



BROWN TOWNSHIP

Fall 2023

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PARK DEVELOPMENT LEVY

The township has placed a park improvement levy on the ballot for this November. The levy will be for 1 mil for 3 years. This will generate \$75,900 each year. The cost to a homeowner would be \$35 for each \$100,000 of valuation on your house and property. The trustees have hosted two meetings and have included the subject in the newsletter asking residents what they would like to see developed in the new area and the existing park. We have received several suggestions about expanding the park. Those included additional parking, walking trails, pickle ball courts, soccer field, shelter house, tennis courts, basketball, bike rack, picnic tables, and maintaining green space. These monies will only be used for park development of the existing park and ball fields along with recreational facilities on the park property and will be Phase 2 of the project. MS Consultants is currently working on a plan, Phase 1, for the 2 acre parcel that will include a new maintenance facility, fuel storage and some parking. This improvement will be funded through our general fund.

RECYCLING

There are four recycling bins at the township hall for metal cans, plastic bottles, paper, and cardboard. Acceptable items are listed on the outside of the bins. Plastic bags are not on that list. This year we have had junk like old grills and furniture dumped by the bins. On October 4 we had an unfortunate incident where someone had put a bucket of used motor oil in the bin. When the recycling truck dumped the bin the oil spilled out. You might see there are oil tracks across the parking lot. With our location we have numerous people traveling across Route 521 that use these bins. This not only made a big mess in our recently sealed parking lot but created a hazardous materials spill that had to be dealt with. The Death Department, Rumpke, the Sheriff, DKMM, EMA, and Tri-Department Fire Department all responded. This situation created unnecessary cost to these organizations and extra hours by township employees who worked to clean up the spills. Please do not violate the recycling rules.

INTERNET SURVEY

The Delaware County Commissioners' Office has launched a community survey that will help identify "internet deserts" in the county. These are areas where there is little or no access to reliable, affordable internet services. The most recent U.S. Census found that, even in Delaware County, there are places where nearly 20% of households do not have internet access. Many of these are located in the northern part of Delaware County. Taking this survey will help identify these areas and enable the Commissioners to develop strategies to overcome the economic obstacles to providing these services for the entire county. The survey is accessible until Dec. 4th at www.bit.ly/delawarecountybroadband

ZONING – Steve Lisano

So far, 2023 has seen a lot of new construction and renovation activity throughout the Township with over 50 permits issued in just the first nine months alone! That includes seven new residences being built in our community... I welcome all of you!

So now, as the trees are starting to pop with fall colors, there's still time to start a few more projects like: putting up a fence, adding a deck, building a shed, extending the garage, adding a barn, or putting on a room addition. If that's the case, then be sure to apply for a zoning permit as most construction projects are subject to zoning rules that require such a permit.

I'd also like to thank all the residents that reach out to talk-through their projects to ensure there isn't a zoning requirement that they might have missed and need to consider. Please feel free to reach out by calling (740) 833-5777 or emailing me at browntownshipinspector@outlook.com

ROADS - Charlie Miley

The trustees recently toured the township roads with our County Engineer representative and found that our roads are in the best condition that they have been in several years. Hopefully this winter will not cause any major problems that have to be corrected when we do the spring road tour. This savings will allow us to do some more minor road maintenance next summer. We are lucky that our residents have supported our road levy giving us funds to do improvements.

I have had several comments about the surface on Harris Rd. The first step on this project was to do full depth repair along the edges of the road. That creates a solid base under the edge where it has previously broken down. By the time you receive this newsletter the asphalt cap, the final course, should be completed. You may remember that we were granted OPWC funding for this project. The total cost was over \$427,600 with the township paying \$35,000 and the county engineer and OPWC making up the difference.

The township has submitted paperwork to improve Pittman road next year. This is a competitive grant for all projects in District 6. We will not know for some time if we were successful in getting this grant.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Garrett Guillozet - Director

The Delaware Public Health District looks forward to welcoming the Delaware County community to their new Delaware facility located at 470 S. Sandusky Street. All services are accessible at this location, including clinic and screening services, birth and death certificates and licenses and permits.

From the desk of Health Commissioner Garrett Guillozet: The Health District will be running a 0.7-Mill renewal levy during the November 2023 election. This 0.7-Mill is the same millage the Health District has operated on since 1984. The levy cost homeowners 17 dollars per year per \$100,000 of assessed home value. It's important to note the Health District's new Delaware facility was not funded using levy dollars. The levy dollars are reserved for operational and program expenses. For more info about the Health District's upcoming levy, visit Delawarepublichealthlevy.com or email DelawarePublicHealthLevy@gmail.com.

SOLAR ECLIPSE - Jecy Weber - Emergency Management Specialist

On Monday, April 8, 2024, Delaware County will experience a total solar eclipse. This means it will be dark in the middle of the day for around 2 minutes in the area of Brown Township. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event with the next eclipse with totality in Ohio occurring in 2099. With this event coming, now is the time to plan ahead. Delaware County expects many visitors to both come to visit and travel through. Based on other eclipse events, this likely will cause the population to double. To make your eclipse day as enjoyable as possible consider filling your gas tank on Friday, as well as going grocery shopping before the weekend. Also, consider where you would like to experience this event and how you will get there. Finally, to view the eclipse safely, please ensure you have a pair of eclipse glasses for the event. More information on the eclipse and eclipse glasses can be found at eclipse.ohio.gov.

CEMETERY - Connie Skinner

Our friend and veteran, Reggie Langford, has completed his kind and generous donation to our township and community. You may have noticed the front of our cemetery has a new flagpole with a solar light. Plus markers, bushes, and flags for the different military branches. Thanks to Reggie for all his work. Reggie is putting on a wreaths across America ceremony and will take place at 11 am on December 16th at Green Mound cemetery. Volunteer to help place wreaths on veterans graves. No need to sign up, meet us there. If you wish to donate a wreath for the ceremony, go to <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/172430/Overview> Or go to wreathscrossamerica.org and type OHGRMD into the location search bar. You must make your donation by November 15th. . We may have found a company that can help us with foundation work if we are chosen for the cemetery grant again next year. We encourage you to read through our cemetery rules that are posted on our website. Using rocks as mulch is not allowed per our rules. The danger in doing so could result in rocks getting thrown by the mower or weed zipper, resulting in damage to your monument, other monuments, or personal injuries to our employees or anyone within the vicinity. If in doubt, please check with us



911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS - Lauren Yankanin - Director

Delaware County Emergency Communications (DelComm) hired a new director. On August 29, Lauren Yankanin started in her position as the Director of 911. She comes to Delaware County from the City of Dublin with nearly 20 years of emergency communications experience. She has served in many roles throughout her career, from trainer, supervisor, manager, and now director. Director Yankanin has an educational background with her Master of Public Administration from Kent State University. Additionally, in 2022, she earned the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials designation Certified Public Safety Executive after six months of rigorous course work.

As a long-time Delaware County resident, Director Yankanin is eager to serve her home community. While her passion for service to others drives her motivation in the emergency communications field, the ability to support this critical service for the citizens of Delaware County contributes to an even higher level of commitment. Since August 29, Director Yankanin has spent time getting to know the team at DelComm, getting acquainted with County employees and officials, and focusing on hiring new team members for the center. She looks forward to being part of all that DelComm will accomplish.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Alex McCarthy - Director

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) is a County Board responsible for helping local first responders, community partners, homeowners, and business owners prepare for disasters. We write and maintain our countywide emergency operations plan that lays out how local organizations and stakeholders will work together to respond to any emergency that may happen in Delaware County. We assist first responders and community partners with trainings on how to respond to different disasters. We also help support response operations during large scale disasters across the County. In the event of a tornado, for instance, we would help bring in resources that fire and police need to help rescue people in a community. We coordinate with local community organizations to set up and maintain shelters for disaster survivors. We work to assess damages to homes and businesses to see if any State or Federal support can be brought in to help people recover after a disaster. While summer was uneventful here in Delaware County in terms of disasters and emergencies, we want to encourage people to begin to plan for winter weather. Please consider the following actions:

Make sure to keep extra blankets, a few bottles of water, and a flashlight in your car over the winter months.

Do not let your car's gas tank get too low; remember to keep a full tank of gas.

Make sure you have a set of jumper cables in the car.

Make sure that your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide batteries are fresh. We recommend changing these when you set your clocks back for daylight savings time.

In the event of a power outage, remember to keep your generator outside or you risk carbon monoxide poisoning

Lastly, we want to remind everyone to check on your friends, family, and neighbors any time we get hit by a winter storm to make sure they are ok. For more information, please check out our website at <https://ema.co.delaware.oh.us/>.



The new sheriff's office
at Byxbe Parkway and
St Rt 521

TRI-TOWNSHIP FIRE - Chief Troy Morris

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

Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600

The Fire District is still working at getting into the new station on Bowtown Road. The building is missing a couple items and we are just now getting those so we can get the move planned.

Once we get settled in, we will have an open house for everyone to see the building and meet our staff.

After 25 years with the Fire District, Chief Morris has announced his intention to retire the beginning of the year. A selection process for his replacement has been developed and will start in October.

We always end with a safety message, this fall we ask that everyone understand the law on distracted driving. We love meeting our customers in the District just would rather not do that due to a crash.



According to Sheriff Jeff Balzer, the residents of Brown Township will soon see even more deputy sheriffs in their area. As of mid-November, the administrative and patrol staff of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office will move into our new office on the Delaware County Byxbe Campus located just down the road from Kilbourne at 1776 State Route 521. The Sheriff's Office also will use the former Ventures Academy building on County Home Road as a Public Safety Training Facility. This former school building is an ideal location for training our deputies, corrections officers, and Delaware County emergency medical technicians.

Some of our top calls for service continue to be thefts from vehicles and phone/internet ploys designed to separate you from your money. We encourage you to safeguard your property and be skeptical of any offers which sound too good to be true. Let us know if you are threatened with arrest for missing jury duty or similar scams by calling the Sheriff's Office at (740) 833-2800 or 911 in an emergency."



The Sheriff's new training academy at the former Ventures Academy (Hickory Knoll)

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT - Dan Gladman

Snow Plow Safety Tips

Our mission is to get you to and from your destinations safely, with that here are some things to keep in mind.

The equipment we use to maintain roads in the winter is very large, and we remind drivers to give our operators room to maneuver; always keep a safe distance when nearing a snowplow.

Snowplows travel only 25 to 35 mph while operating. That is the optimum speed, and it's safest to stay behind them while they work. Don't tailgate, snow plows frequently stop and back up.

Try not to pass. If you must pass, take extreme caution and beware of the snow cloud. Remember, the road ahead of the snow plow is not cleared, so it's best to hang back and be patient.

Another thing to remember is that the snow plow usually drops salt or gravel behind it to increase traction and encourage melting. That means you should stay at least 200 feet behind the snow plow.

A snowplow operator's field of vision is restricted. You may see them, but they don't always see you. Keep your distance and watch for sudden stops or turns.

When Clearing Your Driveway

Please, do not push snow into the road, every year we see this happen. This can cause obstructions in the roadway and can be dangerous to motorists, melting snow often will refreeze and make hazardous conditions, and if you have a gravel driveway the gravel can cause a problem in the ditch with water flow and also be a projectile hazard when mowing is done during the summer season.

Mailbox Damage

Mailboxes are sometimes damaged when plowing occurs. On most occasions, they are knocked down NOT by the plow itself, but by the force of the snow as it is being pushed aside. However, most mailboxes, if sturdy and properly installed, will withstand this force. Heavy snow flying off of the plow can damage weak or unsteady mail boxes. Please check your mailbox to see that it is secured well.

Snow Emergency Classifications

There are three levels of snow emergency classifications:

LEVEL 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Drive carefully.

LEVEL 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work.

LEVEL 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one else should be out during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS - Connie Skinner

Reminder that you may reserve the township hall for your party or meeting. I have received a rental for next June and August already. 740-833-5057 or browntwprental@gmail.com

Development:

The township is keeping an eye on a potential annexation of land into Delaware city. This land is directly across from the Byxbe campus and sheriff department on State Route 521. It consists of 157 acres in Brown Township and 73 acres in Delaware Township. The commissioners will be the deciding factor. A group of 3 developers are wanting to place apartments and single family homes on that land, roughly a thousand rooftops. The Byxbe Parkway is expected to extend through this land at the roundabout. We have no timeline for the extension as the details and plans are still in the works.

WEB SITES OF INTEREST

Delaware County Engineer

Paving Information

<https://engineer.co.delaware.oh.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2023/03/2023-Paving-Guide-1.pdf>

Township Connections

<https://engineer.co.delaware.oh.us/township-connections/>

911

<https://emergencycomms.co.delaware.oh.us>

EMA

www.delcoema.org

Weather information

<https://www.ready.gov/alerts>

<https://www.ready.gov/severe-weather>

<https://www.weather.gov/cle/SevereWeatherAwarenessWeek>

<https://www.weathersafety.ohio.gov/Default.aspx>

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 - 740-362-8135 - 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

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



TOWNSHIP NUMBERS

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740-272-2011
Connie Skinner
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Charles Miley
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Fiscal Officer

Peggy Link
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Cemetery Sexton

Beth Harp
614-570-0261

ZONING OFFICIALS

INSPECTOR

Steve Lisano
740-833-5777

Secretary

Vicki Sheets
614-678-3551

Hall Rentals

Connie Skinner
740-833-5057

ZONING COMMISSION

Ian Capwell
Gary Jones
Keith Holewinski - Ch
Kyle Vanderhoff
Chris Rhinehart
Stan Bean - Alt
Julie Lisano - Alt

ZONING APPEALS

Chris Thompson
Chris Shamro
Brad Ebersole
Shane Askins
Donald Dicke
Linda Sheets - Alt

- **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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