



NORWICH

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Over the next couple of months, your township trustees



will be making a decision to place a fire operating tax levy on the ballot in May 2013. The fire fund is currently operating at a deficit and will exhaust the carryover balance at the end of 2013. While the Fire and Emergency Medical Services cost of operation have increased over the past several years, the revenue received has actually decreased. This revenue loss has been caused by the State of Ohio's elimination of the personal property

tax and related reimbursement, the State of Ohio's cut by 50% of the Local Government Fund reimbursement, and the City of Hilliard's granting of tax abatements and Tax Increments Financing for new developments which redirect real estate taxes to local infrastructure improvements instead of being paid to the Township for our operations.

Your trustees are committed to continuing to provide the same quality of service as our residents have come to know and expect. When the need arises, you want our firefighters and EMS personnel to be there and solve the problem in a timely and efficient manner. To do this, it costs money. The fire department employs 85 staff for the three firehouses serving Hilliard, Norwich Township, and Brown Township. We have attempted to provide our staff with the most up to date equipment in order to do their jobs. The cost of an emergency squad is \$200,000 and the cost of a fire engine could be up to \$600,000.

The last fire operating levy was passed in 1998. So, in 2013 it will have been 15 years since the township asked the community to approve a tax increase. None of us likes increased taxes, but the time has come for this request. We do not want to cut the level of service we provide. We look forward to the community's support and welcome your comments as we evaluate our options. 🌱

Larry J. Earman, Chairman

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Tim Roberts

2012 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 4, 12:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 18, 6:30 PM

OCTOBER 2, 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 16, 6:30 PM

NOVEMBER 6, 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 20, 6:30 PM

DECEMBER 4, 12:00 PM

DECEMBER 18, 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.



Left to right: Township Trustee **Tim Roberts**, Fire Chief **Bob Kaufman**, Township Administrator **Kate Cavanaugh**

Retired from the Norwich Township Fire Department and a former Hilliard City Councilman, **Tim Roberts** is our newest Norwich Township Trustee. Effective 1-1-12, he joined Chairman Larry Earman and Trustee Chuck Buck.

Bob Kaufman was previously Assistant Fire Chief at Norwich Township and has been with the department for 25 years. He was promoted to the position of Fire Chief on 1-21-12.

In January 2012, **Kate Cavanaugh** joined the Norwich Township staff as Administrator. A long-time resident of the area, she has worked in Hilliard for the past ten years, most recently in the area of employee benefits. 



1. Slow Down!

2. Get in the correct lane before entering the roundabout.

- Use the right lane for turning right or going straight (same as a conventional intersection).
- Use the left lane for going straight or turning left (same as a conventional intersection).
- Use the left lane to make a U turn.

3. Look for and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk before entering the roundabout.

4. Yield to all circulating traffic when entering the roundabout. Even if there are two lanes in the roundabout, yield to both.

5. Drive counter-clockwise, following the one-way traffic pattern.

6. Do not change lanes within the roundabout.

7. Look for and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk as you exit the roundabout.

Above information courtesy of the Franklin County Engineers Office.

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SERVICES

This is a good time to review some of the services available to new and current Norwich Township residents. You will find this information and more on our Website: www.norwichtownship.org

Meeting Room Space

Meeting space is available at Station 83 located at 4283 Davidson Road, along with the Safety Services Building, located at 5181 Northwest Parkway. Meeting Rooms are available for the use of persons residing within the boundaries of Norwich Township, including those in the city of Hilliard. Proof of residency is required. There is no charge for the space (other than a deposit for functions which include food), and set-up and clean-up are the responsibility of the group. The meeting rooms are available 8:00AM to 9:00PM for use by civic groups and non-profit organizations. Applications and complete details on meeting room reservations are available on our website.

Monthly Immunization Clinics

The second Wednesday of the month, child immunizations are available at Fire Station 83, 4283 Davidson Road. Hours are 9:30AM to 12:30PM and 1PM to 3PM. There is a \$10.00 administration fee per shot and a \$15.00 assessment fee per visit. For more information, visit www.myfcph.org. If you have further questions, please call Franklin County Public Health at 525-3719, which administers the service at our location.

Child Car Seat Safety Check

Norwich Township is pleased to continue the Child Car Seat Safety Check. This program is designed to assist families, who already have car seats, in ensuring that they are installed properly. These checks, by appointment only, are held the first and third Fridays of each month from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM at Norwich Township Fire Department Station 81, located at 5181 Northwest Parkway. To schedule your appointment, please call (614) 876-7694. Norwich Township Fire Department is a proud member of the Central Ohio Safe Kids Coalition. For more information, go to www.safekidscentralohio.org

Hazardous Waste / SWACO

Most households have hazardous waste materials that cannot legally be disposed with regular trash because they can cause injury or are harmful if not used, stored, or disposed properly. Items such as paint (not latex), lighter fluid, gasoline, paint thinner, kerosene, polishes, adhesives, pool chemicals, acids, drain cleaner, paint stripper, antifreeze, insecticides, rat poison, mercury/Ni-cad and lithium batteries should be disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection. The Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO), <http://www.swaco.org/SmartPeople/HHW.aspx>, has opened a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site at 1249 Essex Avenue, Columbus. This location has regularly scheduled weekly hours, but closed on holidays. Hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 12:00PM - 6:00PM and Thursdays 9:00AM - 5:00PM. No materials from businesses will be accepted. If your business has hazardous waste materials to dispose, please call the Ohio EPA (614) 728-3778. Did you know... you can dry up latex paint! Latex paint is water soluble and can be dried out converting it to a non-hazardous material. There are paint hardeners available in stores or you can mix the paint with cat litter or sawdust. Leave the lid off to speed up the process. When the paint is dry, throw it in with your regular trash. 🌱

OTHER USEFUL COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

Community Gardens Norwich Township residents are able to participate in the Hilliard Community Gardens project. In order to reserve space, you can register online or call 876-5200. Each year, registration is available for Hilliard residents starting in February and non-residents in March.

Nixle Notification System can help you to keep abreast of road closures, weather events and other community warnings. Directions for signing up to receive notifications are on the Norwich Township website.



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SCHIRTZINGER ROAD PROJECT COMPLETE!



The Schirtzinger Road drainage and paving project, years in the making, is now complete. Final seeding and grading will be done by fall. Norwich Township funded the project, which was implemented by the Franklin County Engineers' Office. Resident feedback on the final product has been favorable. 🌱

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