



QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JULY | 2019

Hamilton Township is proud to announce that we will be re-branding the Township with our new logo design. The design was created following a long and diligent process. We wanted to ensure that the essence of the past was preserved while moving the image forward.

This complex goal came to fruition as we kept the same color scheme from our current logo, incorporated the water from the river, maintained the image of a rolling hill in the background, all while creating a clean, novel logo of which the residents will be proud. This process included consultations on finalizing a color palette, design, black and white revision, orientation design layout, and final critiques.

For this re-branding process, we will use a two year phase-in. This phase-in will include everything from replacing the logo on our letterhead and departmental badges to adding entrance signs at the four main entrances into the Township. You will see an overlap of logo for the next two years; however, our goal is to be converted to the new image by the end of calendar year 2021.

With this logo, we will preserve the past as we re-brand the future.



BRENT W. CENTERS, ADMINISTRATOR

We are thrilled to be a part of this transformational period in the history of Hamilton Township. As this community continues to grow, our staff works tirelessly to provide new events for the community, top-notch services to our citizens, all while keeping a conservative approach to the budget.



POLICE CHIEF SCOTT HUGHES

Having called Hamilton Township home since 2003, I have seen the positive changes in our community and I am excited about our future! Our police department provides an outstanding level of service while remaining fiscally responsible. I am extremely proud of the men and women who work for this agency!



FIRE CHIEF BRIAN REESE

The support the fire department receives from this community is truly appreciated. We are excited to be working on the construction of a new firehouse that has been planned for many years. We enjoy serving Hamilton Township and look forward to seeing you at the many events planned for this summer.



KENNY HICKEY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

I would like to thank the residents of Hamilton Township for the opportunity to be able to serve this wonderful community. My goal is to provide excellent service from the Public Works Department for residents of Hamilton Township. With the passing of the road levy, you will soon see your tax dollars at work, such as road resurfacing, repair of infrastructure, etc.

ADMINISTRATION | ZONING OFFICE

7780 S. State Route 48, Hamilton Township OH 45039
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Monday-Friday 8am - 4:30 pm
Hamilton-Township.org



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



A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A POLICE OFFICER

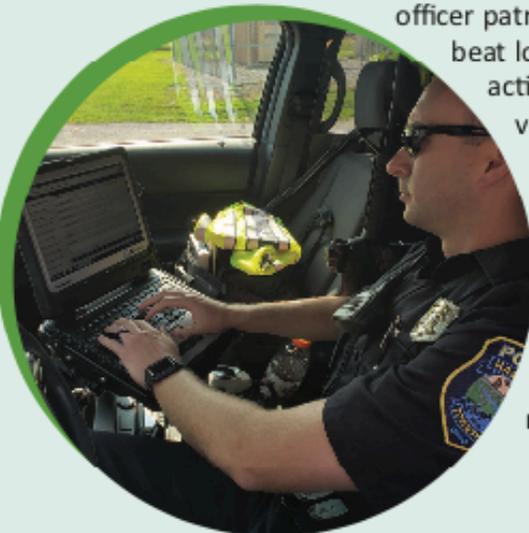
There is certainly no such thing as a “typical day” for a police officer. Working as a police officer can be satisfying, rewarding, saddening, lonely, and fulfilling – all during the same shift. One reason people pursue this profession is because of the uncertainty – it definitely is not mundane. Our day (or night) begins before we arrive at the station. As we get dressed our demeanor changes. You become focused, preparing yourself mentally for the shift you have ahead of you. Failure to operate in the right “frame of mind” can get you – or someone you work with – hurt, or worse. Being prepared is critical!

When we arrive for our shift, we look over our patrol vehicles and equipment, ensuring all are operational and functioning properly. In-car computers are a vital piece of equipment for today’s police officer and checking its systems are critical considering our calls for service and reports are documented on these computers. Once we have verified that everything is in working order, we begin our patrols.

All 911 and non-emergency calls are answered by dispatchers. If there are no calls for service waiting for us, we begin by systematically patrolling our areas of responsibilities, known as “beats.” Hamilton Township is divided into four beats, two in the north and two in the south. Each police officer patrols his or her

beat looking for criminal activity, traffic violations, or other safety issues that require attention. In addition, our officers conduct

Ofc. Elzey logging reports.



Ofc. Elzey checks equipment and ensures he has everything to start his shift.



Officer Jordan Elzey (left) and Sgt. Tim Rector brief each other on the events of the prior shift.

vacation house checks and business checks while on patrol.

At any point during our patrols, a dispatcher can send a police officer to a call for service. Hamilton Township officers frequently handle traffic crashes, alarm drops, domestic related issues and more.

Additionally, we take reports and conduct investigations. The average crash takes a police officer approximately 30 minutes to complete. This can be significantly longer if there are multiple vehicles and/or injuries. Depending on the type of report, an officer can be tied up anywhere from 15 minutes to over an hour dealing with the situation. When a police officer makes an arrest, the prisoner is transported to the appropriate detention facility where additional paperwork must be completed. Hamilton Township promotes a community policing philosophy and, as time allows, encourages officers to partake in various

community activities. These activities are frequently documented on our social media platforms to highlight our officers engaging with our residents and business owners.

While the schedule may indicate the police officers shift is over at 6 p.m., we are often here past “quitting time” completing paperwork and compiling information for the upcoming shift. The hours are long, and the job can be tiring, however the job is extremely rewarding. We all have a strong desire to help this awesome community and keep others safe.



Hamilton Twp. Police Department
Office Hours: Monday-Friday | 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Non-emergency: 513.683.0538

Warren County Dispatch non-emergency calls: 513.925.2525

FIRE & EMS TRAINING

If you follow us on Facebook, you will see that we post a lot about our ongoing trainings. Your Fire Department is more than just a fire department. Not only do we provide fire protection, but we also provide emergency medical response and transport, commercial and home fire inspections, fire prevention education, CPR and first aid training, hazardous materials response and mitigation, and various types of technical rescue from vehicle accidents to water/ice/high angle/trench. Additionally, we are called out to clear roads of



- Fire behavior
- Medical protocol and several specialty medical topics
- Fire Officer 1 and 2
- Numerous medical scenarios using our state of the art mannequin
- Fire ground operations while using a donated structure



fallen trees, assist with flooded basements and broken water lines, as well as rescue stranded animals.

Each one of these services requires that we have personnel who are proficient to perform each task. The training is not one time, but requires ongoing

practice to assure knowledge and skills stay fresh and sharp. We are also required to renew our Fire and EMS certifications every three years by submitting to the State of Ohio documentation that we have received the required continuing education to renew our certificates. The following is a list of trainings we have completed in the first five months of 2019:

- Warren county radio operations update
- Firefighter mayday scenarios
- Medical documentation
- Leadership courses from National Fallen Firefighter Foundation
- Breathing apparatus functions and scenarios
- Active shooter training
- Fire scene command

We frequently host outside instructors from UC, Premier Health, The Christ Hospital, Ohio Fire Academy, as well as from surrounding fire departments to provide fresh and updated perspectives on our jobs. We also send people to outside training and schools such as, Bowling Green State University Fire School, OH Task Force 1 training events, Howell Rescue School, Ohio Fire Chief's Fire Executive Program, medical training at local hospitals and much more. However, we also have several internal instructors that are able to provide ongoing training that counts towards our required continuing education and keeps many tasks and topics fresh. Most recently, we were fortunate that a local developer allowed us to use a house that was to be torn down to practice many firefighting skills. These opportunities are rare and we are grateful for them. At a minimum, crews are required to do at least one hour of training on every shift and typically do more.

All of this training is done to assure you have emergency personnel who are prepared to handle your emergency when the need arises.

Therefore, if it seems that we do a lot of training, we do and it is all for a very important reason.





TOWNSHIP AUDIT

When it comes to finances and records keeping, the law requires that a township must have an audit performed every five years.

As fiscal stewards of your tax dollars, Hamilton Township strives to ensure the highest quality of budgeting and investments possible. With this, we voluntarily request an audit every single year, even though the law only requires an audit in five-year intervals.

We are happy to announce that we have recently received our fifth perfect audit in a row. Our most recent audit was certified and delivered by the State of Ohio on May 22, 2019.

The Auditor has the authority to examine any budget or record that he/she would like. This year, the auditor decided to inspect 43 subjects, to include:

- Financial Reporting
- Health Care and Insurance
- Investments
- Public Records Policy and related procedures
- Trustee Meeting Minutes
- Collection of fees
- Timesheets
- Transfers of funds
- S.O.P.'s (Standard Operating Procedures)
- Bonding Requirements

Under the direction of the Fiscal Officer and Administrator, this perfect audit is a direct reflection on township staff and specifically highlights the professionalism and diligence of Ellen Horman and Kellie Krieger.



Ellen Horman
Finance Coordinator



Kellie Krieger
Human Resources Manager





MOUNTS PARK

Our beautiful Mounts Park is a 223-acre park with two lakes. Mounts Park has received a lot of attention over the past few years. With one lake being 55 acres and the other being 17 acres, these lakes hold a lot more history than water.

According to the Historical Society, Mounts Park was the first settlement in Warren County. In 1795, William Mounts family along with five other families settled on this serene piece of property referred to as Mounts' Station.

As soon as the news of their safe arrival reached their friends in Virginia, the proverbial floodgates of emigration opened. The Mounts family's acquaintances had been anxiously awaiting the result and report of their travels. This was documented as "one of the most tremendous migrations" from the east, especially from Virginia and Pennsylvania. It has been noted that many of the first settlers had been soldiers under General Wayne in the Indian Wars.

Over a century later, approximately 300 people attended the dedication of the monument near the site of "old Mounts Station" on what was called "Stubbtown Road" in 1940. The stone was unveiled by six descendants of William Mounts: Evelyn Fisher, Dorothy and Miriam Rogers, Dorothy Mounts, Virginia Moise, and Nancy Newman. The stone still stands today and is located on Stubbs Mill Road just north of US 22 and SR 3.



Descendants of William Mounts unveiled the stone marker at the site of Mounts Station on October 6, 1940.



Mounts Park was purchased by Hamilton Township in 1988 from the Dravo Corporation after stripping the land for gravel. For decades, different Boards of Township Trustees had full intentions of opening the park to the public for fishing, hiking, and other activities; however, due to funding, it was never opened until recently.

In 2016, the Hamilton Township Board of Trustees decided to open the park for fishing on the weekends, from dawn to dusk. In 2017, the same Board of Trustees decided to extend the park's open days to include Friday.

Finally, in 2018 your current Board of Trustees (Trustees: Joe Rozzi, Darryl Cordrey, and Joe Walker) opened Mounts Park to public, seven days a week from dawn to dusk. This included opening the small lake for fishing, hiking, and to merely enjoy "Mother Nature" at its best.

This year, your Trustees further invested into Mounts Park by setting aside funding to maintain and improve Mounts Park as

a budgeted item for the residents of the Township.

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Did you know?

Mounts Park consists of 223 acres and was purchased by Hamilton Township from Davo Gravel Company on a land contract in 1988.





MOUNTS PARK, cont'd.

These improvements will include opening the Main Entrance on Stubbs Mill Road, applying for a NatureWorks grant for a walking trail around the entire small lake, hosting a public event (Picnic at the Park), and ensuring the protection of the rustic nature of the park.

Finally, the Hamilton Township Advisory Committee is in the process of planting a sunflower garden which will be sprouting this fall. We want to give special thanks to David Jones for donating his time

and services of tilling the field and prepping for the seed at no charge. We also want to thank the Hamilton Township Public Works Department, Advisory Committee, and Board of Trustees for their efforts to protect, preserve, and restore Mounts Park for our residents.

Mounts Park is a historic treasure that with the right protection and preservation, will live on in Hamilton Township for centuries to come. Do your part to protect its history by exploring its beauty.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 11 | 11:45AM-1PM
LITTLE MIAMI AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING, VALLEY VINEYARDS

MONDAY, JULY 15-20 | 8AM-11PM
THE 169TH WARREN COUNTY FAIR, LEBANON, OH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6 | 6-9PM
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT COMMUNITY EVENT, OEDERS LAKE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
SCHOOL RESUMES, KINGS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
SCHOOL RESUMES, LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOLS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 | 11AM
CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA COMMUNITY EVENT, OEDERS LAKE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 | 4-9PM
LITTLE MIAMI FOOD TRUCK RALLY, LITTLE MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28-29
LITTLE MIAMI STATE PARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY RIDE & TRAIL FEST



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COMMUNITY CORNER

TABITHA'S CLOSET

Supporting our Community in Need

Tabitha's Closet is a Christ-centered outreach located on the corner of Hwy. 22 & 3 and Zoar Rd. in the former parsonage of the Park Church. Tabitha's Closet is offering hope to those in need of free, gently used clothing, prayerful support and kind connections to the greater community. It is an ongoing project:

People need clothes and we collect clothes and give them away.

It sounds simple, but the need for the basics such as food, clothes, and shelter is great in our community.

Tabitha's ministry extends beyond the walls of our building and into our community. We partner

with local schools, other ministry organizations, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, fire departments, police departments and business organizations for support.

These partnerships allow us to provide help to people in immediate need due to emergency, children and families with long-term needs, homeless families and foster families. Through our partnerships, we are also able to provide clothing to people rebuilding after natural disasters and in developing countries.

We are open the 3rd Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-noon. We encourage our shoppers to schedule appointments. In addition to monthly openings, Tabitha's Closet offers assistance for formal occasions through their Prom Extravaganza program. Typically held in March and April, this event provides dresses, shoes, purses and jewelry to teens who without assistance may not



West Turtlecreek Hustlers volunteering their time sorting donated items.

Appointments are required for the event. Information regarding dates and times for the Prom Extravaganza will be posted on Facebook and our website prior to prom season.

Tabitha's is operated with the help of volunteers of all ages. Finding volunteers to sort clothes is our biggest need. Our Women's Sorting Group sorts weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-noon. All are welcome to attend and help. Contact us if you would like to schedule a group sort for your organization.

Donations can include clean, gently used clothing for all ages and shoes. Summer clothing for children, teen boys and men are currently in high demand. New personal care items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, razors, baby care items and deodorant are also collected for distribution to those in crisis situations. Donation of complementary hotel soaps are much appreciated. Clothing donations should be delivered in bags to the back porch and placed in the large bin or on the covered porch. And monetary donations are always appreciated.



Dresses and accessories donated for the Prom Extravaganza event.

Contact info:
TabithasClosetInc.org
TabithasClosetinc@gmail.com
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