

## 2012 Year in Review

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#### Active Senior Fair

April 25, 2013  
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Copley Township came out of 2012 stronger than ever despite the bleak forecasts in the news for local governments. Heeding the advice of Copley's Fiscal Officer Janice Marshall, the Board of Trustees budgeted 15% less than anticipated in revenues and the Township ended up in the black in every line item.

#### A look back...

- The Barberton, Copley and Norton Southern Summit Citizens Police Academy graduated another class in 2012 with plans to start a Community Emergency Response Team. (See related article under Police)
- The Joint Dispatch Center dispatched 2,326 EMS and Fire calls and 23,664 police calls for service for Copley alone.
- For snow and ice control, salt usage increased from 2,450 tons in 2011 to 2,599 tons in 2012.
- Zoning collected \$15,331 in fees for 229 permits of which 27 were for new housing starts. Total market valuation for property tax purposes was \$15,252,326.
- Senior snowplowing applications increased from 262 to 282 homes.
- Park usage increased with 127 pavilion rentals in 2012 versus 98 in 2011. Coupled with 23,312 people using the ball fields, it was a very good year for Copley Community Park.
- The recycle center, established in July 2012 with grant money, garnered 6.71 tons of paper

and cardboard; 680 pounds of aluminum cans that raises money for Akron Children's Hospital Burn Center; and 5,920 pounds of co-mingled plastics. Quite a haul for 6 months - thank you for keeping it out of the landfill.

- The annual tire and oil collection in October realized 6.5 tons of tires; 445 gallons of motor oil; 38 gallons of antifreeze; 9 gallons of cooking oil; 4 oil filters; 19 automotive batteries; 6 marine batteries; 12 tractor batteries; 12 miscellaneous batteries; and 5 pounds of alkaline batteries. Thank you to all for helping to keep our environment clean.
- The annual brush collection filled the equivalent of 132 5-ton dump trucks and the Christmas tree collection resulted in 272 trees collected.
- Cemetery burials decreased with 38 burials in 2011 to 29 burials in 2012. However, in order to secure places in Copley Cemetery for Copley residents, the trustees closed the cemetery to non-residents in 2012.

We wish to thank Copley Township employees for the services they provide to our most important commodity, our residents. Moreover, to our residents, thank you for the support you give us throughout the year. Best wishes to all in 2013!

Copley Township Board of Trustees  
 Scott D. Dressler, Helen J. Humphrys, Dale A. Panovich

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EMS TRANSPORT DESTINATIONS	
AGMC	39%
AGMC-Montrose	31%
ACH	19%
Childrens	3.9%
St. Thomas	3.1%
Barberton	2.7%
Medina	0.8%
Other	0.6%
Wadsworth	0.2%

EMS CALL TYPES	
Medical	29%
Musculoskeletal	28%
Cardiac	14%
Psychological	8%
Respiratory	7%
Cerebrovascular	8%
Other	5%

## Police Department Activity

### Community Emergency Response Team

The Copley Police and Fire Departments are interested in creating a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). CERT is designed to educate residents on the subject of disaster preparedness. The sessions will begin in April and are intended to inform citizens about hazards that may impact the Copley Township area. Copley Police and Fire personnel will instruct attendees on the basic skills required to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace immediately following a disaster.

Areas covered during the training include individual and family emergency preparedness, emergency medical response, fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster response. CERT members practice their skills by taking part in hands-on exercises and activities.

In order for members to maintain their skills and continually learn new skills, members will be required to attend monthly meetings/trainings. Copley CERT members will also have an opportunity to participate in the Summit County CERT training program which is 16 hours of instruction sponsored by the Summit County Citizens Corps.

Please consider being a part of the Copley Township CERT program, to serve families impacted when disaster strikes. Registrations are being accepted through March 2013. For more information or to register for the CERT training, please contact Sue Mack at Copley Township Town Hall, 330-666-1853 or visit the Copley Township website [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us).

### Spreading Good Cheer to Copley Seniors

In December, Copley Police Chief Michael Mier compiled a list of nineteen names of Copley senior citizens that live alone with the intention of sending them some holiday cheer. Officer Jeff Newman managed the program and met with DJ Shisler, owner/operator of Shisler's Cheese House, who donated the meat and cheese gift baskets to the seniors.

In two weeks, Officer Newman visited with each senior. Many talked about the history of Copley as they experienced it. One senior will be 101 years old this April while several others were in their 90's. Officer Newman has a passion for history and enjoyed his experience and the wealth of knowledge he learned.

## Fire Department Activity

### Efficient Government

"Regionalism", "Shared Services" and "Efficient Government" are buzzwords today, but for the Copley Township Fire Department they have been normal operations for decades. In the early 1980's, six fire departments on the west side of Summit County came together to address a common problem: providing a water supply for fighting fires in areas without hydrants. They came up with the "Code 10" group named for the old radio code used to designate a water tender response. Water tenders are fire trucks which carry at least 1,000 gallons of water, Copley's tender carries 2,500 gallons. This group has expanded to develop joint operations, a Fire Investigation Team, Incident Management and joint trainings. The Fire Investigation Team is made up of Certified Fire Investigators and Police Officers who provide a level of service typically found in County teams or in large cities. We receive that benefit at 1/6 the cost because it is spread between six communities.

The Bath-Copley Stony Hill Fire Station #2 began in 1991 as a joint venture between Bath and Copley Townships to provide Fire and EMS coverage to the growing commercial area along State Route 18 (Medina Road). This was a groundbreaking shared service concept with each Township paying for 50% of the personnel, operations and equipment.

The use of "Mutual Aid" between fire departments provides the benefit of a large, municipal fire department at a fraction of the cost. The Bath, Copley and Fairlawn fire departments also have an "Automatic Aid" agreement by which any of those departments may immediately respond to a fire in their neighbor's community without being specifically called to respond. For example, a Fairlawn fire engine may be returning from a call when they hear Bath receiving a fire call down the street from their location. The Fairlawn fire engine may respond immediately to put out the fire or rescue a victim. This agreement has the potential to save lives and has already saved property. Additionally, Copley Fire Department also has an automatic response with Sharon Township in Medina County and with the Norton Fire Department providing a robust fire response efficiently.

Buzzwords come and go, but working together is safer, more efficient, and has proven to be very effective for Copley Township for decades.

### Police Executive Leadership College

Copley Township Police Sergeant John "Matt" Lynch has completed his Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) courses and graduated in the 62nd Session, November 16, in Worthington, Ohio. Presenting the certificate is Chief Kenneth Hinkle, CLEE, Obetz PD shown with Matt and his wife Joellen.

Sgt. Lynch joins fellow officers, Sergeants Jack Simone and Eric Goodwin as graduates from the Police Executive Leadership College, a three-month course presenting key executive leadership topics.



Chief Kenneth Hinkle, John Lynch and Joellen Lynch

The premise is that leadership skills can be learned and that given the opportunity for feedback and practice, executives can substantially improve their abilities to lead. The intensive learning experience focuses on leadership skills vital to long term personal success and change in the organization - both for the benefit of the community. PELC has a local connection to northeast Ohio. Bath Police Chief Michael McNeely is Chair of the Executive Institute Committee.



## Service Department Activity

### Regional Pavement Maintenance Program

Copley Township will again be participating in the Summit County Engineer's Office 2013 Regional Pavement Maintenance Program. This program is an effort to save funds by joining together with the county and other communities to receive lower pricing for repaving projects. Estimates are being assembled for the following road projects that are slotted for 2013:



**448 Asphalt** - Wedgewood Dr. to Litchfield Dr., Waverly Court, Brookstone Court, and Cypress Court.

**405/422 Sealcoat** - Hammond Blvd. - east from S. Cleveland-Massillon Rd, Schoolcraft Ave., Druid Dr., Del Ray Dr., Sedgewick Ave., Trumbull Ave., Raleigh Blvd.

**Concrete Repair Program** - Not to exceed 3,000 square yards on various township roads.

**Pavement Marking Program** - Brookmont Rd., Flight Memorial Dr., Montrose West Ave., Heritage Woods Dr., Hollythorn Dr., Commercial Dr., Ridge Park Dr.

### Medical Waste Prohibited at Copley Recycle Center

Greenstar Recycling in Akron is one of two companies that Copley Township uses to process recyclables from the Copley Recycle Center. Recently, Greenstar sent out letters to all their customers informing them that medical waste, specifically used hypodermic needles have been found in their recycle stream. Aside from not being able to process this type of waste, it poses a huge health risk to their employees. Recycle Center users are advised that medical waste is prohibited and a reminder sign has been posted. If residents are uncertain how to dispose of medical waste, they should call their trash hauler, health care provider, pharmacy, or a waste disposal company for proper methods of disposal. **Empty** prescription bottles are not considered medical waste and can be placed in the container for recycling.



SAVE THE DATE...

ACTIVE SENIOR FAIR - APRIL 25, 2013

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

COPLEY COMMUNITY CENTER



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## Community Activity

### Law Enforcement United

Three officers from the Copley Police Department will be participating in a three day bicycle ride this May to help the families of fallen law enforcement officers nationwide.



L to R, Sgt. Jack Simone, Officer Jeff Newman, Chief Michael Mier

Chief Michael Mier, Sgt. Jack

Simone, and Officer Jeff Newman are members of Law Enforcement United, a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement heroes.

Each May, during National Police Week, members of Law Enforcement United make a bicycle trek from one of two locations to Washington, DC to raise funds for two organizations; Concerns of Police Survivors and Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc. These Copley Police officers will be riding from Reading, Pennsylvania to Washington DC the week of May 12, 2013.

We are asking for your support. Each officer has set a goal of raising \$ 1,500.00. All of these funds will be donated to Law Enforcement United. Anyone interested in making a donation can send their donations to the Copley Police Association, C/O the Copley Police Department, 1280 Sunset Drive, Copley, Ohio 44321. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chief Michael Mier at 330-666-4260 or at [MMIER@copley.oh.us](mailto:MMIER@copley.oh.us).

Thank you for your support!

**Law Enforcement United - Our mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of all law enforcement officers that have died in the line of duty.**

### Obstructions in the Road Right-Of-Way

Residents should be reminded that if they place an object in the road right-of-way or along the edge of the road, they risk being held liable for any injury or cost of any damages because of that object. An example of this is athletic and recreational apparatus which includes portable basketball hoops. Recently, an accident occurred involving one of these portable hoops because it was placed at the end of a driveway and the hoop extended out over the curb into the driving lane. A passing truck hit the hoop and was damaged. Fortunately, the driver was not injured. The township does not approve of any athletic or recreational apparatus to be used this way because it encourages playing in the street and the result could be tragic. Any athletic or recreational apparatus should only be used on private property, out of the road right-of-way.



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10th

MARCH 2013



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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](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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