

# NORWICH

## TOWNSHIP

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Charles Wm. Buck  
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### 2010 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 7, 12:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 20, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 4, 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 18, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 1, 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 15, 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 6, 12:00 PM

DECEMBER 20, 6:30 PM

### MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township  
Safety Services Building  
5181 Northwest Parkway

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



## TRUSTEE FORUM



From time to time, your Norwich Township Trustees report on the progress of the Township to residents. Over the last few years, in collaboration with our staff, we (the Trustees) have set goals and worked toward achieving those goals.

On January 12, 2009, the Trustees and staff met in a planning meeting to assess where we were and how we could improve our performance. We established four areas for improvement:

1. Better Communication
2. Improved Services
3. Infrastructure Improvements
4. Financial Stability

Beginning with improved communication, we have instituted a quarterly newsletter meant to keep residents informed and involved in our township. Additionally, we have made substantial improvements to our website, including an interactive section where residents can voice concerns and report problems via the Internet.

In the area of improved services, there have been several changes. The police services contract with the City of Hilliard has been extended with a modest cost increase. Our fire and EMS staff continues to seek additional training and upgrades, such as new life-saving water safety equipment. In May of this year, our fire department, in conjunction with the Hilliard Police Department, held a highly successful Safety Day at the Safety Service Building hosting over 1000 attendees. Additionally, equipment used for snow and ice control has been replaced and improved.

Regarding infrastructure, your Trustees have initiated a review and study of storm water drainage and road safety issues on Schirtzinger Road and the Franklin County Engineer's Office has performed improvements to a major culvert. Northwest Parkway which connects Leap Road with Main Street widening and reconstruction to the Safety Service Building is almost complete.

Regarding finances, the Trustees implemented EMS billing to collect fees from insurance companies for EMS transports that previously were uncollected providing additional funds for the fire fund at NO cost to our residents. Finally, working with IAFF Local 1723, a collective bargaining agreement calling for small wage increases and additional worker safety was adopted.

In conclusion, we are confident that Norwich Township is being well-managed. With an eye to the future, we continue to monitor our finances, especially the fire fund, very closely. For the last several years the fire fund has been operating in a deficit. The fund would be out of money were it not for the careful fiscal stewardship of the current and previous boards of trustees. The savings that has been accumulated over the years is being depleted rapidly for a number of reasons. For example, currently the residents of Norwich Township lose approximately \$450,000 of fire and operating funds annually due to the tax increment financing (TIF) policies of the City of Hilliard. There will be a time in the not too distant future, despite fiscally conservative management, when we, the Trustees, will be forced to ask our residents for additional taxes. In the meantime, Norwich Township is running well and your safety is assured.

Mike Cope  
Norwich Township Trustee

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# 55 AND UP: HOME SAFETY AND FALL PREVENTION PROGRAM

Being part of an aging society, the Norwich Township Fire Department recognizes the need to be proactive in preventing medical emergencies and fire related situations for the older adult segment of our fire district. For EMS, the older adult is a small percentage by population, but account for an average of almost 40% of our requests for service. If we can prevent illness, injury or fire, then we are performing to meet the needs of our residents. The purpose of this program is to improve the quality of life for our residents. A few years back the State of Ohio came out with Trauma Guidelines for the Older Adult; the initial request for the development of these guidelines had come from our department. With our department being proactive, many times our programs pave the way for other departments; such as in this case. Our staff is here to help.

This program is designed to assist our older adult population and/or their caregivers by providing guidance on improving safety conditions in the home. The components of this program include the following:

1. Make a request to the Norwich Township Fire Department for a home visit
2. The fire department will come out and assist you with the following:
  - a. Home safety inspection
  - b. Medication organization and safety
  - c. Complete a vial of life form for each occupant
  - d. Provide a complimentary medication organization container
3. Provide referrals to area service providers for needs which the fire department does not have the ability to provide.

Many of the incidents relating to older adults could be prevented with the largest category of incidents being falls. This injury causes pain, is costly to the individual and the healthcare industry and carries a high mortality rate. Falls are preventable and we as an organization will utilize this program to reduce falls in older adults in our district.

## Who should do it?

If you or a friend/loved one is age 55 and up, has fallen in the last 12 months, takes medication or if you have concerns about home fire/safety, then a registration form should be completed. Registration forms are available on our township website [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) or you can simply call 614-876-7694 and tell the Administrative Assistant that you want to register for the 55 and Up Program. 🌱


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## 2010 NORWICH TOWNSHIP ROAD PROJECTS


**Below is a list of Township road projects approved by the Board of Trustees to be completed in 2010:**

ROAD	FROM	TO	APPLICATION
Danford Square	All	All	Pavement repair
Hickory Hill Drive	Valley Crest Dr.	Spindler Rd.	Crack/slurry seal
Hickory Hill Place	All	All	Crack/slurry seal
Meadow Wood Lane	Willow Creek Dr.	Spindler Rd.	2" mill & fill
Poste Lane	All	All	Pavement repair
Saturn Road	All	All	Pavement repair
Schirtzinger Road	All	All	Pavement repair
Spindler Road	Meadow Wood Ln.	Renner Rd.	2" mill & fill
Stellar Drive	Schirtzinger Rd.	293' south	2" mill & fill
Stoney Bridge Lane	All	All	Pavement repair
Valley Crest Drive	Renner Rd.	Spindler Rd.	Crack/slurry seal

The projects are listed in alphabetical order and do not indicate the order in which the work will be done. We will make every effort to notify affected residents prior to the beginning of work and keep traffic disruptions to a minimum. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Road Superintendent Steve Montgomery at 614-876-2236. 

## NORWICH TOWNSHIP AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX

In 1931, Ohio's tangible personal property (TPP) tax was enacted, and companies began paying taxes on tangible personal property used in the business. Tangible personal property is property other than real estate that is used in a business to produce income. It includes machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures, and inventory. For many local governments and levy funded agencies, the TPP tax has become a substantial portion of their operating budget. In 2006, under the legislative action of the 126th General Assembly, the TPP tax began to be phased out over a three year period. Recognizing the impact this would have on local governments, House Bill 66 provided for the reimbursement of TPP revenue loss to local government. However, these reimbursements are being phased out and they will be completely eliminated in 2019.

In 2009, Norwich Township received approximately \$1.4 million in TPP related revenue that will be phased out entirely by 2019. This permanent revenue loss has a significant impact upon Norwich Township because it represents a 10% loss of revenue every year going forward. However, Norwich Township is not alone. The TPP revenue loss will impact the general operations of every local government and levy funded agency in Ohio. This includes police, fire, and emergency medical services; children and senior citizens services; street and roads; alcohol, drug, and mental health program services; parks, libraries and school districts. Inevitably, residents will have to decide if they are willing to pay more for their local services or reduce service levels. 



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### **Norwich Township**

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(614) 876-7694

### **Board of Trustees**

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### **Road/Cemetery Department**

Steve Montgomery, *Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton*  
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3225 Dublin Road  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-2236

ORC 9.03 Allows for Public Funds to be used for newsletters

### **Fiscal Office**

Jamie Miles, *Fiscal Officer*  
Ellen Woodford, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*

### **Fire Department**

Dave Long, *Chief*  
Robert Kaufman, *Assistant Chief*

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- As the result of a competitive bid process, the city of Hilliard's waste disposal services provider changed from Local Waste Services to Rumpke. This change has NO effect on those persons living in the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township. Our contract with Local Waste Services remains in effect through the end of 2010.
- With our current waste disposal contract expiring at the end of the year, we are required by law to solicit bids for waste disposal services in the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township beginning in 2011. The competitive bid process is an open process and the contract will be awarded to the bidder offering the lowest and best bid. As with Hilliard, this may or may not be our current provider, Local Waste Services. Residents will be informed of the provider once the selection process is complete.
- With fall approaching, we want to remind residents that Norwich Township does not have a leaf collection program. Leaves are to be placed in a container marked "Yard Waste" or in biodegradable bags to be picked up by Local Waste Services on their regular collection day. DO NOT BURN YOUR LEAVES!
- For several years, Norwich Township has retained a trained professional to conduct child car seat fittings once a month at our Fire Station on Northwest Parkway. This program has been so successful that we are expanding it to twice a month. Fittings will be scheduled from 10AM to 2PM on the first and third Thursday of each month beginning in October. Call Township Administration at 876-7694 to schedule an appointment. 🍀