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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Hamilton Township is proud to announce we have officially restored our Township Newsletter. The Board of Trustees have directed staff to produce a quarterly Newsletter for issue dates January, April, July and October.

If you would like to receive the Township Newsletter electronically, please visit our website and click the link to subscribe. By doing so, you will receive the newsletter immediately upon its release each quarter to your email inbox. The Township will also have printed copies available at the Administration Building, many local businesses and a digital copy on our Website with a link from our Facebook page.

This Township Newsletter has been fully funded by advertisements, with no actual cost to the township. You will find all of these greatly appreciated advertisements on page 8.

This Township Newsletter is a collective effort with the Board of Trustees, staff and the community. If you have any ideas or input, please reach out to us at 513.683.8520, message us on Facebook or stop by; we would love to hear from you. We are very excited about the release of our first issue and hope that you enjoy your Township Newsletter.

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DARRYL CORDREY, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, CHAIR

"Over the last sixteen months we have made great strides in Hamilton Township and I am excited for the new path we are on. We have seen economic growth with the addition of several new businesses and are working hard to continue that trend. Our township has an outstanding group of employees that work hard every day to move us forward. I believe our future is bright and Hamilton Township's best days are ahead of us."



JOE WALKER, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE, VICE CHAIR

"I'm excited for our townships future, with the recent passage of the permanent police levy and passage of the road and bridge levy as well as construction starting soon on the new fire house. This will equip the township with the tools it needs to serve you for years to come. Thanks for supporting your township."



JOSEPH ROZZI, TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE

"Hamilton Township is on the cusp of a new beginning! While residential growth has remained strong, our economic areas have remained underdeveloped. However, this has given us as a community a blank slate to shape the future of Hamilton Township. I am proud to be a member of this board and I know that we will achieve a future that all of the residents can be proud of."



JIM HUNTER, TOWNSHIP FISCAL OFFICER

"I would like to start by saying the financial state of the Township is strong. We have just completed our fifth audit and it has been submitted to the state. We believe this will be our fifth perfect audit in a row. I want to thank the staff for their diligent and transparent work and I want to ensure the residents that our Township is in strong fiscal condition."



Trustee Meetings are held the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Administration Building, 6:30 p.m.



CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

The concept of the Citizens Police Academy (CPA) started in the United Kingdom in 1977 in the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, England. A police night school was implemented to allow citizens, who were anxious to learn about police functions, police operations, and the organization of the police system in England. The founders received an immediate response from the public and they were soon overwhelmed with applicants wanting to know about *their* police force.

In 1985, the Orlando, Florida Police Department adopted the concept of the Police Night School for their agency, and created the first CPA in the United States. The ultimate goal of the Orlando CPA was to reduce crime through a stronger citizen commitment to the police department and the community. Success was instantaneous, and a new law enforcement tool was found.

Word of the success spread and, in that same year, Missouri City, Texas joined in and adopted the same concept. Today, you will find CPA programs throughout the United States in communities large and small. A recent report estimates that nearly 15% of all police departments across the United States offer some form of citizen's police academy.

Hamilton Township residents participating in various day-to-day activities and responsibilities of a Police Officer.

The purpose of the CPA is to increase citizen awareness of the day-to-day operation of the Police Department by educating them on various topics relative to the role of a Police Officer our community. The academy is not intended to make citizens into Police Officers, but to allow citizens to learn more about police operations. It consists of a series of classes and discussions on various topics.

Hamilton Township has not conducted its' own CPA in over a decade until this year, when Chief Scott Hughes reached out to our neighbors at the Village of Maineville and offered the idea of a joint CPA. Our eight-week program covered numerous topics, including *history of law enforcement, K9 operations, crime prevention, traffic stops, drug prevention, traffic crash investigation, and more.*

In addition to instruction by Hamilton Township and Village of Maineville police officers, citizens also heard from representatives of the Warren County Drug Task Force, Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation, K9 officers from the City of Loveland and the City of Mason, Warren County Tactical Response Unit, and Warren County Prosecutor David Fornshell.

If you are interested in attending the next Citizens Police Academy, follow us on Social Media [@HamiltonTwpPD](#) for upcoming dates and times.



Citizens Police Academy graduation.



Hamilton Township Police Department
Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8-5:00pm
Non-emergency: 513.683.0538

Warren County Dispatch after hours non-emergency calls: 513.925.2525



Emergency personnel providing station tours and educational demonstrations.



NEW FIRE STATION 76

For some time now, the fire department has been in need of new facilities. A feasibility study was completed in 2012 towards this end, but did not spur any action. In 2015, the Township paid for a study of the fire department to be performed by Management Partners. The following are their comments on our facilities.

“The most striking observation of our assessment of the fire department is that neither fire station is serviceable in terms of accommodating modern day apparatus or by virtue of its location within the Township.

Fire Station 76 serves as the Fire Department headquarters. It is the original firehouse and is over 50 years old. The station is landlocked and the access doors are not configured to house modern day aerial trucks.

Living quarters are run down and not suitable for simultaneous male and female occupancy. Office space is cramped and training facilities are out of date.”

In mid-2016, we began addressing this topic once again. Through many hours of study, discussion and work, we have come farther than ever. We decided the open lot north of the Township Administration building would work due to its location and the fact that it was already owned by the township. With our internal committee of the fire chief, Trustee Joe Walker, Brent Centers, Ken Hickey, and several review processes, we selected KZF to be our criteria architect and Turner Construction with SMP Design to design and build the fire station. Once again, after many hours of discussion and revising, a decision was made on size and design that would fit

our current needs with some thought to the future. Turner Construction placed the job out to bid and the price returned to us was much higher than expected due to many market causes. Therefore, we returned to the design process to value engineer and come up with the best design that would better fit our project budget.

We are now near the end of this long process and believe we will be presenting a final project plan to the Board of Trustees in late March. If the Board agrees to move forward, then contracts will be signed, permits will be obtained and construction will likely begin in the spring of 2019. We expect this process to be a nine to ten month project if all goes well. Below are some early renderings of what the project will look like.



South Elevation



West Elevation

Hamilton Township Emergency Services
Office Hours: Monday - Friday | 8-5:00pm
Station 76 | Non-emergency: 513.683.1622
Station 77 | Non-emergency: 513.899.1967





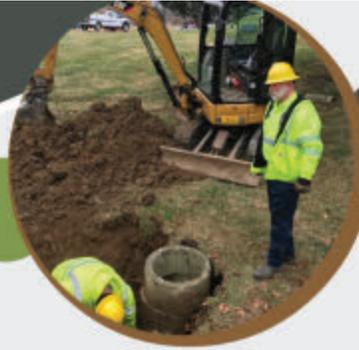
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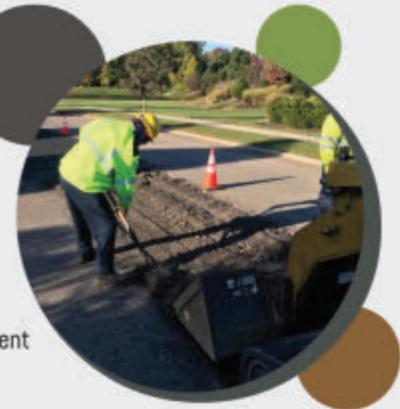
Hamilton Township Public Works Department has been very fortunate to have the ability to repave roads in the years past. This was only feasible with Local Funding through the State (which is no longer available) and by using Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money, which depleted at the conclusion of 2018.

Knowing the revenues would be exhausted at the end of the year, the Township Trustees decided to add a 1.25 Mills Road Levy on the November ballot. This levy revenue would go specifically towards road resurfacing and roadway infrastructure. This was precarious given the fact that no township in Warren County's history has ever passed a Road Levy. The citizens spoke via voting and our levy passed!

Following its passage, it was up to the Public Works Director and Road Supervisor to rate the roads accordingly to accommodate the need of resurfacing throughout the township. After a long process of rating the 58 subdivisions and 98 lane miles in the township, the Public Works Director produced a list of roads to the Warren County Engineers Office. This list then goes into a



Hamilton Township Maintenance Department making repairs.



collective bidding process with other townships to receive the greatest economic benefit in pricing. This is where the township currently stands in the process. Once the list is returned from the Warren County Engineers Office back to the Public Works Director, he will review the cost and present a list to the Administrator and Trustees for the final approval.

Finally, once the list of roads to be resurfaced is approved, the Public Works Director will add the list to the township website for the residents of Hamilton Township to view.

The proposed 2019 road list as submitted to the Warren County Engineers Office:

- Cabernet Court
- Chardonnay Drive
- Chancellor Drive
- Hampton Glen Lane
- Harrison Road
- Hatt Swank Road
- Lakewood Farms Drive
- Linden Creek
- Maple Grove
- Mounts Road (partial)
- Schlottman Road (partial)
- Stapleford Manor
- Stephens Road (partial)
- Village Green Parkway
- Vintage Court



Fence repairs being made at Big Foot Run Dog Park



Did you know?
The Hamilton Township logo on a road sign indicates the road is the responsibility of the township to maintain.

COMMUNITY CORNER

OPERATION MILITARY ANGELS



Members of the United States Armed Services soon will be receiving more than 3,000 care package items from Little Miami thanks to the efforts of a high school junior with a desire to help others.

During the month of February, all buildings in the Little Miami Local School district collected donations for Operation Military Angels, the brainchild of Jamie Blodgett. The idea for the project came to the Little Miami High School junior after she received some discouraging news.

Blodgett's dream was to enlist in the Navy. But after learning that a medical condition would keep her from serving, she decided to serve in a different way.

"I was crushed, but then I decided that if I couldn't go into basic training, I would do something to bring together three things: My love for giving back, my respect for the military and my determination," she said. "Thus began Military Angels."

Blodgett decided she wanted to create care packages for service members to perhaps make overseas deployment a little easier. She contacted a local Marine post, which not only provided her



Jamie Blodgett,
junior at LMHS and
founder of Operation
Military Angels

with a list of much-needed items, but also offered to help box up and ship the items overseas. All she needed to do was collect items for the care packages.

Blodgett happened to mention her idea for a non-profit to one of her teachers, who then passed it on to high school administrators. As luck would have it, her idea coincided with Little Miami's character education theme of the month for February, service. And instead of just collecting items at the high school, counselors and principals from across the district decided to lend a hand to Jamie's effort. Items collected included personal care items, food items and entertainment items for troops to share with local peoples.

"From a very young age, service was instilled in me," she said. "I also come from a long line of military members both active and retired.



Little Miami Students
collecting items.

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COMMUNITY GARDEN



The Community Garden Applications are now available.

This year in the Community Garden you will notice some changes as we focus on some aesthetically pleasing upgrades. We will be re-pouring a gravel entrance, removing the perimeter fence and keeping it down, removing the snag tree in the middle of the garden, and implementing new rules.

Hamilton Township will also install a garbage receptacle for gardeners, remove the wooden pallets around the water spigot and pour decorative rock. We will also mow the front and



Community Garden located on Striker Road

perimeter around the entire garden on a weekly basis.

We are committed to having a place for our Gardeners to grow their crops and have a place for our youth to learn about the cultivation process as they garden with their loved ones. The changes mentioned above will protect the gardeners' ability to garden along with the community's sightliness of the area. If you have any questions or would like to apply for a Garden Plot, please call (513) 683-8520 or stop by the Township Administration Building.

Happy Gardening!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 1 APRIL 2019

MOUNTS PARK OPENS | DAWN-DUSK | STUBBS MILL ROAD

MONDAY 8 APRIL 2019

LITTLE MIAMI SCHOOL'S MAIN OFFICE RIBBON CUTTING | 6-8PM | US RT 22/3

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2019

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP EASTER EGG HUNT | 11AM | TESTERMAN PARK

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2019

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PATRIOT GRAVE MARKING CEREMONY | 2PM | BAKERS CEMETERY | US RT 22/3

FRIDAY 19 APRIL 2019

BIG 10 WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP | ALL DAY | TPC

SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2019

BIG 10 WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP | ALL DAY | TPC

SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2019

BIG 10 WOMAN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP | ALL DAY | TPC

WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2019

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNUAL SPRING DINNER | 6PM | BELLWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2019

MILES GREENWOOD HISTORIC FIRE APPARATUS SOCIETY ANNUAL MUSTER | 9AM | OEDER'S LAKE

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2019

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TOUCH A TRUCK | 10AM-2PM | FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH



Did you know?
Hamilton Township is fortunate to have almost 600 acres of parkland. Your parks are maintained by a full-time park crew member and the Township Road Department under the direction of the Public Works Director.



Taco Bell, Shooters Sports Grill and Allstate under construction and opening soon in Hamilton Township.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the past sixteen months, Economic Development has been at the forefront of our efforts. A major aspect of our Development efforts have gone towards retention of current business. We strive to ensure our current businesses are thriving and have every possible resource for success. We have seen a positive outcome as we currently have a large business expansion and maintain a very high retention rate within our business community.

Secondly, we work diligently to acquire new business and development to Hamilton Township. We continue to work with *RediCincinnati*, *Ohio Means Jobs*, the *Warren County Port Authority*, the *Warren County Office of Economic Development*, and local developers to obtain new business and development.

As you drive around the Township, you will see many successes of these efforts. Hamilton Township is now currently under the construction of two new restaurants, a new wedding venue, and insurance franchise. We

also have scheduled new construction of a service business and a new expansion in the near future.

Finally, we have been aggressively marketing the Sumco property on Grandin Road. We are currently in a bidding process and have been selected as one of the top four finalists for review in a three state process. We will continue to remain competitive with our proposals for any projects that come available.

We are determined to continue developing Hamilton Township and provide restaurants, retail, and industry to create jobs and further enhance the livability of our residents.



Sumco property located on Grandin Road

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