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## Save The Dates

**Brush Collection**  
Sept 14-18 - East Side  
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**Recycle Day**  
October 3, 2020  
9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Arbor Day Tree Giveaway**  
September 14 - 19

**Safe Route to School**  
**Walk & Talk**  
October 24, 2020  
10:00 a.m.  
Copley Community Park



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## Welcome to Copley Township!

Motorists traveling along Route 18 heading east know, without a doubt, that they have reached Copley Township. A new gateway sign has been installed at the intersection of Medina Line Road and Route 18 welcoming all to our community with a flair unique to Copley! Beginning in 2019 with a concept and design created by volunteer Kelly McPherson, member of the Copley Township Architectural Review Board, the sign became a project combining resources from Copley Township and the Copley Community Improvement Corporation with additional funds donated by the Copley Chamber of Commerce for landscaping. The Preserve at Millers Farm Homeowners' Association donated an easement for the sign, Bricker Construction provided the materials and craftsmanship, PlasTEAK created the lettered panel, Condor Welding developed the bracketing system with Thomarios donating the powder coating for the brackets. Add in some tenacity



and perseverance by the Township's Community and Economic Development Department and hanging expertise by the Service Department and you have the first gateway sign in the Township. Future plans call for additional signs at other various locations in hopes of projecting a clear and positive identity for Copley Township.

## Copley Township Hires New Director of Community and Economic Development

Effective June 22, 2020, Loudan Klein became the new Community and Economic Development Director for Copley Township. Previously serving as the Executive Director for the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, Loudan has an extensive understanding of how townships and county agencies interact and has facilitated both residential and commercial development projects. Since his start, Loudan has connected to county agencies, township business owners, residents and other stakeholders learning about "what makes Copley...Copley". Feel free to stop by the Town Hall to meet him and share your perspective on our community!



Loudan Klein  
Community and Economic Development Director

## Service Department

### New Trail Connects Copley Community Park to Copley Heights Neighborhood

Residents in the Copley Heights Neighborhood now have a new trail connecting their neighborhood to Copley Community Park. As part of the Summit County Trail & Greenway Plan, the project received a \$5,000 grant from the Ohio and Erie Canalway Coalition to enhance the quality of life by developing recreational trails that provide a means of alternative transportation. The Township committed the additional resources, the Township Service Department provided the labor (along with Sable Asphalt and Concrete) and now, residents in the Copley Heights neighborhood can walk or bike to the park from their homes safely.



#### Save the Dates...

Arbor Day Tree Giveaways  
Week of September 14 - 19

Safe Routes to School Walk & Talk - Oct. 24 @ 10 a.m.  
Copley Community Park

### Copley Annual Brush Collection

The Service Department will begin their annual brush collection for Copley Township residents as follows:

**Sept 14-18** - For all single-family homes located EAST of S. Cleve-Mass. Rd.

**Sept 21-25** - For all single family homes located WEST of S. Cleve-Mass. Rd.

Brush is to be placed curbside by 7:00a.m. on Monday in which your district is listed.

Place brush **UNBUNDLED** on curb.

### Annual Recycle Day

Saturday, October 3, 2020

9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Copley Community Park

3232 Copley Road

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Users Must Stay In Their Vehicles At All Times  
Prefer Exact Change for Light Bulbs and E-Waste Disposal Fees

Document Shredding

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Limit 10 boxes per vehicle

**See Recycle on Page 3**

## Community & Economic Development



Copley Township is excited to finally celebrate Arbor Day with the community and honor the planting of new Arbor Day trees in the Copley Community Park! Why Arbor Day? Arbor Day is a national holiday created to recognize the importance of trees. It is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April. However, due to COVID-19 the celebration was delayed and we are back on in our own way!

In celebration of Arbor Day, tree giveaways will occur throughout the Township during the week of September 14. Be on the lookout at your local preschool, Copley Town Hall and the Copley Community Park for our Tree Truck, including our very own Mascot, Coni the Conifer!

Staff from the Department of Community & Economic Development, with the support of the Copley Township Board of Trustees and the Copley Township Architectural Review Board, will deliver tree seedlings to local preschools in the area September 13-15. Tree seedlings will also be distributed to members of the community at a Tree Drive Thru on September 16 at Copley Town Hall 3-5 p.m. and again on Saturday September 19 at the Copley Community Park from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Our goal is to distribute at least 300 seedlings over the course of the week.

Be a part of the Copley Canopy and plant a seedling today!





## Community & Economic Development

### Arbor Day Foundation Names Copley Township Tree City USA for Second Year in Row

Copley Township, OH, was named a 2019 Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Copley achieved Tree City USA recognition for the second time by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. Copley is one of only four Township's recognized as a Tree City USA in the state of Ohio

The Copley Township Architectural Review Board, under chair Kelly McPherson, began work on the Tree City USA application in early 2019. The ARB wanted to recognize the efforts being made in the Township to preserve and protect trees on many levels. The work included support of the Board of Trustees who officially proclaimed Arbor Day for the Township and passed a resolution declaring for the maintenance and care of public trees, the support of the Township Service Department in the care and maintenance of public trees, and those who work to make our Arbor Day Celebrations a success.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Additionally, recognition brings residents together and creates a sense of community pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

Trees provide multiple benefits to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

About the Arbor Day Foundation: The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org).



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## SafeRoutes



### Safe Routes to School Walk and Talk

The Department of Community and Economic Development plans to host a Walk and Talk for Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the Walk and Talk will be to gather feedback and facilitate a discussion around the existing infrastructure for safe travel to and from our schools. This would be a proactive first step in identifying gaps in our network and locations for improved safety measures.

The Safe Routes to School Program is funded through the Ohio Department of Transportation for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. Infrastructure projects include: sidewalks, on-street separated bike facilities, and shared use paths. Enhanced crossings such as: high-vis crosswalks, ped heads, and curb bump outs would fall under the infrastructure umbrella as well. Non-Infrastructure projects include program funding, supplies, and funding for events related to safety and education surrounding active transportation.

Upon completion of the walk and talk, additional data collection and planning will need to occur in order to submit an application for funding. However, this will start the dialogue for improved safety conditions for our students! Be on the lookout for more detailed information on the location and schedule for the Walk and Talk in the near future.

## Recycle

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### Accepted Items

- Used Tires - Must be off the rim - No tires from businesses
- Used Motor Oils, Used Filters, Used Antifreeze
- Batteries - Auto, Motorcycle, Lithium, NiCad, Rechargeable, AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt
- Scrap Metals & Appliances - Steel, Iron, Aluminum, Alloys
- Fluorescent and CFL Bulbs - Disposal Fee - Cash Only
- E-Waste - Disposal Fee for Computer Monitors & TVs - Cash Only

\$15 - CRT (Tube type) and Flatscreen  
\$40 - All other TVs (cabinet, projection)  
All other items - No Charge

No Household Hazardous Materials,  
Cleaners, Chemicals, Solvents or Paints  
Will Be Accepted



***This event is for Copley Township Residents Only.  
Proof of Residency Required***



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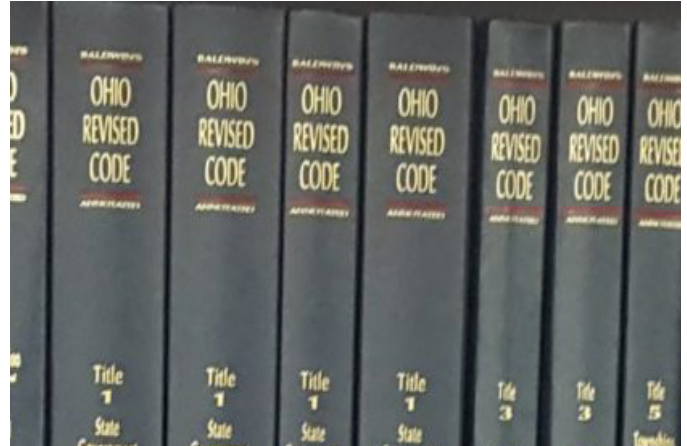


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## Did You Know? Township Limited Home Rule

The creation of Limited Home Rule for Townships in the Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) reflects a legislative recognition that urban Townships require a greater ability to handle local issues. O.R.C. Chapter 504 provides information on the procedures a Township must follow to adopt Limited Home Rule as well as the additional authorities provided to address those issues for which Township officials previously relied on County officials to handle. Additionally, O.R.C. Chapter 504 provides limits on the authorities of a Limited Home Rule Township protecting the structure of Township government. In an effort to present the pertinent information, these authorities are summarized in the table below:



### LIMITED HOME RULE FOR TOWNSHIPS HERE ARE THE FACTS:

#### LIMITED HOME RULE DOES:

Allow Townships to pass certain resolutions to respond to needs of urban areas that have not previously been allowed and to issue citations for violating a resolution

Extend the financing periods for equipment

Formalize the approach to passing resolutions requiring two separate readings unless the resolution is an emergency measure

Allow Townships to regulate adult entertainment establishments

Allow Townships to regulate residency of sex and child-victim offenders

Require the Township to hire either a part-time or full-time Law Director

Allow the Township to impose civil fines up to \$1,000 as a means of enforcement of property maintenance codes for the first and subsequent violations

#### LIMITED HOME RULE DOES NOT ALLOW:

Townships to regulate the possession, use or sale of firearms

Townships to revise hunting, trapping or fishing regulations

Townships to enact any taxes other than those authorized by general law

Townships to change, alter, combine, eliminate or modify form or structure of Township government

Townships to establish or revise subdivision regulations, road construction standards, storm water and drainage regulations, or building standards

Townships to exercise any power in conflict with general laws



**Interested in learning more about Limited Home Rule? Please contact us to ask questions, schedule a neighborhood meeting or address a group. Information is also available at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us)**



## Police Department

### Safety Town Goes Virtual!

On August 3-6, 2020 soon-to-be Kindergarten students participated in Copley Township's first Virtual Safety Town. Under the direction of Teacher/resident Windy Lewis, Officer Dan Rafferty, Fireman Mike Jones and coordinator Sandy Bittner, children were provided instructions for a wide assortment of safety topics including water safety, pedestrian safety, lawnmower safety, helmet safety, gun safety and fire safety. Ms. Windy and the students started the day with the Pledge of Allegiance, learned songs and completed crafts relative to the topic of the day.

Each child received a Certificate of Completion and a Copley-opoly game. It was unfortunate, due to COVID-19, we were unable to have our "normal" style Safety Town, but kids and parents loved what we were able to provide them during these uncertain times.

On August 13, 2020 families were able to drive by the Copley Fire Station and "meet" the Officers and Firefighters that helped with the program.

While Safety Town looked a bit different this year, parents and students were able to learn some important safety lessons while remaining safe in their homes. A big shout-out to all the organizers and all the students and families - a good time was had by all!



## Fire Department

### Cooking is #1 Cause of Home Fires

It's hard to believe that summer is on its way out, and we will soon see the leaves changing color. Jack o' lanterns and corn stalks will give way to turkey leftovers and Christmas lights. As we approach the holidays, Copley Fire Department wants you to enjoy the culinary delights and family get-togethers of the season safely.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.

Copley Fire Department wants to share these safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You won't be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you're cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

If you have any questions about fire safety, please call your Copley Fire Department at 330-666-6464.



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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 Monday 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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Emergency Police & Fire.....9-1-1  
Non Emerg. Police & Fire.....330-666-8866

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Fire.....330-666-6464  
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