



BROWN TOWNSHIP

Spring 2022

Fiscal Officer

Peggy Link

Trustees

Connie Skinner

Gary Stegner

Charles Miley

ELECTION NEWS - Connie Skinner - Trustee

Voting now takes place in the Township hall located at 5555 State Route 521. We have a primary election coming up on May 3rd. There may be a special election on August 2nd. And general election is November 8th. You must be registered to vote or have your voter profile updated if you have moved or changed your name at least 30 days in advance of an election to cast a regular ballot. If you fall under that 30 days, you will be able to vote by provisional ballot only. This takes more time to do, but your vote does get counted. Contact the board of elections online at vote.delawarecountyohio.gov or by phone at 740-833-2080. At this time we are not sure if there will be one primary, if there will be a split primary or the date will be moved. This will be dependent on how quickly the voting maps are completed and approved

TOWNSHIP ROADS - Charlie Miley - Trustee

The township will be experimenting with a new road improvement this year. The treatment is called micro-surface. This is a coating that seals and helps level the roadway and returns the crown that helps shed water to the berm. We will be trying this on both Veley and McCurdy roads. We are also going to improve the berms as part of the county road program in the future. The trustees will be conducting the spring road inspection with the assistance of our county road advisor in April. As you all know we have all experienced significant rain fall this spring. The first big storm dumped two inches on frozen ground and then a week or so later we had an inch and three-quarters. I had several calls about high water on lawns and fields. It is a misconception that the road ditch is to drain lawns and other private property, but the ditch's sole purpose is to keep water away from the road base. This is one of the main reasons the township does not allow the ditches to be filled. According to the Ohio Revised Code townships cannot improve drainage on private property. We have been around to check on the properties in question to look at the situation and will be working on the ditches where needed.

Township Clean-up - Connie Skinner - Trustee

The Board of Trustees are pleased to sponsor Clean-up Brown Township Days. This event is made possible through a grant from DKMM (the solid waste organization), the County Commissioners and the township. Trash vouchers will be available May 1st and they are valid until May 31st. You can request one voucher per household and that voucher will be good for disposing of up to one ton of trash from that household. Anything over one ton will be your responsibility

You can request a voucher via email by sending your name, address and phone number to: plink0723@yahoo.com or you can call Peggy Link at 740-369-0700 and leave your information in voicemail. As soon as she receives the vouchers we will mail them to your home.

You must request a voucher no later than May 24th.

CEMETERY - Connie Skinner - Trustee

Veterans from American Legion post 518 based in Ashley are doing more than keeping our flags updated. They walked our cemetery and discovered almost fifty graves without a VSO flag marker. They will be placing them during warmer weather. Join us for a quick Memorial Day service in Green mound cemetery on May 30th at 11am. Grant work on foundations near the front of the cemetery should be well underway and will be finished by the end of June. Also, if you see overgrown bushes next to a loved ones monument, please contact Connie. We will try to trim or remove them before they do damage to the monument.

We wish we didn't have to discuss this, but please pick up after your dog

ZONING - Mark Maroscher

Why zoning?

So, it's spring and soon we'll be headed into summer. I'll bet we're all more than ready to get outside and do stuff. It's a great time of the year to tackle all those projects on the to-do list, and this is where zoning may come into play.

Some people think that the role of zoning is an adversarial one, but let me assure you that it is not. I live in this township as a neighbor and a friend. We establish and enforce zoning rules for a reason: to protect our community. If you're like me, you like to keep property values up and make Brown Township a nice place.

Keep in mind that your township zoning department is not a homeowners' association. Zoning is not about forcing everyone to have the same mailboxes, telling you where you can and cannot put a planter, or nitpicking your property. It's simply about keeping our community a great place to live. Here's an example of why we have zoning rules: Let's say your neighbor wants to build a shed in their front yard right next to your front yard. They have a right to have a shed, of course, but it's unlikely that you (or any of us) would like seeing it placed smack-dab in the middle of the front yard.

So, if you're going to build a shed, put up a fence, get a new garage, or add a swimming pool, keep in mind that your project may be subject to zoning rules and you may need a permit. We have updated the fee schedule to make it easier to understand and some of the fees have been adjusted to reflect modern building innovations, as well as in keeping with best practices for townships in our surrounding area.

Here are some highlights of recent changes:

- * Carports are limited to 1 per property and there are now 2 different fees based on size.
- * Accessory structure permits under 100 sq. ft. are \$25.
- * Relocating any existing structure is \$25 and requires a permit.
- * Solar panels are now their own category.
- * On-ground solar arrays fall under Brown Township Zoning Resolution Section 7.05 H.

Maximum Lot Coverage.

For more information on permits, fees, and more, visit <https://co.delaware.oh.us/cities/brown-township/> then tap or click the zoning information tab. If you need help or have questions, please call me at 740-833-5777 or email me at browntownshipinspector@outlook.com. Because I'm part-time, please be patient and know that you can expect a return call or reply in about 24 to 48 hours.

Enjoy the warm weather season

Dan Gladman - Road Superintendent

Brown Township maintenance is performed by three part-time personnel, the Township Trustees, and private agencies when the need is present. The Maintenance Department is equipped with a variety of equipment including two dump trucks with snow plows, backhoe, skid steer loader, large tractor with a boom mower, a zero turn mower, and various other pieces of small equipment. This equipment is used to maintain 20+ miles of roads, two cemeteries, township buildings, and the township Park area.

The Maintenance Department has many different duties it performs on the township roads and township properties: plowing and salting roads, repairing potholes, cleaning ditches, trimming trees in the right-of-way, mowing roadside ditches, cemetery mowing and maintenance, opening and closing graves, mowing and maintenance of other Township properties, among other things.

To keep the road right-of-way clear many trees will have to be trimmed. This is mostly done with a large brush cutter mounted on a tractor; this is a very rough cut, not a clean cut. However it is a cost efficient way to maintain right-of-way clearance. The preferred time to do this is early spring so the spring growth will cover the rough edges of the branches making it not so unsightly. Once again "The preferred time" but this doesn't always happen due to other duties that may need to be performed.

Roadside mowing is done a minimum of three times a year prior to Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day. Additional mowing will be performed as needed.

Please be patient and pass with caution when you see workers on the road for their safety and yours.

Chief Troy Morris - Tri-Township Fire

Station 331 495 Sunbury Road (east of the Point) 740-369-2703

Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600



We have been talking about it for some time now and it seems that we are finally closer to reality. The first week of March we opened bids for the new station to be located on the Bowtown Road side of the Byxbe Campus. Despite what you may have read, the move is based on helping the city and state with what they call the "Point Project". Delays in their project slowed our progress in determining financing needs and finalizing dates for the move. With all of that behind us, we will be moving into a temporary facility just east of our current station. The plan for that move to occur is early July 2022. Construction on the new station should be underway by the time you read this article.

The new engine we ordered has arrived, we are completing the outfitting and working on training the staff. This engine will become primary engine at Station 331. It is replacing an engine that is a 2008. In the 12 years since that was built, new technology has become available, with that in mind we are going to make certain everyone is prepared to work on this apparatus.

Spring has arrived, time for the spring clean-up. The burning of brush has guidelines created by the State EPA. Please call one of the stations to get further information. The farming community will be hitting the fields again, please give them some room on the roads as they plant crops.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County is looking for community residents to be part of the upcoming countywide community health assessment. This health assessment process will start June 9 and continue over three additional meetings this summer which will lead to a new community health improvement plan starting in 2023.

Conducting community health assessments is one of the essential services for public health and is typically done every five years in Delaware County. The Partnership for a Healthy Delaware County is the community coalition led by the Health District and is made up of various sectors - schools, community organizations, healthcare, Fire/EMS, business etc.

Community residents are most important - if you want to be a part of this strategic planning process, please reach out to us at ThePartnership@delawarehealth.org.

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) of Delaware-Morrow-Union counties is now on Facebook! Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WICDelawareMorrowUnion/>

Worried that someone you know may overdose on an opioid? The Delaware Public Health District is a provider of Project DAWN Naloxone, an opioid overdose reversal medication.


- Kits are available at no cost.
- Must receive a short training to get a kit.
- Trainings available by appointment only.

Call us at (740) 368-1700 to set up a kit appointment

Keep Delaware County Beautiful is co-hosting a clean-up event at Delaware Ohio State Park! On April 9, participants are invited to meet up at the camp office (5202 US Hwy 23 North) at 10am for clean-up instructions.


Sean Miller - Director EMA

Communications in an Emergency
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Delaware County Homeland Security & Emergency Management



SIRENS ARE DESIGNED TO BE HEARD OUTDOORS

- Outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard by people outdoors and are a signal that they should seek shelter indoors immediately. They are NOT designed to be heard inside buildings.
- In Delaware County, there are a total of 16 outdoor warning sirens. There are two sirens located at each State Park and are maintained by Delaware County Emergency Management Agency. The other 12 are owned and maintained by various local governments.
- When a decision is made to activate the sirens, all 16 sirens are activated, even if they are activated in an area for which a warning has not been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS).
- It is recommended that people rely on more than one source of information about severe weather.

TOWNSHIP STATS - Charlie Miley - Trustee

It has been a few years since I shared any census data with you. This chart came from the Regional Planning page on the county website. You can access more information at <https://regionalplanning.co.delaware.oh.us>

Delaware County 2020 Census results

Townships	2000	2010	00-10 Growth	Census 2020	10-20 Growth	annual rate
Berkshire	1946	2428	24.8%	4,476	84.3%	8.4%
Berlin	3313	6496	96.1%	7,774	19.7%	2.0%
Brown	1290	1416	9.8%	1,402	-1.0%	-0.1%
Concord	4088	9294	127.3%	10,951	17.8%	1.8%
Delaware	1559	1964	26.0%	2,138	8.9%	0.9%
Genoa	11293	23090	104.5%	24,924	7.9%	0.8%
Harlem	3762	3953	5.1%	4,554	15.2%	1.5%
Kingston	1603	2156	34.5%	2,359	9.4%	0.9%
Liberty	9182	14581	58.8%	18,271	25.3%	2.5%
Marlboro	227	281	23.8%	295	5.0%	0.5%
Orange	12464	23762	90.6%	30,516	28.4%	2.8%
Oxford	854	987	15.6%	950	-3.7%	-0.4%
Porter	1696	1923	13.4%	2,194	14.1%	1.4%
Radnor	1335	1540	15.4%	1,570	1.9%	0.2%
Scioto	2122	2350	10.7%	2,648	12.7%	1.3%
Thompson	558	684	22.6%	659	-3.7%	-0.4%
Trenton	2137	2190	2.5%	2,276	3.9%	0.4%
Troy	2021	2115	4.7%	2,105	-0.5%	0.0%
Total Townships	61,450	101,210	64.7%	120,062	18.6%	1.9%
Incorporated Areas	2000	2010	00-10 Growth	2020	10-20 Growth	
Delaware	25243	34753	37.7%	41,302	18.8%	1.9%
Galena	305	653	114.1%	924	41.5%	4.2%
Sunbury	2630	4389	66.9%	6,614	50.7%	5.1%
Shawnee Hills	419	681	62.5%	835	22.6%	2.3%
Powell	6247	11500	84.1%	14,163	23.2%	2.3%
Ashley	1216	1330	9.4%	1,198	-9.9%	-1.0%
Ostrander	405	643	58.8%	1,094	70.1%	7.0%
Dublin	4283	4018	-6.2%	4,250	5.8%	0.6%
Westerville	5900	7792	32.1%	9,112	16.9%	1.7%
Columbus	1891	7245	283.1%	14,570	101.1%	10.1%
Total Incorporated	48,539	73,004	50.4%	94,062	28.8%	2.9%
Inc. & Uninc.	109,989	174,214	58.4%	214,124	22.9%	2.3%

Delaware County Regional Planning Commission

Jeff Fishel MSHA, NRP - Director, Delaware County EMS

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Delaware County EMS received the highest rating from the American Heart Association for another year in a row. Delaware County EMS was awarded the Mission Lifeline Gold Plus award, which is in response to our treatment of cardiac and stroke patients in Delaware County. Delaware County EMS is awaiting the delivery of (4) new Ambulance to replace aging vehicles in our fleet. Due to supply chain issues, the timeline on delivery is unknown. Delaware County EMS recently finished up another round of simulation training where our employees had hands on cardiac training, which included a debrief with our training team and medical directors.

RECYCLING - Charlie Miley - Trustee

The township realized an increase in the amount of material recycled this year. In 2020 we tallied 158,158. In 2021 the total increased to 177,600 or an increase of 9.7 tons. Recycling bins are located behind the township hall and are dumped Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. With the recycling bins being in Kilbourne no one is more that five miles away from the bins. Please help out and not throw plastic bags with recyclables in the bins and save more room by breaking down your cardboard boxes. NEW ADDITIONS Plastic cups with attached lids, paper cups with protective sleeves, and aluminum cups. STRAWS ARE STILL NOT ACCEPTED . Check out the DKMM website for details on recycling events DKMM.ORG

Change in Contacts

Trustee Skinner has now taken over the hall rental responsibilities at the number listed below

Township Contact Information & Responsibilities

Connie Skinner - 740-815-5131 - csbrowntwp@gmail.com

Cemetery - Health Department

Gary Stegner - 740-272-2011 - gary.stegner@hotmail.com

Parks & Facilities

Charlie Miley - 740-602-1575 - mileycharles@outlook.com

Roads, Fire Board, 911 Board, EMA Board, LEPC Board

Peggy Link - 740-369-0700 - plink0723@yahoo.com

Payments, Billing, Records, Records Requests

Mark Masroscher - Zoning - 740-833-5777

browntownshipinspector@outlook.com

Vicki Sheets - Zoning Secretary - 740-524-2663

Beth Harp - Cemetery Sexton - 614-570-0261

Connie Skinner - Rental of Facilities - 740-833-5057

Information on the Township website

www.co.delaware.oh.us/index.php/brown-township

Comprehensive Plan

Contact Info

Zoning Resolution

Cemetery Fees

Zoning Application

Cemetery Foundation Order

Zoning Fees

Electric Aggregation Policy

Cemetery Rules

Mailbox Policy

Hall Rental

Resident Complaint Form



History of Ohio Townships

The Pilgrim fathers brought the township form of government to America in 1620. This unit of local government eventually spread as far west as the Rocky Mountains. Today, it is found in 22 states, known as the town or townships

In Ohio, the township predates our state government. The townships' size and shape were determined by the Congressional Acts, which established the various land grants. As the Ohio territory became populated, it was only natural that the surveyed townships should become the basic unit of local government.

In 1804, the elected officials of a township consisted of three trustees, a clerk, two overseers of the poor, and a sufficient number of highway supervisors, in addition to justices of the peace and constables. A township treasurer and assessor were later added. In the early years of statehood, Ohio townships cared for the poor, maintained the roads and preserved the peace; however, their

Today, just as in 1804, the township is a political subdivision of the state. To keep pace with the demands of changing times, the functions, duties, and obligations of the townships have changed over the years. Demands for increased or different services have prompted the state legislature to grant Ohio's 1,308 townships the authority to fulfill these changing needs.

Three trustees and a fiscal officer, each elected to a four-year term, administer our townships today. In addition, some townships now appoint a township administrator, whose duties are defined by the individual township. The township administrator typically helps plan, coordinate and implement township goals.

Elected officials fill their roles on a part-time basis; however, their intimate knowledge of their community; its needs and its citizens enables them to offer more personal service than any other unit of government.

Townships today are responsible for fire and police protection, parks and recreation, zoning, cemeteries, waste disposal, maintaining roads and more.

TOWNSHIP NUMBERS

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740-815-5131
Charles Miley
740-602-1575

Fiscal Officer

Peggy Link
740-369-0700

Cemetery Sexton

Beth Harp
614-570-0261

ZONING OFFICIALS

INSPECTOR

Mark Maroscher
740-833-5777

Secretary

Vicki Sheets
614-678-3551

Hall Rentals

Connie Skinner
740-833-5057

ZONING COMMISSION

Ian Capwell
Gary Jones
Keith Holewinski
Kyle Vanderhoff
Chris Rhinehart
Stan Bean
Robert Hedrick - Alt

ZONING APPEALS

Chris Thompson
Chris Shamro
Brad Ebersole
Julie Lisano - Alt
Bill Cackler
Donald Dicke

- **Trustees meetings** are held the second Tuesday of each month 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- The **Zoning Board** meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- The **Zoning Appeals Board** meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month if needed. Meetings are held at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- **All Cancellations will be posted on the front door of the township hall**

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