BROWN TOWNSHIP

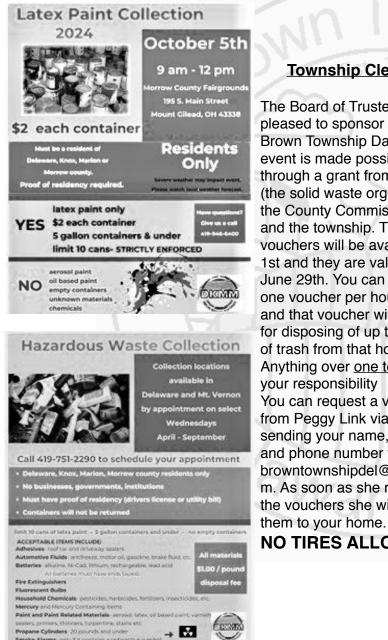
Spring 2024

Trustees

Connie Skinner Gary Stegner Charles Milev

Fiscal Officer Peggy Link

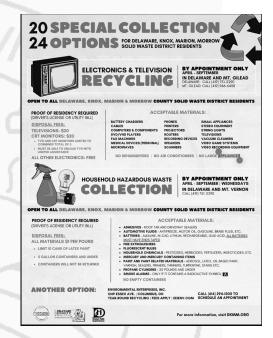
Township Clean up



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 April 1st and they are valid until June 29th. 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 from Peggy Link via email by sending your name, address and phone number to: browntownshipdel@yahoo.co m. As soon as she receives the vouchers she will mail

NO TIRES ALLOWED





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



SITE ELEMENT

#	SHE ELEMENT
1	Brown Township Hall
2	New Maintenance Building
3	New Salt Storage Area
4	New Concessions Building w/ Seating
5	Existing Concessions Building
6	Small Shelter (2-3 Picnic Tables)
7	Large Shelter (10-12 Picnic Tables)
8	Press Box
9	Dugout
10	Bleachers
11	Batting Cage
12	Baseball/Softball Diamond with Removable Outfield Fence
13	Basketball Court
14	Pickleball Courts
15	Soccer Pitch: Junior-High Sized
16	Playground
17	Walking Path

Future Walking Path to Existing Brewery

Foot Bridge Over Creek

2x 500 Gallon Gas Tanks

20 Monument Sign

This is the site plan developed for the new maintenance facility and park. At this time we will be concentrating on the maintenance facility and parking area in the upper right of the plan



Front elevation of the proposed shop off of North Old State. The bid documents have been published and we will open and review bids at our April meeting

CEMETERY - Connie Skinner

In December, we held our first wreaths across America ceremony. It was a success! We had plenty of wreaths and helpers to place them on veterans graves. Thank you all for your generosity. Reggie Langford was a big part in the ceremony. Kathy Caudill and Mary Fleming have stepped up to plan the ceremony for this year. Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 14th. More details to come in the fall newsletter. We have found a restoration company to help us with foundation repair in the cemetery. We will be applying for the cemetery grant when it opens.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT - Garrett Guillozet - Director

We're still wanting to hear from Delaware County residents! In partnership with SourcePoint: Thrive after 55, we are mailing out additional "My Life in Delaware County" surveys to Delaware County residents aged 55 and up. Check your mailbox and if you receive one, we would love for you to fill it out and send it back! Help us continue to make Delaware County #agefriendly with your input.

Jeffrey C. Balzer, Sheriff CLEE

The only update I have is an upcoming open house at our new Sheriff's Office headquarters.

What: Delaware County Sheriff's Office – new Headquarters Community Open House and Ribbon Cutting

When: April 24, 2024 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Where: 1776 State Route 521

Delaware

Delaware County Sheriff's Office 1776 State Route 521 Delaware, OH 43015

Desk Telephone: (740) 833-2871 Dispatch Telephone: (740) 833-2800



<u>Dan Gladman - Road Superintendent</u>

The township will be replacing the 2006 Ford F350 dump truck with a 2024 Ford F450 Dump truck, which likely won't be completed until the first part of 2025 due to long production time. Once the new cab and chassis is received it will go out to be outfitted with a dump bed, plow, toolboxes, and lights.

The 2023-2024 Winter season was good to us as far as salt usage goes. This season was our fifth lowest since we started tracking it in 2008. Below is a chart that shows our salt usage for the winter season by year.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Township Maintenance Crew, Trustees, Delaware County Engineer's Department and Outside Contractors

All of the above-mentioned people work together to ensure the safety, functionality, and overall condition of highways and roads. Their duties and responsibilities include:

Road Repairs: Road maintenance workers are responsible for identifying and repairing road damage such as potholes, cracks, and surface erosion. They use various tools and materials to patch and resurface the road.

Snow and Ice Removal: During winter months, maintenance workers are tasked with snow plowing and salting roads to prevent hazardous driving conditions. They operate snow plows and spreaders to clear snow and ice, making the roads safe for motorists.

Routine Maintenance: Performing routine maintenance tasks such as cleaning drainage systems, removing debris, and clearing vegetation along the roadside. These activities help prevent water accumulation, reduce erosion, and maintain proper visibility for drivers.

Signage and Signal Maintenance: Road maintenance workers install, repair, and replace road signs, signals, and markers. Ensuring that these signs are visible and accurate is crucial for guiding drivers safely and effectively.

Guardrail Installation and Repair: Road maintenance workers install, inspect, and repair guardrails and barriers along highways. These safety features are vital for preventing accidents and protecting drivers in the event of a collision.

Emergency Response: Road maintenance workers are often the first responders during accidents, natural disasters, or other emergencies. They quickly assess road damage, clear debris, and make necessary repairs to reopen roads promptly and ensure the safety of travelers.

Equipment Operation: Operating a variety of heavy machinery and equipment, including trucks, loaders, graders, and excavators. Maintenance workers must be skilled in using these machines to perform their tasks efficiently and safely.

Record Keeping: Maintaining accurate records of maintenance activities, repairs, and materials used. Proper documentation is essential for tracking maintenance schedules, budgeting, and reporting to higher authorities.

Safety Protocols: Adhering to safety regulations and protocols to protect themselves and others while working on busy roads. Wearing personal protective equipment (PPE), setting up warning signs, and following traffic control measures are essential for their safety.

Public Interaction: Interacting professionally with the public, responding to inquiries, and addressing concerns. Effective communication is crucial, especially when maintenance activities may cause temporary inconveniences to commuters.

In addition to the above-mentioned jobs, we also care for two township cemeteries, township buildings, and township park. Anything beyond our capabilities due to equipment or training is often handled by the Delaware County Engineer's Department or outside contractors

TRI-TOWNSHIP FIRE

Station 331 1752 Bowtown Rd. 740-369-2703 Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600

Tri has created a new position for a full-time fire fighter, David Wortz. David will work what's called a 40 hour position. This will give us a fourth firefighter at Station One during the day.

In our ongoing effort to hire a replacement for Chief Morris the Fire Board has interviewed three candidates for the position. The Board is hoping to have the new Chief hired and on board by the end of the month.

We would like to thank Mark Murphy for stepping into the acting Chief position and getting everything caught up. When the new chief is hired we will be working on the open house and dedication for the new fire house.



The fire board has discussed at length when to have our open house. We are still working through the punch list for the building and want to get the landscaping done. It was suggested that we could have the ceremony during fire prevention week in October

ROADS - CHARLIE MILEY

Our road improvement program in Brown Township this year will be one of maintaining what we have. On Hogback we will be crack sealing the southern half (from the state park south) and the entire road will get improved pavement markings. On Cackler Rd. We will be making pavement repairs and improved markings. Since Jumper Rd was chip sealed in 2021, it will only get improved pavement markings. Skinner is our most extensive repair this year at \$162,000. Because the road has developed channeling and some alligator cracking the plan is to cap it with a 1 1/2 asphalt overlay after some pavement repairs are completed. Baker Rd will be crack sealed and pavement markings will be improved. Since Harris received a cap last year we will be applying a rejuvenating agent to increase the elasticity of the asphalt. This treatment was completed on Howard and Oxford Woods last year. The application is a soybean derivative That extends the life of the pavement by a few years. The total budgetary amount of this work is \$288,200 including contingency. All of this work was included in the Delaware Count Road Improvement Project where all townships and the county combine all their road work into one large project to get a better price. This has not been bid out yet and work will be completed in a rotation around the county. Once it is bid you can check the weekly schedule at the engineer's website listed on the back inside cover.

One project that is looming on the horizon is along Hogback Rd. Just north of the State Park Overlook, the east side of the road is eroding away. This has bee progressing over the last several years. This is a big enough problem that neither the township or county can do. We have received an estimate from a local general contractor to do the work at a cost of \$60,000 plus. This includes clearing the drainage channels and installing rock chutes to control the erosion. If approved this would be done in later summer because the area to the east is basically a marsh that has to dry out.

This is a good time to thank everyone for their support of the road levy. Paying for our share of these would not be possible without those funds

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 seuveyed 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.

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.

Population Comparisons

Township	Population	Housing Units		
Brown	1402	571		
Oxford	950	386		
Radnor	1507	629		
Kingston	2359	870		
Delaware	2138	869		
Troy	2105	863		
Porter	2194	788		
Berkshire	4476	1628		
Berlin	7774	2527		
Total population of all townships 120,062				

Brown Township Population by Generation

Greatest Generation	3.9%	Baby Boomer	28.8%
1945 - earlier		1946 - 1964	
Gen X	23.1%	Millenial	19.1%
1965 - 1980		1981 - 1998	
Gen Z	19.3%	Gen Alpha	5.8%
1999 - 2016		2017 - Pres	

TOWNSHIP HALL RENTALS - Connie Skinner

Reminder that you may reserve the township hall for your party or meeting. 740-833-5057 or browntwprental@gmail.com

Development:

The 230 acres of land across from the Byxbe campus and the sheriff's department annexed into Delaware City on February 7th. The city is going through the re-zoning process on that parcel. The proposed zoning will likely result in houses, condos, and apartments. The township will retain a portion of the taxes from the property through a TIF. We are also eagerly waiting to hear if we were selected for an Ohio EPA grant to put in a salt storage facility next to our new maintenance building site on N. Old State.

Leonardsburg

WEB SITES OF INTEREST Delaware County Engineer

Paving Information

https://engineer.co.delaware.on.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.org84

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

 $\textbf{Connie Skinner} - 740\text{-}815\text{-}5131 - \underline{csbrowntwp@gmail.com}$

Cemetery - Health Department

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

Parks & Facilities

Charlie Miley - 740-362-8135 - charlie.miley1@outlook.com

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

Peggy Link - 740-369-0700 - browntownshipdel@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 ZONING OFFICIALS **ZONING COMMISSION TRUSTEES INSPECTOR** Ian Capwell Gary Jones Gary Stegner Steve Lisano 740-272-2011 740-833-5777 Keith Holewinski - Ch Connie Skinner Kyle Vanderhoff 740-815-5131 Chris Rhinehart Stan Bean - Alt Charles Miley Secretary 740-602-1575 Vicki Sheets Julie Lisano - Alt **Fiscal Officer ZONING APPEALS** Peggy Link **Hall Rentals** Chris Thompson 740-369-0700 Chris Shamro Connie Skinner 740-833-5057 Brad Ebersole **Cemetery Sexton** Shane Askins Beth Harp 614-678-3551 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 at 7:00 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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