

# WAYNE TOWNSHIP GREETINGS!

## BY MIKE TRUSTER WAYNE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

Hello everyone, spring is upon us and we have been fortunate to have another pretty mild winter. It has been a busy start to the year so far with new Trustees Ed Truster and Bill Jones taking office in January. I am proud to state that the three of us have meshed together as a team well, and are working great together. In January,

all three Trustees along with Administrator Daniel Hoit attended the OTA Conference (Ohio Township Association). As in years before, what a great source of information and knowledge. The four of us planned our days out together to maximize the most out of our trip, trying to make sure we all went to different seminars so that we could cover as many of the topics as possible. Just about any topic relating to township business was discussed and provided for at the conference; current zoning laws and topics, personnel issues, funding, right of ways, roads and bridges, levys, and much more. This is an awesome opportunity and I thank the Ohio Township Association for presenting it.

In my last article, I mentioned a few issues with the Rumpke Recycling bins that are located at the Township maintenance garage. Shortly after that article ran, Rumpke was able to schedule our pickup for Monday and Fridays. This seems to have solved most of the problems of the dumpsters being overfilled. Also, the items being placed outside the dumpsters have almost ceased to be an issue as well. Thank you to Rumpke and my fellow Wayne Township Citizens for this effort!

As a township, we are often asked about the house at the corner of Oxford Middletown Rd. and State Route 744; and what can be done about the dilapidated house there; specifically why hasn't the Township had the building removed. A few facts on the matter; first the house is physically located in the Village of Jacksonburg. Wayne Township has ZERO authority in the Village limits of Jacksonburg. Second, the house is owned by the State of Ohio. The state purchased the house several years ago, and has plans to demolish it. We are told that the State is working to appropriate the funds

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## **NEWS**RELEASE

#### NEW BUTLER COUNTY MAP BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

2018-19 Official Transportation Map



Butler County Engineer Greg Wilkens announces the release of the new 2018-19 Official Butler County Transportation Map, fully updated with new road additions, annexations, incorporations, and other interesting features.

The popular booklet format remains intact with each Township and its major cities

and villages represented on individual pages for greater detail. Enhanced colors and terrain features compliment the countywide map in the booklet's center spread. Contact information for township officials and county departments is also included for quick and easy reference on the inside back page.

Additionally, the new map features a quick-reference overview of the Butler County Engineer's Office, its main departments and responsibilities.

The new 2018-19 Official Butler County Transportation Map booklets are available to the general public at no charge and can be obtained at the Butler County Engineer's Office, the Butler County Government Services Center, and the Butler County Administrative Center. For additional information about how to obtain a copy of the new map booklet, visit the BCEO's map page, bceo.org/news/nr180405.html

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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.

needed to tear the house down. The Board of Trustees has been in contact with the State of Ohio numerous times regarding this issue, and our Administrator Daniel Hoit is continually in contact with the State of Ohio on the issue. Hopefully it will be coming down soon.

This spring and summer will be a busy year for the road department. We have a never ending list of crack sealing, durapatching, mowing, ditching, and cemetery work. I am excited that we will begin to work through our list of projects in the near future, and in the next year begin to get caught up and then get ahead on our to do list. So when you see our guys out on the roads, slow down and give them a safe place to work. Road work is a dangerous prospect in itself, and more so with traffic speeding by.

I want to compliment Mr. Daniel Hoit in all he does at Wayne Township. Daniel has been placed in a position requiring a large work load. Daniel actually fills three positions at Wayne Township; Township Administrator, Township Zoning, and Road Superintendent. In the time that Daniel has worked at Wayne Township, he has grown into this position and is doing great. His personality, professionalism and character in these positions is spot on to the needs of the role he fills in our township. Keep up the good work Daniel!

As you may have heard, Chris Marcum one of our road crew members choose to leave the township a couple months ago. I thank Chris for his time here at the township, and wish him well in his future endeavors and employment.

I also would like to welcome our new road crew member; Johnny Cassidy to the Township. Johnny has considerable experience in this line of work and will without a doubt bring valuable skills and abilities to Wayne Township; and in addition Johnny is a member of our fire department. I am comforted that we now have a second fire department member on staff during the day; affording the residents of Wayne Township the possibility of quicker response to fire issues without the direct cost of paying a full time department. I am confident that Johnny will be a great fit at Wayne Township and will be a great addition to our team of Austin Young and Daniel Hoit. I am looking forward to seeing what these three fellows will accomplish, they are great guys and will make an excellent crew.

As many of you know, the Township is now broadcasting all meetings on Facebook Live so that all residents may view the meetings from home if they wish, or watch the meetings at a later date. This Board of Trustees is committed to keeping all of our residents informed and up to date on the business of Wayne Township. We encourage public participation at our meetings, and value the residents input. I would also like to state that Township Trustees are limited in power as to the things that can be done. The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) spells out in very clear terms what powers that a Township has. The Board of Trustees, The Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning appeals is governed by the Ohio Revised Code and all Boards actions must be within the legal limits set-forth therein. As Trustees, our personal opinions and thoughts on many matters are irrelevant. It is our job to make decisions that are based on what the State of Ohio law states and follow the law as written.

I hope you all have a fun and safe summer, and as always you are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month @ 7pm at the Twp. Hall

Thoughts, comments, complaints and compliments are welcome and encouraged. W

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#### AT WAYNF TOWNSHIP

#### **BY BILL JONES**

Welcome to 2018 in Wayne Township. Two new be people who have no political experience, Eddie Truster and I, have joined with incumbent Trustee Michael Truster as a result of the November 2017 election. To say that I am thrilled to be in this position would be an understatement and thanks bears no justice to my appreciation to those who voted.

My campaign was based on opening up the township government to all people equally and fairly. No more secret back room dealings, no favoritism, equal application of the rules to all, not just a select few and electronically recorded meetings for a true, accurate and permanent non-manipulated record. The reason I mention this is because I want you to know what has been done to reach or attempt to reach these campaign desires in the first few months.

The most important act completed as Trustees, in my opinion, was to appoint Daniel Hoit as the Township Administrator and Road Superintendent. Now we have one central day to day person running the daily operations of the township. Why is this important? Daniel Hoit is the one person that will be applying the rules and regulations of the township from Zoning to Code enforcement to road maintenance. All three trustees have agreed that we want the rules enforced but to do so with equal application to all and done so in a manner that will not defame, degrade,

offend or oppress the people of this township. So far, Daniel has done a wonderful job and I foresee it getting even better. Not only does he now have the backing and trust of the Trustees but also he understands the Trustee's unified desires of standards for leadership.

The next accomplishment is not only the electronic recording of all our public meetings but also, thanks to the initiative of Mr. Hoit, the Trustee meetings are being video recorded and streamed live to Facebook or you can view them on Facebook at your convenience. Along with that, we have opened up the regular meetings for audience participation. If you attend the meetings, you will find the audience participating in the meeting while a topic is being discussed. This has to be limited but no longer are people being silenced. We have a lot of smart and experienced people in our township and it would be a waste of valuable resources not to tap into this pool of knowledge. Also we have a section of the meeting where topics can be brought up for discussion if a topic has not yet been covered. In other words, we WANT participation and do not use Roberts Rules to silence people.

There is so much more to say but limited space to do so. I invite you all to come to a Trustee meeting and you will find a much different atmosphere and hopefully develop a desire to participate in and be a part of the local government you have elected.







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## DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FROM BUTLER COUNTY EMA



Disaster preparedness is an important topic to discuss, especially as we approach severe weather season. (March 18-24 was Severe Weather Awareness Week) At EMA, we routinely field questions from citizens who are interested in knowing more about how to prepare for disasters and we love to share this information. There are three major steps you need to take to make yourself and your family more prepared.

The first step to prepare yourself and your family is to understand the risks to your area. Some risks, like snowstorms and severe summer weather, will impact the entire county, while others, such as flooding, will only impact certain areas based on their proximity to the source of these hazards. There are several sources of information you can access to learn the risks to your area; you can speak to your local Fire Department to see what incidents they have responded to in your area, you can talk to your local floodplain administrator to identify your potential flooding risk and you can reach out to the Butler County Emergency Management Agency to talk about what events are likely to impact the county as a whole. You can also reach out to neighbors to see what events have impacted your neighborhood in the past. Finally, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration tracks historical weather events and their impact on Butler County. This information can be accessed at www.ncdc.noaa.gov/stormevents/.

Once you have identified the risks to your community and your home, the next step is to develop a plan. Developing a family emergency plan is essential to ensuring that you and your family understand how you will personally respond to a hazard. Many families understand the need for a family fire safety plan, but do you have family flood plan? What about a family tornado plan? Do your kids know where to go in the event severe weather impacts your home when you are away? A good family plan will answer four important questions:

- 1. How will our family receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- 2. What is our family shelter plan?
- 3. What is our evacuation route?
- 4. What is our family communication plan?

Answering these questions will provide you with the information needed for you to complete your family emergency plan. Additionally, begin to think what resources your family will need in the event of a disaster and start to build an emergency kit with enough water, food

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and medications for each person in your family. For more ideas on what to include in your emergency kit, go to www.ready.gov.

Finally, the next step is to take action. Once you've developed your plan, continue to monitor for hazards and begin to identify other ways to serve. Programs like the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Citizen Corps allow regular citizens to serve their communities in time of need. Additionally, community members can learn other skills which will help them during disasters, such as CPR and First Aid. These experiences will help community members hone their skills and increase their resiliency. There are a number of these groups in Butler County. The County maintains a robust CERT capability and if you are interested in more information contact EMA. As you work to build a stronger individual and family preparedness plan, you build a more resilient Butler County.

Disasters are complex events and oftentimes local resources can be overwhelmed by the need for their service. You can reduce the stress on the system and keep your family safe by doing a little preparation ahead of time.

## ROADCREW

Wayne Township would like to send a welcome to Jonathon Cassidy to the Road Maintenance Department. Johnny is a perfect match to join the team, with 13+ years in Township Maintenance, Johnny brings the knowledge and experience of a true go-getter.



Johnny was previously with Gratis Township in Preble County where he has experience in ditching, road mowing, culvert replacements, cemetery work and so much more!

Current Road Dept. employee, Austin Young, has stepped up in the past few months and is really excelling in his work with Wayne Township. Austin is showing enthusiasm and is pushing to get the job done effectively! Austin's attitude towards his job and his professionalism is a shining light for the township.

Township Administrator, Daniel Hoit, has also been given the title of Road Superintendent. Daniel will be the third member to the crew during the busy months, while still maintaining designated office hours for administrative and zoning purposes.

Wayne Township Road Maintenance Department is eager to serve our residents. Please feel free to give them a wave or give a concern about a road. They are here to serve the residents of Wayne Township. We are proud of our team and look forward to great things to come with this group!





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# OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## By Candic Keller, **State Representative** for the 53rd District of the Ohio House of Representatives

Wayne Township is a treasured part of the 53rd Ohio House District. Rich in nature, agriculture, and community values, Wayne Township is a wonderful place I am proud to



represent here at the Ohio House of Representatives.

I do want to keep you updated on how things are progressing as I'm going into my second year of service. My will has not bowed or bent to any special interests. I am here for you, the constituent, and no one else. I've been continually fighting against special interests who would try to subvert your will and push a highly liberal agenda.

Thus, I'm a joint sponsor on a bill to introduce stand your ground legislation in Ohio. This legislation will shift the burden of proof to the government, instead of the law-abiding gun owner, when a gun is used in self-defense.

Also in the vein of safety, I'm continuing the fight against sanctuary cities in Ohio. This important piece of legislation to ensure safety of Ohioans even caught the eye of the White House, and I was invited as an esteemed group of state legislators from all the across the country met with White House policy staff about how to ensure sanctuary cities don't become a reality in our respective states.

I've also been working on giving back to the community as you have given me so much. I just introduced a bill to give a tax credit for volunteer firefighters across the state. Those in the fire service and their families give so much every day, and it is my hope that we can lift their tax burden as a token of our appreciation.

In addition to these, I have been a joint sponsor and cosponsor to numerous other pieces of legislation to promote community values including pro-life values, pro-family values, and less government regulation/taxation. While some of these bills have not seen a vote in the House yet, we are still fighting to see them come to fruition.

As I said, my focus is you. My job as a representative is to represent you as my constituent. You are free to talk to my staff if there is anything of a state legislative nature we can assist with. You can reach us by email at Rep53@ohiohouse.gov, by phone at (614)644-5094, or by mail at 77 S. High St. Columbus, OH 43215. W

### **CAPTAINS** CALL

#### By Cindy Phillips, EMS Captain

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you all well. Spring is here and that means warmer weather and folks getting out and about more. Please be mindful as soon we will see our local farmers getting into their fields to plant their crops, road crews getting out to repair any damage to the roads our winter may have caused, as well as beginning to mow our roadways. Please be courteous as you encounter these folks out on the roadways and give them the space they need to safely provide their services and move their equipment.

Here with the life squad we are working hard to improve our services to our community. We have added a few new members to the department which helps us to provide our services to you. I'd like to take a moment and thank everyone on our department who volunteer their time to serve others. In today's world it seems that time is one of our most precious resources that is spread thin across the many demands of life, so to these folks adding serving their community to their plates have my deepest appreciation! If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining our department please feel free to contact us at the firehouse at (513) 424-9710. We are also working on building an Explorer program for our younger residents who are interested in the Fire and EMS services. Participants must be at least 14 years old and have completed the 8th grade and not over 21 years old. The Explorers will be included in trainings covering fundamentals and techniques. If you know of someone interested in the program please contact Rory O'Connor at (513) 907-4786 for more details.

I wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe Spring and Summer! W

## SAFETY TIPS HOWYOU CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY

What to do while waiting for the ambulance to arrive:

#### WHAT TO DO FOR THE PATIENT

- Stay calm, keep patient calm
- · Keep patient awake and warm
- Do not give the patient anything to eat or drink
- Do not move the victim of a vehicle accident, serious fall or has been found unconscious, unless they are in immediate danger
- Perform first aid if you are willing and able

#### PREPARE FOR THE EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

- Light your location
- If possible, send someone to the flag them down
- Clear a route to the patient, move cars, furniture, etc.
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## **CHIEF'S** BRIEFS

#### BY DOUG HOIT, FIRE CHIEF

Spring is here and farm equipment will be on the roads to get from field to field so please be careful and give them room to pass. Don't forget about motorcycles too. Please be careful when driving and don't text and watch your speed.

I would like to thank Vanessa Kuertz (from Grainger, Inc.) and Matt Berry (from DeWALT Tools) for donating a 20-Volt DeWALT drill to the fire department. This will be used on our new grain bin rescue tube, which was also bought with donations from residents of Wayne Township.

The fire department has been busy putting specs together for a new front line fire engine that we need to replace soon. We are currently using a 1992 Sutphin Fire Engine.

On a sad note, the township lost a long time resident and former Fiscal Officer, Marie Graham. She was the fiscal officer for several years and was always a joy to work with. We will all miss her.

I would like to wish everyone a great spring and an even better summer. W





## FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the words below to try and figure out which words fit into each sentence.

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- Smoke alarm batteries should be changed at least \_\_\_\_\_\_ a year.
- 2. In case of a fire know \_\_\_\_\_ ways out of your house.
- 3. Help your family make a \_\_\_\_\_ for escape routes to practice with them.
- In case of smoke make sure to stay \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Before you open a \_\_\_\_\_, make sure it's not hot.
- After you are safely outside call \_\_\_\_\_\_.
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