



APRIL 2020

# NORWICH

T O W N S H I P

## Fire Chief Commendation Award Firefighter Josh Riggs

Firefighter Josh Riggs is the 2020 recipient of the Fire Chief Commendation Award in honor of his selfless and heroic act of saving the life of a drowning victim approximately 100 yards from shore at Prairie Oaks Metro Park on December 5, 2019.

*"His representation of the Fire Department, the community, and the profession is admirable and shall be commended."*

- Fire Chief Jeffrey Warren



### 2020 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

APRIL 21 6:00 PM Virtual Meeting  
(visit [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) for the video link of the meeting)

MAY 5 6:00 PM

JUNE 2 6:00 PM

JULY 7 6:00 PM

AUGUST 4 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 1 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 6 6:00 PM

\*NOVEMBER 2 11:00 AM

Records Commission Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 3 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 1 6:00 PM

\* Note Time Change

The public is always welcome to attend.

## Wesley Chapel Cemetery Expansion

The Wesley Chapel Cemetery is expanding. Beginning this spring, the expansion construction will take place on approximately two acres of land near the curve of Dublin Road. Due to the historical value of the Wesley Chapel Cemetery, the expansion project sets focus on the conservation and preservation of the cold storage area that once served as a temporary tomb while burial plans were made or if a grave could not be dug due to freezing temperatures.

The expansion also includes black iron gates on the cold storage area, landscaping, a bridge, a ceremonial plaza with in-ground cremation plots, a labyrinth, memorial benches, a meditation garden, a children's garden with a wishing well and peace rocks, five columbariums with niches, and cremation memorial walking paths. The entire site will be ADA accessible and at full buildout, there will be approximately 1,300 cremation plots available to residents. For more information on this expansion, visit our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and click on the Cemetery tab.

### MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township  
Safety Services Building  
5181 Northwest Parkway





# COVID-19

## Planning and Operations

Under the declared COVID-19 Coronavirus State of Emergency, the Norwich Township Fire Department is in full swing preparing to modify and adjust operations to stay current with both federal and state operations. Locally, Fire Chief Jeffrey Warren and Police Chief Robert Fisher are operating as the Incident Commanders for this emergency. Members from the command staff of both the Fire Department and Division of Police have taken on additional responsibilities specific to the COVID-19 crisis. This has all been done to ensure that our fire department is ready and our first responders are geared to provide the best service to our community.

## Ready to Respond

Our EMS providers are ready to respond to any emergency. However, in response to COVID-19 and social distancing, NTFD is implementing temporary isolation policies that change the style of protective equipment worn and interactions with patients. These temporary isolation policies are being taken to protect both YOU and the EMS provider and include:

- EMS providers will wear glasses, facemasks, and gloves—if a patient is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, EMS providers will wear protective suits or gowns
- EMS providers will perform health assessments from a safe distance of at least 6 feet
- Patients may be asked to wear a facemask
- If possible, patients may be asked to meet EMS providers outside of their bedrooms or homes

## Treatment and Home Care

There is no specific treatment for most viruses including those that cause the common cold and those that cause COVID-19. Sometimes there are treatments for viruses that cause influenza if given early. Antibiotics treat infections caused by bacteria, but they do not work against viruses. Most people recover on their own from these viruses, including COVID-19.

**Signs and symptoms (may vary):** fever, congestion, headache, sore throat, nausea and vomiting, muscle aches, and fatigue.

**Steps to take to recover from COVID-19:** rest, drink plenty of fluids, and take over-the-counter cold and flu medications to reduce fever and pain.

**Seek medical care or call 911 for serious symptoms such as:** difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, chest pain or pressure, dehydration, bluish lips or face, sudden confusion, and if mild symptoms worsen or do not get better within a week.

## Emergency Updates

For Hilliard updates, text the words **HilliardNow** to 888-777.

For Franklin County updates, text the words **COVID19FC** to 888-777.

Visit [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and follow us on our social media pages for additional information and updates.

## Protecting Yourself and Others

**Follow these guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19:**

- Important - Stay home when sick and remain home for at least 24 hours after symptom free without the use of fever-reducing medicines
- Separate from other people and animals in your home
- If sick, stay in a specific room and away from other people and use a separate bathroom, if possible
- Do not handle pets or other animals while sick
- If sick, avoid using public transportation, ride-shares, and taxis
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Wear a mask around other people, (visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for guidance on the use and construction of cloth face coverings)
- Cover coughs and sneezes then throw used tissues in a lined trash can and immediately wash hands
- Do not share dishes, drinking glasses, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people or pets
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces daily

YOUTUBE - [NORWICH TWP. / HILLIARD COVID-19](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqWz8vYk1p1p1p1p1p1p1p1p1)

TWITTER - [@NORWICHTWPFD](https://twitter.com/NORWICHTWPFD)

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# Retirements, Promotions, and New Hires

## Fire Department

### Retirements

Our Township celebrated several retirements within the Fire Department over the past few months. Those retirements included:

- Firefighter Clay Crow in January of 2020, with 17 years of service
- Firefighter Tom Smith in January of 2020, with 32 years of service
- Firefighter Drew Hayes in March of 2020, with 30 years of service



### Promotions

We were pleased to announce the promotion of Lieutenant Shane Gavin in December of 2019.

### New Hires

We are excited to welcome the following new firefighters:

- Toby Cook
- Beau Ramey
- Tim Campbell
- Kyle Campbell
- Tyler Good
- John Wilt



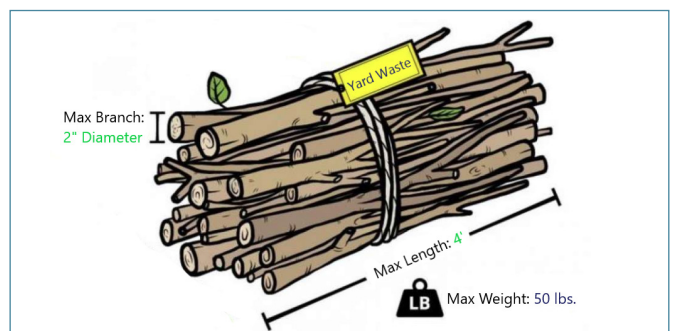
# NTFD Welcomes a New Medical Director

Our Fire Department welcomes Dr. Eric Cortez, MD as our new Medical Director. Dr. Cortez specializes in emergency medicine and is a fellowship-trained and board-certified EMS physician. He also serves as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at Ohio University. As our Medical Director, he will develop, implement, and review treatment protocols and trainings for emergency medicine. In addition, Dr. Cortez, MD will provide medical guidance and act as a liaison with different hospitals and emergency medicine specialists.

## Yard Waste

As the yard care season gets into full swing, we want to remind residents the following guidelines from Local Waste Services:

- Place trash, recyclables, and yard waste at the curb the night before your scheduled pickup day
  - Place yard waste in biodegradable brown paper bags or containers clearly marked 'Yard Waste Only'
  - Brush, twigs, and branches must be tied in bundles
  - Brush, twigs, and branches must be less than 4 feet in length, 2 inches in diameter, and less than 50 lbs.
  - Place yard waste a few feet away from other materials to identify easier as it will be collected separately on the same day
  - Yard Waste stickers are available at the Safety Services Building at 5181 Northwest Parkway (due to COVID-19 our offices are currently closed)
- \* Do not blow or sweep grass clippings or debris into the roadway. Yard debris clogs storm drains and causes hazardous conditions for motorcyclists and bicyclists.







**NORWICH TOWNSHIP**  
5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY  
HILLIARD, OHIO 43026  
(614) 876-7694

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tim Roberts, *Chairman*  
Chuck Buck, *Vice Chairman*  
Larry Earman

### ADMINISTRATION

Jamie Fisher, *Administrator*  
Pam Brannon, *Administrative Assistant*

### ROAD/CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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

### FISCAL OFFICE

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

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey Warren, *Fire Chief*  
Greg Young, *Assistant Fire Chief*

ORC 9.03 Allows for Public Funds to be used for newsletters

## New Website Coming Soon

We are excited to announce that our Township is developing a new website in order to bring residents a website that better serves our community. The new website will include search options, a calendar of events, friendlier news items, and a new navigation system to access Township resources. We hope you will enjoy our fresh new look soon!

*Did you know there are many valuable resources on our website, [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org)?*

Our Township website provides access to car seat schedules, meeting room applications, CPR trainings, CRASE class information, Fire and EMS, Cemetery, and Roads Department information, and much more. Our current Township website was last updated in 2014.



**Online Option:** If you would prefer to receive our newsletters electronically, go to our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org), scroll over the Township tab, then click on Township Newsletters.

## Issues, Questions, Concerns, Compliments & Complaints:

Do you have issues, questions, concerns, compliments, or complaints that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? Visit our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and scroll over the Contact tab.

## Census 2020

Your Response Matters,  
Complete the 2020 Census  
Today! To learn more about  
the 2020 Census, visit  
[www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).



## The Bag

TheBag is a bag with printed coupons and advertisements that is delivered every Sunday to residents. If you would like to request the delivery, have issues with delivery, or want to be placed on the 'Do Not Deliver' list for TheBag, visit [www.dispatch.com/thebag](http://www.dispatch.com/thebag).