



## Copley Township Maintains Strong Financial Future

*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 long-standing practice of incurring no debt has afforded the Township to maintain 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.*

### Police Levy on the November Ballot

On November 3rd, residents will consider a replacement levy in support of the police department, which expires December 31, 2015. The levy generates \$957,719 per year for a three-year period. Please see the chart below for cost per year. The 2-mill levy augments funding for 23 full-time patrol officers, 7 part-time officers, one administrative assistant, and supports a Juvenile Youth Officer with Bath Township, a DARE program with the city of Fairlawn, and SWSCOM (joint dispatch center) with the cities of Barberton and Norton. The city of New Franklin and the Village of Clinton are joining SWSCOM this coming year.

The Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer Janice Marshall along with Chief Michael 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."

| Home Value   | Cost per Year |
|--------------|---------------|
| \$85,000.00  | \$59.50       |
| \$95,000.00  | \$66.50       |
| \$100,000.00 | \$70.00       |
| \$135,000.00 | \$94.50       |
| \$170,000.00 | \$119.00      |
| \$200,000.00 | \$140.00      |
| \$250,000.00 | \$175.00      |
| \$300,000.00 | \$210.00      |
| \$350,000.00 | \$245.00      |
| \$400,000.00 | \$280.00      |

## Holiday Assistance For Local Needy Families

### Copley Township's "Share A Christmas" Program

Would you like to be sure that your charitable contribution really benefits those in need? Would you like to see your donation help local families? Perhaps a neighbor has had a bad year, or your child may have a needy classmate?

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. Last year over two hundred and fifty children who may not have received anything at all under their Christmas

trees awoke to find an assortment of toy and gift items on Christmas morning.

Donations of cash and new toys will be accepted at the Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road beginning Monday, November 29 through Wednesday December 15th. Checks and money orders may also be mailed to Copley Town Hall. **Please make checks payable to Copley Township.**

Application forms for assistance and further information are available online at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us). For more information call 330-666-4218. These programs are

for families residing in Copley and/or the Copley-Fairlawn school district only. Proof of residency may be required. 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.



## Police Department

### *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 24, 2015 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.



### *Haunted Halls October 31 at Copley High School*

Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Copley-Fairlawn will hold its annual *Haunted Halls* at Copley High School on Halloween night, October 31st from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. Admission is \$5 with a canned good for the Copley Outreach Center or \$6 without. Parents are encouraged to join with their kids. Perfect for 5th grade and up. However, this is not for the faint of heart, so be prepared!

### *Copley Police Share With Seniors*

Copley Police Officers will "Share" with senior citizens again this holiday season. Elderly adults living on their own in homes in Copley receive a gift and a visit from a police officer during the holiday season.

The Police Department will be accepting names of senior citizens (not necessarily needy) for participation in the program. If you know a senior citizen who would appreciate a visit from a police officer, please call the police department at 330-666-4218.



### **Save The Date... Winterfest**

Mark your calendars for January 30, 2016 for the 3rd 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!

## Fire Department

### *Thinking about Burning Leaves? Please Know the Rules*

Your fire must be more than 1,000 feet from your neighbor's inhabited building. This is not possible for most residences in Copley. If you have the space, you may burn plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues generated from your property only. Wastes such as wood or paper products that are generated by one-, two-, or three-family residences may also be burned. You must request permission from Ohio EPA through the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District if the pile is greater than 10 ft. x 10 ft. x 10ft. This process could take up to two weeks.

### **You should also know the effects of open burning.**

Open burning can harm human and environmental health. Many toxins, fumes, and spores can enter the air we breathe and greatly affect those with pre-existing respiratory conditions or sensitive allergies. Not only are respiratory diseases (i.e. Asthma, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and Chronic Bronchitis) exacerbated by open burning, but also heart disease, various cancers, nervous system damage, kidney and liver damage, diabetes, and reproductive or developmental disorders. Many of these diseases can be correlated to the release of particulate matter and toxins such as sulfur dioxide, lead, and mercury.

Courtesy of the Akron Regional Air Quality Management District (800) 589-2480. [araqmd.org](http://araqmd.org)

The Copley Fire Department recommends having your furnace tuned up now before the weather starts to get really cold. You should have your furnace serviced annually to ensure efficient operation and safe heating of your home. Here are some other home heating tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

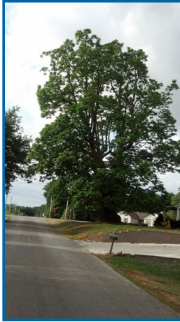
- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Always have a qualified professional install heating equipment.
- Have heating equipment inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Always turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel specified by the manufacturer.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before disposing of them.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.



## Service Department

### Ohio Champion Trees

The American Forest Organization began a program in 1940 called the Big Tree Program that recognizes the largest of each species in the United States. Those trees are called National Champion Trees. In 1955, the Ohio Forestry Association (OFA) began recognizing the largest trees in Ohio and they're called (State) Champion Trees. The OFA program is now coordinated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Forestry. Trees are scored on a point system (Circumference + Height + 1/4 Width of Crown Spread). If any two trees are scored within 5 points of each other they become Co-Champions. Ohio is home to 14 National Champion Trees and Copley Township is home to one of the Ohio Co-Champion Trees. It is a Catalpa Tree and it is located in the front yard of 2368 S. Hametown



Road. The tree's circumference is 236" (that's almost 20 feet!), it is 72' tall, and it has a 65' crown spread. This tree scored 325 points. (The Co-Champion scored 328) Details on

how you can become a Big Tree Hunter can be found at [www.americanforests.org](http://www.americanforests.org). Drive by this magnificent tree and marvel at its size and beauty. It is truly a Champion to us and we are so proud it is in Copley Township.

### Recycle Center

It has been found recently that trash and non-recyclable materials are being disposed of in the comingle and aluminum can recycle containers. Doing this contaminates the load and because the recycling company has to spend time sorting out those contaminants, the Township receives a reduced amount on its rebate. The township uses these rebates two ways; to help pay the operating costs of the facility and as a charitable donation. Rebates from the aluminum cans are donated to the Akron Children's Hospital Aluminum Cans for Burned Children (ACBC) Program. For a complete list of accepted items go to our website at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us). Flyers are available at the Recycle Center or at Townhall or the Service Department. If you have a question about what can or cannot be deposited in these containers, please call and we can answer your question. Please do not throw trash or non-recyclable materials in these bins.

### Senior Snow Plow Program

The Board of Trustees has approved another season of the Senior Snow Plow Program. This will be the 8th 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 the snow, then you may qualify for this program. For details, call the Service Department at 330-666-0365.

## Community Information

### Free Income Tax Preparation

The AARP Tax-Aide program offers a **free** service that assists taxpayers in preparing their individual income tax returns and answers tax questions. This service is available to seniors and people with **low to moderate income**.

Free tax preparation service is available at most Summit County libraries by appointment. Libraries where this service is convenient for Copley residents are: Fairlawn/Bath, Norton and Maple Valley libraries. Contact one of these libraries for the day and hours of operations and to make an appointment to have your Federal & State returns prepared and E-filed.

You need to bring all documents that you receive from your employer, bank, investment institution, social security, Federal & State government estimated tax payment information, etc. In addition, two (2) forms of identification are required: One must be a photo identification such as driver license, state issued I.D., school photo I.D., passport/travel Visa. The second identification must be your original Social Security Card and those of any dependent(s) you are claiming, or a letter from Social Security or Social Security Benefit Statement (SSA-1099). It is always helpful to bring your prior year tax return.

AARP is currently seeking volunteers to serve in this program. Training is provided for a variety of positions. To learn more about volunteering opportunities, visit the following AARP website: [http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2006/volunteer\\_aarp\\_tax\\_aide](http://www.aarp.org/money/taxes/info-2006/volunteer_aarp_tax_aide)

### Copley Seniors

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 3676 Community Lane (Same location but a new address). 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 deserts and beverages provided by members or local retirement living businesses. Other meetings offer programs based on issues of interest to seniors such as health, education and personal safety information.

For a second year Copley Seniors went back to school, CHS specifically, for sessions on computer and technology training. Our collaboration projects were expanded to include a reading program for students in the elementary schools and an invitation to a special performance of the fall class play. We are continuing this partnership for the 2015-2016 school 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/](http://www.dragonweir.com/copley_seniors/)



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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 5:30 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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**Copley Township Telephone Numbers**

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

**Administrative Offices**

Fire ..... 330-666-6464  
 Police ..... 330-666-4218  
 Service ..... 330-666-0365  
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