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Thank You

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! The strength of a vibrant community comes from its citizenry and Copley has the best. Our grassroots form of government continues to work 193 years later; and for that, we thank you. We also wish to recognize and thank our administration, safety forces and service personnel who deliver the standard of services Copley residents have come to expect. May 2012 bring us peace and prosperity.

*Copley Board of Trustees
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Thank you to the voters of Copley who supported the Road & Fire Levies that were on the November ballot. Both issues were overwhelmingly approved.

We appreciate your support!
Thank you for the confidence you have in the Township.

The Copley Homeowner's Association is Back!

From its formation in the 1970's, the Copley Homeowner's Association (CHA) played a big part in shaping the land use in Copley Township. Today a new group of Copley residents are picking up where the original founders left off. The Copley Homeowners Association is reorganizing - An organizational meeting will be held at the Copley Community Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

In the past, Copley Homeowner's Association focused on zoning, land use, and township services. Today, concerns are still the same. As in the past, Copley Township is once again being solicited for oil and gas leases. Not since the 80's has oil and gas been in such demand in Copley.


Just as in the Gold Rush of 1849, there is currently a rush to seek riches beneath the ground, not in California but Copley, Ohio. Today the "gold" is in the form of oil and gas deposits as deep as two miles beneath the surface. Just as in 1849, there are substantial opportunities and risks to be faced and overcome by those seeking these riches. Welcome, the Oil and Gas Rush of 2012.

This rush for exploration and extraction of oil and gas deposits has been ongoing for a number of years to the east in Pennsylvania, New York and West Virginia. Within the last 18 months the search has moved into eastern and southeastern Ohio. Within the last month or two the quest has moved into Summit County. Many local landowners have been solicited by out of state companies seeking to acquire their "mineral rights".

The first goal of the "new" edition of the Copley Homeowner's Association will be to provide a forum to insure that the public is made aware of FACTS. The goal is to provide the public a forum to gather and discuss the positive and potentially negative aspects of oil and gas extraction. The intent is to bring in experts and spokespersons representing all viewpoints. In all likelihood there will be a wide range of opinions. Without a doubt there will be those who will resist all efforts to explore and extract the oil and gas locally and there will be others who are ready and willing to move in that direction immediately. In all probability, the majority of landowners will not know enough to form an opinion.

Please see **Copley Homeowners, p.2**

When Caught In A Winter Storm

<p><u>Outside</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find shelter to stay dry and cover all exposed body parts. <p><u>No Shelter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build a lean-to, windbreak or snow cave for protection from the wind. Build a fire for heat and to attract attention. Place rocks around the fire to absorb and reflect heat. <p><u>Melt snow for drinking water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eating snow will lower your body temperature. 	<p><u>In A Vehicle</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in vehicle. You will become quickly disoriented in wind-driven snow and cold. Run the motor about 10 minutes each hour for heat. Open the window a little for fresh air to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not blocked. <p><u>Be Visible To Rescuers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn on the dome light at night when running the engine. Tie a colored cloth, preferably red, to your antenna or door. After snow stops falling, raise the hood to indicate you need help. <p><u>Exercise</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From time to time, move arms, legs, fingers and toes vigorously to keep blood circulating and to keep warm. 	<p><u>Inside</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay Inside When using alternate heat from a fireplace, wood stove, space heater, etc., use fire safeguards and properly ventilate. <p><u>No Heat</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close off unneeded rooms. Stuff towels or rags in cracks under doors. Cover windows at night. Eat and drink. Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat. Keep the body replenished with fluids to prevent dehydration. Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Remove layers to avoid overheating, perspiration and subsequent chill.
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AVOID OVEREXERTION, such as shoveling heavy snow, pushing a car or walking in deep snow. The strain from the cold and the hard labor may cause a heart attack. Sweating could lead to a chill and hypothermia. Take Red Cross Cardiopulmonary Rescue (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training so you can respond quickly to an emergency.

Courtesy of American Red Cross and NOAA

Copley Homeowners

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In any case, the CHA will seek to provide the information necessary for individual landowners to arrive at well-reasoned conclusions to be better prepared to better manage their own properties and their own futures. The best advice to all is to learn what you need to know and make no decisions or take any actions (like signing a lease) until you know all the FACTS and know how to protect your own interests now and in the future.

Undoubtedly, there will be homeowners who are now or will be ready to join the rush. The CHA will endeavor to provide those persons with the tools to safeguard their mineral rights and to maximize those values while minimizing the associated environmental and legal risks.

Plan to be a part of the newly organized Copley Homeowners! By being a member, discounts on septic system cleanings are available to you as well. Please join us on January 19th at 7 p.m. at the Copley Community Center.

Copley Police Department Share-A-Christmas

Copley Police Department has, since 1979, conducted a Holiday program that benefits needy families in the Copley-Fairlawn School District. Monetary donations and new toys are accepted prior to the program. The Police Department worked closely with Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis who graciously donated a ham and full meal to each family. The Copley Outreach Center provided hats, coats and gloves to each family.

In 2011, more than 103 families, 266 kids 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.



Cemetery Survey

At the November 2, 2011 Board of Trustees meeting, a discussion was opened concerning the future of the Copley Township Cemetery and the future of offering cemetery services. The Board was informed that the number of currently available burial lots was diminishing and it was only a question of time before there would no longer be any burial lots left. The question raised was whether Copley Township wishes to continue offering cemetery services in the future and, if so, by what means can that be accomplished?

The Copley Township Cemetery was founded in 1820 and has been active for 191 years. It is remarkable that after all those many years, the cemetery still has burial lots available. This is due to the fact that decades ago, a past Board of Trustees had the foresight to establish a policy that burial lots can be purchased only at the time of need, no additional lots may be reserved, and the lots are to be sold in numeric order per Section, depending on the family's need. If not for that policy, the cemetery most likely would have been sold out years ago.

In its present configuration, the cemetery contains 1829 burial lots in nine different sections. As of this writing, there are roughly 125 total burial lots available. Burial lots contain one, two, or three graves per lot. Copley Township, on average, performs 25-30 burials per year. It is estimated that in 4 years there will be no single grave lots left and in 16 years, no double or triple grave lots left.

The estimated yearly expiration dates are based on the average number of new lots sold in the last 5 years per Section. The Township realizes that it will not be able to perpetually have burial lots available for all time and, eventually, at some point in the Township's future history, all cemetery services will cease. Future generations of Copley officials will be charged with the maintenance of these sacred grounds.

Although it may appear there is ample time to decide the future of offering cemetery services, the time to decide that future is before us and should not be delayed, thus the reason for conducting this survey. The Copley Board of Trustees highly values its resident's input on all matters and this survey will assist them in their decision making process for the future of the Copley Township Cemetery. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please take a few minutes of your time and answer the questions in the survey on p.4-5 and return it in person, by mail or by fax.

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Thank you,
 Copley Township Board of Trustees

Copley Stands Strong Together

After the 8-7-11 tragedy, reader boards at businesses throughout Copley Township proudly proclaimed "Copley Stands Strong Together." In an effort to continue this display of solidarity, available beginning Tuesday, December 20, will be bright yellow 24"x 24" yard signs with that slogan printed in dark blue. Across the top of the sign are seven people holding hands that remind us of the victims of the tragedy. The signs are being sold for \$10 each, including the stake. The yard signs are made to last for years. They will be available for sale during normal business hours at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road and at Designer League located on Copley Circle. This project has been spearheaded by Healthy Communities Healthy Youth Copley-Fairlawn. Signs are being sold at cost, this is not a fundraiser.



Free Income Tax Preparation

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) through its Tax Aide Program, offers free assistance in preparing personal income tax returns for persons ages 60 and older in the middle to low income tax brackets. The Tax-Aide Program is a charitable, non-profit program administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service. Locations that are convenient for Copley residents are the Fairlawn/Bath Library, Norton Library and Barberton Library. Appointments are necessary and be sure to gather all required information before you go. A photo ID and your original social security card are required along with a letter from Social Security Administration or your SSA-1099 benefit statement. It is always helpful to have a copy of your last year's return.

Heritage Day 2012

The Heritage Day Committee is looking for volunteers to help with the Heritage Day Festival that will be held on August 4, 2012 in Copley Circle. There is a meeting held at Copley Town Hall, 1540 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Darryl Warner at 330-671-3590 or Kathi Fundak Corathers at 330-753-1913 or email CopleyBarns@aol.com.

Historical Society

The first meeting of 2012 will be March 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Copley Town Hall. A committee has started work on a book of the history of Copley Township focusing on the 1800's. Anyone with family stories, information, trees or photos is asked to contact Elaine Osborn Moore at 330-745-7856 or Kathi Fundak Corathers at 330-753-1913 or CopleyBarns@aol.com.



Please tear off and return to the Town Hall by mail, fax or in person.

COPLEY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SURVEY

1. Do you think Copley Township should continue to offer cemetery services for the future?
YES ___ NO ___

If YES, by what means should the Township explore to accomplish this?
Expand the present cemetery grounds to the west YES ___ NO ___
Utilize existing Township property elsewhere YES ___ NO ___
Build a mausoleum or columbarium to utilize space YES ___ NO ___
Purchase property and establish a new cemetery YES ___ NO ___

Other: _____

If NO, why not?
The cemetery has run its course; just fill it and maintain it _____
It would be too expensive to expand the present cemetery _____
Cannot continue offering burial lots forever _____

Other: _____

2. Mausoleums and columbariums are above-ground burial sites for traditional (casket) and cremation burials. If Copley Township would build either or both would you have any interest in being buried in either one?
YES ___ NO ___

Comments:

3. Do you prefer an in-ground burial? YES ___ NO ___

4. Which type of burial would you prefer? Traditional ___
Cremation ___

5. To prolong the life of the cemetery would you object to restricting the sale of burial lots from now on to Copley residents only? YES ___ NO ___

If YES, why? _____

6. Would you object to making any other township properties into a cemetery?
YES ___ NO ___

If YES, why?
The Township should use the property for something else _____
I don't want a cemetery near my home _____
Copley doesn't need another cemetery _____

Other: _____

7. No burial lots are sold in advance but some longtime, native Copley residents are concerned there may not be any burial lots available at their time of need and their desire to be buried in the Copley Township Cemetery may not be realized.

Would you object to conducting a one-time pre-sale of burial lots for these longtime, native residents?

YES ___ NO ___

If YES, why?

- I wasn't allowed to reserve a lot _____
- It could sell out the cemetery _____
- It would further reduce available lots _____
- They should abide by the regulations like everyone else _____

Other: _____

If NO, what minimum length of consecutive years should these residents be required to have resided in Copley to qualify for such a sale?

- 50 years _____
- 60 years _____
- 70 years _____

Comments: _____

8. In order to gain an insight on the possible number of lots that could be pre-sold, are you one of the longtime, native Copley residents who would take part in such a sale?

YES ___ NO ___

9. How long have you lived in Copley Township? _____ years

10. Your age: _____

Additional Comments:

Thank you.

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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
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for updated meeting times and special meetings.

Check our website for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission Meeting Schedules.

All Meetings Are Open To The Public.



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