

Issues 51 & 52 on the Ballot November 4th

Issue 52

Fire Department 3-year 3.3 mil Replacement Levy

Copley Township has a long history of establishing conservative fiscal policies enabling the Township to provide the many services and amenities currently enjoyed by all. The Township has successfully maintained its superior safety forces and community support programs in an economic climate that has been more than trying. In addition, Copley has been a leader in collaborations with other entities.

This November, residents will consider a replacement levy in support of the fire department. The 3.3 mil replacement levy expires December 31. The levy generates \$1,630,057 per year and would cost a homeowner of a \$100,000 home \$115.50 per year. The 3.3 mil levy augments funding for 16 full-time firefighter/paramedics, 42 part-time firefighter/medics, and one administrative assistant; and a joint dispatch operation with the cities of Barberton and Norton.

In addition, there are two fire stations in the township. Station #1 (located on the lower level of the Town Hall) and the Fire Administrative Offices (located on the main level of the Town Hall) are housed at 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road. Stony Hill Fire Station #2 is located at 4570 Medina Road west of the Montrose area. Jointly owned by Bath Township and Copley Township, staffing and other operating costs for the second fire station are shared equally with Bath Township. This innovative arrangement has been the topic of an article in a professional fire service journal and presentations at an international fire service conference.

Issue 51

Road & Bridge 3-year 2.5 mil Replacement Levy

This November 4th, residents of Copley Township will be asked to approve Issue 51, a 3-year 2.5 mil replacement levy for the Road & Bridge fund. This levy is used by the Township for costs relating to any maintenance work within the 59.06 miles of dedicated Township road right-of-ways. How does the Township spend those funds?

Every year, four major road paving projects are performed - 448 Asphalt Paving, 422 Chip and Seal Paving, Concrete Road Replacement, and Pavement Markings. Other projects also performed annually are spraypatching, crack sealing, concrete curb repair, driveway culvert and transverse pipe replacements, roadside drainage ditch/storm line repairs, and catch basin and storm line cleaning mandated by EPA Phase II Regulations. Road salt for snow and ice control is purchased with the fund. The fund also pays for the maintenance and repair of road equipment from the wrenches that tighten traffic sign bolts to the 11' road plows. These projects or maintenance items are all funded by the Road & Bridge Levy. The 2.5 mil levy would cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$87.50 per year.

The Township has one of the best road systems in Summit County thanks to residents who vote for the Road & Bridge Levy. They understand that maintaining a good road system costs less in the long run and helps keep property values higher. Voting for the levy ensures the road system is maintained to the level that our residents have come to expect.

Support of these levies is vital to continue the excellent delivery of services to our township residents.

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS SIGNAGE

In conjunction with Copley Township Zoning, the Copley Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a public meeting at Copley Town Hall
1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road,
to discuss the sign code in Copley Township's Zoning Resolution.
The meeting is November 20, 2014 from 5 - 7 p.m. and is open to the public.



Police Department Activity

Halloween in the Park

The annual Halloween Festival, co-sponsored by the Copley Police Department and the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club, in cooperation with Copley Fire and Service Departments, will be held at the Copley Community Park, 3232 Copley Road, on Saturday, October 26, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Police Department will distribute free trick-or-treat bags, glow sticks and pumpkins, while supplies last. There will be hay rides, games, hot cider and donuts for everyone and a trick-or-treat "trail" for children 10 years old & under.

In case of rain, the festival will be held at Copley/Fairlawn Middle School.



Fire Department Activity

Meet Copley's New Fire Inspector

Jim Logsdon was promoted to Chief Fire Inspector by the Copley Trustees effective August 2, 2014. Inspector Logsdon began working as a part-time firefighter/paramedic with Copley in 1995. He was hired full-time in 1999 and has been a State of Ohio Certified Fire Safety Inspector since 2008. Jim is married to Lori and they have two children.



Even though Inspector Logsdon is already certified for his position, he will be taking additional training in fire prevention, community risk reduction, fire safety education and fire investigation through the Ohio and National Fire Academies. Jim oversees all of our inspectors, sets the inspection schedule, reviews building plans, acts as a liaison with the Summit County Division of Building Standards, coordinates prevention activities and represents Copley Township to local, regional and state fire safety organizations. Please welcome our new Fire Inspector, Jim Logsdon!

TRICK OR TREAT
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



Share A Christmas

The Copley Police Department's annual "Share a Christmas Program" will be running through December 18, 2014. Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the police station, 1280 Sunset Drive. Participating families will also receive food baskets donated from Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis Club and coats, hats and gloves from the Copley Outreach Center. Application forms and further information will be on our website www.copley.oh.us by the end of November.



Save-the Date... Winterfest

Mark your calendars for January 24, 2015 for the 2nd annual Winterfest Festival in Copley Community Park. Get ready for a fun-filled day of sled riding, ice skating, sled dog demonstrations, ice carving, hot chocolate, donuts, and much, much more.

Photo-Electric Smoke Detectors

The Copley Fire Department, in conjunction with the North Eastern Ohio Fire Prevention Association, supports the installation of photo-electric smoke detectors on every level of your home, and inside and outside each bedroom or sleeping area. Photo-electric are the most reliable type of smoke alarm to have protecting you while you sleep. Ionization detectors have proven to be problematic and may not alarm properly.



See www.photoelectricsaves.com for complete information.

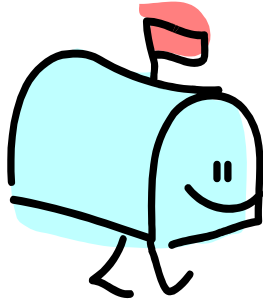
You may also contact Firefighter Jeff Varga or Inspector Jim Logsdon at 330-666-6464 for assistance in purchasing and installing smoke detectors in your home.



Service Department News

Winter Reminders

With Old Man Winter lurking around the corner, it is time to once again inspect your mailbox and post to see if it needs any repairs. Check the post to make sure it is sturdy and not rotted or rusted through. Check the box to see if the door shuts properly and the flag stays standing. Check the mounting bolts/screws and replace any that have rusted or broken off. Doing this inspection now saves you from having to do it in the bitter cold and ensures your mailbox is ready for the brutal conditions. The Township is NOT responsible for damage to a mailbox/post due to the weight of the snow as it curls off the plow. The Township will repair/replace the mailbox/post if a plow actually strikes the mailbox/post.



By the Numbers...

Final totals aren't in quite yet, but here's what was collected during our recycle event in October.

Batteries Plus

1 APC Computer Battery Backup
6 Automotive Batteries (Lead acid 150 lbs.)
5 Power Sport Batteries (Lead acid 15 lbs.)
7 Lawn & Garden Batteries (Lead acid 35 lbs.)
Mixed alkaline Batteries (15 lbs.)
15 Drill Pack Batteries (NiCad 5 lbs.)
9 - 4 foot Fluorescent Tube
9 Sealed Lead Acid Dry Cell Batteries
57 Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

All Ohio Secure Shred

4769 Pounds of Paper

Accurate IT E-Waste

Filled 24' Straight Bed Truck

Akron Canton Waste Oil

Approximately 300 gallons

Kimble

4 - 40 yard containers of tires



*Special thanks to the
Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis
for their continued support.*

Community News

COPLEY SENIORS

By Bill Daniel

If you are a senior (age 55 or older) living in the Copley area, there is a recently formed group of your contemporaries who meet regularly for camaraderie, information sharing, fellowship, entertainment, and social activities.

This group of older adults has chosen the name COPLEY SENIORS and meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at The Hub community center located at 1234 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road. Our activities have included something for everyone's taste. Some meetings are simply a bag lunch that members bring from home or local establishments, with desserts and beverages provided by members or local retirement living businesses. Programs are selected based on issues of interest to seniors such as health, education and personal safety information. Copley Seniors went back to school, CHS specifically, last year for sessions on computer and technology training. We will continue this partnership again this year.

If you are 55+, and our group's activities sound interesting to you, why not attend one of our monthly gatherings? For more information, contact Bill or Kay at (330) 666-5582, or you may visit our website, www.dragonweir.com/copley_seniors/.

Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries

Daylight savings time ends Sunday, November 2nd at 2:00 a.m. When you turn your clocks back one hour, make sure you also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If your smoke detectors are wired into your electrical system, they may have batteries as a backup in case there is a power failure. Be sure to change the batteries in these detectors as well.



Senior Snowplow Program

The Board of Trustees has approved another season of the Senior Snowplow Program. This will be the 7th year of this well-received service.

If you are 65 years of age and/or handicapped, and there is no other person residing in your home that is physically capable of removing snow, then you may qualify for this program. For details please call the Copley Service Department at 330-666-0365.



COPLEY TOWNSHIP
 1540 S. Cleveland Massillon Road
 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 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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Copley Township Telephone Numbers

Emergency Police & Fire9-1-1
 Non Emerg. Police & Fire 330-666-8866

Administrative Offices

Fire 330-666-6464
 Police 330-666-4218
 Service 330-666-0365
 Zoning330-666-0108

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 Scott Dressler330-666-1853
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Janice Marshall 330-666-1853

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