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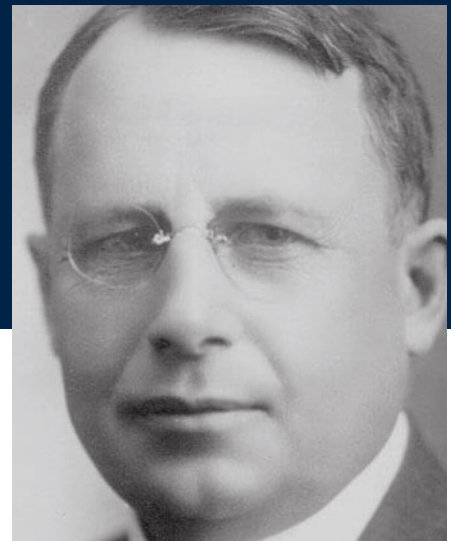
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WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT Awarded Cox Foundation Grant

The Wayne Township Fire Department has received a \$37,000 grant from the James M. Cox Foundation. The Foundation presented Chief Douglas Hoit with the award to be able to purchase vital equipment for First Responders. Wayne Township Fire Department plans to purchase new structural firefighting turnout gear for firefighters and vehicle Stabilization tools to be used during Motor Vehicle Accidents. Born in 1870 in Jacksonburg, Ohio, James Middleton Cox worked in the fields of their family's farm located directly behind the Wayne Township Fire Department. Throughout his life Cox loved the outdoors, saying that "Life and hard work in the open had given me health, agility and endurance." From Newspaper Entrepreneur to Governor of Ohio, James M. Cox kept true to his humble upbringing and never forgot where he came from.

The Wayne Township Fire Department is proud to be housed on the very land once worked and owned by James M. Cox. Staying true to his belief of hard work, the Wayne Township Fire Department strives to continue to serve the residents of Wayne Township with highest regards and top of the line equipment. James M. Cox believed strongly in giving back to the communities they serve. One way to ensure that his values remain present is through the James M. Cox Foundation. The foundation provides philanthropic support for nonprofit organizations in communities where Cox Enterprises does business.



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TRUSTEEVIEW

By Bill Jones, Wayne Township Trustee

First of all, I want to thank God we are in 2021 and out of 2020. It seems almost every time a new year approaches, we hope the new year will be better than the last. Well, 2020 with Covid was a year I'd rather forget. Prayers for all who lost family and friends during this pandemic but I hope we can all move forward and return to normal life.

A big accomplishment we finally reached was bidding out and awarding a contract for the Heavenly Acres project. It took way too long to get to this point but we kept pushing and finally they are doing the work. The poor folks on Hope and Celestial have put up with this for so long and now they have to endure the actual construction but at least there is an end in sight.

Starting in 2020, we took bids on fire and E.M.S. services in a contract around the Seven Mile vicinity for Wayne Township residents. This area is far enough away that we have historically had Seven Mile provide the service. The contract was old, needed updated and revised. The fire and E.M.S. departments along with Daniel Hoit worked endlessly to write up new contract language and put it out for bid. After all bids were returned, we decided to go with St. Clair Township to provide very professional and well equipped fire and E.M.S. squads to assist us in these areas. To date which is in the end of the first quarter of the year, the service has been fantastic. We will continue to monitor this year through quarterly reports from St. Clair Township and work out any bugs we may not have foreseen.

Through the watchful eye of Fiscal Officer Laura Daley, our budget, even during the Covid times, has been spot on making the township very fiscally sound. We have gone through the tough times and now we are going to try to turn our

attention on our roads. We are not alone in being behind on funding for our roads but we are going to try to plan for the future and address the obvious needs. A new initiative we recently have started is the process of updating our website. The old one has served its original intention but we need to keep up with the times. There has been so much advancement in technology so now, we will be able to update our website on the spot, provide minutes to our meetings and keep the public informed on what is going on in the township. This should be up and running around May 1st but it is not set in stone.

One of our goals was to open up our meetings so anyone, present or on Facebook, could watch the meetings of the Trustees and keep abreast of what is going on in the township. During Covid, we were not able to meet in person so we went to Zoom meetings which all could see. We found out that the sound was much better in a Zoom meeting. We are now in the process of opening up our meetings to the public but as well, possibly still have the meetings on Zoom so those who want to watch from home will be able to hear the meeting. We will be working on this over the next few months. We will continue in some form or fashion to broadcast our meetings over social media. We want to remind anyone who wants to attend the meetings in person, seating will be limited and faced masks are required until we are otherwise directed to change.

It is hard to believe that I am now in my fourth year of being a trustee. Time has gone by fast so there will be elections for two positions for Trustee in November.

“Whatever you do, get out and vote and be a part of the voice that chooses your leadership for the Township.”



“Like” Wayne Township Fire Department on Facebook!

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.

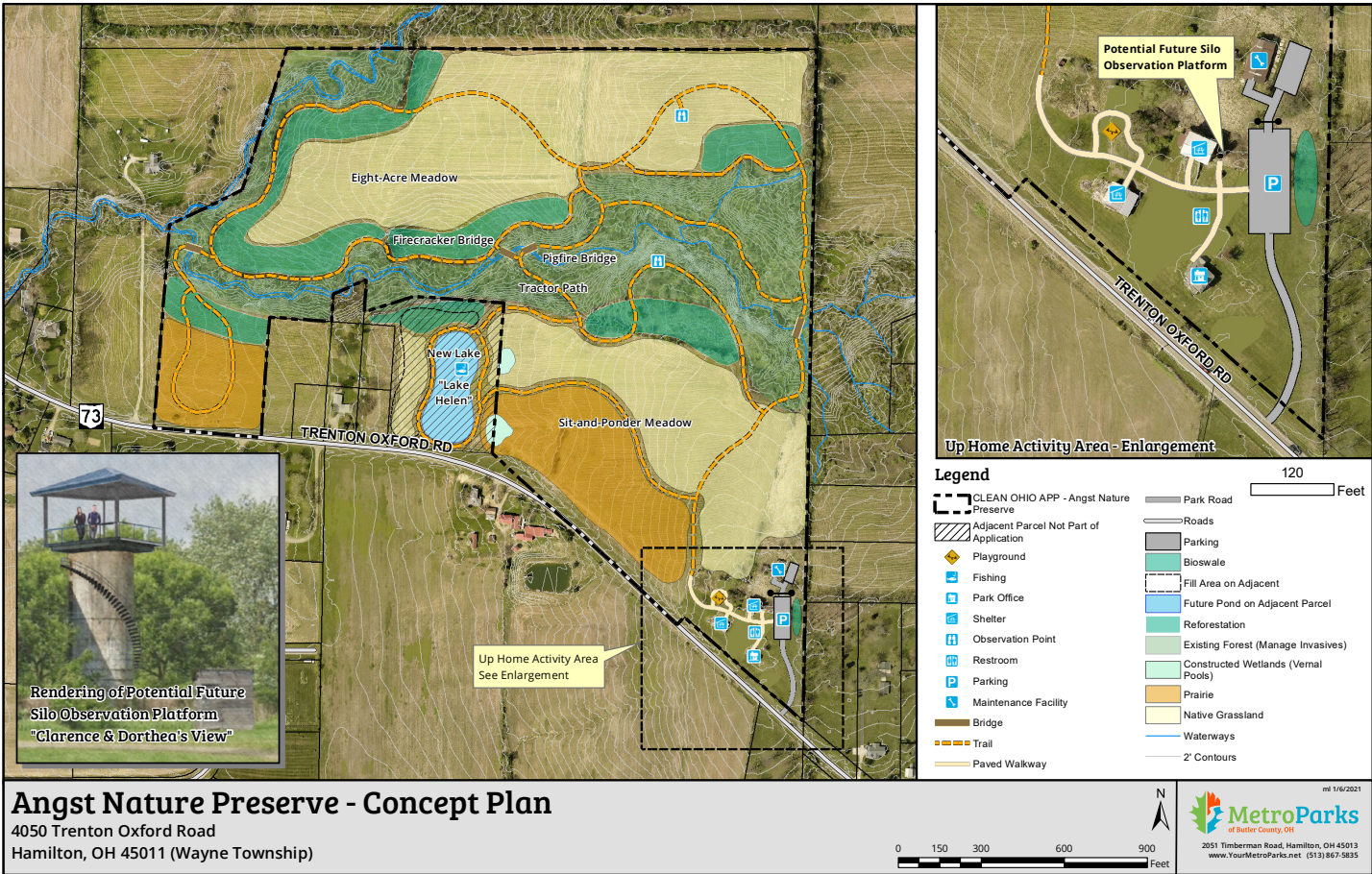
NEW PARK COMING TO WAYNE TOWNSHIP

By Metro Parks of Butler County

Wayne Township residents will soon have a public destination to explore, hike, fish and take in the scenic panoramic views of western Butler County. MetroParks of Butler County has been awarded Clean Ohio funding to acquire the land that will become the Angst Nature Preserve MetroPark, located just west of Jacksonburg Road on Route 73 in Wayne Township. The property consists of 84.2 acres of rolling fields, woods, and stream valleys, and sits atop the Great Miami Buried Valley Aquifer, which makes it an important resource for watershed protection. Helen Angst took steps before her passing to protect this farm, which had been in the family since 1925, as natural green space that would one day be accessible to the public. Three Valley Conservation Trust acquired the property from Ms. Angst, and MetroParks will be acquiring it from Three Valley. The land will be protected as natural green space in perpetuity through a conservation easement with Three Valley and deed restrictions through the Clean Ohio program.

As part of the process for obtaining grant funding, MetroParks developed a draft Concept Plan as well as a Restoration Plan to show how the land will be managed and eventually opened to the public. Farm fields will be converted over time to prairies and native grasslands, with some reforestation to provide an expanded riparian buffer, protecting water quality in the streams that feed into Cotton Run and Four Mile Creek. Planned visitor amenities include parking, two miles of trails, scenic views, restrooms, picnic shelters, a play area, and a new pond with catch-and-release fishing opportunities. There are plans to renovate the existing bank barn as a park shelter and possible three-season event space. Enhancements will be phased in over time as funding becomes available.

MetroParks expects to complete its acquisition of the property in Summer 2021. Once the property is under MetroParks ownership, it will take some time to prepare the site to receive visitors, so please be sure to check our website at www.yourmetroparks.net and follow us on Facebook for future updates. MetroParks looks forward to making this protected green space available for residents of Wayne Township and beyond.



CHIEF'S BRIEFS

By Chief Doug Hoit

Hello Wayne Township.

I hope this article finds you all well. Now that winter is over and we have switched directly to summer. I would like to talk about Farm Safety. We all know it is the busiest time of year for our farmers in the township. Whether they're getting the fields ready to plant or getting that hay cut and dried before that rain comes in, farmers are keeping the roads between their fields busy.

As motorists, I advise everyone to take extra caution when going around equipment and to be sure you check twice for any oncoming vehicles before venturing into the other lane.

It seems now a days, everyone is in a hurrying to get to where they want to go. Just take a second and look twice. This spring, the Wayne Township Fire Department had the opportunity to team up with the Butler County Technical Rescue Team.

The Butler County Technical Rescue Team is an effort of the Butler County Emergency Management Agency and team members are comprised of trained personnel from qualified first responder agencies, including fire, police and other departments.

Wayne Township Fire Department, Trenton Fire Department and Butler County Technical Rescue Team joined together for a **joint training on Grain Bin Rescue**. The day consisted of classroom and hands on scenarios on what to do if an individual becomes entrapped inside a grain bin or cart. All personnel was able to get hands on training on how to use Wayne Township's Grain Bin Rescue Tool.

I would like to send a huge thank you to all involved and a special thank you to Schaefer Farm Market for allowing us to use their farm for this training. **I hope everyone has a safe and happy summer!**



CAPTAIN'S CALL

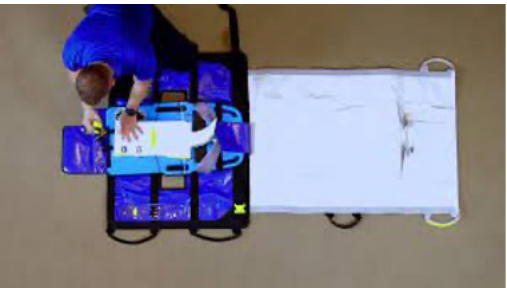
By Cindy Phillips, Squad Captain

Hello Wayne Township Residents!

We have finally come around again to spring, the days are getting longer and the temperatures are definitely going in the right direction! I hope everyone has found a moment of sunshine to go outside and enjoy spring in Ohio! (Hopefully it isn't snowing again as you read this!)

I'd like to take a moment and share a new piece of equipment with you. Last fall the State allotted funds to all counties, cities, townships and villages in the state to help with living in the 'Covid' world. Funds allotted to our township were divided amongst the Fire, EMS and Road Crew. With the EMS portion we focused on what would allow us to function easier while working with the 'extra' demands of Covid. We looked at what would allow us to function as needed, clean and disinfect easily, and what would assist us with limiting contact when possible.

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For our patients, the Auto Pulse will always deliver good, consistent compressions at the appropriate rate and depth, which is the most important aspect of CPR. Humans always strive to achieve this same standard, but as we are human, we become fatigued quickly while performing compressions. Currently all national CPR standards call for the person delivering compressions to be switched out every 2 minutes to try to limit the decline in compression quality from fatigue. Having the Auto Pulse also allows us to have fewer people in a small area while working a code situation, thus helping us to limit the amount of people in close contact. The Auto Pulse has a built in stabilizing board with a tarp style mover attached. When the Auto Pulse is applied to the patient, we now also have a mode of transport for the patient which allows us to more easily move a patient up and down stairs, around corners and in smaller spaces, while still delivering high quality, efficient compressions without interruptions for patient movement to the cot. Compressions can be maintained even if the patient is sitting upright or upside down- not something a human can do!

We were also able to purchase several other pieces of equipment and supplies to assist our crews in safely caring for our patients.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, and we hope to see you all in the fall at our Fish Fry!

Wayne Township Happenings:

The storm water portion of the Heavenly Acres project is coming to close. The next step will be to repair and/or pave the roadway. This project began in the early 2000's with complaints from residents. While that seems like a long time to come to a resolution, the funding and logistics of such a large project took a tremendous amount of planning, meeting, and time to come to a feasible solution.

Once the Heavenly Acres project is completed, we hope to begin repaving and/or repairing some of the roads in our township. We will be evaluating our road conditions and then budgeting for the greatest needs.

Finally, warm weather is here! With the warm weather, our road crew will be out mowing our roadsides and cemeteries, and durapatching or crack filling our roadways. Please be careful while traveling our roads. Our road crew is doing their best to make the roads safe for all of us to travel.
Please keep them safe.

Ed Truster

TRUSTEEBRIEF

By Trustee Tim Taylor

We all have been blessed to have a mild winter overall. We want to thank the township employees for keeping our roads plowed for us traveling to work, for the school buses, and our emergencies services.

There are many projects that have been completed.

- 1 Storm water projects in Heavenly Acres
- 2 The water line on Jacksonburg Rd
- 3 The roundabout on Jacksonburg and 73!

Spring time will be the time our farmers will be on the road with farm machinery and our township employees mowing and ditches and working on the roads. Please take extra care on the roads.

Excited about sharing with the residents that MetroParks will be building a park in our township which will be called Angst Reserve!

Thank you for your support and if you have questions please call me or the other township trustees. My number is 513-836-6831 Trustee Tim Taylor



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Home fire safety doesn't stop at the door. There are many fire risks outside the home. You may have these in your backyard. Here are some ways you can keep your home safer from outside fire.

Grilling

Make safe outdoor cooking a priority.

- ☐ Move the grill away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- ☐ Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill when it's hot.
- ☐ Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- ☐ Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch on fire.



3 feet

Summer months mean grilling! Make sure your home is protected.

Keep grills 3 feet away from your house and anything that can burn.

Backyard Fire Pits

Permanent and portable fire pits bring fire danger to your home. You can prevent fire or burn injury with these simple steps:

- ☐ Make sure the fire pit is at least three feet away from your house and anything that can burn.
- ☐ Closely watch children when the fire pit is in use.
- ☐ Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- ☐ Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- ☐ Store matches and lighters out of children's sight and reach.



Warning: Fireworks are dangerous to people and pets. Using them puts your property at risk.

The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them. Instead, attend a public fireworks display put on by professionals.



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