

# Franklin Township's Community Link

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## New Playground Ready

Playground equipment was donated to us from the Bowling Green Twp. Trustees after they redid their playground. An area behind our township building was cleared off to allow us to add sand and mulch. The swings and jungle sets were reconstructed and when the shelter house is built, both will add to the appeal of the community rooms and township building.

## Trustee Meeting Schedule

Again this year, all trustee meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Firehouse/Community Center, 11152 Flint Ridge Rd. They are held in the trustee meeting room on the 1st and 3rd Mondays. If there is a holiday, the meeting will be on the following Tuesday. Any changes will be posted on the trustee door.



## Website On-line

The Franklin Twp. website is finally online and easy to find. The address is [www.FRANKLINTWP-LICKINGCO.com](http://www.FRANKLINTWP-LICKINGCO.com). We will update it regularly and will only be sending the newsletter out twice a year (Winter-Spring/Summer-Fall). The website has a calendar of all rental dates of the community rooms, printable rental agreement, township history, department pages and much more. Please contact Jeremy Saling with questions or thoughts to improve our website.

## Shelter House Grant

The Franklin Twp. Trustees and Fiscal Officer are pleased to inform our residents of the awarding of a \$4,000 grant from The Energy Cooperative to help us construct a shelter house for community use at the township building.

For all of your celebrations or meetings in 2012, contact Molly Long for the full rental agreement and scheduling of the community rooms at 323-4228, or check the website for availability.

March 6th will be here soon. Make sure to go to the Twp. Community Rooms and place your vote.

# FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Cemetery Department

Call Trustee Jay Clark for any cemetery questions.

## Fire Department

A reminder to all, the State of Ohio issues a *state wide burning ban* annually, effective for the months of March, April, May, October and November from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. The high winds during these days can cause small fires to spread quickly. Please be mindful of your neighbors and road traffic with smoke travel.

As a reminder, two township houses have been struck with chimney fires in the past month. Please take a moment to clean and maintain your chimney.

Lastly, when you change your *CLOCK* change your *SMOKE DETECTOR* batteries.

If you have any question or concerns please contact me.

Your Franklin Township Fire Safety Inspector,  
Jared J. Saling  
403-6773

## Grant Received For Road Department

The trustees have been informed of a grant the township will receive to pave Appleman Road this year. This grant, provided by the Ohio Public Works Commission, is in the amount of \$181,190 with the township paying 26% of the total cost or \$47,175. The township will once again collaborate with Madison Twp. in the use of their Durapatcher and will patch numerous roads. We will look at the following roads for paving consideration: Ritchey and Tavener.

## Here is a quick look back at some of the 2011 Franklin Township accomplishments.

- A joint collaboration with Madison Twp. was signed for 20 years which allows equal sharing of equipment and personnel between townships.
- A new International dump truck was purchased to replace the old Kodiak dump truck that was becoming unsafe and unreliable during winter emergencies.
- Several non-profit organizations used the Community Rooms for their meetings and trainings.
- Two unused class rooms in the upper portion of the Franklin Twp. School were merged into one for use by a 4-H club and softball team.
- Township website went online.
- Applied for the SCIP grant for road improvements and was awarded \$181,190 for improvements to Appleman Rd.
- Applied for the Energy Co Op Round Up Grant and was awarded \$4,000 for the construction of a shelter house.
- Received playground equipment from Bowling Green Twp. and constructed an area in the back of the property for Franklin Twp. residents' to enjoy.
- Sent out bi-annual news letters to inform residents of all township business.
- Paved Pleasant Chapel Rd. between Flintridge Rd and Fairview Rd.
- Resurfaced part of the Lutheran Cemetery roads.
- Township records were audited by an independent auditor with nothing found out of compliance.

## Zoning Department

Zoning Inspector Molly Long issued 18 permits in 2011 ranging from new builds, garages, barns, and a pool. The Zoning Board continues working on the zoning book and hopes to have public readings later in the year.



# Levy Information



*The Franklin Township Trustees are responsible for the safety of 2,118 residents. We use two separate levies (Road / Fire) to accomplish quality service to the residents. Lets take a closer look at both:*

**Road Levy:** With more than 25 miles of township roads, the township trustees work with the levy funds exclusively for roads to maintain and improve the infrastructure for the safety of all residents. These funds are from three main sources: Property Taxes (includes Road Levy); Gasoline Tax and Motor Vehicle License Tax. Township goals are to pave one road each year as funds allow. The scope of the township road work includes:

- Maintenance and upgrading of equipment
- Fuel for equipment
- Salt and stone
- Patching materials for smaller pot holes
- Paving of roads
- Replacing culverts under the roads as needed
- Signs and sign posts
- Spray for weed control
- Township employee salary including benefits

In 2011, the township was able to pave Pleasant Chapel Road and patch several other roads. In 2012, Franklin Twp. Trustees will receive an Ohio Public Works grant to pave Appleman Road (township responsibility 26%). The collaboration with Madison Twp. in use of a Durapatcher will continue to improve and repair other roads.

- \* Gasoline tax (38% of total Road Funds)
- \* License plate fees (4% of total Road Funds)
- \* Road & Bridge Fund (58% of total Road Funds)
  - 17% of the total Road & Bridge Fund is money from property taxes, and state funds (Local Gov. Distribution).
  - The levy currently is at a 2 mil. funding level (41% of total Road & Bridge fund).

The township Road Fund is faced with a reduction of the Local Gov. Distribution in 2012 by 25% and another 25% in 2013. The state is eliminating the Estate Tax that townships receive after 2013.

**Fire Levy:** Franklin Township Fire and EMS protection is currently covered by contracts with three area fire departments as primary responders. (Contracted departments are the first to be contacted with other departments alerted within 6 minutes after the first dispatch.)

\* Licking Twp. Fire Co. covers the bulk of the township and maintains equipment at the Franklin Twp. Community Building with paid staff on the weekends.

- Franklin Twp. provides the building and one EMS squad.
- All fire trucks and the equipment in the EMS squad are the property of Licking Twp. Fire Co.
- There are currently 13 residents of Franklin Twp. that volunteer or are employed by the Licking Twp. Fire Co.

\* Heath Fire Dept. covers a portion of the township in the NW (part of Blue Jay and Linnville, and all of Cotterman, Darl, and Majestic Hills Rds.)

\* National Trails Volunteer Fire Dept. covers a portion of the township in the SE (part of Fairview and Flint Ridge and all of Sand Hollow, and Balou Rds.)

## **Licking Twp. Fire & EMS Service information (based on data from 2006-2010)**

- \* There are an average of two runs in Franklin Twp. per week. 50% of these runs are covered by the Franklin Twp. Station.
- \* On average, three emergency vehicles from the Franklin Twp. Station respond to calls each week.
- \* The part-time, weekend staff at the Franklin Twp. Station make an average of 2 calls each weekend.

## **Franklin Twp. Trustees plan to continue evaluating the best coverage for residents which includes:**

- \* Working with Licking Twp. to increase the paid staff coverage at the Franklin Twp. Station.
- \* Evaluating contract coverage with area departments to maintain timely response and fiscal responsibility.
- \* The protection currently provided or planned is at a 2 mil. funding level.
  - Other townships in Licking County are on average paying 4.5 mil. for fire and a median of 3.6 mil.

## **Example calculation of a 2 mil. levy (usually 3-4% of Real Property Tax invoice)**

- Market Value: \$200,000.00
- Taxable Value (35%) \$ 70,000.00
- 2 mil. equals \$ 140.00 (less any tax credits)
- Cost per day \$ 0.40

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