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## Save The Dates

SUNSIDE TRAIL DEDICATION  
Copley Community Park  
Thursday, October 29, 2020  
1:00pm

FALL BACK  
Change Your Clocks  
Change Your Batteries  
Sunday, November 1, 2020

REMEMBER TO VOTE!  
Tuesday, November 3, 2020

SHARE A CHRISTMAS  
DISTRIBUTION  
Saturday  
December 12, 2020  
9:00am - 11:30am  
Spring Garden Waldorf School



**Nixle ALERTS**  
Text your zip code to  
888777  
or register at [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com)

## Holiday Assistance For Local Needy Families

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

Copley Township will be accepting only monetary donations this year for the annual Share A Christmas Program. The COVID-19 virus has changed many things - including how we will be conducting this very important event.

Due to safe distancing and other recommendations from the State and Summit County we will be accepting donations in the form of cash, check, or gift cards ONLY. This program has helped hundreds of families in years past and we thank you for all the wonderful toys and donations that have been given. However, in order to lessen the spread of COVID-19, toys will not be collected at any of our drop off locations. Your monetary donations will be given to the over three hundred families we anticipate helping this year due to so many families being out of work and struggling. Checks can be made out to Copley Township Share A Christmas. All proceeds will be used to buy gift cards so parents may purchase the presents that are listed on the kids' wish lists.

Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis and the Outreach

Center in Copley will continue to participate by providing for families in the area who have young ones, or school age children in the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. All donations will stay locally to help our neighbors.

Application forms for assistance and further information are available online at [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) and at the front desk of Town Hall. For more information call 330-666-1853. This program is for Copley residents, and Fairlawn and Bath families with children attending Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. The Share A Christmas distribution date is Saturday, December 12th, from 9:00am to 11:30am at Spring Garden Waldorf School on Jacoby Road. All participants will be given their gift cards while remaining in their cars. 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.



## Copley Fairlawn Cares Backpack Program Spring - Summer 2020 Summary

Copley-Fairlawn Cares is a non-profit, volunteer organization in cooperation with the Copley Outreach Center that addresses food insecurity in children in the Copley-Fairlawn City Schools. The original plan for the program was to roll out the Summer Lunch Box Program as soon as school ended in June 2020. Due to the pandemic, the program started early and it is still going strong.

The Outreach Center planned on keeping the weekly program going until the students were back in school and then re-evaluate.

The students were able to pick up a large box of food every week at the Copley Outreach Center on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00am to 2:00pm. With the help of the Copley-Fairlawn Kiwanis,

the Outreach Center delivered every Tuesday to 19 students.

The Outreach Center has had an outpouring of donations from the community over the last five months. One of their main goals is to make sure the community knows about the program and how they can help. The following is a breakdown of how many student food boxes were distributed.



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## Service Department

### Senior Snowplow Program

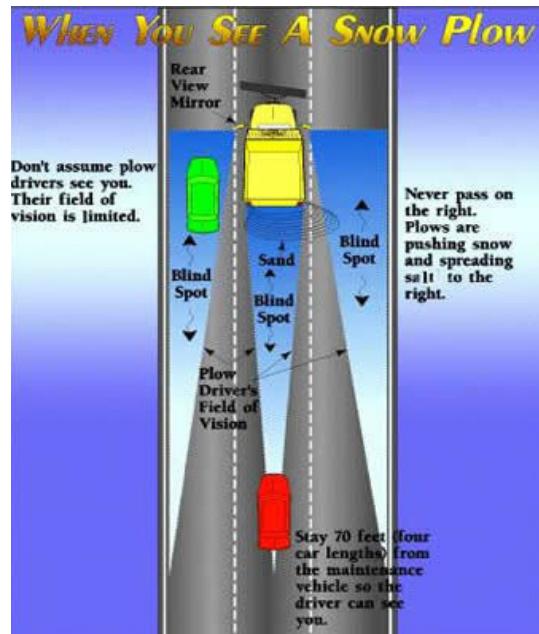
The Board of Trustees has approved another season of the Senior Snowplow Program. This will be the 13th year of this well-received service. If you are 65 years of age and/or handicapped, and there is no other person residing in your home that is physically capable of removing snow, then you may qualify for this program. For details please call the Copley Service Department at 330-666-0365.

### Inspecting Your Mailbox

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 the plow actually strikes the mailbox/post.

### Copley Community Park Rules

A friendly reminder to park users that bicycles are not permitted on the trails. This is to prevent walkers from being struck by riders along the narrow winding paths that are not designated for shared-use. In addition, we remind you that all dogs are to be kept on a leash no longer than 8' at all times and it is advisable to bring your pet close to you when approaching other park users. All dog owners are responsible for any actions of their pets and owners are to clean up after their pet. Dog waste stations are placed in convenient locations for their use.



## Fire Department

### What Can We Do For You?

**CPR Classes** - We offer two types of American Heart certified CPR courses, Heart-saver/AED or Healthcare Provider courses. The cost of the class is \$25.00 for Heart Saver per person and \$30.00 for Healthcare Provider. Minimum class size is 5.

**Car Seat Installation** - We have certified car seat installation technicians available to answer your questions and help assist you with installing your child safety seat properly.

**Fire Safety Training** - Training in proper use of fire extinguishers, fire safety lectures for businesses, healthcare providers and offices.

**Fire Extinguishers** - Learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher with live props and simulated fire. Get hands on with a real fire extinguisher and practice basic use in a controlled setting. Minimum class size of 10.

**Residential Knox Box Program** - Our Residential Knox Box Program offers special key boxes for our residents with special needs. A set of keys to access your residence is stored inside the box, which can only be opened with a special key stored securely in our fire vehicles and ambulances. This allows the Fire Department to enter your home in case of emergency without causing any property damage.



**Home Safety Planning** - If you have concerns with fire safety, we would be glad to come and inspect your house for fire safety issues. During our visit we will answer any questions you may have and provide important information on how you can make your home a safer place to live.

**Smoke Detectors** - Every house needs working smoke detectors. Don't have one, don't worry. We will connect you with our American Red Cross partners to have smoke detectors installed in your home.

**First Aid/Stop the Bleed** - We provide instructors to teach basic first aid. We also have certified instructors to teach the nationwide Stop the Bleed program. Cost for the first aid class is \$35.00 per person.

**Fire Station Tours** - We offer fire station tours for child groups. This gives everyone a chance to see up close and personal all the equipment and where firefighters live for 24 hours. Maximum group size is 20. Adequate adult supervision must be provided.

**Citizens Fire Academy** - Ever wonder what it would be like to be a firefighter? Here is your chance! Our biannual academy puts you in the shoes of our firefighters learning everything from emergency medical skills to firefighting tactics.

\* The COVID19 Pandemic May Affect Availability of Certain Services.  
Call Copley Fire Department for Details.



## Community & Economic Development

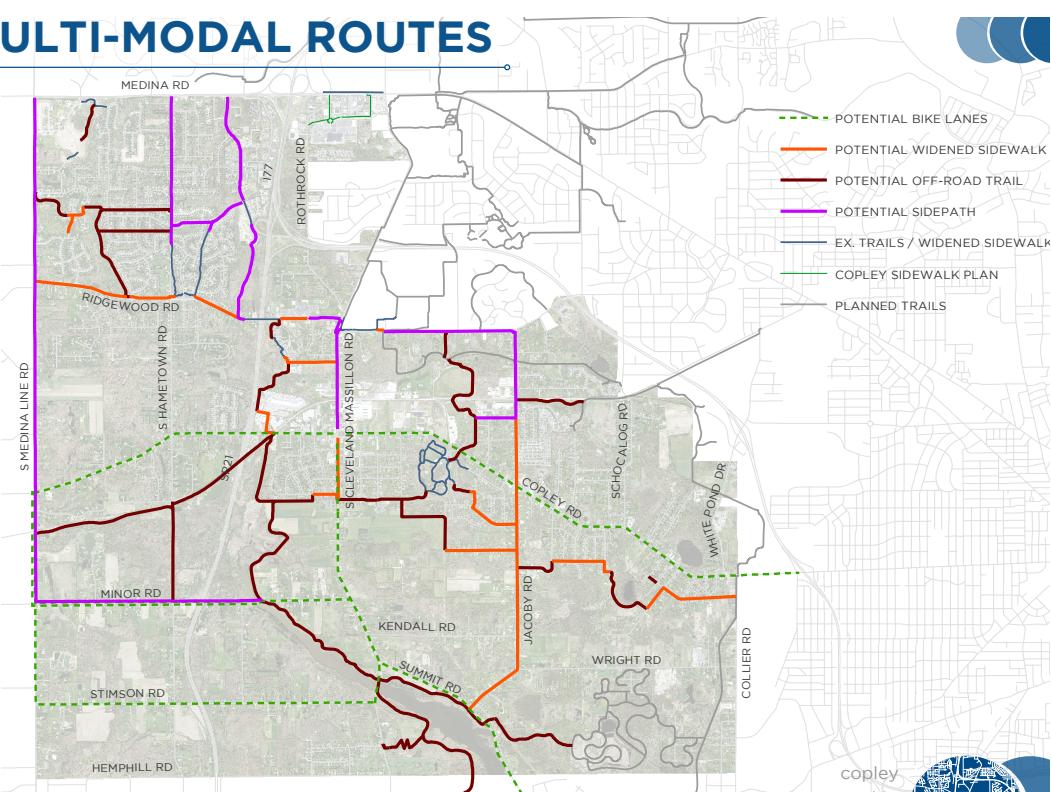
### Bike and Pedestrian Planning Takes Shape

## POTENTIAL MULTI-MODAL ROUTES

The Copley Township Board of Trustees, in consultation with Environmental Design Group, is in the process of developing capital improvement plans for active transportation facilities. This is a multi-modal connectivity plan highlighting off-road and on-road facilities throughout the Township. The facilities will include bike lanes, sidewalks, sidepaths, and even updated signage. This is all done in an effort to increase connectivity between neighborhoods and attractions in all four quadrants of the Township.

The plan itself will guide planning decisions for both private and publicly funded infrastructure projects.

Identifying the type and location of improvement will position the Township to apply and receive funding for future construction. We welcome feedback, and feel free to share, comment, and help spread the word on the importance of this document and these amenities to Copley Township. Keep in mind, this is still in draft form, and the elements within this document are simply recommendations at this time. Please contact Loudan Klein, Director of Community and Economic Development at (330) 666-0108 or lklein@copley.oh.us with any questions or comments on the plan.



### Outreach Center Continued from Page 1

#### Month Food Boxes Distributed

April	128
May	95
June	218
July	262
4-month total	703

#### Each food box contained:

**Non-perishables:** Spaghetti noodles, pasta sauce, rice, ramen noodles, chicken noodle soup, corn, green beans, Spaghetti Os, beef ravioli, nuts, peanut butter and jelly, protein bars, cereal, pop tarts, fruit cups, juice boxes, crackers, mac n cheese, oatmeal, cookies, chips.

**Perishables:** Chicken nuggets, chicken breasts, bologna, hot dogs, eggs, squash, zucchini, apples, frozen pizza, deli meats, hot dog buns, hamburger buns, and loaves of bread.

**Hygiene Products:** Shampoo, conditioner, liquid and bar soaps, dish soap, laundry soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and deodorant.

Thank you to everyone who reached out and helped us start and grow the program!

**Fall Back**  
**SUNDAY, November 1, 2020**



If you would like to sign up for Copley Township's "Do Not Knock List" go to [www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us) or call Beth at 330-666-1853.

## Community & Economic Development

- In 2009, EnviroScience conducted an Environmental Inventory for Copley Township and concluded that approximately 83% of the land was environmentally sensitive.
- Environmental issues which impact Copley Township include flooding of the southeast quadrant known as "Little Farms" and limited centralized resources including sewer and water.
- Wetlands serve as natural infrastructure effective for flood abatement. A one acre wetland can store about one million gallons of water.
- Wetlands serve as natural filter for waters leading to public drinking sources.
- Wetlands are protected federally under the Clean Water Act 404, Swampbuster Act, Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corp of Engineers.
- They are also protected State and locally under the OHEPA, Soil & Water Conservation District and by the Copley Township Zoning Resolution.

## Wetlands Overview

### What Is a Wetland?

Although wetlands are often wet, a wetland might not be wet year-round. In fact, some of the most important wetlands are only seasonally wet. Wetlands are the link between the land and the water. They are transition zones where the flow of water, the cycling of nutrients, and the energy of the sun meet to produce a unique ecosystem characterized by hydrology, soils, and vegetation—making these areas very important features of a watershed. Using a watershed-based approach to wetland protection ensures that the whole system, including land, air, and water resources, is protected.



Panzner Wetlands



Even when they aren't on duty, police officers are always some of the first to respond to emergencies when they are simply going about their daily lives. While other Americans spend the holidays with their families, our men and women in uniform don't always get to take the day off. They say goodbye to their families each day like everyone else, except they don't know for sure if they will make it home. Some of these men and women end up giving their lives protecting their communities from harm, giving the ultimate sacrifice to the profession of law enforcement. Officers of The Copley Police Department are very grateful for the continued support they receive daily from Residents!

We are here for you...

*"We are committed to our Community"!*



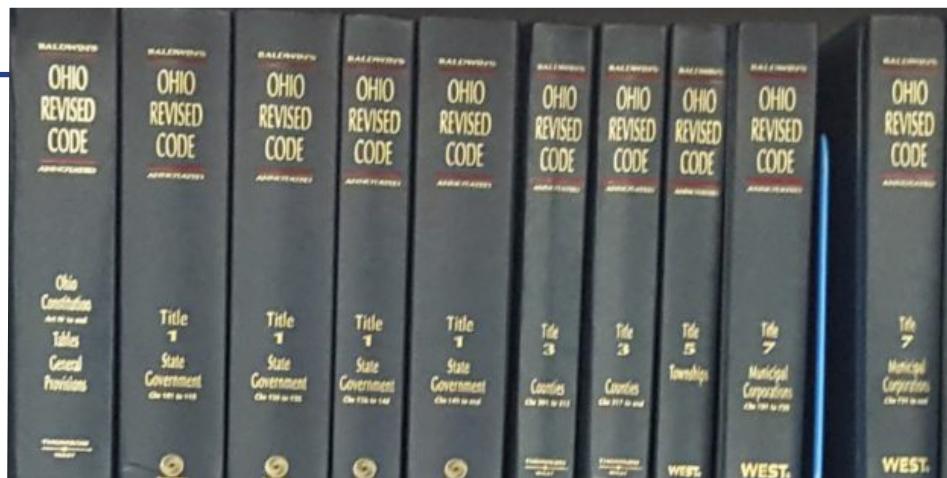
## Did You Know? Township Limited Home Rule

### PART 2 ADOPTING LIMITED HOME RULE

The process to adopt Limited Home Rule in Copley Township is detailed in the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 504.01, Sections 3 and 4. Because the population of the Township exceeds 15,000, the Board of Trustees, after holding at least one public hearing, may do either of the following:

1. By a unanimous vote, adopt a Resolution establishing Limited Home Rule. That Resolution would become effective 30 days after the date of its adoption unless a petition signed by a number of registered electors equal to at least 10% of the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected. The petition would request that the question be placed on a ballot at the next primary or general election that occurs at least 90 days after the petition is submitted.
2. By a majority vote, adopt a Resolution requesting the Board of Elections to place the question on the ballot at the next general election that occurs at least 90 days after certification of the resolution to the Board of Elections.

The Ohio Revised Code also provides a process by which the registered electors of the Township may petition the Board of Trustees to adopt a Resolution requesting



the Board of Elections to place the question on the ballot by submitting a petition signed by a number of registered electors equal to at least 10% of the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected. The question would then be placed on the ballot of the next general election that occurs at least 90 days after the certification of the Resolution to the Board of Elections.

While it may seem complicated, the process for Copley Township to adopt Limited Home Rule is actually quite simple and provides a forum for Township residents to voice their opinions. The Township's goal is to fully inform residents on the many positive aspects of becoming a Home Rule Township offering full transparency of the entire process.



**Interested in learning  
more about Limited Home  
Rule? Please contact us to  
ask questions, schedule a  
neighborhood meeting or  
address a group. Information is  
also available at  
[www.copley.oh.us](http://www.copley.oh.us).**



## Township Levies - November 3rd Election

### Road & Bridge 2.5 Mill Replacement Levy

This November 3rd, residents of Copley Township will be asked to approve a 2.5 mill replacement levy for the Road & Bridge fund. This levy is used by the Township for costs relating to any maintenance work within the 64.615 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 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 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.

Please vote **YES** on Issue 33  
Copley Township Road & Bridge Levy.

### Issue 32 Copley Township Fire Levy



### Issue 33 Copley Township Road & Bridge Levy

### Fire Levy 3.3 Mill Replacement Levy

The Copley Township Fire Department is asking voters to approve a replacement of the current 3.3 mill fire levy, which generates \$1.7 million annually at the cost of \$115.50 for a home valued at \$100,000. Replacement of the levy with a 0.2-mill increase would generate an additional \$218,542 per year. If the levy passes, it will bring in a total of \$1.9 million per year. This translates to an additional \$7 a year for a home valued at \$100,000.

Previous cuts in state and federal funding, economic pressures from the COVID-19 pandemic, and a 38% increase in calls for service over the past decade are all factors which drive the need for increased revenue to the fire department.

The additional revenue is needed for future capital expenses, such as fire engines, ambulances, Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)s, mechanical CPR devices, radios, vehicle extrication equipment, and Automated External Defibrillators (AED)s.

Levy funds can also be used for staffing, operating expenses, training, and the development of future leaders within the fire department.

The Copley Township Fire Department has and will continue to use taxpayer dollars efficiently and responsibly while executing our mission to protect life and property for the residents of Copley Township.



**Vote Yes on Issue 32**

COPLEY TOWNSHIP  
1540 S. Cleveland Massillon Road  
Copley, Ohio 44321-1908

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US POSTAGE  
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AKRON, OHIO

### **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 - 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 2nd and 4th Monday 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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### 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
Community/Economic Dev.....	330-666-0108

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**OCTOBER 2020**

