



# BROWN TOWNSHIP

Fall 2024

**Fiscal Officer**

Peggy Link

## **Trustees**

Connie Skinner

Gary Stegner

Charles Miley

## **General Township News - Connie Skinner**

We're excited to announce that we've been awarded partial funding through the Ohio EPA's H2Ohio Rivers Chloride Reduction Grant Program. We will receive \$6,979, which will go toward installing a brine spraying system on our F-450 truck. This will help us clear intersections and hazardous roadways more efficiently during the winter months, as part of Governor DeWine's initiative to reduce road salt usage.

After two zoning board meetings and two trustees meetings, Henmick's rezoning request for their North Old State Road property was approved with modifications. It is currently facing a referendum. The Board of Elections is still determining if we'll hold a spring election. If not, the referendum will appear on the Fall 2025 ballot. This November's Election Day is on the 5th and our polling location is the township hall.

For those who attended the Career Center or Vocational School on State Route 521, we encourage you to visit the Byxbe Campus. It is now home to various county offices including the County Engineers, Regional Planning, Soil and Water, and more. Located at 1610 State Route 521, this campus also offers meeting rooms for rent. Next door, at 1776 State Route 521, you'll find the new Sheriff's Department. Plans are also in place for a Developmental Disabilities and Social Services building in this area. Across from the Byxbe Campus, land annexed by the city is set to be developed into a mix of single and multi-family homes. With annexation, the township's zoning and our voices are lost.

Please visit the health department website for info on vaccination clinics and flu shots. <https://www.delawarehealth.org/>

Lastly, we're working with the Delaware County Foundation to establish a fund that will allow donations to Brown Township. These funds can be used for community improvements, such as walking paths, park upgrades, and necessary equipment. We'll share more details once we have them on Facebook and in our spring newsletter. Many other townships, including Orange, Delaware, and Genoa, have similar funds. For example, Orange Township successfully used their fund to help finance their Veterans Memorial, which opened in September.

## Peggy Link - Township Fiscal Officer

Township Residents and Friends,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be retiring as your Township Fiscal Officer effective January 1, 2025. As I approach my retirement, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. Serving this wonderful community has been one of the greatest honors of my life, and I have cherished every moment spent working to make our township a better place.

Over the years, I've had the pleasure of witnessing the incredible spirit and resilience that defines our community. From the bustling events to the quiet moments of connection, your support and engagement have been a constant source of inspiration. While I will miss the daily interactions and the opportunity to contribute to our community, I am excited for the future and the new adventures that await. I have the utmost confidence in the dedicated individuals who will continue to serve and support our township with the same commitment and care.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this vibrant community. Your warmth, kindness, and dedication to our township have made this journey truly memorable.

With sincere appreciation,

*Peggy Link*

## Township Zoning

Hello Brown Township residents.

My name is Steve Serio. I am the new part-time zoning inspector for Brown Township. I served 15 1/2 years on the Delaware Morrow Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. I am a former township trustee of Bennington Township, Morrow County and I am happy to take on this challenging role as Brown Township Zoning Inspector.



**Troop 2227 of Kilbourne**, Ohio built a little library for the Kilbourne Baseball and Softball fields as part of their woodworking badge. They made it out of recycled materials and collected children's books to stock it. Little libraries allow anyone to take a book or leave a book that they are done with. The girls hope to share their love of reading with more kids in the community and felt that a sports field and playground was the perfect place to get books to other kids. The girls are 7th, 8th and 9th graders at Buckeye Valley.

From left to right: front row Mackenzie Maddux, Juliann Bacon, Tessa Turowski middle row: Hannah Turowski, Jennifer Yerian, and Emme Wheeland Back row: Teagan Kanode, Holly Dennewitz, and Emma Hough

## Cemetery Update - Connie Skinner

Although we were not selected for the cemetery grant this year, we remain hopeful for next year's application. On the bright side, we've partnered with a reputable company that specializes in foundation restoration. They've provided us with quotes for several sections of the cemetery, enabling us to restore one section per year. This gradual approach will help us steadily improve the condition of the cemetery.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated crew for maintaining our cemeteries so beautifully throughout the year. If you see them hard at work, please let them know how much their efforts are appreciated. Our cemetery team includes Beth, John, Lee, and occasionally Dan. Additionally, Nathan, our volunteer for Civil War monument preservation, is continuing his invaluable work, this time assisting the Ashley Cemetery with monument replacements.

A big thank you to Mary Fleming and Kathy Caudill who have stepped up to assist with the Wreath's Across America Program this year. There will be a program on December 14th at Green Mound Cemetery. Our Facebook page has the link to purchase wreaths, or go to <https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/> Make sure to search for our location after clicking "sponsor wreaths". Our location is OHGRMD.

### 911 - Lauren Yankanin - Director

"Delaware County Emergency Communications is excited to announce a new tool to keep citizens informed and collect feedback on non-life-threatening calls for service. DelComm is now sending text message surveys after certain types of interactions with 911 and our department using PowerEngage. Each survey will ask just a few questions about your satisfaction and allow you to provide feedback. Surveys are sent out approximately six hours after the call.

Your feedback is important to us; we want to know how we are doing. Not everyone will receive a survey, and residents who do not want to participate can simply not respond.

It is important that everyone knows that these surveys should not be used to report any emergency or crime. As always, call 9-1-1 for any emergency or to report criminal activity."



# **DAN GLADMAN - Brown Township Road Superintendent**

## **Winter is approaching**

Snow and ice control is one of the most significant winter activities performed. Brown Township is responsible for keeping just over 20 centerline miles of township roads safe and passable whenever winter weather strikes. Our personnel work hard day and night to attempt to keep the roads clear even in the worst weather conditions often sacrificing time away from their families on weekends and holidays.

## **Salt**

As salt is spread over the roadway, it forms brine (moisture and salt) as the snow and ice melt. The snow and ice that remain float on the brine, breaking the bond with the roadway. As more traffic passes over the surface, slush is formed which can be plowed to the sides of the road. Plowing alone cannot accomplish this. Plowing and salting together make safer roadways. Temperatures, time of application, traffic, weather conditions and the type of road surface, are among the many variables that can affect the success of deicing. For instance, at 30° F salt is five times more effective than at 20° F. Salt is used as the principal deicer because it is the most readily available and least expensive deicer. Salt becomes less effective below 20° F. It needs calcium, brine, or beet juice mix added in to become more effective in melting the ice and snow. Average application of salt is 600-800 lbs. per centerline mile.

Brown Township purchases its salt from the Delaware County Engineer's Office at the Salt Barn located on US42 next to the County Jail and our truck will carry 8 tons at \$69.50 per ton (2023-2024 season price) or \$556 per truckload.

## **Brine**

Brine is also used as pre-treatment prior to the snow event/storm and is one of the most useful benefits to being proactive and perform anti-icing before precipitation occurs. This helps prevent snow from bonding to the pavement. A 23.3% solution of brine will lower the freezing point of water from 32° F down to 18° F and breaks up the bond formed between the road and the snow.

## **Roads**

The roads in the township are maintained by Brown Township, Delaware County Engineer, and ODOT. If there is an issue with the roads, please call the entity responsible for that particular road to get a quicker response.

## **BROWN TOWNSHIP maintained roads are listed below**

Beard, Cackler, Giehl, Harris, Hogback, Howard, Jumper, Kelly McMaster, Oxford Woods Drive, Pittman, Pugh, Skinner, Veley, Walton

## **SHARED ROADS**

Baker, McCurdy

## **LEONARDSBURG STREETS**

Frank, Harrison, John, West

## **KILBOURNE STREETS**

Main, Mulberry, Pearl, Walnut, White



## **TRI-TOWNSHIP FIRE - Chief Tim Carr**

Station 331 1752 Bowtown Rd. 740-369-2703

Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600

I would like to introduce myself as the new Fire Chief of Tri-Township Fire District. I am grateful for this opportunity to serve the district. I have been a resident of Brown Township since 2004, where my wife and I are raising our son who attends Buckeye Valley Local Schools. Over the course of 23 years, I have had the privilege to work for a few different fire departments in Delaware County. With these departments, I have been able to experience and educate myself in many different important roles within the fire service. I am excited to serve our fire district and help with the safety of our people in this great community!

We have had many new things happening within the fire department. We have recently been able to hire six new part-time position firefighters. These new employees will help the department with our goal to be able to work towards more adequate staffing. Adequate staffing is a huge role in the safety of our community with the amount of growth that we have had in the area over the past few years and also with it still continuing to increase at a high volume.

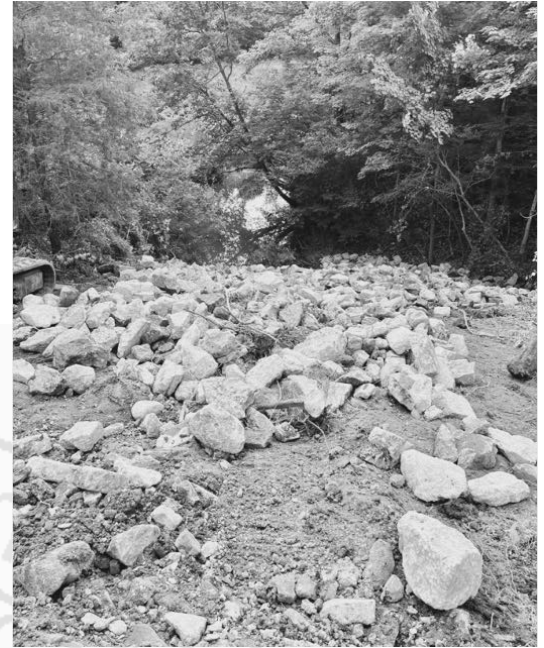
We also recently took delivery of our new tanker truck. This truck is a 2024 Rosenbauer with a 1,000 GPM pump that holds 2,000 gallons of water. The new truck will replace Tanker 331 ("Sonny Boy") that was purchased for our department in 1992. With this truck being able to hold more water, it is a huge benefit to our community and its more rural areas and also allows us to have a tanker truck at both of our fire stations.

October is fire prevention month! With the cooler weather starting, be sure to hire a qualified professional to clean and inspect your chimney and vents at least once a year. This will help prevent chimney fires. Also, double check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors- replace batteries twice a year and if the detector is 10 years or older, it is considered expired and will need to be replaced.

Our annual toy and clothing drive for P.I.N. (People In Need) will be on Saturday, December 21 from 9am-3pm at Station 331 (Bowtown Rd.)



Pictured above is our new tanker (on the right) that replaces our 1992 tanker (Sonny Boy)



### **TOWNSHIP ROADS - Charlie Miley - Trustee**

On our road inspection in September the trustees and county advisor, Doug Riedel, found that our roads were in very good condition. We are now in a phase where we can move past chip and seal to more serious road improvements. In the past few years we have resurfaced Howard and Skinner Roads. We reapplied for OPWC funds to resurface Pittman Road. When funds become available we are considering applying for more OPWC grants. OPWC is a fund in the state budget to award improvement grants to townships, counties and municipalities. This funding is voted on every few years by all voters but do not increase your taxes. Also with our roads being in good shape we have been in position to take on other projects. Two examples are shown here. Above is a rock chute that was installed along the high banks portion on Hogback Rd. to control water erosion from the road. This was contracted out at a cost of \$36,000. The other project below is a road drainage improvement completed by our employees along Kelly McMaster Road. The Road Levy that the voters have supported in the past help assure that these projects can continue .







## Emergency Management & Homeland Security - Alex McCarthy - Director

The 2024 Fans for Friends fan drive has concluded with great FANfare! Through the generosity of county residents and employees, 350 fans were donated to the program with 340 being distributed to help 278 Delaware County families in need beat the heat this summer. The relief of a cool breeze from a fan helped make this summer's heat waves and heat indices in the 100s more tolerable. Recognizing that extreme heat is the #1 cause of weather-related deaths and illnesses, the Delaware County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management created this program in partnership with our friends at People in Need to better serve the local community during the summer months. A special thanks to the Tri Township Fire Department for serving as donation collection points and annually supporting this program.



Coco, the 911 and EMS support dog is ready to deliver fans collected from the fan drive. His handler, Karla Jacobs, is a senior dispatcher in the 911 center

### Brown Township Electric Aggregation Program – Savings for Your Community

Since 2014, Brown Township has proudly supported Electric Aggregation for our community. This program has helped residents and small businesses lower their energy costs with competitive rates. Since our program began, we've delivered substantial savings to the community. Our partnership with Trebel Energy has saved residents **\$127,345.68** over the past year alone.

#### Average savings per household:

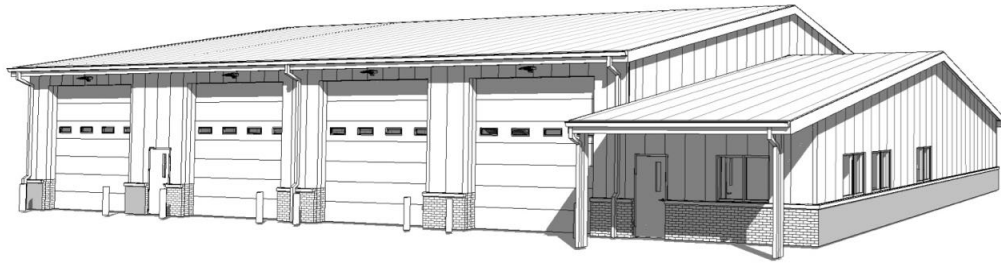
- **Annually:** ~\$900
- **Monthly:** ~\$75

**Join the Program Today!** There is no cost to join, and participants can enter or exit the program at any time, without penalty. If you're interested in joining the Brown Township Electric Aggregation Program, simply reach out to Trebel Energy at **877.861.2772** or via email at [info@trebelenergy.com](mailto:info@trebelenergy.com). Their team is here to help.

For more information about how Trebel Energy has been delivering savings and expert service to communities since 2010, visit [trebelenergy.com](http://trebelenergy.com).

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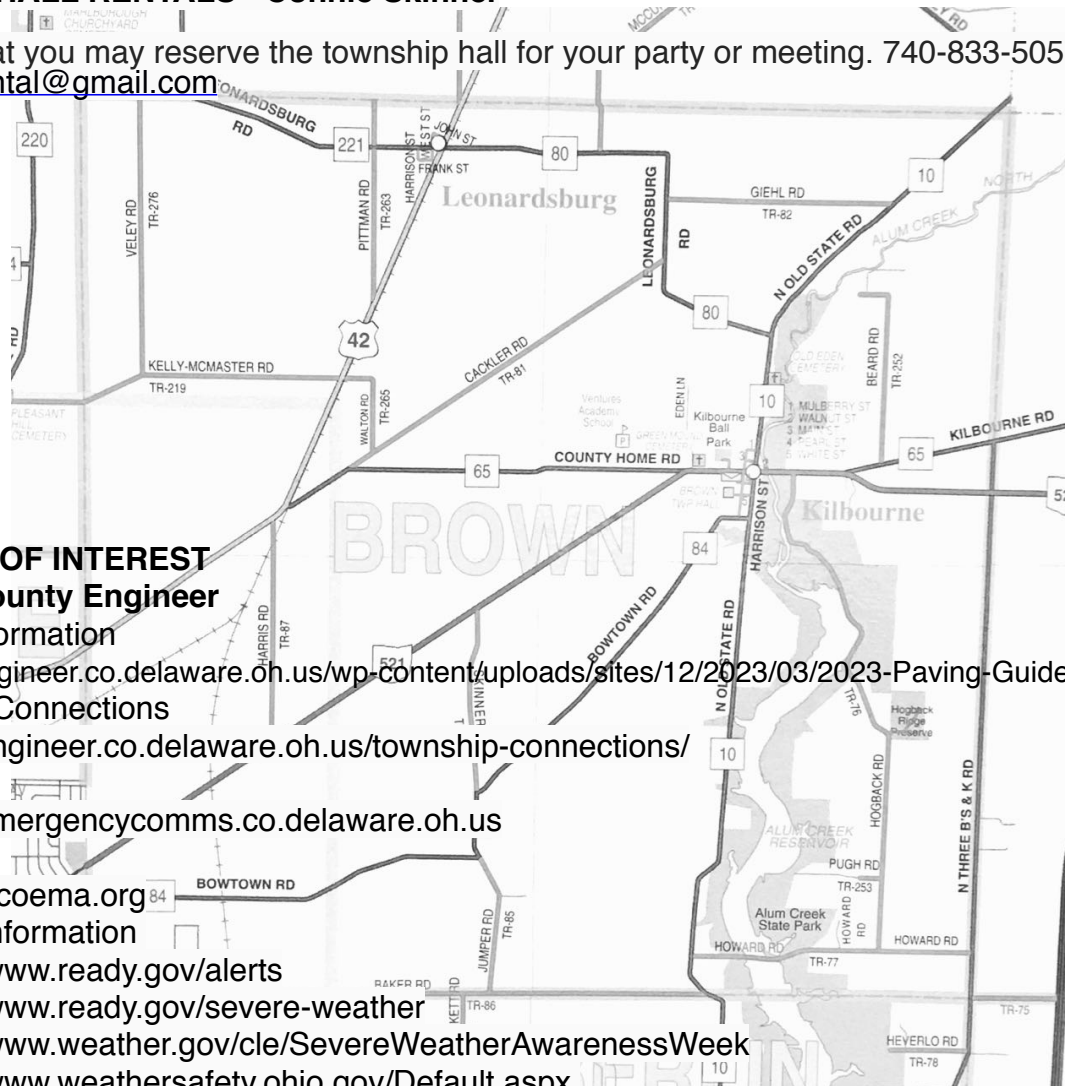


For those of you that have been wondering what is being built on the north edge of Kilbourne. This is the townships new maintenance facility. A unique method was employed for this project. The roof was constructed on the ground where access was easier without scaffolding or ladders. Once that was completed the walls were constructed and attached at the top. The last step was to raise the roof with four large hydraulic scissor jacks and fasten the sides to the bottoms. There were two steel I-beams that ran the length of the building with the hydraulic jacks on the ends. Raising the building took about five minutes. The maintenance office and facilities are located to the right in these pictures and have a different roof line



## 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](mailto:browntwprental@gmail.com)



### 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](http://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](mailto:csbrowntwp@gmail.com)

Cemetery - Health Department

**Gary Stegner** - 740-272-2011 - [gary.stegner@hotmail.com](mailto:gary.stegner@hotmail.com)

Parks & Facilities

**Charlie Miley** - 740-362-8135 - [charlie.miley1@outlook.com](mailto:charlie.miley1@outlook.com)

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

**Peggy Link** - 740-369-0700 - [browntownshipdel@yahoo.com](mailto:browntownshipdel@yahoo.com)

Payments, Billing, Records, Records Requests

### Information on the Township website

[www.co.delaware.oh.us/index.php/brown-township](http://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  
browntwpcemetery@gmail.com

**ZONING OFFICIALS**

**INSPECTOR**

Steve Serio  
740-833-5777

**Secretary**

Vicki Sheets

**Hall Rentals**

Connie Skinner  
740-833-5057

**ZONING COMMISSION**

*Ian Capwell*  
*Aaron Heydinger*  
*Keith Holewinski - Ch*  
*Kyle Vanderhoff*  
*Jeremy Williams*  
*Stan Bean - Alt*  
*Marc Gaskill - 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 at 7:00 if needed. Meetings are held at the Township Hall, 5555 St. Rt. 521
- **All cancellations and special meeting notices will be posted on the front door of the township hall**

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