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Setting Standards High - Fire Prevention in Schools

Mildred Brooks, Fire Prevention Bureau

Each summer, before the school year commences, our Fire Prevention Bureau begins their process of inspecting each Hilliard City school that is located in our fire district. The maintenance department of each building is contacted to gain access so a thorough fire inspection can be completed well in advance of any student stepping foot into the doors. Our inspectors work closely with these individuals explaining what is needed and expected of them to have their building fire safe for students and staff.

To prevent injuries in an emergency situation, our fire inspectors walk each floor of every building inspecting room by room. The following items are inspected to ensure the Ohio Fire Code and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards are being met.

- Fire access lanes are marked and clear around building
- Exit lights function during an emergency or power outage
- Fire alarm systems are maintained and operational
- Fire sprinkler systems are maintained and operational
- All fire doors are up-to-date and are functioning properly
- Egress doors are working and never blocked
- All interior furnishings meet fire safety standards
- Electrical hazards, such as the use of extension cords, are not in use
- Chemicals are stored appropriately
- Fire extinguishers are accessible and hood systems are maintained
- Storage is in compliance with the fire code

Along with meeting the above standards, as well as any fire code not listed, each school is required to practice monthly fire drills while classes are in session. The monthly practice of fire drills will educate students in advance on how to respond in the event of an emergency evacuation.



Inspector Brian Beach with Hilliard Crossing Principal Kaylea Pinnick.

2016 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 20, 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 4, 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 18, 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 1, 12:00 PM
NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 PM
DECEMBER 6, 12:00 PM
DECEMBER 20, 6:00 PM

The public is always
welcome to attend.

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township
Safety Services Building
5181 Northwest Parkway



Don't Wait: Check the Date!

In October, we celebrate Fire Prevention Month. This year the National Fire Protection Association campaign is **"Don't Wait: Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years."** The Norwich Township Fire Prevention Bureau and our firefighters visit schools to educate elementary students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade about fire safety measures. Our fire stations welcome tours year round, but during the month of October, we are visited by numerous kindergarten classes, community preschools and daycares as well as families wanting to learn more about fire safety.

For more information on fire prevention, please visit our township website at www.norwichtownship.org or if you are interested in visiting a fire station, you may call our Township Administration office at 614-876-7694.



Norwich Township Fire Chief Jeffrey Warren and State Fire Marshal Larry L. Flowers.



Norwich Township is proud to join Ohiocheckbook.com

Norwich Township is proud to join the transparency initiative and place our expenses online for our residents and business owners to understand how their money is spent.

Ohiocheckbook.com is a first-of-its-kind government transparency website that shows taxpayers exactly how their tax money is being spent. This initiative, launched by the Ohio Treasurer's Office, sets a new national standard for transparency in state and local government. Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel spearheaded the effort in order to empower citizens to hold politicians and bureaucrats accountable for government spending. By shining light on state spending and decisions made deep in the bureaucracy, the online checkbook enables taxpayers to help root out waste, fraud and abuse.

Norwich Township's online checkbook includes over 8,700 individual transactions that represent more than \$44 million of total spending over the past four years. For more information, go to www.local.ohiocheckbook.com.



Reducing the Risk

We are pleased to announce that our Township received \$160,105.00 in grant funds from the Ohio Local Government Safety Capital Grant earlier this summer. This was a collaborative project with the City of Hilliard and Brown Township. This grant will fund security cameras, access card readers, powered locks for doors, and all the necessary security system software needed for the complete security package at four different facilities and multiple roundabouts.



"The safety and security of our employees and residents are top priority. We want our buildings to feel safe and secure for everyone that visits them."

- Shares Norwich Township Battalion Chief Chris Grile

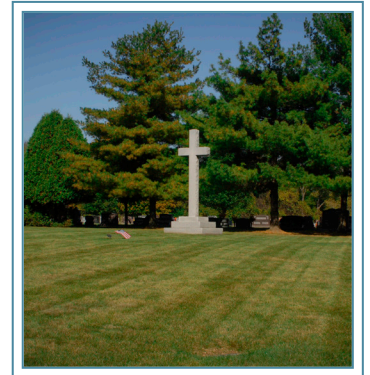
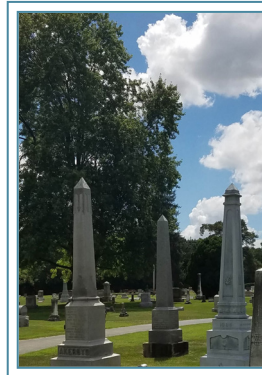
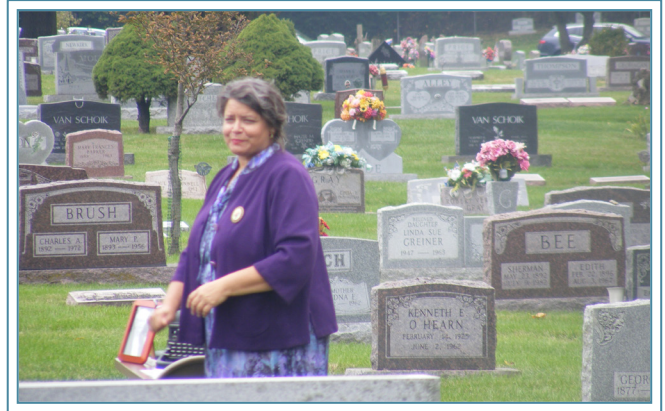


Wesley Chapel Cemetery Walk

Pam Brannon, Administrative Assistant

Norwich Township has scheduled a Cemetery Walk on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Participants will learn about the rich history of Wesley Chapel Cemetery, which was established in 1835. Attendees will learn about several well-known residents in the area such as Harold Butt and Webster Junk, as well as reveal some not so well-known individuals. One of those is Cyclone Roberts, an African-American race car driver who helped pioneer integrated driving in the late 1940's. The walk will also include information about the grounds, the mausoleum, and the former United Methodist Church still located near the cemetery.

If you are a history buff, would like to learn more about Wesley Chapel Cemetery or would enjoy walking the beautiful grounds of the cemetery, we hope you will plan to join us!



Lieutenant Davis and family.

Service of Greatness

Our Township experienced a great loss with the passing of Lieutenant Brian K. Davis who succumbed to cancer on June 29, 2016 at his residence. He began his firefighting career with Norwich Township in December 1998, but had served at Hamilton Township for seven years prior. Lieutenant Davis dedicated over two decades of his life to public service and was an individual like no other. Full of spirit and kindness, Brian represented Norwich Township with his service of greatness for our community. His outreach with senior citizens, school prevention education, and his involvement with multiple community events will be missed.

NTFD firefighters remember Lieutenant Davis by his favorite tag line, "We Get To." This was his way of expressing the importance of enjoying the moments we have.



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Township Parking Concerns?

Norwich Township residents are invited to attend the October 18, 2016 Trustee Meeting at 6:00 pm to share concerns about parking in Norwich Township. Meetings are held at the Safety Services Building, 5181 Northwest Parkway.

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