High-Tech Tools Help Solve Crimes

Harrison Township is employing the latest technology to give police the advantage over anyone who decides to break the law. After a year of testing the effectiveness of two Flock Safety cameras, the Township is installing ten more in strategic locations.

Statistics show that a motor vehicle is involved in 70% of the crimes committed. Flock cameras capture images of license plates on passing vehicles, providing Sheriff’s deputies with critical evidence. The system also identifies a vehicle’s make, type and color.

“The two cameras in place have been instrumental in solving numerous cases, including stolen vehicles, hit-and-run crashes and arrest of robbery suspects,” said Township Administrator Kris McClintick.

The photographs are compared against databases containing stolen-car data. The images are stored in the Cloud for 30 days so they can be researched in active crime investigations.

“The cameras do not capture photos of individuals’ faces — only vehicle information, which is considered public information,” said McClintick. “Every detail is critical for helping us solve cases, deter future crimes and keep the community safe.”

Township offices are closed on the following dates:

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Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule

Board of Trustees’ meetings are held in the Township Government Center:

First Monday – Workshop Meeting at 5:30 p.m.; General Session at 7 p.m.
Third Thursday – Workshop Meeting at 10:30 a.m.; General Session at 12 p.m.
Each Thursday at 4 p.m. if needed.

All meetings except executive sessions are open to the public and citizens are welcome to attend.


**Don’t Put Off Furnace Inspection**

If scheduling a furnace inspection with an HVAC professional isn’t on your fall to-do list, it should be. The Fire Department warns that a dirty furnace can cause deadly carbon monoxide to enter your home.

In addition, HVAC experts say a furnace inspection can:

- Prevent breakdowns during heating season
- Extend the life of your furnace
- Improve energy efficiency
- Deliver cleaner air by replacing filters, and
- Keep your warranty valid

For more information about furnace inspections, contact the Fire Department at 937-274-4351.

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**Help Name this Newsletter**

Your ideas are needed to give this publication a new name. We’re looking for a moniker that reflects the progressive spirit, energy and friendliness of our neighborhoods and community.

One entry per person, please. Deadline for submission is December 1, 2021. The winner will be recognized on social media, the Township’s website, and in the next newsletter.

Send your submission to Ken Jarosik, Communication Manager, by email at kjarosik@harrisontownship.org, or leave him a message at 937-576-0263.

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**Township Mourns Passing of Fiscal Officer**

Harrison Township Fiscal Officer Deborah Merrick passed away on August 4, 2021, at the age of 66.

She was first appointed to the position in 2007 and won every election after that. A Township native and 1973 Northridge High School graduate, she had previously worked for 35 years at the Ace Handyman.

“All of us at Harrison Township think of Debbie with love for her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit,” said Harrison Township Board of Trustees President Roland Winburn. “I am honored to have known and served with her. She was truly a blessing in my life, and we all miss her wonderful and gentle soul.”

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**Event Builds Community-Police Partnership**

Like people around the U.S., Harrison Township residents attended National Night Out together with law enforcement to promote an anti-crime message and promote safe neighborhoods.

“This annual event encourages police and community partnerships,” said Township Administrator Kris McClintick. “The goal is to make neighborhoods as safe as possible.”

Attendees enjoyed food, games and information booths as well as up-close views of police vehicles and fire department equipment. Covid-19 vaccinations were administered by Public Health - Dayton and Montgomery County.

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Two members of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office Regional SWAT team display the vehicle assigned to the team.
Fire Department Promotions

Lieutenant Dave Nangle was recently promoted to the position of Battalion Chief. He has been a firefighter since 1987, and was hired by Harrison Township in 2001.

Among his duties in this new role, he is responsible for vehicle maintenance, monitoring and responding to calls for service, directing Fire Department operations when on duty, investigating fire scenes, and public education.

In addition, Firefighter Brian Faruki was promoted to Lieutenant, and part-time Firefighter Paul Kimmel was promoted to full-time.

Congratulations!

New Fiscal Officer Appointed

The Harrison Township trustees recently appointed Craig A. Jones as Fiscal Officer. A Township resident since 1996, he is a 1980 graduate of Stivers-Patterson Co-op High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a dual major in accounting and finance, from Ohio Northern University. He has also completed high-level leadership programs.

Mr. Jones has been a public servant for more than 35 years. He is an Ohio School Treasurer, a licensed Ohio School Business Manager, a Certified Public Finance Officer, a Certified Government Financial Manager as well as a Registered School Business Fiscal Officer.

Grant Pays for Extra Patrols

A federal grant awarded last year has netted outstanding results in Harrison Township’s efforts against crime.

The $103,000 award from the Department of Justice’s Project Safe Neighborhood program paid for 1,617 additional hours of proactive patrols and two Flock Safety cameras. With the added resources, Sheriff’s deputies were able to successfully complete many investigations and make arrests.

The program’s resounding success has prompted the Sheriff’s Office to apply for next round of grant funding under this federal program.
Battalion Chief Honored

As part of the Blue Coat Mass held at St. Rita’s Church to honor all public safety personnel on the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Battalion Chief Mike Crist was recognized for his service to the fire department and the Harrison Township community. He has aggressively pursued grant funding, and as a result, the Fire Department has been awarded more than $244,000 to purchase several pieces of equipment that enhance the safety of firefighters and residents.

For his dedication and positive impact, the Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3754 presented Crist the Blue Coat Certificate of Merit.

The history of the Blue Coat Mass dates back to 1934 and is held annually by Knights of Columbus chapters across the country.

“This is important for us to recognize the work that they do day in and day out,” said Knights of Columbus District 2 Master Mike Gauder.

In Memoriam

Harrison Township mourns the recent passing of Battalion Chief Terry Overman. He began with the Department as a volunteer firefighter in 1992 and achieved certifications as a Level 2 firefighter and paramedic. He primarily oversaw the Department’s equipment-maintenance program.

Grant Purchase Protects Paramedics

The Harrison Township Fire Department has taken an important measure to prevent injuries its employees tasked with saving lives.

A $40,000 grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation has been used to purchase Power Load electric cots, a battery-powered hydraulic system that makes the job of paramedics safer.

“This equipment reduces spinal load and so decreases the likelihood of providers sustaining an injury during the lifting and loading of patients into the medic units,” said Fire Chief Mark Lynch.

A requirement in accepting the grant was that the Township provide a one-to-one match, which paid for the purchase of a second cot. Both cots were put in service in May.

9/11 Heroes Remembered

With flags at half mast, members of the Harrison Township Fire Department gathered on the 20th anniversary of 9/11 to honor the fallen first responders after the World Trade Center terrorist attack. America will never forget their bravery and sacrifice.
Meet Riggs, the Police Canine

From finding lost children and elderly individuals to sniffing out illegal drugs, trained canines are remarkable at carrying out tasks that are beyond the capabilities of their human counterparts. Indeed, a dog can be a law enforcement officer’s best friend.

Harrison Township residents now enjoy the services of a state-certified canine-handler team, thanks to an initiative of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Deputy Matt McIntosh and his canine partner, Riggs, completed eight weeks of training this spring and continue to receive sixteen additional hours of training each month.

Riggs has been on daily patrol since June and helped with several narcotics and area searches, as well as clearing buildings. He spends his off-duty time as a member of the McIntosh family.

Township Welcomes New Employees

Emily Crow was hired as the new Development Director for Harrison Township. She comes to the Township after 20 years as a planning consultant with McBride Dale Clarion, a Cincinnati-based community planning consulting firm. Emily is a certified planner who has created award-winning plans and worked with communities across the eastern United States. A Springfield, Ohio, native, Emily graduated from the University of Cincinnati School of Planning with a bachelor’s degree in Urban Planning.

Ashley Cyphers began her new position as Harrison Township’s Utility Billing Clerk in August. Hers is the smiling face that most often greets visitors to the Government Center. Born and raised in Northridge, she still lives in the community today. Ashley previously worked for 13 years at a medical specialty practice office.

Tyler Hauck is the new Township Planner, working in the Development Department. A Cincinnati native, he graduated from Ohio State with a bachelor’s degree in City and Regional Planning. He previously worked for the City of Columbus, Indiana, for four years before accepting his current position.

Ken Jarosik was hired as the Township’s new Communication Manager. With 20 years in the television industry as a videographer, editor and producer, he most recently worked for nearly a decade at the Better Business Bureau of Dayton and Miami Valley. He served as a Communications Specialist before being promoted to Manager of Videography and Content Strategy.

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Tornado Recovery Continues

Township Launches River Cleanup Effort

The 2019 tornadoes did more than destroy homes and businesses: They also deposited all manner of debris in local rivers. Among the biggest problems have been sheared tree tops that, in the water, act as major debris collection points.

With 60 miles of Great Miami and Stillwater river shoreline in its boundaries, Harrison Township is taking measures to address the problem with a new river cleanup program four times a year. Unfortunately, the first event, which was scheduled for September 25, had to be postponed because heavy rain the previous week made working in the rivers unsafe. Please check the Township’s website or Facebook page for the new date.

“This program will make use of volunteers who will walk, paddle or wade along the banks of a given section of river and collect litter and debris in efforts to prevent it from going any farther downstream,” said Township Services Director Merle Cyphers, who organized the effort.

This project is being funded by Harrison Township and a Montgomery County Solid Waste Litter Control grant.

“Along with helping the environment, our goal is to educate participants about the value of the our community’s natural resources,” Cyphers said. “We believe our efforts and investments today will pay environmental dividends in the future.”

Volunteers Chip In

Volunteers recently helped to plant over 80 trees at Sinclair Park. The individuals represent these organizations:

- Harrison Township
- Dayton Leadership
- Keep Montgomery County Beautiful
- Keep Ohio Beautiful
- Keep America Beautiful
- UPS
- Retreet

Thanks to these generous volunteers for making time to help!

‘A Benchmark Moment’: Park Coming Back to Life

Over 80 new, native trees found their home at Sinclair Park, thanks to volunteers who donated their time at a tree-planting event on October 2, 2021.

The new oak, maple, hackberries, walnut, hickory and other tree species begin to replace some of 340 trees destroyed by the 2019 tornadoes.

“Getting this project to the finish line is a benchmark moment for the reconstruction of Sinclair Park,” said Township Trustee Charles Waldron, Jr. “We owe a big thank you to our services department for pulling all of this together and bringing Sinclair Park back to life.”

Meanwhile, Sinclair Park has seen the Township install a new picnic shelter and begin to reclaim grassy areas. The remnants of dead trees are gone, while stumps and random debris are still being removed.

The township will be asking the community what amenities should be added to Sinclair Park’s master plan.

The park will open in April 2022.
Abandoned Condos to be Demolished

Damaged during the 2019 tornadoes and abandoned, four condominium/townhomes at 4000-4008 Lofty Oaks Ln. have not only become eyesores visible from Shoup Mill Road, but also a safety hazard. They will be demolished in the coming months.

“Dangerous conditions have been identified by our fire inspector, and since they have remained unrepaired for over two years, we have to start the process to demolish them,” said Development Director Emily Crow.

The Township must first hold a hearing and allow for the property owner to make an appeal. After that, Township officials will solicit bids for the work. The cost of the demolition will be assessed back to the property and become the responsibility of the property owner.

“If there is no immediate private-sector interest in building in this area, the Township will work on strategies to promote redevelopment with something that will be marketable and meet neighborhood expectations,” said Crow.

Interested in participating in this community process?

Please contact the Development Department at 937-890-5611 to be added to the mailing list for notifications of community planning efforts this fall and winter.

Volunteers Restore Tornado-Damaged Home

A local nonprofit and dozens of volunteers converged at 2620 Oneida Dr. recently to make whole a home heavily damaged by the 2019 tornadoes.

Rebuilding Together Dayton organized the group of volunteers – including Harrison Township staff and trustees, Shiloh Church members and community residents. Their goal was to replace the entire roof, install new aluminum siding and windows, as well as paint and refloor three rooms.

The homeowner, who lives and works in Harrison Township, has owned the home for 13 years. After the tornadoes, her insurance settlement covered only the electrical damage and left her with several boarded-up and broken windows and a leaky roof for more than two years.

Rebuilding Together Dayton has been instrumental in the area’s recovery from the tornadoes. Along with Miami Valley Community Action Partnership, Habitat for Humanity and CountyCorp, the organization has worked on 146 tornado home-repair projects over the past two years, with support from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati’s Disaster Reconstruction Program.

FEMA Tornado Reimbursements Finalized

After a lengthy process, Harrison Township has received $2,685,149 in reimbursement payments from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The funds helped to repay the Township for cleanup costs, street maintenance and signage repairs, police and fire emergency services, Fire Station 94 distribution-center expenses and miscellaneous costs such as the generators needed for essential government operations.

The reimbursement does not cover the entire cost of making facilities whole, however. For example, the FEMA reimbursement for Sinclair Park cleanup was $474,000. The total cost of restoring the park will top $1 million by the time it’s finished.

The Ohio Emergency Management Agency has also reimbursed 12.5% of the Township’s tornado-cleanup costs.

Township trustees and staff joined Rebuild Together Dayton volunteers from Shiloh Church and the community to restore a home damaged by the 2019 tornadoes.
Keep Dumpsters at a Distance

If your business uses Dumpsters, be aware that they must be 25 feet away from any building. These trash receptacles are known to catch fire, and this distance should keep fire away from your building.

Are Your Employees Safe in an Emergency?

The best way to respond effectively to a crisis situation is to be prepared well before a crisis strikes. For a business location or other facility, this means creating a written emergency action plan.

The purpose of an emergency action plan is to identify, facilitate, and organize employer and employees’ actions during workplace emergencies. Well thought-out emergency plans and proper employee training on roles and responsibilities generally result in fewer and less severe employee injuries and less structural damage to the facility during emergencies.

Schools, daycares, and nursing facilities are required by federal law to have an emergency action plan. Specific criteria exist for each type of facility, but all emergency action plans address fire safety, conditions for building evacuation, emergency egress or escape routes, and proper implementation of a lockdown.

For help with creating an emergency action plan, you can find online tools at cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-101/emrgact/emrgact.pdf and ready.gov/business/implementation/emergency

The Harrison Township Fire Prevention Bureau is also available to assist. The Bureau can be reached at 937-274-4351.

Welcome, New Businesses

Harrison Township welcomes these new businesses to the community:

American Siding and Roofing LLC, 5217 Wadsworth Rd.
Boyle Mechanical Solutions, 6050 Milo Rd.
Bourbon City, 3736 Salem Ave.
D & B Auto Repair, 6507 N. Dixie Dr.
Express Studio, 6855 N. Dixie Dr.
GW Allure, 5212 N. Main St.
Ohio Budokan Inc., 2119 Keenan Ave.
Spa Mary Belle Day Spa, 5305 N. Main St.

When shopping for the goods and services you need, be sure to consider township businesses first.

Looking for the Township’s Best

If you travel around Harrison Township, maybe you’ve seen signs that say, “We Noticed.”

Township officials are on a mission to showcase the residential and business properties that display an extra level of TLC. Whether it’s a new paint job, outstanding landscaping or a beautiful flower garden, we want to recognize property owners who improve their neighborhoods when they take pride in their home or business.

“Taking time to care for your property, whether business or residential, is such an important part of who we are,” said Township Trustee Georgeann Godsey. “This is our way to let you know ‘We Noticed.’”
Leaf Pick-Up Starts October 18

One of the most popular services provided by Harrison Township is convenient curbside pickup twice a season.

The schedule is organized by leaf pickup zones. To find your zone, refer to the map on this page or find it on the Harrison Township website (harrisontownship.org). From the home page, click on “Departments,” then “Services” and finally “Leaf Pickup.” Look up your street name and then the zone.

Keep this schedule in a handy place throughout the season. Also, please remember these guidelines:

• Pile your leaves curbside by 7:30 a.m. on Monday of your scheduled week.

• Avoid piling your leaves around parked vehicles, trees, poles, signs, culverts and ditches.

• Don’t mix any other wastes — such as brush, tree limbs, garbage, grass clippings and animal wastes — with your leaves.

• If you want to bag your leaves and place them curbside, you can call the Services Department at 937-274-6871, and they will pick them up as soon as possible.

• You may also put your leaves in the Rumpke containers or the overage bags purchased from the Township. Leave them out for pickup on your regular trash collection day.

• If you have questions about leaf pickup, please contact the Services Department at 937-274-6871.
FoodBank Distribution Feeds Hundreds

More than one thousand area families received boxes loaded with chicken, fresh produce, bananas, corn, grain, and dry goods, thanks to two food distribution events organized by local organizations.

The Foodbank, Public Health - Dayton and Montgomery County, Caressource, and Dayton Children’s sponsored the events in June and September. They were held at Dixie Drive-In, which provided plenty of space for an efficient drive-through process. Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County staff were on hand to administer Covid-19 vaccines.

An additional event is planned for October 28, also at the Dixie Drive-In.
Help Yourself to a Clear Driveway

Here's good news if you've ever been frustrated to see some of the hard work of clearing your driveway undone by the snowplow that just made a pass on your street. Although it's nearly impossible to prevent all snow from ending up in your drive approach, there are ways to help minimize the amount. Try these strategies:

• Always clear an area to the left of your drive as you face the road. This gives the snowplow as much space as possible before reaching your driveway.

• Whenever possible, remove the snow at the end of your driveway to the right side of your drive as you face the road. This will ensure that as the snowplow collects the snow, it is moved to the grass and not back in your drive.

• Remember that if your driveway gets plowed in, it was not intentional. Please call the Services Department, and they will make every attempt to correct the issue.

• Snowplow drivers often work long hours through days, nights, weekends and holidays to ensure that all residents can safely reach wherever they need to be the next day. Anything you can do to make the job a little easier is much appreciated. And as a reminder... after hours and hours of removing snow, plow drivers have to go home and clean their own driveways, as well.

Paving Projects Spruce Up Neighborhoods

By the end of 2021, two Harrison Township neighborhoods will have seen a refresh of their roadways. Major repaving projects were programmed for this year, including one in south Fort McKinley, which was completed in the spring, and another in the Rugby-Sunnyview plats, which will start in late fall.

Fort McKinley

The south Fort McKinley project involved the repaving of all streets between Salem Avenue and Hillcrest. Storm drainage improvements were also included. Funding for this nearly $280,000 project was split between Harrison Township and the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Rugby-Sunnyview

The roads in these two adjacent areas will be repaved through one project. Storm drainage improvements will also be included. This $270, 500 cost is being paid entirely by Harrison Township. It's due to start November 3 and be completed in less than two weeks.
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Change Your Clocks, Change Your Batteries
The daylight savings time change makes it easy to remember to change your smoke alarm battery, too. As you set your clock for the “fall back” time change on Sunday, November 7, change your smoke alarm battery as well to test the device to make sure it’s ready to do its life-saving work. Also, fire safety officials advise residents to replace any smoke detector older than 10 years.

Happy Halloween!
Get your trick-or-treaters ready! Beggars Night for Harrison Township has been set for Sunday, October 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents, be sure you help your kids follow all the safety rules. Motorists, watch out for youngsters as you drive on this special night – and always.

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