



BROWN TOWNSHIP

Spring 2023

Trustees

Connie Skinner
Gary Stegner
Charles Miley

Fiscal Officer

Peggy Link

Township Clean-up

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

Recycling Events and Stats

To the left you see the DKMM recycling events scheduled for this year. They include hazardous waste, electronics, televisions. Some of the sites are open year round for drop off but you need to schedule an appointment. There is also a drop off site in Columbus by appointment.

Four Recycling bins are located at the township hall. Collections at these happen on Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the morning.

Last year 158,144 pounds were recycled which was 19,456 less than in 2021. The largest months were January and June with 14,000 each. The smallest was February with just over 11,000 pounds. Please remember to break down your cardboard boxes to make more room and do not use plastic bags

**COLLECTION 2023
OPTIONS**

OPEN TO ALL DELAWARE, KNOX, MARION & MORROW COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT RESIDENTS

APRIL 22, 2023 | 9AM-1PM

HAZARDOUS WASTE
MORROW COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
195 S. MAIN ST. | MT. GILEAD, OH

ADHESIVES HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS
AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS PAINT & PAINT RELATED MATERIALS
BATTERIES PROpane CYLINDERS
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SMOKE ALARMS
FLUORESCENT BULBS (ONLY IF CONTAINS A RADIOACTIVE SYMBOL)

\$20 PER CAR
LIMIT 10 CANS OF LATEX PAINT
5 GALLON CONTAINERS & UNDER

JUNE 3, 2023 | 9AM-1PM

ELECTRONICS | TELEVISIONS
DELAWARE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
236 PENNSYLVANIA AVE. | DELAWARE, OH
(ENTER AT REAR GATE AND KEEP RIGHT)

\$20 PER TELEVISION

**PERMANENT
COLLECTION LOCATIONS**

HAZARDOUS WASTE
KNOX COUNTY | MT. VERNON, OH
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY | APRIL - SEPTEMBER
CALL (740) 393-4600 TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
\$1 PER POUND DISPOSAL FEE

ENVIRONMENTAL ENTERPRISES, INC.
1249 ESSEX AVE. | COLUMBUS, OH
CALL (614) 294-1300 TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
YEAR-ROUND RECYCLING | FEES APPLY | EENVV.COM

ELECTRONICS | TELEVISIONS
MORROW COUNTY | MT. GILEAD, OH
YEAR-ROUND RECYCLING | BY APPOINTMENT
CALL (419) 946-6400 TO
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

\$20 FEE PER TELEVISION NO AIR CONDITIONERS
NO DEHUMIDIFIERS NO LARGE APPLIANCES

DKMM **DELAWARE COUNTY SOLID WASTE** **H**
For more information, visit [DKMM.ORG](https://dkmm.org) | call (740) 568-1700 **Delaware County Health District**

More information is available at <https://dkmm.org>

ZONING – Steve Lisano

Spring is in the air and soon it'll be time to fire up the lawnmower and start all those outdoor projects you've been thinking about all Winter, but before you do, please keep in mind that if you're going to: put up a fence, replace that deck, build a shed, extend the garage, add a barn, or install that new swimming pool you've always dreamed of, be sure to apply for a zoning permit as most construction projects are subject to zoning rules that require a permit.

I'd also like to mention that there's been interest by some of our fellow residents in starting a Bed & Breakfast type business in their home, which is allowed per Section 7.03M of the Township's Zoning Resolution. The key here is that the lodgers stay in the primary residence where the Owner resides. Therefore, renting out space in things like Tiny Homes, Yurts, RV's, Travel Trailers & Campers is not allowed in our Township.

Starting in April, there are two minor changes to the permit fee schedule for 2023: all permanent swimming pools (both above and below-ground) now require a permit, and a slight fee will be charged for installing a fence.

And finally, I think it's worth mentioning that we do get calls from residents about certain situations that are difficult to address and not specifically covered defined by zoning. Recently a resident was concerned about the language and graphics on banners/flags being displayed on someone's property that's clearly visible from the road. For that, I can only ask that all of us follow the Golden Rule, and be mindful that if you can't explain it to a child, then it probably goes too far.... just my two cents.

Welcome our new Health Commissioner

Garrett Guillozet, MPA, REHS, AEMT, has joined the Delaware County Public Health District as Health Commissioner on January 1, 2023. He is excited about this opportunity to work with such a team of dedicated public health professionals. It is my intent to strengthen and expand our relationship with the cities, townships, and villages within Delaware County. As a matter of background, he has over 17 years of direct experience in local public health, including most recently serving as the Health Commissioner for Ross County Health District. In addition, he has served as Division Manager at Franklin County Public Health in the environmental health division and currently serve as Chair of the Ohio Public Health Advisory Board, Treasurer of the Ohio Public Health Association, an At-Large Director of the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, and Past President of Ohio Environmental Health Association. Commissioner Guillozet appreciates your engagement and collaboration to help us live into our mission of "promoting, protecting, and improving the health of our community."

GREEN MOUND CEMETERY

Reggie Langford, a veteran from our area is working on a few projects for Green Mound cemetery. He and maybe a few friends are putting forth the money for a new flag pole with a solar light to be near the front of the cemetery. He wants to eventually place small military plaques around the flag pole. Reggie is also working on getting things together for Wreaths Across America. The wreaths will be placed on all veterans graves in the cemetery on December 16th. You may sponsor a wreath for \$17. You may place the wreath on your veterans grave that day, as well as assist with others. Please watch for details on how to sponsor a wreath and volunteer. Reggie used to work for the township when he was a young man. He currently lives in Catawba Island, Ohio but wants to give back to his hometown. Big thanks to Reggie for taking these projects on.

DAN GLADMAN - Road Superintendent

You may have noticed the township personnel out working on replacing road signs lately. This is to comply with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sign requirements. In January 2008, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) enacted new requirements for maintaining minimum levels of retro-reflectivity for traffic signs. There are a few different management methods that were designed to maintain sign retro-reflectivity at or above the minimum levels. The method that Brown Township uses is the **BLANKET REPLACEMENT METHOD**.

In this method, an agency manages signs in groups rather than as individual signs. The sign replacement interval is based on the expected sign life for the sign sheeting in the group with the shortest expected life. We were lucky enough to have received a grant through ODOT when our signs were due to be replaced this time around providing use with new signs, posts, and hardware. On the right, Taylor Radovich uses the post pounder to install the ground sleeve in preparation for installing the sign posts. The township changed over to square posts that will slip down into the sleeves. The square posts break off easier and the posts will be easier to replace when broken off



ROADS - Charlie Miley - Trustee

Good news the township has received an OPWC grant to resurface Harris Rd. In the last two years Harris has been a cut through, first when Rt. 42 was closed on the north edge of Delaware and secondly it was closed during the roundabout construction. This led to a steep increase in traffic on an already busy road. The road will be capped and new berms installed. This also includes center and edge lines. The total cost of this project will be \$427,600. Approximately 12% will be the townships obligation, 35% county assistance and 53% from the state OPWC funds

You also might have noticed that there was a culvert replacement done on Pittman Rd. next to Rt. 42 the second week in April. Other road work planned for this summer is a chip seal and fog seal on Hogback Rd. with edge and centerline. Since it has been a year or two since Howard Rd. was resurfaced we are adding a pavement rejuvenator to extend the life of the pavement. We will also apply rejuvenator to Oxford Woods and Pugh Rd. Giehl Rd will receive a chip seal and center and edge lines. In Kilbourne, Main St., Pearl St. and White St. are due to be chip sealed along with a fog seal. These improvements alone will cost \$123,000. We also will have copay for part of the OPWC grant. The county will assist in funding the OPWC Grant.

While out inspecting roads this spring we notice some of the trees along the township roads are dead and need to be cut down. If you have one of these trees please check into removing it. It becomes a hazard at 2:00 AM when our road superintendent or the fire department has to go out and cut up a tree blocking the road, so it is easier to take care of this in the daylight

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

NEW DIRECTOR

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management bid farewell to longtime director, Sean Miller, who accepted a position at Ohio EMA as the Regional Operations Chief. Sean was with the office for almost 15 years and during that time was responsible for expanding the office and its capabilities to match the rapid growth of Delaware County. With Sean's departure, the office is excited to announce Alex McCarthy as its new director. Alex returns to Delaware County EMA where he started his emergency management career as an intern while completing his Master's Degree in Atmospheric Science at The Ohio State University. Alex was the director at Tuscarawas EMA prior to taking the position here in Delaware County, and he is excited to return to Central Ohio.

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

March is Severe Weather Awareness month! Take this opportunity to review with your family some important items regarding preparedness to keep you safe. First and foremost, have multiple means to receive warnings and notifications. Tornado sirens were designed to only be heard outdoors as a warning to get inside and seek further information. With today's advances in technology, a cell phone can be one of the best tools to receive important weather or emergency information. You can sign up for weather alerts from a variety of weather apps, and also through the Delaware County specific application DelCoALERTS at www.delcoalerts.org.

Delco Alerts is an emergency alert system that allows you to opt in to receive notifications via phone calls, text messages and/or emails based on the locations (addresses) you enter into the system. For well under \$50.00, you can also purchase a NOAA Weather Radio, where you can listen to continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

2024 TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

Next Spring on April 8 2024, most of Delaware County will experience a total solar eclipse and around 3pm in the afternoon, it will be dark as midnight! While this will be a spectacular site to see, it can also provide some challenges for local communities and your EMA has been planning for this event for over a year. Because they are so rare and usually only happen once in a lifetime, large crowds of people from outside the area will travel across the world just to experience it. The last one total solar eclipse in Ohio was in 1806 and the next one will not occur again until 2099! One of the challenges that was identified from previous eclipses in other areas of the country were populations of counties doubling and tripling! After the event, the roads were then jammed for hours with excess traffic as people started to make their way home. This can disrupt deliveries, fuel supplies and usual everyday activities. Delaware County EMA is working with all of our partners in the county to be sure that we have a plan to address potential challenges and make it the best possible experience for all involved. You can find more information at <https://www.eclipse.ohio.gov> !

TROY MORRIS, CHIEF - Tri Township Fire District

As I hope everyone knows, the former station at the Point was sold to the State of Ohio for what is commonly known as the "Point Project". It was sad to leave the old place, lots of memories for many of us, but we realize that the building was barely meeting our needs and the timing of the road work was as good as time as we could hope for to look to the future and build a new station that would meet the needs of the District for at least another fifty years.

The time is quickly coming that the new station will be open and operational. As of this writing we feel that the completion date will be May 31. As soon as we are able to move out of the temporary building and get into the new one, you can expect us to be on the move.

In addition to the grand opening of the new station, we will also be celebrating our 75th Anniversary. The District was created in 1948 as an association of townships. Later, through a vote, the District as we currently know it was formed. The District consists of Delaware, Brown and Troy Townships. In the original formulation, Berlin Township and the top portion of Liberty Township were also a part of the association. Liberty and Berlin left to form their own fire department and the remaining three continued to work together. The original station was in Stratford north of the current car dealership. In 1957, the station at the Point was constructed and until last year was the main station for the District.



We wish we could give you a date for these events but we are at the mercy of the weather, an up and down supply chain and a whole host of other things that could keep us from our scheduled completion date.

Safety message for this newsletter, please check the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors for age or batteries. If the unit is over 10 years old, it most likely will need to be replaced. If it has replaceable batteries, please do so. These small steps will keep your detectors operational and everyone safe.

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IT'S BEEN A YEAR OF FIRSTS IN BROWN TOWNSHIP

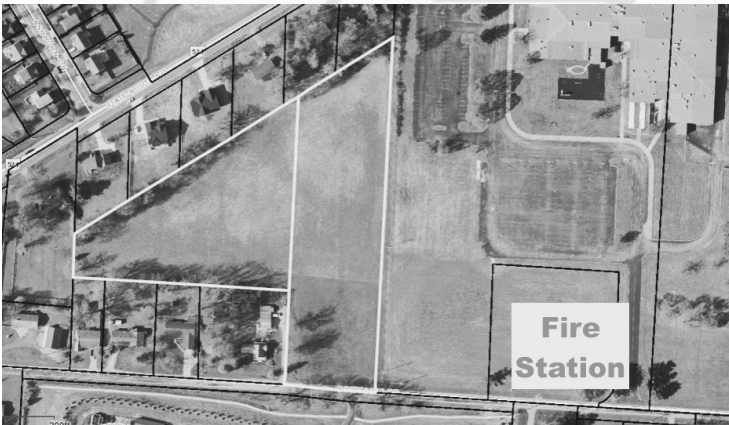


The township has purchased eight acres to expand the park. The new property is north of Mulberry St. and has frontage on N Old State. The current ball fields can be seen at the bottom of the photo

The township has our first roundabout on St Rt 521 and the new Bixby Parkway



The township also has its first annexation. This area is west of the new fire station on Bowtown Rd. Half of the annexed territory is in Brown and the other half is part of Delaware Township



The County is remodeling the retired DACC campus to be able to move several county agencies to one site making them more of a one stop county facility to make it more convenient for county residents



The Delaware County Sheriff is building a new office at the Bixby Complex. Both of these will be opening later this summer



This area adjoins the property where the new fire station is being built. It will be dedicated in May or June

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS

To rent the township hall, please call Connie at 740-833-5057. Rental information is on our website. You can find the site by searching Brown Township, Delaware Ohio. Special notice, there will be a Pelotonia bike race in our area on Sunday August 6th. Between 300 and 400 bicyclists will be using our hall parking lot for a resting place and first aid station. This is the second day of the race going from Kenyon College to New Albany.

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

TRUSTEES

Gary Stegner
740-272-2011
Connie Skinner
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

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**

OR CURRENT RESIDENT



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