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## New State of the Art Communications Center In Police Dept.

Copley's Dispatch Center began in the home of Jack Welton, a Copley Fireman, and his wife Barb in 1969. At that time, the Police Department had only one cruiser. In 1974, the dispatch center moved to the lower level of the Town Hall where it remained until July, 1995 when it moved to the new Police Station on Sunset Drive.

Over the next 13 years, the Township grew in population and size. In 2007, Copley Township Trustees agreed to join the Summit County 800 MHz Regional Radio System allowing communications with several departments within the county as well as State and Federal agencies. Due to the change in radio systems and the lack of space in the current radio room, the Trustees looked at several options to accommodate the new equipment. The decision was made to move the Communications Center into what was the police training room. After several months of construction and re-engineering of the

new and existing equipment, the Communication Center was opened in late December. The new center has two dispatch positions that incorporate an all new digital touch screen radio console with dual screen CAD computer aided dispatch) mo-



tors, integrated mapping software along with several other components from the old center. In 2008, Trustees approved the addition of a third station to accommodate future needs of the center and provide a third dispatcher during the peak activity periods. The room was designed to accommodate up to complete dispatch positions allowing the center to grow with



needs of the Township. Dave Sattler, Systems Administrator, coordinated this major reconstruction project from its inception. Thanks to Dave, the transformation went smoothly. Great Job!

## The Barberton - Norton Mosquito Abatement Program

On December 18, 2007, a petition was filed with the Summit County Common Pleas Court to expand its district to include the communities of Green, New Franklin, Copley, Coventry, Springfield, Clinton and Lakemore. This petition proposes to create a new district to handle mosquito spraying. In order to pay for this new service, the group proposes to impose a .3 mill unvoted property tax on each parcel in Copley Township.

The Board of Trustees passed a resolution in opposition of the creation of this new service. Currently, the Summit County Board of Health provides this service and the Trustees are very satisfied with the spraying that we have received in the past. The Trustees believe that paying additional property taxes for services that we already receive is unnecessary and thus have authorized the Township's Legal Counsel, Irv Sugerman, to oppose the creation of this new district in Commom Pleas Court.



The Township has a petition opposing the new mosquito district at the front desk of the Town Hall. The petition will also be available at the Board of Trustees regular meeting on March 25. If you have questions, please feel to call Town Hall 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at 330-666-1853.

# Police Department News...

## COPLEY-FAIRLAWN SCHOOL SAFETY MEETING

At a time when recent school shooting tragedies remain fresh in our minds, parents of children in our local schools should feel assured that in the event of such an incident in our Township, our safety forces and schools are well prepared. Sergeant Jack Simone relayed this information to parents in attendance at a School Safety Meeting for Parents held at Copley High School on February 6th.

Parents were advised that a well-organized School Crisis Action Plan is in place, involving Copley's Police, Fire and Service Departments and Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. Spring Garden Waldorf School, also in Copley Township, has prepared a similar plan.



A School Lock Down Procedure has been implemented and practiced by students and staff, taking under 30 seconds from initial notification to a complete lock down of the facility. Bath, Copley and Fairlawn Police Departments have had rapid deployment training inside the school building. This is just one example of the many ways the Copley Police Department and Copley-Fairlawn City Schools work closely together.

## SAFETY TOWN 2008

Registration for 2008 Safety Town will begin on March 2008. Forms will be available at Copley-Fairlawn City Schools, at police department and on Copley's website, [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us). Specific dates will be determined in mid-March. Safety Town is a summer safety program for children who will be entering kindergarten in the Participants need to live within the Copley-Fairlawn City School District. For further information, please email Marcie Mason [mmason@copley.oh.us](mailto:mmason@copley.oh.us).

Check our website for updates and application forms.

[www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us)



## FEBRUARY TOP COP AWARD

**Detective David Moore**, Copley Police Department, was named February's "Top Cop" by Summit County Prosecutor, Sheri Bevan Walsh. Detective Moore worked diligently to solve an aggravated robbery in Copley as well as 13 other aggravated robberies of businesses throughout several jurisdictions. Good work and congratulations to Detective Moore!

## Service Department...

### NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

The Copley Service Department is extending the time period for the removal of any road obstructions (large rocks, manhole covers, posts, poles, etc..) to March 28, 2008 due to inclement weather. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Service Department at 330-666-0365.

## Zoning Department News...

### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND ZONING COMMISSION MEMBERS FOR 2008

Townships in Ohio are required to have a Board of Zoning Appeals and a Zoning Commission who assist the Township with land use decisions. The Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission members are appointed by the Trustees for a 5-year term (alternates for 2 years). These Boards work independently to make decisions that are presented to them.

#### Zoning Commission

- Mark Wasick, Chairman
- Colleen Ahern, Vice-Chairperson
- Patrick Craig
- Ernest Stein
- Jane Scott
- Walter Benson, Alternate
- Bill Frye, Alternate

#### Board of Zoning Appeals

- Joe Weinstein, Chairman
- David Robinson, Vice-Chairman
- Russell Hose
- Robert Juve
- Paul Wilkerson
- Bill Daniel, Alternate

### DOCUMENT SHREDDING PROGRAM

Iron Mountain will again be providing an on-site, secure shredding vehicle at Town Hall on Saturday, May 3, 2008, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. This program is for Copley residents only and proof of residency will be required through a valid Ohio driver's license or current utility bill.

### ATTENTION J&J CUSTOMERS

In order for J&J Refuse to operate in a more efficient manner, your trash pick-up day WILL BE CHANGING, BEGINNING APRIL 1, 2008. J&J will mail out letters to inform you of the new day for trash pickup.


Check our website [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) for details and updates.

### LAND USE PLAN UPDATE

The Steering Committee, staff and consultants have been working on a final draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. They have reviewed all comments received from the two public hearings, e-mails and phone calls. The final draft plan should be posted on our website by March 15th. If you cannot download it, please stop in the Town Hall for a copy. Once the Steering Committee accepts the document, it will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for adoption. Please refer to the website for future meeting dates of the Steering Committee.

# Fire Department News...

## OHIO SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

 Ohio Severe Weather Awareness Week is March 23-29th culminating in a Statewide Tornado Drill on the 26th. Copley residents should expect to hear our tornado sirens on the 26th at 9:50 am. Schools will also be practicing their tornado drills. The Copley Fire Department encourages employers to incorporate Tornado and Fire Drills into their safety programs as part of their Emergency Operations. For more information, please visit [www.FEMA.gov](http://www.FEMA.gov).

## OUR NEW AMBULANCE HAS ARRIVED!



On February 27th, the Copley Fire Department took delivery of a 2008 Braun Ambulance built upon a Ford E450 chassis. This unit was purchased to replace a 7 year old ambulance which will be placed in reserve status as a shared resource for Copley, Bath, Fairlawn and three other communities in our region. The new

ambulance will respond from Copley Fire Department Station 1, attached to Town Hall. The reserve/shared unit will be housed at our jointly operated Bath-Copley Fire Station, Stony Hill Station 2, covering the Montrose area.

The fire department responded to more than 2,100 requests for service last year, with greater than 70% of those for Emergency Medical Service. This new vehicle will help maintain the exceptional level of service residents of Copley enjoy and expect from their Township Fire Department.

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS...

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

- For your home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher that can be used on all types of home fires.
- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing.
- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit.
- Know when to leave your home. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms.

## New Addition to Fire Department

Jeff Varga has completed his six-month probationary period and is now a full-time member of the Copley Fire Department. Jeff started part-time with Copley in May, 2001, becoming full-time in August, 2007. If you see Jeff, congratulate him on his accomplishment!



Jeffrey Varga  
Firefighter/M

# Copley Community News...

## Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Center

The Household Hazardous Recycling Center will be opening Tuesday, April 1, 2008 and will remain open through the end of September, 2008. Hours of operation are:

**Tuesday afternoon, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**  
**Wednesday evening, 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm**

For additional information about the items that are accepted at the center, and any fees, call 330-374-0383 or visit their website, [www.saswma.org](http://www.saswma.org).

HHW Recycling Center  
1201 Graham Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
(Near the Graham Road exit off Rt 8)

## AARP Tax-Aide Program

The AARP through its Tax-Aide program offers a free and confidential service that assists individuals in preparing their personal income tax returns and answers tax questions. This service is available to taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those 60 years or older.

Taxpayers receive in-person counseling and tax preparation service at sites located in libraries and senior centers. Summit County most libraries designate one day a week when you may, by appointment only, have your income tax return prepared. Sites that are convenient for Copley residents are Fairlawn/Bath, Norton or Barberton libraries and Barberton Senior Center. Contact one of these sites for the day and make an appointment.

## Did You Know...

- Copley Township has a Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) with the City of Akron.
- Total businesses in Copley within the JEDD Service Area: 1,019
  - Total collected in 2007: \$5,644,155.49
  - This is 6.26% above 2006 collection.



DATED MATERIAL

**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!

**2008  
 Concert Schedule**

*Summer Concerts in the Circle  
 7 PM*

June 15	LaFlavour
June 22	Ernie Krivda and the Fat Tuesday Big Band
June 29	Class of '57
July 6	Freedom Brass Band
July 13	Melvin Goins & Windy Mountain
July 20	Logan Wells
July 27	Barbershop Harmony Spectacular
August 3	Phil & Sparky Show Band
August 10	Swing Machine
August 17	Rebeats
August 24	ETC All American Youth Choir

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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  
 Zoning .....330-666-0108  
 Service.....330-666-0365

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