

Wayne's Flames

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Update from State Representative Thomas Hall



Hi, my name is Thomas Hall and I am currently serving the people of the 53rd House District, which includes the northern and western portions of Butler County. From high school class president to working in the private and public sector, all the way to State Representative, I have been very blessed with working in many different capacities and teams. A Miami University graduate and local to Madison Township, I pride myself on working with the local jurisdictions to make their area and this district a better place to live, work, and grow. A former Township Trustee myself, I have continuously reaffirmed my commitment of local control through multiple pieces of legislation and over the past nine months as your State Representative. I have been a strong advocate for townships, especially during the current pandemic.

One of my pieces of legislation, House Bill 377, attempts to provide fiscal aid to townships and municipalities that have been devastated by the coronavirus. This specific bill deals directly with the second round of payments to townships that will take place next year. To help alleviate and thank our first responders in these unprecedented times, I have also introduced a bill that grants tax credits to first responders. That House Bill is 225 and is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee. My House Bill 361 would prevent trains from blocking railroad crossings for extended periods of time, which was drafted in defense of the people of St. Clair Township in our great district. Although brought forth from the people of St. Clair, this issue reaches far and wide throughout the district. Lastly, one very important issue we have been working on is House Bill 99, which would provide training and authority for school staff to arm themselves to protect students every day.

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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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FROM THOMASHALL

This important bill is currently being worked on in the House Criminal Justice Committee. Aside from local issues, I have been blessed with a unique position as the youngest member of the House to advocate for the innovation of our state and pushing Ohio into the future. Serving as the Vice- Chair on the House Technology and Innovation Committee I have been able to advance measures such as consumer data privacy and several other pieces of legislation. Committed to public service, I hope to continue this advocacy for our local communities and the betterment of our great state.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office with questions or concerns. Our office can be reached at 614-644-5094 or at Rep53@Ohiohouse.gov. For continued legislative updates, please be sure to follow along with us on Facebook at the "State Representative Thomas Hall" page or check out the <https://ohiohouse.gov> for legislation or committee updates. Blessings to you and your family!

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TRUSTEEREPORT

By Bill Jones, Trustee



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By Tim Taylor, Trustee

There are many crises facing our nation, many families have faced COVID and we all need to take heed of what steps that we take. It is all so complicated with many different views and also different information that changes weekly. With all that said we will overcome this and I personally feel optimistic and happy to live in our part of the world.

We are excited about the new website! It gives information about the Angst Natural Preserve that is coming into our township. This will give residents and others a place to fish, hike, and play area for all

Thank you
Trustee, Tim Taylor



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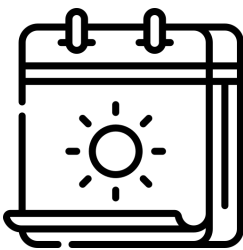
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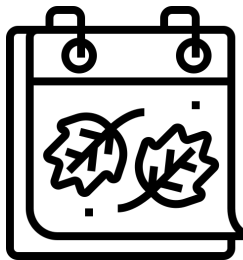
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FROM THE ROAD
By Daniel Holt | Road Superintendent



Summer has gone, fall is here and winter time is creeping upon us. About this time of year, the Road Department is finishing up our final round of Road mowing and pushing brush back out of the right of way. If you see the crews out, give them some space and be cautious when going around. These mowers still have the capabilities to throw unwanted items and we still want everyone to be safe.

Within the next couple weeks, we will be getting our snow plows ready. For the past few years, Wayne Township has had a contractor treating our vehicles with a rust preventative to prolong the livelihood of the trucks and equipment.



This year, Wayne Township has continued to be a part of the Butler County Group salt Contracted; spearheaded by the Butler County Engineers Office. The contract for this season was awarded to Morton Salt. Wayne Township will pay \$76.29 per ton of salt dumped at our facility. As everything else, the price did increase from 2020 at \$74.71/ton, with a difference of +\$1.58.

With snow plowing, comes snow being pushed off of the road and into the roadside ditch. Please keep in mind; it is not our intentions to bury your freshly shoveled driveway. If you shovel out a space — looking at your house to the right side of your driveway — that would allow for the amount of snow that's on that plow to be discharged in that area before it goes past your driveway that's that much less snow that goes in front of your driveway when the plow comes down. We also ask that residents please do not push snow into the roadway. In many cases, once the snow is pushed into the road, it is packed down by cars and can cause more harm once it's frozen to the pavement.



Some snow events produce a heavy, wet snow. This particular type of snow can do damage to mailboxes. Most of the time, it is not actually the plow that hits your mailbox, it is in fact the snow causing the damage. If this happens to your mailbox, please let us know. Wayne Township will replace mailboxes that have been damaged due to snow events, but only on Township maintained roads. If your road is not maintained by Wayne Township, please contact the appropriate agency to determine if they will.

Wayne Township Butler County, Ohio

WHO PLOWS MY ROAD???

ROAD	AGENCY	ROAD	AGENCY
Celestial Av	WAYNE TWP	Pennington WY	PRIVATE
Cotton Run Rd	WAYNE TWP	Roy Rogers Dr	WAYNE TWP
Country Green Ln	PRIVATE	Shurz Rd	WAYNE TWP
Eaton Rd	BCEO	Somerville Jacksonburg Rd (744)	ODOT
Gingrich Rd	WAYNE TWP	Stubbs Rd	WAYNE TWP
Hamilton Eaton Rd (127)	ODOT	Taylor School Rd	BCEO
Hope Dr	WAYNE TWP	Thomas Rd	WAYNE TWP
Howe Rd	WAYNE TWP	Tolbert Rd	WAYNE TWP
Jacksonburg Rd	BCEO	Trenton Oxford Rd (73)	ODOT
Jimmy Stewart Dr	WAYNE TWP	Van Trump Rd	WAYNE TWP
John Wayne Dr	WAYNE TWP	Wayne Madison Rd	WAYNE TWP/ MADISON TWP
Middletown Eaton Rd (122)	ODOT	Wayne Milford Rd	WAYNE TWP / MILFORD TWP
Mill Rd	WAYNE TWP	Wayne Trace Rd	BCEO
Oxford Middletown Rd	WAYNE TWP	West Elkton Rd (503)	ODOT
Oxford Middletown Rd (744)	ODOT	Windy Meadows Dr	WAYNE TWP
Paullin Dr	WAYNE TWP	Withrow Rd	WAYNE TWP

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And finally, late fall, Wayne Township will be placing markers along the cul-de-sac roads to clarify the edge of pavement. If you see a marker, we ask that you please let it be, and we will remove them in the spring.

Wayne Township has a network of roads; ranging from Township, County, Private and State Maintenance. But do you know who maintains your road?

If you have an issue with the roads, please let us know!
Thank you! Daniel Holt | Road Superintendent

Wayne Township Happenings

Hello.

As fall is approaching, I realize that the year 2021 will soon be coming to an end. I hope you have had a prosperous year. Also, it is harvest time. Please be alert for slow moving farm machinery on our roads. Let's keep everyone safe.

I have been a resident of Wayne Township my entire life and a member of the Wayne Township Fire Department for 38 years. Over those years, I have witnessed much change in our Township. In 1983 when I joined the department, there were fewer cars on our township roads. Though there seemed to always be a few parked at Marcum's Carryout. There was also Conrad's Sohio station where you get full service when buying gas. Our township road crew garage had been a hardware store and furniture store but in 1983, it sat empty. The township meeting room then also served as the road crew garage. Back then, we had a small firehouse that sat where our modern firehouse parking lot is today. A lot has changed over the years. I sit here wondering what the next 38 years will hold for our township.

**Respectfully yours,
Ed Truster**



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WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

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Winter time is holiday time - and that means lots of cooking, lots of entertaining, and unfortunately, lots of opportunities for home fires to occur. The Division of State Fire Marshal urges Ohio families to pay particular attention to fire safety during the winter and holiday season.

On average, 120 people die in accidental residential fires across Ohio each year. Many of these fires occur during the winter heating season.

The winter season and holidays create a greater risk for fire. The following are a few safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season:

Holiday Decorating DON'T

Overloaded outlets

Forget to turn off lights & decoration before going to bed

Misuse extension cords

Keep old or worn out holiday lights, appliances or electrical cords

DO

Inspect holiday lights each year before using.

Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.

Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.

Use clips, not nails to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.

Turn off all lights before you go to bed or leave the home.

Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



Trees DO WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

When purchasing an artificial tree, look for a "Fire Resistant" label. If you have a metallic tree, never use electric lights on it. You could be electrocuted.

When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. Make sure the needles are soft and are not falling off. Hard, brittle needles are signs of a dry tree, which can easily catch fire.

Keep your live tree a safe distance from heat sources.

Live trees need water, and lots of it. Cut about one inch off the bottom of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Add water and check the tree daily. Do not block your exit door with your tree.

Remove live trees from your home as soon as possible. Most Christmas tree fires occur on or after New Year's Day.

Holiday Entertaining

DO

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles which can look and smell like real candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high, out of children's reach.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them, away from young children.
- Do not block your exit door with your tree.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Put a **FREEZE** on Winter Holiday Fires

It's fun to decorate for the winter holidays, but holiday decorations can increase your risk for a home fire. As you deck the halls this season, be fire smart.

<p>Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.</p>	<p>More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.</p>	<p>Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.</p>
<p>Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns.</p>	<p>A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.</p>	<p>More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.</p>
<p>Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.</p>	<p>Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.</p>	<p>Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.</p>



For more information on how to prevent winter fires, visit usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html and nfpa.org/winter.



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From The Zoning Desk

With Election Day right around the corner, I wanted to remind everyone about the regulations regarding political signs in the Wayne Township Zoning Resolution.

22.1020:

Temporary political signs are permitted in all districts, provided there is no interference with traffic visibility and that said political signs shall be posted no more than sixty (60) days before and election and shall be removed within seven (7) days following election day.

I hope everyone does their part in keeping Wayne Township beautiful and have a safe and happy fall.

