

Wayne's Flames

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WAYNE TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT **OPEN HOUSE & FESTIVAL**

Saturday October 14th
2pm - 8pm

4575 Oxford Middletown Rd.
Trenton, Ohio 45067



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I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now prepared for the back-to-school season. I kindly request everyone to exercise caution around the tractors that are currently mowing our area, as well as to be mindful of the safety of our children waiting for their school buses.

I'm delighted to introduce Chris Amburgy, the newest addition to our township maintenance team. I am extremely satisfied with the dedication and hard work of our maintenance crew in maintaining our township and ensuring our cemeteries remain in excellent condition.

Exciting news, as we plan to install

a new fence and sign at the cemetery on West Elkton Road. We are actively applying for a grant to modernize this cemetery, and I look forward to its transformation. I also want to take this opportunity to inform our residents about the progress we've made regarding tornado sirens. This discussion has been ongoing since 2015, and while we once received donated sirens, we faced challenges integrating them with our 911 system in Butler County. In May, our fiscal officer allocated funds for the purchase of a new federal signal weather siren for our township. This siren, crucial during hazardous weather conditions, comes at a cost of \$34,094.74 for our first unit. Regrettably, my motion to purchase the first siren did not receive a second. I was disheartened by this outcome, especially considering that neighboring townships and towns have functioning sirens.

In my view, our primary responsibility as elected officials is to prioritize the safety of our residents. If a siren can poten-

tially save even one life, I believe it is worth every penny invested. It was mentioned during the trustee meeting that sirens might not be effective, but this raises the question of why our Police, Fire, and First Responders continue to utilize them. While some argue that smartphone apps can provide similar alerts, I remain committed to doing everything within our means to ensure everyone's safety.

I encourage all residents to attend our monthly township meetings on the third Monday of each month at 7pm to voice your concerns or support for our township's needs. Additionally, you can engage with us on Facebook (Wayne Township Butler County) to watch our meetings and share your comments. for another 4 years to do just that.

Thanks to everyone who allowed me to serve.

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Butler County Tire Recycling

Saturday October 28 at the
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TRUSTEE MEETINGS

The Wayne Township Trustees regular meeting dates are the 3rd Monday of each month (visit the website for holiday exceptions). 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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THE ENERGY ALLIANCE

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Electric Aggregation Programs November 7, Ballot Issue



What is an Energy Aggregation Program?

Community electric aggregation program combines the residential and small business purchasing power of the group in pursuit of getting lower and more stable energy prices.

Why is this Issue on the November 7th, Ballot?

Electric Aggregation Programs appear on the ballot by law. Voters must approve these issues prior to implementation of any program. Approval of the measure will allow the Trustees

What does a YES vote mean?

of Wayne Township to complete the certification process through the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and then start the process to determine if Electric Aggregation Programs are a viable option to the township residents.

What does a NO vote do?

A NO vote will end the issue and Wayne Township residents will remain with the local utility or supplier of their choice.

Will I save money on my utility bill?

These programs are designed to stabilize energy prices and save money. They provide security against volatile energy markets. Savings are always a priority but cannot be guaranteed. In most cases, residents will see a reduction in energy costs.

Will I have a separate bill?

No, everything remains the same and you will get the same bill you always have.

What about Renewable Energy?

Many programs have renewable options, if the issues pass, the Township will explore every available option for the community.

If this passes, am I required to be in the program?

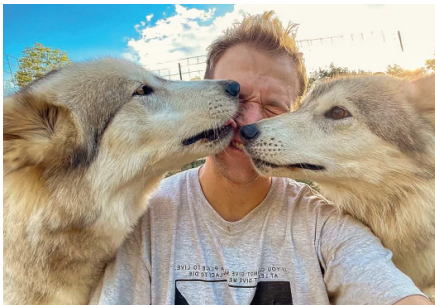
No, you will be able to participate if you wish, but can enter the program or leave at any time without any fees, but you must OPT-OUT to do so.

**Questions? Call Energy Alliances Inc.
513-794-5555**

Something to Howl About



The Red Riding Hood Rescue Project is a 501c3 non-profit in Middletown, OH. We are a USDA facility caring for Wolfdogs. We have made the former Ratliff farm [in Wayne Township] our new home and we have set out to build a haven for both animals and people.



What started as a sanctuary for misunderstood animals quickly also became a place of friendship and collaboration between people from both Cincinnati and Dayton. And the people building the Red, all volunteers, bring skills in building, woodworking, engineering, gardening and design, animal care, planning. We have enjoyed local support from neighbors, from Wright Patterson AFB and from UC, as well as from Joseph's Legacy.

Local wildlife artist, Christopher Walden, has selected The Red Riding Hood Rescue Project as his charity of choice and we will be part of his opening night at the Middletown Art Center this Fall.

The MAC also invited us to be a part of their events for the Middletown Art Festival.



In August, we are hosting two corporate work days: GE Aviation, followed by the National Space Intelligence Center/Wright Pat AFB and in September, Crane 1 is hosting a work day at the Red. We are grateful for this support from our community.

But just as important, **we are dispelling the myths about the big bad wolf.** Our social wolf dogs are clowns and glove thieves. They are plotters and planners trying to snatch whatever is in your pockets. We invite the public to join our events and learn about these beautiful dogs. We have met many wonderful families and individuals from all walks of life at these events. We have also encouraged visitors to check out area restau-

rants. Coming up, Procter & Gamble is hosting a team building event at the Red followed by drinks at a local restaurant. We love supporting local business.

One of our personal missions has always been to be a good neighbor. We have found our neighbors to be open-minded, friendly and supportive. Part of our neighborhood outreach includes beautification of the grounds and buildings. The Red Riding Hood Rescue wants to have a warm, tidy curb appeal indicative of the standard of excellence we are setting for our animal care, training, and grounds. We invite the public to join in on our scheduled events by visiting our events page at www.rrh-project.com

Howling Thanks

Susan Vogt
President, The Red Riding Hood
Rescue Project



A Note from Your Fiscal Officer

Laura Daley



Happy Fall, everyone!

I just wanted to take a moment to inform everyone that, as most of you are aware, the Fire Department had planned to put a new fire levy on the ballot this November. Staffing Fire Departments across the nation has become a real issue. Wayne Township still operates on a strictly volunteer Fire Department for their Fire and EMS services, and although it is the Trustees' and my top priority to protect our residents in the time of an emergency, we felt it unfair to pass along a levy for

what could seemingly feel like an unknown amount to our residents.

The reason I say an unknown amount is that the County Auditor's office is still in the process of imposing value increases to our properties. The Trustees and I, as well as our Fire Department, felt it would be wrong to place a levy on the ballot to be voted upon before our residents had a chance to get a feel for what this increase will do to our tax bills. The Trustees voted at a special meeting in August to rescind the new tax levy from the November ballot to allow everyone to get comfortable with their new property valuations before we come to you asking for support to meet the changing needs of the Fire Department.

It is still our intention to share the necessity of placing a levy on an upcoming ballot in 2024, as the need for our department to transition from volunteer to part-time is a real and growing issue. We are aware of the current status of the increasing

cost of living, so we want to give our residents a chance to grow accustomed to the new tax rates put in place by the County before seeking your support for the growing needs

of our Fire Department. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Fire Department, the Trustees, or myself with any questions.

Finally, I would like to invite everyone to the Fire Department's Open House and Fall Festival on October 14th, 2023, from 2-8 pm. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Laura Daley, Fiscal Officer
fiscalofficer@waynetownship.net



Who Plows my Road?

WAYNE TOWNSHIP HOWE THOMAS WAYNE MADISON (NORTHERN END) PAULLIN GINGERICH STUBBS SHURZ OLD SHURZ MILL VAN TRUMP (WEST SIDE OF 503) TOLBERT OXFORD MIDDLETOWN (BETWEEN SOMERVILLE-JACKSONBURG AND WAYNE MILFORD) COTTON RUN OLD WAYNES TRACE WAYNE MILFORD WINDY MEADOWS ROY ROGERS JOHN WAYNE JIMMY STEWART	COUNTY JACKSONBURG WAYNES TRACE TAYLOR SCHOOL
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CONTACT INFO	
WAYNE TOWNSHIP	513.271.7317
BUTLER COUNTY ENGINEERS OFFICE	513.867.5744
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT 8	513.863.6609

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

WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

OHIO COMMITTEE FOR SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

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'ts

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

DOs

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.



WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Trees DOs

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

Holiday Entertaining DOs

Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.

Keep children and pets away from lit candles. Consider using batteryoperated 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

Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



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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.



Half of the home decoration fires in December are started by candles.



More than 1/3 of home decoration fires are started by candles.



Christmas is the peak day for candle fires.



Keep candles at least **12 inches** away from anything that burns.



A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.



More than 1 in every 5 Christmas tree fires were caused by a heat source too close to the tree.



Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.



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.



Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.



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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Reminders for Fall/Winter 2023

October

- 02** Fire & Life Squad meeting,
Fire dept. meeting,
Road Crew meeting
- 09** Columbus Day
- 12** *Zoning Commission
meeting
- 14** Fire Dept. Open House
& Festival
- 16** Township Trustee meeting
- 17** *Zoning Appeal meeting
- 28** Butler County
Tire Recycling
- 31** Trick or Treat 5:30-7PM

November

- 06** Fire & Life Squad meeting,
Fire dept. meeting
- 09** *Zoning Commission
meeting
- 20** Township Trustee meeting
- 21** *Zoning Appeal meeting
- 23** Thanksgiving Day

**Please note these meetings
occur on an As-Needed basis.*

December

- 04** Fire & Life Squad meeting,
Fire dept. meeting,,
Road Crew meeting
- 14** *Zoning Commission
meeting
- 18** Township Meeting 7pm
- 19** *Zoning Appeal meeting
- 25** Christmas Day
- 31** New Years Eve