Samuel Lane's, Fifty Years and Over in Akron and Summit County, there were circular hunts in the swamps of Copley. In 1821, two years after Copley was founded, 200 persons participated in a hunt in which they made a circle outside of a swamp and marched toward the center. The result was 75 deer, 18 wild turkeys, 4 bears, 2 wolves and a variety of smaller game. After the swamps were cleared, the hunts became a sporting event. But this time they were getting rid of pests; publishing their results in the newspapers.

Looking back into the 1800's, picture families and friends gathered together dining on venison and turkey, potatoes and greens, homemade breads, and apple pie and being thankful for their homes and the ability to feed their families. What more could you ask for?



## Community & Economic Development Department

### Walk and Talk

Copley Township hosted a community Walk and Talk Event on September 14th along Pigeon Creek in the Little Farms Neighborhood. The Walk and Talk is a first in a series of trail & greenway visioning events championed by the Board of Trustees, sponsored by the Department of Community & Economic Development and supported by local Neighborhood Ambassadors. The inaugural event unveiled 0.5 miles of Township owned property which was opened up to the public for the first time in an effort to showcase the many unique qualities of the Little Farms area and the potential that exists for trail development along a former railroad bed owned by the Township.

The event was made possible by volunteers, including Neighborhood Ambassadors, who worked tirelessly to clear and prepare the trail. Community sponsors, including Environmental Design Group (EDG), The University of Akron, Summit Metro Parks, Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation and the Summit County Soil and Water along with the Department of Public Health, made the day possible by lending their professional expertise.

In total, more than 70 individuals enjoyed a day in the sunshine and gained first hand insight into the potential for trails & greenways available in Copley Township.

**To learn more about the Walk and Talk event along with other public greenspace initiatives, please visit:**  
<https://www.copley.oh.us/340/Public-and-Green-Space>

**To learn more about becoming a Neighborhood Ambassador, please visit:**  
<https://www.copley.oh.us/306/Neighborhood-Master-Plan>

**To learn more about "Walter the Dog's" trail excursion, visit**  
<https://www.facebook.com/150571485114191/posts/1310318442472817/>



### Looking For a Way To Get Involved With Your Community?

A core group of volunteers living and working in Copley Township and the surrounding communities have just the answer...join us on November 25th and bring your energy, ideas and love for Copley Township to the Town Hall at 6:30pm. You'll meet some who have been dedicating their time to the community for years and others who are new to the group. So far, the group has identified three core areas of concentration: supporting community events, beautification of the Township and fundraising. Join us to create strategies to accomplish all three and sign up for those areas that interest you most! There is no time commitment – volunteer as little or as much as your schedule allows! Bring a friend and explore how you can get involved in our great community!



### Change in Septic System Requirements

Summit County Public Health (SCPH) continues to implement the statewide sewage rules that went into effect on January 1, 2015. These rules will impact most of the approximately 31,000 homes in Summit County with septic systems.

The 2015 rules require every home with septic systems to have an operations permit. One requirement of the operation permit is that every septic system has routine maintenance to help ensure the best system function.

To learn more about the SCPH water quality programs or for information about how to maintain your home sewage treatment system, please visit <https://www.scph.org/water-quality/operation-permit> or call (330) 926-5600.



## 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, unwrapped toys will be accepted through December 16th at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road, during normal business hours. After hours donations will be accepted at Copley Fire Department, which is located at the same address. Checks or money orders, made payable to Copley Township, may also be mailed to the above address.

Application forms are available at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) and in the lobby of the Town Hall and police department. These programs are for families residing in Copley

and/or the Copley-Fairlawn school district only. Proof of residency is required.

The township works closely with the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and the Copley Outreach Center on this project. In addition to toys and gift items, eligible families receive food baskets, hats, gloves and coats. Non-perishable food items and new or gently used coats may also be delivered to the Town Hall.

100% of the dollars raised benefit those in need. Please help us make the Holiday season a little brighter for those not as fortunate as ourselves by giving generously.

For more information, visit [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us), contact Beth or Sue at 330-666-1853 or email [sac@copley.oh.us](mailto:sac@copley.oh.us).



## Heritage Days Award Winning Bake-Off Recipes

There were so many amazing entries at the Copley Heritage Days Bake-Off this year! Although it has been a few years since we have seen this event, bakers outdid themselves in each of the four categories:

- 1.) Cakes (including cupcakes, sheet cakes and layer cakes)
- 2.) Cookies (including bars, drop and cutouts)
- 3.) Quick breads (including muffins, coffee cakes and pan breads.)
- 4.) Pastries (including pies, tarts and strudels)

In this issue of the Copley Connection, we would like to share not only the 1st place winner of the pastry category, but the person who also won Best in Show - Pam Doubell!

Pam baked a pie called Mystery Pecan Pie and this is her recipe:

- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/3 cup plus 1/4 cup sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 1/4 cups chopped pecans

Beat cream cheese, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 egg, 1 tsp vanilla and salt in small mixing bowl until thick and creamy. Set aside. In another bowl beat 3 eggs until well blended. Add 1/4 cup sugar, corn syrup and 1 tsp vanilla. Blend well.

Use one 9" unbaked pie crust. Spread cream cheese mixture in the bottom of crust. Sprinkle with pecans, then gently pour corn syrup on top. Bake at 375 for 35-40 minutes, until center is firm to touch

Stay tuned for another recipe in the next issue of the Copley Connection, and Bon Appetit!



## Fifth Annual Trolley Shop Hop and Town Hall Open House

On Saturday, December 7, 2019 from noon to 5:00pm, the Copley Chamber of Commerce and the Copley Improvement Corporation are sponsoring the 5th Annual Trolley Shop Hop. Enjoy a unique holiday shopping experience and support our local businesses as you ride the trolley along Cleveland-Massillon Road! Don't forget to stop by the Town Hall where you can find our Bicentennial quilt on display along with other commemorative items from our 200th birthday celebration! Tour the Town Hall decorated for the season, enjoy some refreshments and catch up on some history!



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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 - 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](http://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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### Administrative Offices

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