

# WAYNE'S FLAMES

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## Captains Call

Greetings,

Spring is right around the corner and I am sure everyone is looking forward to getting out and enjoying the warmer weather. While going over the life squads run reports, a number of calls we respond to involve symptoms of a heart attack or stroke. I thought I would relay some information from the American Heart Association on the signs, symptoms, and early detection of heart attack and stroke.

Each year over a million people in the U.S. have a heart attack. About half of them die. Many people have permanent heart damage or die because they don't get help immediately. It's important to know the symptoms of a heart attack and call 9-1-1 if someone is having them. Some heart attacks are sudden and intense where no one doubts what is happening. But most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long before getting help. Here are signs that a heart attack is happening:

- **Chest discomfort.** Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- **Discomfort in other areas of the upper body.** Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- **Shortness of breath** with or without chest discomfort.
- **Other signs** may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out (tell a doctor about your symptoms). Calling 9-1-1 is almost the fastest way to get lifesaving treatment. Emergency medical services staff can begin treatment when they arrive-up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. EMS staff are also trained to revive someone whose heart has stopped. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. It is best to call EMS for rapid transport to the emergency room.

**F.A.S.T.** is an easy way to remember the sudden signs and symptoms of a stroke. When you can spot the signs, you'll know quickly that you need to call 9-1-1 for help. This is important because the sooner a stroke victim gets to the hospital, the sooner they'll get treatment. Also check the time so you'll know when the first stroke symptoms appeared. A clot busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) may improve chances of getting better, but only if you get them help right away.

### **F.A.S.T. IS:**

- **Face Drooping-** Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.
- **Arm Weakness-** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech Difficulty-** Is the speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand?
- **Time to call 911-** if the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

I hope everyone finds this information helpful. Have a safe summer.

Regards,  
Jim Barker  
EMS Captain

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# *Chief's Briefs:*

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Hello Wayne Township Residents –

Before we know it, warm weather will be here which means grilling season will soon begin. I wanted to talk about propane and charcoal grill safety.

## **Facts -**

- ❖ Always use grills in well-ventilated areas!
- ❖ Grills are intended for outdoor use only!
- ❖ Never use a grill next to a house or on a porch with a roof over it.
- ❖ Never use on dry grass.

## **Propane Grills -**

- ❖ Before using your propane grill, you should check it for loose or cracked hoses or hoses that could lean against hot areas.
- ❖ A malfunctioning propane grill can cause CO poisoning.
- ❖ Propane is an odorless, colorless substance.
- ❖ Propane exposure can come from direct contact in eyes and on skin through inhaling the fumes.
- ❖ Propane is an asphyxiate cutting off the flow of oxygen to the body.
- ❖ High levels of propane when inhaled can cause unconsciousness, seizures and cardiac arrest.
- ❖ Low levels of propane exposure can cause headaches, nausea, numbness of arm and legs and vomiting.

## **Charcoal Grills -**

- ❖ When using a charcoal grill, always let the lighter fluid soak in before lighting it.
- ❖ Always move lighter fluid can away from grill before lighting.
- ❖ Never use gasoline, kerosene, or diesel fuel to light grill.
- ❖ Don't spray lighter fluid on hot coals.
- ❖ Wait 48 hours before dumping the hot ashes.

# *Chief's Briefs (continued):*

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In 2012, the department responded to the following calls.

**2012 -**

**Fire Department Responses**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
❖ Assist Life Squad	7
❖ Grass Fires, Open Burns, Structure Fires	35
❖ Investigations	10
❖ Motor Vehicle Accidents	32
❖ Mutual Aid Responses	9
❖ Power Lines Down	1
❖ Runs Disregarded	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>

**Life Squad Responses**

	<b><u>Total</u></b>
❖ Life Squad	<b>190</b>

I hope you and your family have a safe and happy spring!

Thank you –

Doug Hoit, Fire Chief

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## *Why be a Volunteer?*

*It's not for money, it's not for fame. It's not for any personal gain. It's just for love of fellowman. It's just to send a helping hand. It's just to give a tithe of self. That's something you can't buy with wealth. It's not medals won with pride. It's for that feeling deep inside. It's that reward down in your heart. It's that feeling that you've been a part. Of helping others far and near, that makes you be a volunteer!*

*--Author Unknown*

## From the Desk of the Road “Super”intendent:

Spring is around the corner! That means it is time to repair those winter cracks in the roads. We will be Durapatching and crack filling roads again this year. Watch for your Wayne Township road crew to be out and about repairing the roads.

Paving this year will be microsurfacing. This is a new alternative for us and is more cost effective. We will be having Hope and Celestial Avenue, Tolbert Road between Jacksonburg Road and Cotton Run Road, and the north end of Shurz Road between the county line and Stubbs Road microsurfaced this summer.

The Butler County Engineers Office will be redecking the bridge on Mill Road between Cotton Run Road and State Route 503. This will cause the road to be closed to through traffic for approximately one month.

The Ohio Department of Transportation will be closing State Route 73 for redecking of a bridge between Cotton Run Road and Jacksonburg Road. This will also cause the road to be closed.

Wayne Township is selling some surplus equipment. We have a 1995 International 4900 dump truck with plow and salt spreader, 1982 GMC 3500 long bed utility box pick-up truck, and 1998 Durapatcher machine. If you would like more information or pictures of these items, please visit our website: [www.waynetownship.net](http://www.waynetownship.net) or contact me at 513-424-5091. These items will be placed for auction on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) in the near future.

Respectfully yours,

Ed Truster  
Road Superintendent



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Hello Wayne Township,

Allow me to introduce myself- my name is Ed Dulle, and I am filling in for Ted Ritter as Zoning Inspector while he recovers from a recent surgery. He is doing well, but must go through a recovery period and should be back on the job soon. Should you have any questions or issues I will address them as soon as possible; however, please be patient as I will have to do some research to make sure you receive the correct information. You might be interested to know that 22 building certificates were issued in 2012. Also, please be advised that as spring approaches the township cleanup day is April 13. Along those lines, an accumulation of refuse, debris, and junk vehicles is a violation of the zoning regulations, so let's all do our part in keeping Wayne Township a wonderful place to live.

Thanks,  
Ed Dulle

# Volunteers

...Feel they can do something for a cause that is important to them.

...Believe that if they help others, others will help them.

...Learn to relate to others who may be different from them.

...Develop leaders.

## *Trustees' Thoughts:*

By the time we read this we will be into warmer weather, longer days, and grass to mow. Remember to be mower safe- no riders on self-propelled mowers, keep people a safe distance away from the mower so as not to be hit with flying objects.

We have had a lot of activity in the township this fall. As you may have noticed, the Wayne School is gone. There were items found in a time capsule that were given to the school system by the owner to be displayed. A part of Wayne History will be displayed in the new high school.

Once again this year we will be hosting the 4-H litter outing. The event will be April 13th, beginning at 9:00a.m. at the fire house in Jacksonburg. All of us residents need to do what litter control we can in front of our homes that will allow the 4H clubs to pick up at the undeveloped areas of the township. Please watch out for the youngsters as they are our future. Thanks to all who make this possible.

As you may have noticed we are trying to use our website ([waynetownship.net](http://waynetownship.net)) more and more. We now have the minutes of all the trustee meetings posted to the website. If you have not viewed the site please do so. We have a place for upcoming events which we post as we find out. You may have seen the photos of the chili cook off, which was a fun evening of sampling different chilis and the proceeds went to Honor Flight. On the same note, if you have an event for Wayne Township we would be glad to mention it on our website, just send it to one of your trustees.

As we move forward we continually look for ways to reduce costs and improve service. One thought is to use our website as our newsletter. We realize there are some residents who do not use the internet, so we must consider their concerns as well. We are looking into ways we can reduce the mailing and printing costs for the newsletter and still keep our residents informed. One suggestion is to notify us via email that you would be willing to go to an electronic copy of the newsletter instead of the hardcopy being mailed. We will continue to look into this in the future.

With any spring season comes the desire for that dreaded spring cleaning. Please enter into your outdoor work gradually so as not to overdo it and create health issues. Spring is a great time to enjoy nature; take time to enjoy the time of year while doing your clean-up work.

One issue that has come to our attention is the increase in firearm activity in the township. We have had numerous complaints. Shooters must follow gun safety; use the guidelines of the NRA for the ways to create stops for the rifles and pistols. It is against the law to discharge a firearm in an unsafe manner. If you have questions you can contact local law enforcement.

The next project the trustees will be addressing is the removal of the motel on the corner of S.R. 73 and S.R. 127. This has been the focus of complaints for a number of years. We are hopeful it will be removed and cleaned up by late summer. We are hopeful we can find some interest in the property at this intersection as the economy starts to turn around.

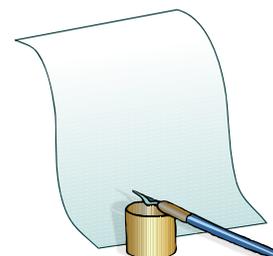
The trustees are in the process of securing tornado sirens for the township. We will keep you posted on the progress on the website as this materializes.

We have a new face in the zoning office. Ed Dulle has offered to fill in for Ted while he is off. Ed is temporary, as we evaluate the need for additional help. Stop in and say hi to Ed as he enters into his new undertaking for the township.

Well I have talked long enough. I have tried to inform you of what the trustees are doing in your township. Feel free to tell me what you think, what your ideas may be, or just shoot the bull sometime. Remember we are here to serve the residents of Wayne Township.

Thank you,

Steve Countryman, Chairman  
Tim Taylor  
Larry Setser



# Township Directory

website: [www.waynetownship.net](http://www.waynetownship.net)

## YOUR Township Elected Officials

Norma Fall, Fiscal Officer

Steve Countryman, Chairman

Tim Taylor, Trustee

Larry Setser, Trustee

## Telephone / Fax Numbers

(513) 424-9661

(513) 464-7485

(513) 836-6831

(513) 461-9699

## Operations Leaders

Jim Barker, Life Squad Captain

Doug Hoit, Fire Chief

Ed Truster, Road Superintendent

Ted Ritter, Zoning Administrator

(513) 424-9710

(513) 424-9710

(513) 424-5091

(513) 424-9661

## Emergency Numbers

Police

9 - 1 - 1

Fire

9 - 1 - 1

Life Squad

9 - 1 - 1



## Zoning Commission Members

\* Robert Angst

\* Andy Beiser

\* Joe Marconi

\* Eric McKay

\* Mike Schenck

## Board of Zoning Appeals Members

\* Michael Braun

\*Casey Taylor

\* Brenda Duncan

\*Leon Simpson

\* Carleen Yeager

## Board of Zoning Appeals Alternates

\*Jeremy Fruth

\*Clyde McIntosh

*The Wayne Township Trustees regular meeting dates are now the **THIRD** Monday of each month. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. and are held at the Township Hall. Every meeting is open and all Township Residents are encouraged to attend.*





# *Wayne Township Volunteers*

## **Officers**

- ❖ Doug Hoit, Fire Chief
- ❖ Ed Truster, Asst. Fire Chief
- ❖ Jeff Hobbs, Fire Captain
- ❖ Daron Harmon, Fire Lieutenant
- ❖ Jim Barker, Life Squad Captain
- ❖ Jeffrey Hobbs Jr. Life Squad Lieutenant
- ❖ Cindy Phillips, Life Squad Lieutenant

## **Firefighters**

- ❖ Jim Barker
- ❖ Jeffrey Hobbs
- ❖ Dustin Pearson
- ❖ Mike Burke
- ❖ Randy Pearson
- ❖ Ed Keith
- ❖ Brian West
- ❖ Brandon Hoit
- ❖ Cody Truster
- ❖ Daniel Hoit
- ❖ Jason Rose
- ❖ Curt Edwards
- ❖ Andra Edwards
- ❖ Phil Dent
- ❖ Ryan Fields
- ❖ Brad Sorrell
- ❖ Jeremy Rose
- ❖ Jordan Schenck
- ❖ Corey Walker
- ❖ Matt Moore
- ❖ Mike Lucas
- ❖ David Plowman
- ❖ Chuck Plowman
- ❖ Rory O'Connor
- ❖ Orville Griffin (In Training)
- ❖ Dakota Hammond (In Training)

## **Life Squad Members**

- ❖ Jim Barker
- ❖ Jeffrey Hobbs, Jr.
- ❖ Cindy Phillips
- ❖ Jeff Kinsel
- ❖ Ryan Fields
- ❖ Greg Rolls
- ❖ Drew Kinsel
- ❖ Rory O'Connor
- ❖ Curt Edwards
- ❖ Andra Edwards
- ❖ Jeremiah Sawyer (EMT-in training)
- ❖ Daniel Hoit (EMT-in-training)
- ❖ Corey Walker (EMT-in-training)
- ❖ Kourtni Roberson (EMR- in training)

### **We Need YOU**

We are currently seeking new members who are interested in becoming an EMT or Firefighter! The department provides all of your equipment and training expenses. If you are interested in joining our department, please call the firehouse and leave a message (424-9710).

**Quality Training...Free  
Equipment...Free  
Membership...Free  
Saving a Life...Priceless!**

*Volunteer Today*

# .....*From your Fiscal Officer*

Greetings Wayne Township Residents,

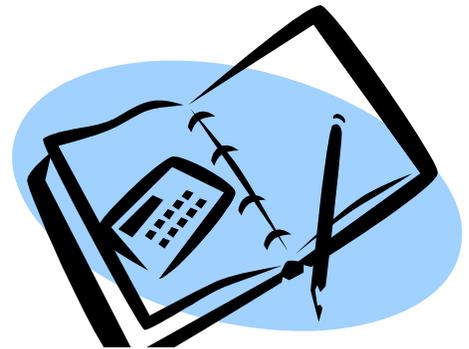
Time has seemed to fly by since I became the fiscal officer for our township April 2012. I continue to learn something new each day concerning our township and how the business of the township transpires.

In these times when we see and hear so much about the fiscal spending of our government entities, I will share that the trustees, employees of the township, and volunteers of our fire department and life squad have been very good stewards of your township dollars. The government dollars to our township have been declining, but the township remains fiscally sound as the business of the township continues each day.

Recently, as residents of our township, you received property tax bills that were due in February. If you are a property owner and have attained the age of 65 or are disabled, you may apply for the Homestead Act which could possibly reduce your taxes for 2013. The deadline to apply to participate in this act is June 1, 2013. Applications or more information may be found on the Butler County Auditors website.

Communication is key to any successful group. Wayne Township has this past year established a website ([waynetownship.net](http://waynetownship.net)) as another means to better communications. The contact information of all those who serve in some capacity is available on this site. We are attempting to place information on this website that would be helpful to you. Please let us know what you may like to see in addition to the information currently on this site. We are here to help you make Wayne Township the place you are proud to call home and to raise your family.

Norma Fall  
Fiscal Officer



# 22nd Annual Wayne Township Litter Pick-Up

It is once again time to think SPRING!! For over 22 years the 4-H clubs in Butler County thru the support of the Wayne Township Trustees, the Wayne Township Fire and Life Squad, and the Maintenance Crew will be working together to clean up the roads of Wayne Township.

Over the years hundreds of pounds of trash have been collected and appropriately disposed. This year we are hoping some of our Wayne Township residents would consider composting. A recent article printed by OSU extension explained the new composting rule that would go into effect April 1, 2013.

“Composting is an awesome way to add great organic matter to gardens. It also saves many items from becoming part of our growing landfills. Did you know that each year a typical household throws away an estimated 474 pounds of food waste? In Ohio, that’s enough food scraps to pile on a football field as high as the Willis Tower (ex-Sears Tower), which is more than 1,450 feet!! Food scraps generated by all households in the US could be piled on a football field more than five miles (26,400) high (EPA, 2013)! Ohio EPA’s new composting rules (OAC Chapter 3745-560), which will become effective April 2, will make it easier for households, community gardens, and urban farms to compost materials from a variety of sources.”

With service, trash, and composting in mind we will be picking up litter on Saturday April 13, 2013. Cans and glass will be recycled and general trash will be collected and later picked up the Township Crew. Again this year the participants will have fun on a scavenger hunt and will also be collecting food items along the route.

Anyone interested in helping with the project should meet at the Wayne Township Fire Department at 9:00 AM. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the ways to keep our environment clean and safety measures on the roadways before starting out on their litter routes.

For more information or questions please contact advisors of the Wayne Town and Country 4-H club by calling Erin Simpson-Sloan # 513-705-6245, Lori Barnes #513-726-5259, or Sandy Simpson #513-425-9335.



Sincerely,  
Sandy Simpson

# Community Happenings

- Jacksonburg United Methodist Church has their “Breakfast in the Burg” the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month 7:30a.m. to 10:30a.m.
- Wayne Township Firehouse is home to a body sculpting exercise class held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10a.m. Led by a certified trainer the cost is just \$5 a class and open to anyone who may be interested!



# Helpful Hints

Once again, here are some helpful hints to help us, help you!

- 1 – **Please make sure** your mailbox/driveway is clearly marked from **BOTH** directions.
- 2 – Keep a current list of your medications and allergies. Make sure your family also knows where to find this in an emergency.
- 3- If called to your house and there are people with you, make sure we have a clear path to your location, so we can get our equipment and cot in & out without rearranging your furniture.
- 4 – Also, if you are not trained in basic first aid or CPR, **get trained!** A 10 or 15 min. delay in treatment may mean life or death! There are many places that offer classes to the public. We will be glad to assist you in finding them if needed.

These few things can make a huge difference in how quickly and smoothly things go



## 5 Escape Strategies Everyone Should Know

1. Test doors with the back of your hand before opening them. If a door is hot, get out another way.
2. If you are trapped, close all doors between you and the fire. Stuff the cracks around doors to keep out the smoke. Call 9-1-1 and signal at a window with a flashlight or by waving a light colored cloth.
3. Crawl low under the smoke. The air is cooler and fresher near the floor.
4. Get out fast! Phone the fire department after you are out.
5. **STAY OUT!** Even if someone else is trapped inside, it's best to let trained and equipped firefighters make the rescue.

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22nd Annual Wayne Township  
LITTER CLEAN-UP



Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. from  
Wayne Township Firehouse