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NORWICH

T O W N S H I P

Bicentennial Open House

April 27, 2013
9am to 12 Noon



HISTORY

Displays and Photos about the history of Norwich Township, with outside displays on loan from the Historical Society*, including: historic Farm Equipment, Fire Truck and Pick-up Trucks

TOUR

Fire Station

- Firefighters will conduct tours of the station
- Fire Equipment will be on display, along with Sparky's Mobile Smoke House Simulator, a demonstration of rescue tools and children's Fire Hose Extinguisher Simulator

HEALTH

Area Hospitals, including Mt. Carmel, Ohio Health, Nationwide Childrens and OSU.

- Meeting Rooms set with health education materials and health screenings

TIRES

Tire Recycling Drive

- Held in our Parking Lot, in partnership with SWACO
- Free disposal of up to (4) old tires per residential household

*Note: The Northwest Franklin County Historical Village and Museum (located just south of our building) will also open on April 27, 2013.

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2013 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

April 16, 6:30 PM
May 7, 12:00 PM
May 21, 6:30 PM
June 4, 12:00 PM
June 18, 6:30 PM
July 2, 12:00 PM
July 16, 6:30 PM
August 6, 12:00 PM
August 20, 6:30 PM
September 3, 12:00 PM
September 17, 6:30 PM
October 1, 12:00 PM
October 15, 6:30 PM
November 5, 12:00 PM
November 19, 6:30 PM
December 3, 12:00 PM
December 17, 6:30 PM

The public is always welcome to attend.

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway

If you have questions,
please call (614) 876-7694.

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Battalion Chief Greg Collier Retires

By Battalion Chief Jeff Warren



Collier Family Lt. to Rt.: Trevor, Tammy, Greg, Adam

The life event referred to as retirement is meant to be a time that employment bench marks are met, a separation of service time is announced and the dreams of travel, resting, and extended time with your family are as vivid as they have ever been. Retirement is a time to reflect back on your accomplishments, the lives you've changed and the people you have served. Retired life is meant to be simple, schedule-free and relaxed. Keeping all that in mind, we are reminded that often things do not go as planned or expected.

On February 10th, Battalion Chief Greg Collier, separated service from the Norwich Township Fire Department earlier than he would have wished. The accomplishments over his 32 years of service pale in

comparison to the battle he has ahead of him. You see, Greg is standing boldly in the face of a disease that has impacted the lives of nearly everyone reading this article in one way or another, cancer.

Not long after Greg's younger brother died from this barbaric disease, Greg began to have problems and indications that he too may be preparing for the battle of his life. As he and his doctors pursued a diagnosis and plan of attack, Greg stood with the same dignity and poise we have grown accustomed to seeing on emergency scenes in this community.

In June 2011, he went into the James Cancer Center for the beginning of a series of events and pressures under which even the strongest and bravest of people would buckle. The surgery started as the sun came up and lasted well past the sun setting. Once his wife Tammi and sons Trevor and Adam went back to the SICU to see him, he was positive and encouraging. Even though the surgeons removed a twenty pound mass, a kidney and a portion of his intestines, Greg made it clear that he was going to fight, and fight he did.

Greg returned to work in October 2011, less than 120 days after the surgery. He felt he had more to give to the community and loose ends to wrap up. He continued to display his servant leadership style daily and refused to allow anyone to show him any pity.

After a follow-up surgery in late 2012 and a post-op appointment in early 2013 with his surgeon, Greg announced to the members of Norwich that he intended to retire on February 10th. The news he received from his surgeon wasn't a clean bill of health but the advice was clear. His surgeon told him to enjoy what time he has left and see the things that he has dreamed of seeing.

Over the past few months, if you have visited with Greg or have spoken with him by a chance meeting, you would never know the battle going on within his body. He stands before you with a faithful, positive outlook of the future. His retirement dinner on February 23rd was one like no other and his daily walk is admirable.

On behalf of Norwich Township we salute you, Battalion Chief Greg Collier, as you enter into retirement. We hope that it is everything you have dreamed it to be and is long-lasting as you boldly stand in the face of life distractions. Thank you for your dedicated service and keep up the good fight! 🍀

It has been 15 years...

Norwich Township's last Fire Levy was passed in 1998. Since then. . .

- Population has increased 34%
- Residential parcels have increased 29%
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS) calls have increased 75% from 2,282 to 4,015
- Added two additional satellite fire stations – Walker Road and Davidson Road
- Equipped all fire and EMS vehicles with advanced life support equipment and personnel
- Fire/EMS personnel has increased from 46 employees to 85 employees
- Constructed a joint safety services building, the first of its kind, to house the Township administration, Fire Department, and City of Hilliard Police Department
- Implemented EMS billing in 2009 to aid in offsetting the various legislative tax losses
- Received 26 fire/EMS related grants totaling more than \$730,000

With this growth, Norwich Township Fire Department has maintained an Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating of 3 which places the Department in the top five percent in the State. This rating is a public protection classification that impacts homeowners' insurance premiums.

The Norwich Township Firefighters have agreed to forgo pay raises for 2013, 2014, and 2015.

For homeowners, Issue 11 will cost \$10.50 more per month in taxes per \$100,000 in property value.

Norwich Township and City of Hilliard Voters:

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ISSUE 11 ON MAY 7, 2013



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Don't forget Mom!

The annual Mother's Day Flower Sale, conducted by Norwich Township Firefighters' Local # 1723, will be held May 9-11, 2013. Thursday and Friday 11am to 7pm and Saturday 9am to 7pm. The two locations are: Fire Station 83 at 4283 Davidson Road and Life Community Church at 4400 Cemetery Road. As always, there will be a terrific variety of potted plants and hanging baskets. Also a great way to get instant seasonal color for your own patio and yard.



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Water Pollution Prevention for Homeowners

Stormwater refers to rainfall or snowmelt. When it soaks into the soil, it restores groundwater and fills soil pore spaces for use by plants. When rainwater runs off lawns and hard surfaces, it flows to storm drains, which pipe it to the nearest stream. The storm sewer system is meant only to prevent drainage problems and does not filter or slow the rainwater before it reaches the stream. This surge of rainwater erodes streambanks and also carries pollutants picked up from yards and streets. Storm sewers are a different system than sanitary sewers that take wastewater from houses and commercial buildings to the wastewater treatment plant.

You can protect local streams by reducing stormwater runoff and minimizing pollutants by:

- Disconnecting your downspout from the street by directing it to a rain garden or harvesting the rain water with a rain barrel.
- Planting grass or groundcover in areas of bare soil.
- Removing yard trimmings and leaves from street gutters and storm drains.
- Minimizing the use of fertilizers and pesticides in your yard.
- Using a broom and dust pan rather than hosing down sidewalks or driveways.
- Bagging pet waste to throw in the trash.
- Washing your car on grass or gravel or taking it to a commercial car wash.
- Storing all chemicals in a dry place protected from the rain.
- Rinsing latex paint brushes in the sink and not at the curb.
- Taking household hazardous waste to a mobile collection site or to Environmental Enterprises Inc. SWACO.org has a list of products considered HHW.
- Recycling used oil at a local auto parts store or oil-change business.
- Maintaining your aerator or septic system.

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