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Thank You, Voters!

Law Enforcement Remains Priority with Voters

Harrison Township voters approved a Police Levy last November by an overwhelming margin of 59 percent to 41 percent.

“We are grateful to the residents of this community for their overwhelming support for the work we do,” said Sheriff’s Office Substation Commander Captain Jeremy Roy. “Law enforcement is tremendously challenging these days, but it helps to know that residents appreciate our efforts to keep them safe.”

Voter approval means that staffing levels can be maintained. If the levy had not passed, the Township would have been forced to cut deputy positions. These cuts would have eliminated the proactive policing program, while also forcing the reduction of road patrols and criminal investigations.

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What's Next?

Funding from the Police Levy will allow the department to replace aging vehicles, at a rate of two per year. Of the 20 cruisers in the existing fleet, one-half have been driven more than 100,000 miles.

“Considering the demands put on those vehicles, they’re usually replaced at 80,000 miles or less,” said Roy. “We’ve been spending an awful lot just to keep them maintained.”

In addition, the existing dashboard camera systems are outdated and no longer manufactured, so they cannot be repaired. The replacement equipment will be wireless and use “cloud” technology.

Roy also foresees the possibility of a state mandate requiring officers to wear body cameras, which would have to be purchased with levy funds.

“With this levy, we requested only enough to maintain current personnel and update equipment,” said Roy. “It allows us to continue all services at the same level they’ve been for the past several years.”

Parks Spruced Up for You

If you haven’t seen Sinclair and Shiloh parks for a while, be sure to plan a visit. You may be surprised by how they’ve been spruced up by the Services Department over the winter months. Here’s what you can expect:

• New playground equipment installed at both parks, thanks to grant dollars awarded to the Township
• Playground areas mulched
• New metal roofs installed on most shelters
• New stainless steel toilets installed in restrooms
• Many signs treated to a fresh coat of paint
• Deteriorated grills replaced
• Dead trees removed
• Trash can lids replaced

If you’d like to rent the Sinclair Park lodge or shelter for a get together or business event, you can find information on the Township website at www.harrisontownship.org, or by calling the Services Department at 937-274-6871.

Just Wait:
Don’t Text and Drive

Did you know that 20 percent of all drivers admit to using a cell phone to surf the Internet while driving, according to a study by AT&T? And the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tells us that 71 percent of teens admit to composing a text message while behind the wheel.

Texting while driving makes a crash 23 times more likely. It’s unsafe and unnecessary. And it’s against the law.

Please set aside your phone – and all other distractions – when you drive.
**New Firefighters Ready to Serve**

*The Harrison Township Fire Department recently promoted four part-time paramedic/firefighters to fill full-time vacancies.*

“Hiring our own part-time personnel gives us a great advantage when filling full-time positions, since we already know their work habits, training, capabilities and skills,” said Chief Mark Lynch. “We’re able to hire outstanding employees who are prepared for the rigorous of the job from day 1.”

The newly promoted full-time personnel are Ryan Allen, Ike Ricker, Joseph Birr and Jacob Miller.

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**Meet Your New Code Enforcement Officer**

Brad Boehmer and Tony McKee, Harrison Township Code Enforcement Officers

Harrison Township’s new Code Enforcement Officer, Brad Boehmer, is one of those lucky people who has found the ideal job given his experience and personality. A home builder for 22 years, he’s quick to spot building and maintenance issues that might escape the untrained eye.

In one case, he had to convince an apartment owner to replace a roof that was in poor condition.

“Many people might not recognize a roof that’s in disrepair,” he said. “From my days in construction, I know a worn roof compared to one that’s water-tight.”

Hired by the Township last fall, Boehmer focuses on property maintenance code enforcement in the Fort McKinley and Shiloh neighborhoods. (The Township’s other zoning inspector, Tony McKee, covers the Northridge area.)

“Our ultimate goal is compliance – to work with people to get the problem fixed,” Boehmer said.

Among his co-workers, the new inspector is known for getting along with residents.

“This work is a lot more about personality than memorizing codes,” said McKee. “Brad is really good with people.”

Boehmer is a 1992 graduate of Chaminade-Julienne High School.

“The best part of my job is interacting with people,” he said. “I love seeing their reactions when they start to notice their neighborhood improving.”

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**Township Deputies Honored**

Eleven Sheriff’s deputies assigned to Harrison Township were named “Deputy of the Month” (or “Co-Deputy of the Month”) at least once during 2016 for their service above and beyond the call of duty.

**David Adams, Mark Chaney and Jonathan Miller** – For responding to a burglary in which two juveniles were in the home and escorting the youngsters to safety.

**Akshay Gyan and Bryan Statzer** – For assisting the Huber Heights Police in apprehending two subjects wanted for felonious assault on an officer.

**Jason Flora** – For his response to a robbery at gunpoint of cash and a leather jacket. His quick response led to the shut-down of the suspect’s apartment, which was being used to sell drugs and stolen property.

**Amber Haas, Joseph Schwieterman and Craig Stone** – For responding to a business alarm and apprehending a suspect who had been trying to enter a back door with a crowbar. They recovered additional property from other burglaries in the area.

**Jonathan Miller** – For resolving, without injury, a situation in which a man was threatening suicide with a butcher knife.

**Brian Godsey** – For locating and detaining two juveniles suspected of robbing two victims. The suspects had weapons on them, and they admitted to the offense.

**Bryan Statzer** – For quick action during an aggravated robbery, after a pursuit on foot. He took the suspect into custody and located stolen items.

**Walt Steele** – For his hard work and dedication in solving the missing person’s case and homicide of a Harrison Township resident.

“This type of award reminds us of the dangers deputies face day in and day out,” said Harrison Township Substation Commander Captain Jeremy Roy.
As the days get warmer and longer, why not get a start on all those outdoor projects that await you? Here are some of the most common problems that may need your attention:

- **Trash and litter** – Collect and dispose of all those papers, bags, plastic bottles and junk that have collected in the yard and around fence lines and hedges.
- **Overgrown grass and weeds** – Mother Nature doesn’t wait for summer to start the grass and weeds growing. It may be time to get out the lawn mower.
- **Landscaping** – Spring is a great time to clean up your beds and prune away dead and overgrown foliage.
- **Peeling paint** – Harsh winters take their toll on painted surfaces. Spring is a great time to take stock and make plans for applying that much-needed coat of paint.
- **Roofs, gutters and downspouts** – Make sure gutters are clear of leaves and debris and there are no gaps that would prevent the system from doing its job.

Now in its 19th season, Shiloh Farmers’ Market will be open — rain or shine — every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from May 6 to October 21. The location is the Shiloh Church parking lot on the corner of Philadelphia Drive and North Main St.

The market will again accept SNAP/EBT and also continue the Produce Perks incentive tokens. There’s even a convenient option for using credit cards. For more information, please contact Zella Cook at 937-248-1536.

If you notice trash in your driveway, yard or neighborhood, please take a minute to pick it up and dispose of it properly. It takes all of us working together to keep up the appearance of our community.

Harrison Township has made it easy for residents to dispose of junk, debris and lawn waste through your weekly trash pickup service by Rumpke.

- **Bulky Item Pickup** – Harrison Township offers free weekly pickup of bulky items. For guidelines, please check our website at www.harristownship.org.
- **Yard Waste Pickup** – Set out yard waste with your regular trash, and it will be picked up on your regular trash day.
Street Improvements Coming

The upcoming construction season will bring nearly $5.8 million in capital improvements to Harrison Township roadways and water utility systems. Because of its aggressive approach to seeking outside grants to pay for the projects, the Township’s share will be only $236,820, just over 4 percent.

Here’s what you can expect:

Northridge

• Arthur Plat Phase II (between North Dixie and I-75; Needmore and Cadie) – Water main replacement and asphalt resurfacing to be completed in Nov. 2017, at a cost of $2,402,494. The Township’s cost is $29,019.
• Woodland Hills Plat Phase II (between Wadsworth and Webster; Keenan and Coronette) – Water main replacement and asphalt resurfacing to be completed Oct. 2017, at a cost of $2,213,846. The Township’s share is $21,983.

• Ashcraft Plat (between I-75 and Webster; Needmore and Stop Eight) – Asphalt resurfacing to be completed in Sept. 2017, at a cost of $269,861. The Township’s cost is $59,000.
• Titus Plat (between Payne and North Dixie; Needmore and Claggett) – Asphalt resurfacing to be completed Aug. 2017, at a cost of $219,551. The Township’s share is $24,063.
• Sumpter Plat (between Kennan and Onaota; I-75 and North Dixie – Asphalt resurfacing to be completed in Sept. 2017, at a cost of $270,116. The Township’s cost is $61,500.

Fort McKinley

• Michigan Plat (between Klepinger and Salem; Michigan and Siebenthaler) – Asphalt resurfacing to be completed in August 2017, at a cost of $412,555. The Township will pay $41,255.

If you have any questions about neighborhood groups, please contact Development Director Cathi Spaugy at 937-890-5611.

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Neighbors Working with Neighbors

Have a neighborhood concern that needs attention? Want to get to know your neighbors? How about working together to prevent crime or make an improvement? These are just a few of the reasons neighborhood groups get organized.

One of Harrison Township’s greatest assets is the strength of its neighborhood associations. Here are the groups currently active in the community:
Automotive Business Invests in Township

A new, pre-owned car company has breathed new life into the vacant business property at 400 Shoup Mill Rd. SVG Motors purchased and completely renovated the former car dealership and opened for business in late 2016.

The Harrison Township location joins Dayton area SVG dealerships in Eaton and Greenville.

“This is good news for the Township and our efforts to continue strengthening and revitalization of the Riverside, Shoup Mill, North Main Street Corridor,” said Development Director Cathi Spaugy. “Harrison Township welcomes SVG to the business community and looks forward to their success.”

Kroger Building Community Partnership

The Kroger store on Siebenthaler Avenue in Harrison Township has raised the bar as a model corporate citizen. Recently the store called together a meeting of neighbors, local leaders and nearby businesses and institutions to make sure its relationships in the community can grow on solid footing.

They used the time also to introduce the new store manager, Roosevelt Williams; explain recent store enhancements and future plans; invite neighbors’ comments; and ask for help in recruiting good employees.

The meeting brought together representatives from Harrison Township, Montgomery County, the City of Dayton, the City of Trotwood, Good Samaritan Hospital, the Salem Business Association, Omega Baptist Church, Kroger’s and the neighborhood.

“It was very positive, and the Kroger officials were impressed to see so many community leaders take the time to participate,” said Trustee Georgeann Godsey, who represented Harrison Township at the meeting. “I think we have a good partnership with the store.”

She also stressed the importance of the Kroger store to the community.

“It’s so much more than just a place to buy groceries,” said Godsey. “It’s a nice place to see your neighbors and friends. There’s a social dimension to it.

“We want Kroger to know that we’re glad they’re here.”

Businesses: Fire Extinguisher Training Required

Business owners, did you know that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires that you provide fire extinguisher training to any employee who’s expected to use a fire extinguisher in the event of a fire?

You can fulfill this requirement by choosing either online classes provided by OSHA or the U.S. Department of Labor, or hands-on training such as that provided by the Harrison Township Fire Department. Fire Prevention Officer Kevin Monroe offers OSHA-certified training, which consists of 15 minutes in the classroom and 15 minutes of practice handling a fire extinguisher.

Businesses must also have their fire extinguishers serviced annually. Monroe makes similar training available to residents through the Township’s neighborhood associations. He also advises homeowners to inspect their fire extinguishers twice a year to make sure they’ll function when needed.

“Home owners and their fire extinguishers are the Fire Department’s first line of defense,” he said.

To schedule a class for your business, please contact the Fire Prevention Office at 937-274-4351.
Welcome, New Businesses

Harrison Township Trustees welcome the following new businesses to the community.

**Northridge**
- Grid on Solutions - 2554 Needmore Rd.
- Private Ink - 3353 Needmore Rd.
- Ruff-N-Tumble Child Care - 5500 N. Dixie Dr.
- Rush Transportation - 2619 Needmore Rd.
- Value Car Mart - 4448 N. Dixie Dr.

**Shiloh**
- Acupuncture of Miami Valley - 6325 N. Main St.
- Robert D. Frazier, DDS - 7111 N. Main St.
- Sanna Beauty - 6030 N. Main St.
- Star First 1 Financial Inc. - 3900 N. Main St.

**Fort McKinley**
- VHB Ministries - 4400 Old Barn Rd.

The next time you need to shop for products and services, consider your choices right here in Harrison Township, and “buy local” when you can.

Find the Right Location for Your Business

Business owners, looking for a new location? Look no further than the Harrison Township website, where you can find a listing of available commercial and industrial properties.

Each listing includes the location, a map, property type and sub-type (for example, “industrial” type and “office showroom” sub-type), lot size, and in some cases, a photo.

For more information, please visit the “Economic Development” page on the website at http://www.harrisontownship.org/economic_development/available_property.

Fix Up Your Business Property

Warm weather has arrived, making now the perfect time to start planning the maintenance projects around your place of business. Here are the specific areas Harrison Township code enforcement officers will check when reviewing a commercial property:

- Structural soundness
- Exterior walls, drainage gutters and accessory buildings maintained and free of peeling paint
- Windows intact
- Signage maintained and well secured
- Yard maintained and parking areas free of potholes
- Litter and debris removed

We also encourage you to pay attention to your landscaping. If it’s looking tired and worn, refresh it.

Make your place of business welcoming and attractive for customer, employees and visitors.
Community Garage Sale: June 1-3

Whether you’re a garage sale buyer or seller, you’ll want to get ready for the Harrison Township Community Garage Sale on June 1-3.

Sellers, you can call Harrison Township at 937-890-5611 to have your sale location added to a master list of participating garage sales. Shoppers, you can stop by the Township Government Center or go to the Township’s website for a map of all the sales around town.

Community Garden Needs Volunteers

The Harvest for Hope garden on St. Louis Street in Harrison Township needs your help. Organizers donate all its fresh produce to local community kitchens and are looking for individuals or groups of volunteers to help with all routine gardening tasks. There are also flower beds and a fruit garden to maintain. Sign up online at harvestihopedayton.org, by email at contact@harvestihopedayton.org, or by calling Michelle Emerson at 937-620-7693.

Save A Tree  Please let us know if you’d like to receive this newsletter in your email. Call 937-890-5611 to have your name added to the list.