

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.

*Oct. 4 and 18 *Nov. 1 and 15 *Dec. 6 and 20

**Big "O"
Refuse**



Now that Big O has been awarded the contract in Franklin Twp., here are a few things you need to be aware of and do so your trash service isn't interrupted during this transition period.

- Contract begins on November 1st.
- Service will be on Mondays. Please have trash containers at the curb by 6:00 am.
- To register Call Big O's office (345-2086) or mail/fax their registration form back to them.
- You can also sign up on-line at www.bigorefuse.com.
- **EVERYONE** in the township must sign-up (even current Big O customers), if you want trash service.

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Waste Hauler Contract Awarded

After several months of researching and getting residents feedback, the Board of Trustees awarded the sole contract for trash service in Franklin Twp. to Big "O" Refuse.

The three companies who submitted bids for the three year contract were Waste Management, Big "O", and Rumpke. Each company had the documents and bonds that were required in the bid package put together from the Licking County Prosecutor office. Prices with a tote per month were:

Rumpke: Res. \$18.95 & Seniors \$17.36

Waste Management- Res. \$15.45 & Seniors \$ 14.20

Big "O" Refuse- Res. \$14.20 & Seniors \$13.00

Waste Management & Big "O" each stated they have about 300 residents they serve in Franklin Twp. with Rumpke serving less than 100.

After discussion, the trustee's felt all three companies were able to provide the professional and quality service that we expect for our residents.

Big "O" was unanimously selected for having the lowest price over the contract period. You should already have received a letter from Big "O" by the time you get this newsletter explaining what you need to know and do during the implementation of the waste hauler contract. If you have any questions please contact Big "O" (345-2086) or a twp. trustee.



FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Fire Department

Please be reminded of the Ohio EPA Burn regulations that will go into effect during the fall season.

Burning from the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. are restricted. As the mercury falls and cookouts begin, please call and notify me for the complete regulations and safety guidelines. A visit by me is required and I will not give permission to burn over the phone. Only dry non-treated wood may be burned. Please be mindful of your neighbors when it comes to the distance to their property and your smoke travel. Trash is illegal to burn. Also, please watch the weather as falling leaves and strong breezes can lead to disaster.

Call me with any questions. A 48 hour window is all I need to complete your burn request. I also do home inspections. If you would like to have your home checked for fire hazards or need information on fire safety, I can help you.

Jared Saling, Fire Safety Officer



The following Christmas safety tips will ensure your family has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

1. Check Christmas lights annually.
2. Keep your home's electric up to code.
3. Use appropriate outdoor holiday decorations.
4. Make sure the tree stand is sturdy and reliable.
5. Handle glass decorations with caution.
6. Keep cats and toddlers away from the tree.
7. Teach kids how to handle decorations safely.
8. Avoid getting a tree, artificial or real, that does not fit your home.
9. Take good care of a real tree.



Road Department

Most everyone has noticed our patching throughout the Township. Many areas were covered and the roads do ride smoother.

Mowing along the township roads was delayed because of a couple breakdowns with the mower and articulating arm. But after repairs Rick was able to complete mowing for the year.

Mowing around the Community Building, Grange, Cemeteries, and Garage, by our township employee has worked very well all year and we look forward to continuing this cost saving move next year.

We are currently applying for the State Issue 2 grant in hopes of more road improvements next year. Please contact Rick Johnson at the garage 323-3374 if you have any questions or need assistance on the Township roads.



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 September are as follows:

Houses	0
Garages	1
Accessory Building	0

Total Income \$54.00

Cemetery Department

Call Trustee Jay Clark for any cemetery questions.

Winter Driving Tips



Snow will soon be here again, please read a few driving tips to help remain safe this Winter.

- Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop.
- Brake gently to avoid skidding.
- Turn on your light to be more visible to others.
- Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- Never use cruise control.
- Be extra cautious on bridges and overpasses.
- Don't pass snow plows and sand trucks.
- Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions.

If you get stuck:

- Do not spin your wheels, they will just dig deeper.
- Turn your wheels side to side to clear snow.
- Lightly touch the gas to ease your car out.

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles

This is a reminder when you renew your vehicle tags each year to make sure you mark or tell the clerk that you live in Franklin Twp..

The only way to ensure the vehicle license tax that you pay comes back to your township is by verifying this information.

Big O continued.....

If you've already paid for your trash service in advance contact your hauler and request a reimbursement after November 1st.

Please understand there may be a few snags in the transition but with early communication from your trustees and Big O we expect this change to be flawless and beneficial to you and your township.



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

Township Fund Balances (as of 8/31/10)

Fund	% of Total	Fund Cash	
Number	Fund Name	Cash Balance	Balance
1000	General	26.275	\$ 57,454.00
2011	Motor Vehicle License Tax	1.449	\$ 3,168.9
2021	Gasoline Tax	12.932	\$ 28,278
2031	Road and Bridge	23.372	\$ 51,106.80
2041	Cemetery	1.342	\$ 2,935.36
2191	Fire Levy	32.670	\$ 71,437.93
All Funds Total			\$218,666.13



November 2nd

Make sure you get out to vote if you haven't already by absentee ballot. Elections are again held in the Community Rooms.



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