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NORWICH

T O W N S H I P

Thanks to Norwich Township and City of Hilliard Residents!

This community, by showing its overwhelming support for the recent Fire Levy, has once again proven the importance it places on quality of life. The Norwich Township Fire Department vows to continue to do its part to make safety services one of the prime reasons for attracting and keeping residential and business people in this area. In addition, we pledge to maintain careful and conscientious use of the levy funds the community has allocated through passing the levy in May 2013. Thank you!



9-1-1 Changes Coming



You may have heard or read that changes in 9-1-1 dispatching are coming to our area. As the state legislature mandated by passing House Bill 360, Franklin County must comply with a reduction in the number of PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) centers. The county must be down to a maximum of four funded centers by 2018. So, for all practical purposes, consolidation is inevitable. And due to ongoing changes in services and equipment capability, significant investments are also inevitable – another reason that municipalities are banding together for Dispatch Centers. Although

equipment and software updates are necessary to keep up with technology, cities and townships combining resources will help to prevent overspending in the long run.

The choice for Norwich Township was not complicated. Our current dispatching service, provided by the City of Hilliard, is moving to Dublin. Since we provide fire service to the city and our township (as well as Brown Township), it makes sense for us to move our dispatching to the same location. The added benefit is that Dublin is providing us with cutting-edge technology, including pre-arrival medical instructions that will save time on-site by preparing our firefighter/paramedics with necessary information prior to appearing at the scene.

Dublin currently answers cell phone calls for us, and these account for close to 70% of our total calls. So it is quite likely that your emergency calls may have been answered by Dublin in the past. Norwich and Washington Townships, who provide fire service for Hilliard and Dublin, already have a great working relationship due to past cooperation on mutual aid runs. So, many of the pieces are already in place to make this a productive consolidation. That said, pursuit of the inclusion of more government entities to this group continues. Additional savings can be achieved as fixed costs of the dispatching center are split by even more communities.

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2013 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Sept. 3, 12:00 PM
Sept. 17, 6:30 PM
Oct. 1, 12:00 PM
Oct. 15, 6:30 PM
Nov. 5, 12:00 PM

Nov. 19, 6:30 PM
Dec. 3, 12:00 PM
Dec. 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.

Neighborhood... what does it mean to you?

Every family has its own idea of the best way to enjoy time at home. It's why we each bought a home in the first place – to possess the lifestyle we envisioned there. For some it's a dance party in the backyard; for others a calm summer evening, quietly chatting on the deck. And we understand that, in order to maintain the comraderie we experience as part of a neighborhood, it will occasionally involve the need to tolerate another's activity choice and noise level. The key word here is "occasionally". You may be the type to consistently pump up the volume, or to leave your dog outside all evening while you are away (so your neighbors who retire early are kept awake by your barking dog until you return). In these cases, who is being inconvenienced consistently? Not you – your neighbor doesn't make noise, or leave the dog out - so you are never bothered. If he or she does finally work up the courage to ask if you would turn down your music volume, are you offended? You shouldn't be – that's the give and take required of being a good neighbor and helping them enjoy the type of neighborhood they envision, too.



According to Hilliard Police Officer Hyda Slone, "often having a non-confrontational talk with your neighbor is all it takes to solve the problem, but you can always call the non-emergency number (876-7321) for the Hilliard Police. They can help with a solution; possibly even issuing a citation per Norwich Township's Noise Resolution # 090921.02, if necessary."

Save the Environment...Go online!

Want to be updated with more newsletters annually? The willingness of a larger number of residents to view future newsletters online will allow the Township to produce these updates more often. Just go to www.norwichtownship.org to enter your e-mail address, and the future news will automatically be delivered to you via your e-mail.

More residents registered for e-mail delivery = more newsletters!

Rain Barrels



Do you want to save money on water bills and protect local streams and rivers?

Accomplish both goals by installing a rain barrel to catch rainwater that falls on your roof and use it for your vegetable or flower garden. Homeowners in participating communities are eligible to participate in the **GreenSpot Rain Barrel Program** in-person workshops. Register to attend a workshop for \$55.00 and leave with an attractive, 40-gallon terracotta-colored barrel. Participating communities include unincorporated Franklin County (townships outside of municipalities) and the cities of Canal Winchester, Columbus, Gahanna, Hilliard, New Albany, Upper Arlington, Westerville and Worthington.

All homeowners in Franklin County can participate in an online self-study course. Pass an easy, online quiz and order the barrel for \$55 via PayPal secure ordering. Online participants pick up their barrel at the office of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District, 1328 Dublin Road, Columbus 43215.

Because the goal of the GreenSpot Rain Barrel Program is to introduce as many homeowners as possible to stormwater runoff issues, those who have purchased a discounted rain barrel in previous years are not eligible. Several local retailers sell the same or similar rain barrels. Read more about the GreenSpot Rain Barrel Program and download a registration form at www.GreenSpotRainBarrels.org. If you have any questions, please call Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at (614) 486-9613.



Retirements

Promotions

New Hires

Awards

Norwich Township Distinctions

This year, the Fire Department has seen a number of changes, brought about by several retirements and subsequent personnel replacements and promotions.



Battalion Chief John King retired following 22 years with the Fire Dept.



Captain Vincent Papa retired after 27 years with the Fire Dept.



Promoted to Assistant Fire Chief:
Jeff Warren



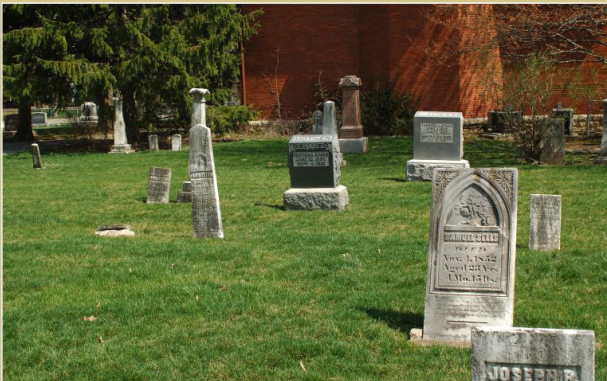
Promoted to Battalion Chief:
Ted Kienle

We welcome our recent New Hires for staff replacement:

Shayne Harvey, Joshua Warren, Adam Peck, Nathan Bidwell and Mitchel Klosterman. In addition, congratulations to Lieutenant Dave Baird, who was chosen as the Optimist Firefighter of the Year! Another award distinguishing the Norwich Township Fire Department was presented for meritorious service by the Ohio Fire and Emergency Services Foundation at the Ohio Fire Chief's Association.



Promoted: Capt. Robb Fox, Lt. Steve Campbell, Capt. Jeff Evans (pictured above). Also promoted to Lieutenant: Kris Lanning, Travis Schulz (not shown)



Bicentennial Cemetery Walk

The last scheduled event of this Norwich Township Bicentennial year is our Cemetery Walk. You are invited to come out to join us at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery (3225 Dublin Road, Hilliard) on Sunday, October 13, 2013 from 1pm to 3pm. There will be actors portraying the personal history of some of our earlier Township residents now buried at the cemetery. Volunteers will be on-hand to answer questions and light refreshments will be served. No registration required. Enjoy this beautiful setting as you learn about our past.



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9/11 Reflection Garden

This park will be a cooperative effort by Norwich Township and the City of Hilliard. It is designed as a fitting display for the flagpole brought back by the City of Hilliard from the 9/11 site.

Your order of a custom engraved paver or bench plaque will help to fund this memorial. Thank you.

4" x 8" Engraved Paver at \$100.00
or Engraved Nameplate for Bench at \$750.00

Engraving Suggestions: Individual or Family Name / Gift message / Military remembrance, etc.

Just go to our website, www.norwichtownship.org and click on "9/11 Reflection Garden." PayPal or check accepted.

Deadline for receipt of order: October 1, 2013.



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at the Joint Safety Services Building
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