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BUTLER COUNTY OHIO



WAYNE TOWNSHIP

Welcome to our second addition of the Wayne's Flame

BY BILL JONES
WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Being in my 9th month of serving as a Wayne Township Trustee, we have been working hard on many issues in a short amount of time. The first is the Heavenly Acres subdivision which has had flooding problems for years. The past administration did obtain a grant from the Butler County Storm Water group to fix the problem and the grant was obtained around 2015. Unfortunately due to confusion on the part of the township and the county as well, nothing was ever done to implement the repairs. We decided to meet with the county, find out exactly where this project was in terms of implementation and what needs to be done to move forward. Since that meeting, we have met with RVP Engineering and we have started the process to move forward. The county grant program is currently reviewing a few additional things that need to be done over and above the initial plans and they are in the process of paying a remaining amount of money so we can move forward and get an actual set of plans for the entire project. Once the plans are approved, they will be put out for bid and hopefully we will get an acceptable bid and begin the repairs in 2019. The residents in this subdivision have been patiently waiting a long time to have this fixed and I am happy to say the project is now moving and we will see where it goes.

No one likes taxes but we financially have to increase the amount of income for our fire department. It is time to buy a new fire truck



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WAYNE TOWNSHIP
FIRE DEPARTMENT & LIFE SQUAD'S

"ANNUAL FISH FRY"

Date Saturday, October 20, 2018
Time 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location Wayne Township Fire Station
4575 Middletown Oxford Rd.
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Questions (513) 424-9661
Day of Fish Fry (513) 424-9710

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TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Wayne Township Trustees regular meeting dates are the 3rd Monday of each month. All meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held at the Township Hall. Every meeting is open and all township residents are encouraged to attend.

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due to its age. The monies coming in are not adequate to buy a new truck with associated equipment, run the department and keep up with needed fire and life squad everyday equipment and supplies. The issue will be put on the ballot in November for a permanent 3 mil levy for the fire department only and it is to replace the 1.25 mill levy we currently have in place. The collected monies can only be used by the fire department and the life squad, nothing else. Through Fiscal Officer Laura Daley, we have calculated that this amount will not only be able to finance a new fire truck and take care of the day-to-day operations but also be able to build up reserves so other pieces of equipment can be purchased when their life expectancy reaches maturity. I guess what I am saying, we are trying to have a levy that will meet immediate and future needs so more levies will not be needed for quite some time. It is expensive to have these services available for the protection of our residents. Due to the fact that the State of Ohio has drastically cut monies to municipalities and townships, we have to come up with the money on our own. We will be putting together information to be made available to all so you can see why we need a new levy to keep our emergency services up to date and available to our residents.

In an attempt to save money and use what we have, we tried this year to not hire summer help which usually is done for cutting grass. It has been a learning curve and you may have noticed that the roadside grass was not cut as often as it has been in the past. We recently had a meeting with our road crew to determine why the mowing is not being done as in the past. We found that a combination of equipment breakdowns, weather and a few other things has affected the production of grass mowing and now we have a revised plan in place to rectify the problem. Again, this is a learning period and we will re-visit this after the growing season. It may be that we need summer help, temporary help on an as-need basis, new equipment and better use of our resources or a combination of all three. Whatever comes of this, we will come up with an efficient plan to use our resources wisely but also get the job done.

You may or may not have heard but a new winery has tried to come to Wayne Township. There is a group of residents who have been fighting this issue resulting in the zoning decisions made by the township will ultimately be decided in the courts. Also there is an issue about a building permit between the winery owner and the Building and Zoning Department of Butler County. At this time, we are not at liberty to discuss the matter because of pending litigation filed

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HISTORY OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES

BY DANIEL HOIT

LOCAL CEMETERIES

There are several “resting places” of the inhabitants of Wayne Township in and around Jacksonburg. Among the stones are found many names that should be perpetuated in remembrance and whose inscriptions are fast becoming obliterated due to exposure to the weather. The earlier burial sites include a number of unmarked graves of our predecessors.



Shiloh Springs Cemetery on Middletown-Eaton Road is the burial place of John Leslie who died in 1855. Rumor says he was the first white man to be married in what is now Cincinnati.

The Simonson Chapel Cemetery is located on West Elkton Road between Somerville-Jacksonburg and Oxford-Middletown Roads. About 1927 the chapel was purchased and moved to the Arthur Crist farm where it is currently part of a private residence.

Withrow burial plot is located on the south side of Oxford State Road near the intersection of Jacksonburg Road.


An additional burial plot is located north of Oxford State Road between Cotton Run Road and West Elkton Road.

Near Jacksonburg there are three cemeteries. One is the Brelsford burial site located well off the south side of Middletown-Oxford Road east of Jacksonburg. This plot contains the graves of Pierson Brelsford who died in 1848 and his wife, Mary. John Brelsford, who was a Revolutionary War Soldier, and died in 1833 and his wife, Catherine, and other graves of the William Hutchin's Family, John and Anna Gingrich, and Chloe Bates. The two remaining burial plots are associated with Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. Both are located on the north side of Oxford-Middletown Road. The larger of the two plots is found a short distance east of Jacksonburg. This plot contains graves of the first half of the 1800's and includes the graves of John and Nancy Baird, John Craig, Isaac N. Southard, Samuel Reynolds, James Todd, and Joseph and Mary Webb. This plot is also the resting place of William Stokes, the son of J.M. and M. T. Stokes, who was killed at Mission Ridge, Tennessee during the Civil War.

The second church burial plot is found adjacent to the stone church built in 1924. The site contains the graves of James and Isyphena Craig, Gilbert and Anna Cox, John H. and Eleanor Thomas, and an unnamed grave with the inscription, “Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace.”

The last known burial plot is located south side of Hamilton-Eaton Highway between Seven Mile and the intersection of Oxford-State Road.

The currently used cemeteries are Simonson Chapel and the new Butler County Memorial Park on Oxford State Road between Jacksonburg and Wehr Roads.

Author unknown; believed to have been written around 1965. Wayne Township still maintains all of these cemeteries today with the exception of the cemeteries at Seven Mile Baptist Church, Jacksonburg United Methodist Church and Butler County Memorial Park. 

LOCAL SCOUT WORKS WITH TOWNSHIP TO EARN HIS EAGLE



CJ CASTLE, SCOUT



CEMETERY BEFORE

CJ Castle, of Wayne Madison Road (Madison Twp.) partnered with Wayne Township in efforts to work towards his Eagle Scout achievement. In mid-2017, CJ made a proposal to the Wayne Township Board of Trustees to revamp the old Jacksonburg Cemetery on St. Rt. 744 (Just East of Paullin Drive). CJ proposed to reset fallen stones, have a memorial slab for broken stones and develop a new plot plan based on stone placements.



CEMETERY AFTERWARDS



TOWNSHIP MEETING

Over the past year, CJ did just that. With recruiting fellow boy scouts to help along the way and a combined partnership from Wayne Township Road Department for Supplying material such as fill dirt and gravel, as well as labor for pouring the concrete slab, CJ finished his project in August and made his final presentation to the Board of Trustees at the August Trustees Meeting.

The Wayne Township Board of Trustees would like to Thank CJ for a job well done!!



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against the township. As soon as the court hearings are over, we will know exactly what direction the township and the winery owner have to take to move forward and then we will be able to discuss the winery in our regular monthly meetings.


Since the beginning of the year, we have updated and put in place a new building use policy and an indigent burial policy. These needed to be updated and they have now been completed. If anyone wants to see the new building use policy, it will be displayed on the Township Website for your review. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please call our Township Administrator Daniel Hoit at 513-424-9661.

We are also trying something new this year and for the years to come. Every year, one position on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Zoning Commission will expire. We request that anyone who is interested in serving on one of our boards, please put together a resume and a short note as to why you would like to serve on a board. We strongly encourage many resumes so we have a wide choice of candidates and make sure we have good and diverse board members serving our township. This is an opportunity for new people to be involved in the government of our township and be a part of deciding where we are and where we are to go in the future. Please submit all resumes to Township Administrator Daniel Hoit at the township building or you can email them to him at dhoit@waynetownship.net. The first position to expire will be in November of this year so if interested, get your resumes in now.

I would like to thank those of you who have attended out regular monthly meetings. Some meetings have been the usual business type stuff, some quite interesting to say the least. No matter what, I hope you have found that we have kept our word that you will have a chance to be a part of our meetings where you can speak up on the issues. We have one part in the beginning of the meeting where residents can stand up and bring up any topic they would like to discuss. Then during the meeting, we also invite audience members to speak up on the topic being discussed. Then there is a third time at the end of the meeting where again, topics can be brought up for discussion. We do not use Roberts Rule to silence people, we want your participation as long as the topic is something we can legally discuss. Please attend if you have not done so in the past and find out what is going on in your township. You may have vital knowledge or information that we can use to better our township and move forward.


In closing, I again would like to thank all the voters who made it possible for Mike Truster, Ed Truster and I to be placed in the position of Wayne Township Trustees. We work well together, have similar visions

for the future and we all have different areas of experience and expertise that rounds out what I believe to be a good group to lead our township. Please come to our regular monthly meetings and see for yourself. We meet on the third Monday of the month at 7:00 pm and if that Monday is a holiday, normally we meet on the next day, Tuesday. If you are not sure, check the website or call the office at 513-424-9661. Thanks everybody.

Don't forget to put it on your calendars, the annual Wayne Township Fire Department fish fry will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2018 starting at 4:00 pm. This is a great time for us to get together, share a meal and have some fun. Hope to see you there. 

EXCITING NEWS

**BY THE LAURA DALEY,
FISCAL OFFICER**

Fall Greetings to the Wayne Township Community! I do not usually submit an article for the newsletter but this time I had some exciting news to share with you. I have been working with Lauren Bowling from the State Treasurer's Office on a project called Ohio Checkbook. The township uses financial software provided by the States Treasury office called UAN, Universal Accounting Network. Some of you know that for many years we have been working to balance a very lean budget. Each month I provide the Trustees with financial reports showing where the Township funds stand, including revenue status, total expenditures, and payroll reports, and so on. I have found that these reports are not clearly understood when lacking a degree in accounting. I wanted a way to be able to share with the Township community members our financial records, but found it was very difficult to explain some of the information found in these reports. After meeting with Ms. Bowling, and looking through the Ohio checkbook, I found this was a wonderful tool to break down the township's expenses and revenues. Now after a quick search you can find Wayne Township finances online. This basically presents itself like an online bank statement, the information goes back five years. I am quite excited that Wayne Township is working towards being transparent in all departments, and I look forward to exploring what this site has to offer to help to continue to educate the public on the Townships finances. 



TREASURER JOSH MANDEL

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**JOSH MANDEL
OHIO TREASURER**

Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel announced today the launch of Wayne Township's online checkbook on OhioCheckbook.com. In December 2014, Treasurer Mandel launched OhioCheckbook.com, which sets a new national standard for government transparency and for the first time in Ohio history puts all state spending information on the internet. OhioCheckbook.com recently earned Ohio the number one government transparency ranking in the country for the third year in a row.

Wayne Township is the seventh township in Butler County to post their spending on OhioCheckbook.com. Wayne Township's online checkbook includes over 5,000 individual transactions that represent more than \$3.4 million of total spending between 2013 and 2017.

"I believe the people of Butler County have a right to know how their tax money is being spent, and I applaud local leaders here for partnering with my office to post the finances on OhioCheckbook.com," said Treasurer Mandel. "By posting local government spending online, we are empowering taxpayers across Ohio to hold public officials accountable."

"We are proud to post Wayne Township's expenditure information online," said Laura Daley, Fiscal Officer, Township of Wayne. "The trustee board has a responsibility to be open and transparent. This tool certainly meets the township's utmost priority to be truthful and honest with the public."

On April 7, 2015 Treasurer Mandel sent a letter to 18,062 local government and school officials representing 3,962 local governments throughout the state calling on them to place their checkbook level data on OhioCheckbook.com and extending an invitation to

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partner with his office at no cost to local governments. These local governments include cities, counties, townships, schools, library districts and other special districts.

A large coalition of statewide and local government organizations have expressed support for OhioCheckbook.com and local government transparency, including:

- Ohio Municipal League
- Ohio Township Association
- Ohio Association of School Business Officials
- Buckeye Association of School Administrators
- County Commissioner Association of Ohio
- County Auditor Association of Ohio
- Ohio Newspaper Association
- Ohio Society of CPAs
- Buckeye Institute
- Common Cause Ohio

OhioCheckbook.com was launched on December 2, 2014, marking the first time in Ohio history when citizens could actually see every expenditure in state government. Since its launch, OhioCheckbook.com has received overwhelming support from newspapers and groups across the state and, as of September 9, 2018 there have been more than 1,000,000 total searches on the site.

OhioCheckbook.com displays more than \$667 billion in spending over the past ten years, including more than 181 million transactions. The website includes cutting-edge features such as:

- “Google-style” contextual search capabilities, to allow users to sort by keyword, department, category or vendor;
- Fully dynamic interactive charts to drill down on state spending;
- Functionality to compare state spending year-over-year or among agencies; and,
- Capability to share charts or checks with social media networks, and direct contact for agency fiscal offices.


In March 2015, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) released their annual “Following the Money 2015” report and Treasurer Mandel earned Ohio the number one transparency ranking in the country for providing online access to government spending data. Ohio was prominently featured in the report after climbing from 46th to 1st in spending transparency as a result of Treasurer Mandel’s release of OhioCheckbook.com. Due to the launch of OhioCheckbook.com, Ohio received a perfect score of

100 points – the highest score in the history of the U.S. PIRG transparency rankings.

In April 2016, U.S. PIRG announced that Treasurer Mandel earned Ohio the number one government transparency ranking in the country for the second consecutive year in a row. Due to the launch of OhioCheckbook.com, Ohio again received the highest perfect score of 100 points – marking the second time in two years Ohio received the highest possible score in the history of the U.S. PIRG transparency rankings.

In April 2018, Ohio once again earned the number one ranking in the country for government transparency for the third consecutive year by U.S. PIRG. Due to OhioCheckbook.com, Ohio again received the highest score in the nation. U.S. PIRG cited Ohio's addition of local governments, pension funds and public universities to OhioCheckbook.com as a primary reason for the high ranking, and praised Ohio for setting the national standard for state spending transparency.

The Treasurer's office is partnering with OpenGov, a leading Silicon Valley government technology company, to provide residents of Ohio the ability to view and search local government expenditures in a user-friendly, digital format. "Ohio is setting the standard for financial transparency on an unprecedented scale. We are excited to partner with the Treasurer's office to bring world-class technology to communities large and small across the state," said Zachary Bookman, CEO of OpenGov.

For more information or to view your local government website, visit the Local Government option on OhioCheckbook.com or click on WayneTownshipButler.OhioCheckbook.com. 

NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 8, 2018

OTA ENCOURAGES GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RETURN REVENUE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

BY THE OHIO TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Yesterday Governor Kasich announced his intent to ask the General Assembly to top off the state's Rainy Day fund at the legal limit of 8.5 percent and provide an additional income tax reduction. The Governor suggested using the projected surplus to fund his proposal.

The Ohio Township Association encourages the General Assembly, instead, to honor their commitment

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to local governments by providing additional revenue to through the Local Government Fund (LGF). The LGF is one of the primary sources of revenue for townships and the moneys received from the LGF go toward maintaining Ohio's roads, providing efficient safety services, quality parks and preserved cemeteries.

At its meeting of August 2, 2018, the Board of Directors of the Ohio Township Association adopted a motion to ask the gubernatorial candidates and the General Assembly to restore or increase the Local Government Fund as townships have lost over \$24 million since CY 2011 in LGF monies.

"The state's Rainy Day fund is near its maximum legal limit," stated Matthew J. DeTemple, executive director of the Ohio Township Association. "Meantime, local government funding has been cut in half. We all like lower taxes, but local governments have been forced to raise their taxes to try to make up for the shortfall. It's past time for the state to restore funding for the key sendces that local governments, including townships, provide to their residents and businesses."

The Ohio Township Association was founded in 1928 for the purpose of promoting township government and providing township officials with a better knowledge of their rights and responsibilities. Today that goal is achieved through various means educational opportunities, publications, legislative

advocacy and outreach services.

The Ohio Township Association is a statewide organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of township government in Ohio. 'The Association was founded on June 28, 1928, and is organized in 87 Ohio counties. 'The Association has more than 5,200 active members, made up of trustees and fiscal officers from Ohio's 1,308 townships, and more than 4,000 associate members. W

CAPTAINS CALL

**By Cindy Phillips,
EMS Captain**

Happy Fall Y'all! I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy as school is back in session, Friday night lights are in full swing and Halloween festivities are just around the corner! Mark your calendars October 20th is our annual Wayne Township Fire Department Flsh Fry, we always look forward to seeing everyone there! Being a member of the fire department often



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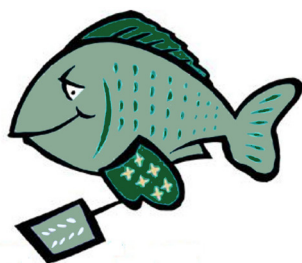
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times brings many questions regarding what we do on a regular basis: "What is it like to respond to emergencies?", "How do you handle a bad call?", "What's the worst thing you've ever seen?" (That is the one I hate the most as those are generally the things I'd rather not have to think about, and with privacy laws we really can't answer those questions anyway.) Lately one I have been asked several times, and have seen discussed on social media sites, is "Why do you close the roads for your scenes so often, it's a pain to have to go around, why can't you just let us through?" The answer to that one is simple-Safety. We have to close the roads temporarily for the safety of our crews, our patients, law enforcement officers, and the tow truck operators as well. We don't purposely plan to inconvenience anyone out on the roads, and if at all possible do try to keep the roadway open, however that has become increasingly harder to do lately, as we have noticed a big upswing in motorists participating in actions that are not safe for our crews to be able to function around. Some things I have seen in the last few months are people not paying attention to their driving because they are trying to get pictures of the scene, driving way too fast through our scenes, apparently frustrated at either not being able to turn the way they want or at having to wait for a few minutes longer than normal, and folks attempting to drive through the ditches around emergency vehicles to go where they wanted even though the road is obviously blocked off. So that often leaves completely shutting down the roads as our only course of action to protect ourselves, our patients and our equipment on scenes that include the roadway. We would kindly ask that if we are able to allow traffic through a scene that motorists would please go slowly, pay attention to those directing traffic, whether it be an officer or a member of our department (we will gladly assist you with directions if you are unfamiliar with an area and need help on how to go around), please don't have your phones out, please watch for personnel moving around on the scenes in the course of doing their duties, and please don't attempt to drive over fire hoses. We all want to go home safely at the end of the call, and need everyone's help to ensure that happens. If we do have to close the road, be assured we are working as quickly as we can to clear the road and ensure it is safe for you to travel. 

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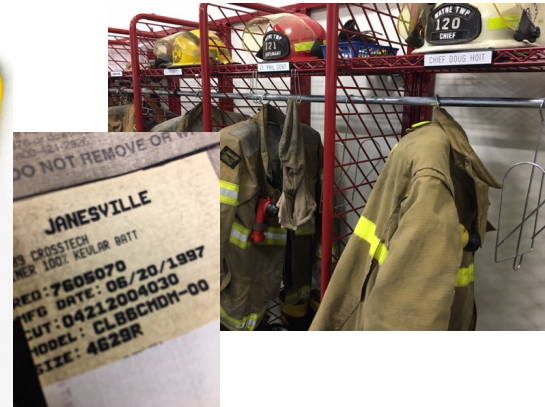
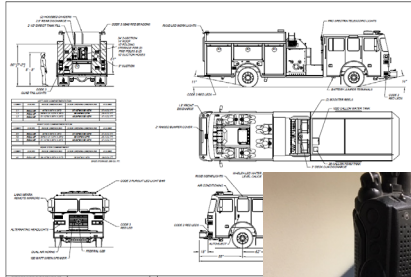
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General operating levy with a 1.75 MIL increase:

- Replacing the current 1.25 mil with a 3 mil operating levy
- To Purchase updated/safer personal protective equipment for Volunteers
- Replace outdated Pumper Engine
- Replace Radios being phased out by County Mandate
- Owner of \$100K home would pay \$63 more per year

PROPOSED TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL)

An additional tax for the benefit of Fire District #1 and Fire District #2 of Wayne Township, Butler County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs at a rate not exceeding three (3.0) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty-five cents (\$0.30) for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in tax year 2018, first due in calendar year 2019

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CHIEFS BRIEFS

By Doug Hoit, Fire Chief

I would like to talk about the upcoming Wayne Township Fire Levy that you will be voting on this November. The levy is "Issue 13" and it will be a 3- Mil levy to operate the fire department and life squad. With the rising costs of equipment, fuel, supplies and training it is necessary to increase the millage of our operating levy. We now pay over \$1500 for EMT training and certification and over \$600 for volunteer firefighting training and certification. We currently have a 1992 Sutphen Fire Engine that is past due to be replaced with a new fire engine. This 3-Mil levy will allow us to make payments on a new fire engine. Unfortunately, if this levy does not pass, the fire department and life squad will not have money to operate on.

The Wayne Township Fire Department and Life Squad is made up of a good group of people who care deeply for the township that they live in. They train and volunteer their time to help people in and around their township. Please support us in November-help us to better help you!

On October 26th, the Wayne Township Fire Department & Life Squad will be having our Annual Fish Fry from 4:00 - 8:00 at the fire station. I hope to see everybody there.

If you have any questions, please ask a member of our department. I hope everyone has a safe and happy fall! W



TRUSTEE GREETING

By Mike Truster, Trustee

Greetings friends and neighbors. A lot has been happening in the township this summer, and it is time for our semi annual update.

This spring and summer has seen changes and alterations to our township operations with new employees and position changes as well as everyone finding their place in the day to day operations. With new Trustees Bill Jones and Ed Truster and new road crew member Johnny Cassidy as new members to the daily operations, we are all finding our



place and strengths in bringing progress to the township. As always with a new team, it takes time for daily operations to mesh, and I feel that we have made great strides in this area this summer, and the last few weeks in particular.

As you may have heard, the fire department will be running a levy this fall; this levy will replace the current operating levy the fire depart

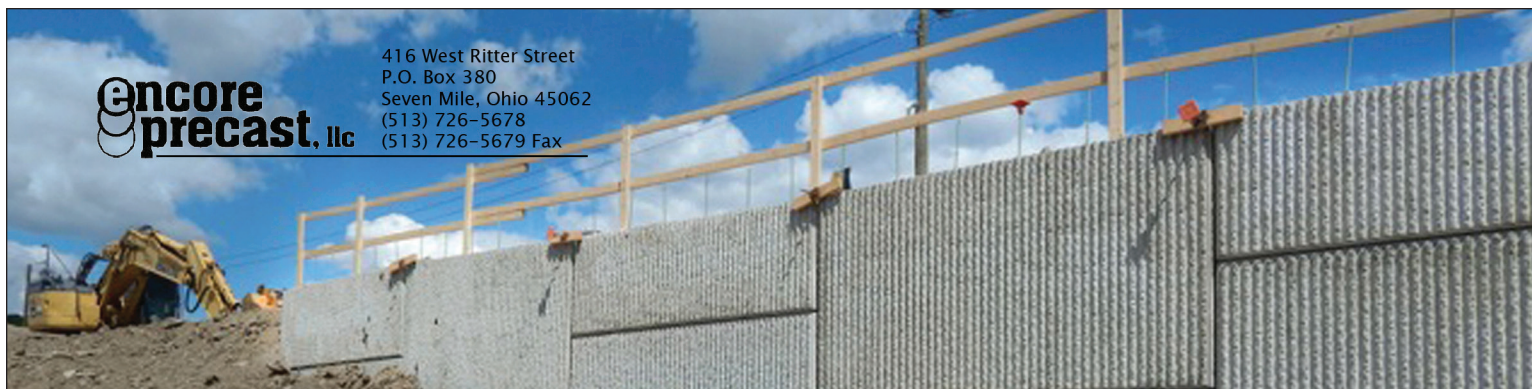
As winter approaches, I want to take a minute to speak of preparation. The last several years we have been fortunate to have mild winters in our area. Not wishing to bring a colossal winter storm upon us, I'd like to look ahead at what measures can be taken now to help with extreme inclement weather this winter. Sources of primary and backup heat and power, that are safe and readily available come to mind. As well as ample food supply in the house and basic necessities are important. With the conveniences of the modern world, many do not keep more than a few days food in their homes or think about such things. With the recent hurricane in Virginia, and the anniversary of hurricane Ike coming to Ohio, it brings things to perspective. Imagine a major snow or ice storm in freezing cold temps, and downed power lines, etc. I see the need for community wide awareness for being prepared to for an unfortunate event. I am not telling you to go out back in your yard and build a dooms day bunker, but a few thought out preparations for the future may make such a event much easier on you and your loved ones.

I'd encourage you to start small, and think of your most basic needs. Start one day at a time and build upon that; meaning start by gathering enough supplies to fill your needs for one day, and then build and expand upon that, working to whatever goal that you feel comfortable with. My goal would be to know that the fellow residents of my community could be and would be relatively self-reliant in event of a natural disaster. Self-reliance would allow our community to be in a much better situation to help one another and not be totally dependent on others. In the coming weeks, look for a addition to our website (Waynetownship.net) about community preparedness with thoughts, ideas and suggestions on where and how to start.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Fire department fish fry in October, and if I don't see you before, a happy thanksgiving, merry Christmas and prosperous new year. As always, concerns and ideas are welcome at Truster@waynetownship.net and my cell phone 513-461-9214. W

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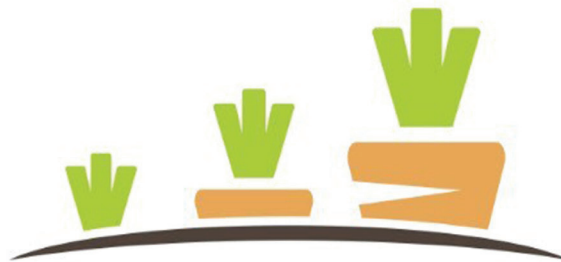


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