

# Franklin Township's Community Link

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## Trustee Meeting Schedule

Trustee meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Firehouse/Community Center on Flint Ridge Rd. They are held in the trustee meeting room.

\*April 5 and 19 \*May 3 and 17 \*June 7 and 21

## Clean Your Community Day



Just in time for Earth Day, your township is hosting a "Clean Your Community Day" on Saturday, April 17th., from 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. We will meet in the community room at 8:45 and head

out from there. Lunch will be provided afterwards. Licking County Recycling and Litter Prevention will provide the gloves and trash bags. They will also take care of discarding the trash.

Please contact Jeremy Saling if you are interested in participating. Contact numbers are on page 4.

## We Need Your Input

We are considering the idea of bidding for trash collection. There are pros and cons to this, so we would like to know what the majority of the residents want before we make a decision. Two pros would be we will get a better rate and we would have fewer heavy trash trucks on our township roads. The obvious con is you won't be able to choose who picks up your trash, because it would be whoever has the lowest bid. Please contact a trustee via phone or e-mail with your ideas, concerns, or support.

## Township Website Update

Miami University of Ohio was selected to build the website at no cost to us. It should be ready by mid-summer. The township will pay \$10 per year for the URL.



**VOTING NEWS—Voting for the May 4th election will be held in the community rooms.**



# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Fire Department

### Open Burning



The definition of open burning is *any outdoor fire that does not burn within a container with a chimney or stack*. The fire should not be used for waste disposal or generate objectionable smoke or odors. No open burning should be conducted when an air alert, warning, or emergency is in effect. Should the fire safety officer and/or a fire department observe or be dispatched to your burn, they will evaluate the activity. If the activity does not meet the regulations then the fire will be extinguished unless the fire can be brought readily into compliance. Open burning is prohibited from the hours of 6 am-6 pm during the months of April thru June.

Last year, dry grasses and warm spring winds made many area fire departments very busy. Please take a moment in considering this with the clean up of your yard this spring. Make sure to check the weather for the entire day. The complete "Guidelines for Open Burning" will be posted to the web site. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns about what to burn, where the best location on your property to burn is, or questions about someone burning near you please call the Franklin Twp. Fire Safety Officer. Jared Saling is serving his 9th year in this appointed position. You can call him at 403-6773.

### Smoke Detectors



Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors?

Our township receives fire and EMS protection from three departments:

Licking Twp. Fire Company—323-0211

Heath Fire Department— 522-4585

National Trails Fire Department—349-6758

## Road Department

As most of you will agree this has been one of the snowiest winters in Ohio. Snow fell 18 out of 28 days in February alone. Keeping the roads safe was a continuous challenge. With dedication and some sleepless nights, your township workers from the road department and elected officials spent more than 500 man hours clearing the way.

As you have noticed the winter has taken a toll on our roads. Our township workers patch pot holes as they appear and we will do our annual paving/patch as soon as the roads are completely dried. Depending on the weather this is usually by mid-summer.

Switching from snow to mowing, lawn care equipment was purchased to maintain township cemeteries, buildings, and properties. We hope to save money by using our road department employees instead of contracting out the mowing.

## Zoning Department

Remember that before you build a house, deck, garage, or other outbuilding to contact your zoning inspector for a township permit. Total permits for 2009 are as follows:

Houses	5
Garages	6
Accessory Building	4
<u>Room Addition</u>	<u>3</u>
Total Income	\$1,569.00

We need an alternate member for the Zoning Board and a new member for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Tom Mason has taken a job in New York. Anyone interested in these positions should contact one of the trustees.

## Mailbag: Answering Your Questions

1. *Our mailbox was hit when our road was plowed. Who can fix it?*

People who live on township roads (Appleman, Beal, Cinder Tipple, Cotterman, Darl Dr., Dodds, Fairmont, Fairview, Franks, Majestic Hill Dr., Panhandle, Parr, Pleasant Chapel, Ritchey, Sandhollow, Springhill, and Tavener) can have their mailbox fixed by a township worker. Call the garage at 323-3374.

2. *I've had a deer carcass by the edge of the road for a couple weeks and I would like it gone.*

Call the garage at 323-3374 if you live on a township road.

### Reflective House Number Signs

Reflective house number signs help the fire department find your home at night in an emergency. They are aluminum with a green reflective background and white reflective numbers. Signs can be mounted either horizontally or vertically and with numbers on both sides. The cost is \$10.00 per sign. Signs can be purchased from the Licking Twp. Fire Company. Call 323-0211.

## Census 2010



A census form is on it's way to you. Taking 10 minutes to answer the 10 simple questions on the census form could mean more money to local governments and programs. The impact of the census on our community depends on your participation.

## Continuing Education



The three trustees attended an Ohio Twp. Association Conference in Columbus. They attended workshops on zoning, cemeteries, ethics, and grant availability. During the trade show they looked at different paving and mowing options for the township. Each trustee gained something to bring back to the township.

Contact Molly Long for the full rental agreement and scheduling of the community room at 323-4228.

### Township Fund Balances (as of 3/15/10)

Fund		% of Total	Fund Cash
<u>Number</u>	<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Cash Balance</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1000	General	19.645	\$53,857.08
2011	Motor Vehicle License Tax	1.164	\$ 3,189.93
2021	Gasoline Tax	10.206	\$27,978.32
2031	Road and Bridge	25.759	\$ 70,617.43
2041	Cemetery	2.597	\$ 7,118.62
2042	Fire Levy	39.044	\$107,037.11
<u>9751</u>	Private-Purpose Trust	1.563	<u>\$ 4,284.79</u>
	All Funds Total		\$274,146.78

## Welcome Spring



# Franklin Township Contact Information

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