



APRIL 2022

# NORWICH

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## ISO Class 1

After years of dedication and planning, we are pleased to share that the Norwich Township Fire Department has recently earned the highest rating issued by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), Class 1.



*"This rating is important to our department and our community not only because of the insurance premium savings but from an operational position. It proves that we are one of the best in the state of Ohio and for that we are proud!",*  
stated Norwich Township Fire Chief Dave Baird.

The Norwich Township Fire Department joins only two other ISO Class 1 townships in Ohio with this distinction. This classification is a result of the Insurance Services Office observing our department's response to fire calls for service, our maintenance and training records, emergency communications, our community's fire suppression system, water supply, hydrant locations, and risk reduction efforts.

As a benefit to our community, insurers use ISO ratings to underwrite and calculate lower premiums for residential, commercial, and industrial properties. Property owners are encouraged to contact their insurance companies to determine a premium rate adjustment.

Although the classification was presented in 2022, the preparation for this evaluation began many years ago by former Fire Chief Jeffrey Warren and former Assistant Fire Chief Greg Young. The direction, commitment, and contributions by each and every member of our Fire Department resulted in this Class 1 rating and we are proud!

### 2022 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

MAY 3 - 6:00 PM

JUNE 7 - 6:00 PM

JULY 5 - 6:00 PM

AUGUST 2 - 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 6 - 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 4 - 6:00 PM

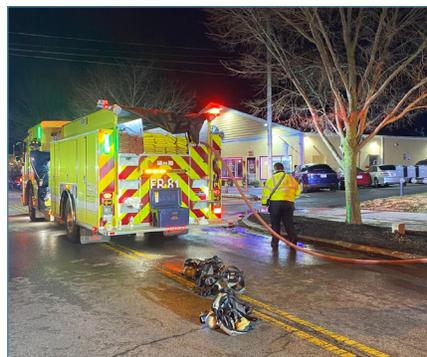
NOVEMBER 1\* - 11:00 AM  
*Records Commission  
Annual Meeting*

NOVEMBER 1 - 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 6 - 6:00 PM

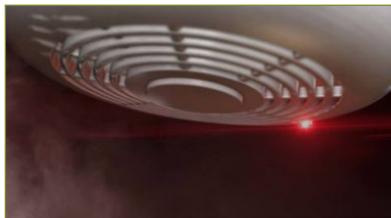
*\* Note Time Change  
The public is always  
welcome to attend.*

For meeting information  
visit our website at:  
[www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org).



## Fire Marshal Tigner's Safety Tip

This spring is also a great time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors are an essential part of a home's fire escape plan. Below are great safety tips for smoke detectors from the National Fire Protection Association:



- Replace smoke detectors more than 10 years old
- Test all smoke detectors once a month
- Install smoke detectors on ceilings or high on a wall
- Place smoke detectors in every bedroom

Strobe detectors or bed shaker detectors are available for people hard of hearing or deaf. For more information on fire prevention, visit [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org).

## NEW – Nuisance Door Hanger

The Township will begin using door hangers to notify residents of nuisance concerns due to excessive vegetation and debris, such as weeds and high grass, for Township unincorporated properties.

### Why would I get a door hanger?

A door hanger is placed after the Township has 1) received a complaint and 2) has completed an inspection that identifies a property as being a potential nuisance. This notification provides additional time for landowners to remove the vegetation and/or debris voluntarily.

If the vegetation and/or debris is not removed voluntarily, the property will go before the Norwich Township Board of Trustees in a public meeting to declare it as a nuisance. Certified letters are then mailed to all landowners stating that within seven days from the receipt of the certified letter, the landowners must remove, or make arrangements to remove, the vegetation and debris. If the landowner does not remove or make arrangements to remove the vegetation and debris, the Trustees will designate the Township Road Department to resolve the nuisance issue and all expenses to remedy the nuisance issue will be placed as a lien upon the property.

To report a property that may identify as a nuisance, contact Norwich Township at (614) 876-7694 or submit property concerns online at <https://www.norwichtownship.org/residents/nuisance.php>. Calls and submissions can remain anonymous.



**Norwich Township**  
5181 Northwest Parkway  
Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-7694  
[www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org)

**NOTICE**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

A formal inspection of this property will be conducted on \_\_\_\_\_

This notice has been provided in hopes of obtaining voluntary compliance. If a violation exists, the Norwich Township Board of Trustees will consider declaring the property to be a nuisance and order the violation to be corrected at the owners expense.

If you have any questions, please call the number indicated on the reverse side.

Trustees Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
at 6:00 pm at the Norwich Township Hearing Room  
(5181 Northwest Pkwy, Hilliard, Ohio 43026)

Please be sure your property is free from any high grass/weeds and trash/debris prior to the formal inspection.

## Memorial Day of Remembrance Ceremony Set for May 30

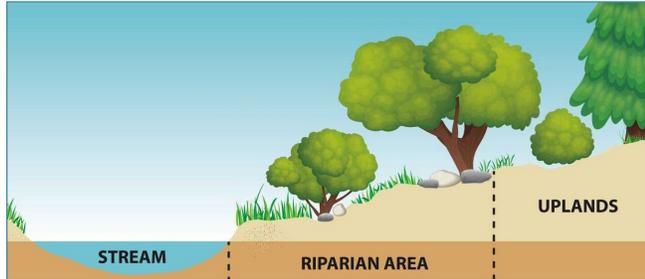
Remember the heroes of America's armed forces and the country's fallen veterans during this year's Memorial Day ceremony. The service will be held at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery located at 3225 Dublin Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 in the NEW expansion area starting at 10:00 am. This event is sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars, the CPT Nicolas J. Rozanski Memorial Post 4931, and American Legion Hilliard Post 614. \*Remember to bring a lawn chair.





# Riparian Areas & Stream Conservation

Riparian areas and streams play a critical role in maintaining a continual flow of quality water, protecting land and property from flooding, filtering pollutants, recycling potentially-harmful nutrients, and providing food and habitat for many types of wildlife. Follow these guidelines to conserve riparian areas and streams:



## Do's

- Leave natural vegetation intact
- Replant a variety of native vegetation
- Remove unnecessary debris such as trimming lower tree branches
- Keep understory vegetation like ground cover to minimize erosion

## Don'ts

- Mow lawns to the water's edge
- Modify a riparian area or stream without consulting with Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District
- Discard yard waste such as grass clippings, twigs, and leaves, dog waste, or fertilizers in or near the riparian area or stream
- Build structures within the riparian area or stream

To report concerns with riparian and stream erosion or pollution, contact the Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at (614) 486-9613, or visit [www.franklinswcd.org](http://www.franklinswcd.org).

## FCREADY

When a disaster strikes, there are never too many ways to receive emergency information. The Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security has launched a new text message alert system called FCREADY. This is a quick and easy way to receive emergency information via text message. To receive emergency management text message alerts, simply text FCREADY to 888777.

For more information on emergency management alerts, visit <http://alertfranklincounty.org/>



# Retirements & Promotions

## Fire Department

### Retirement:

Lieutenant Scott Yee retired in March with over 29 years in the fire service. Scott served Norwich Township for over 27 years, and we appreciate each year he served and dedicated to our community. Enjoy retirement Scott!



### Promotions:

In January, we celebrated the promotion of Heith Good to Lieutenant.



## Township Administration

### Retirement:

Administrative Assistant Mildred Brooks retired in January after dedicating 25 years of public service to Norwich Township. Mildred has been a valued member of the Township and we wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. Congratulations Mildred!





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 5181 NORTHWEST PARKWAY  
 HILLIARD, OHIO 43026  
 (614) 876-7694

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Chuck Buck  
 Larry Earman  
 Tim Roberts

**FISCAL OFFICE**

Jamie Miles, *Fiscal Officer*  
 Ellen Woodford, *Assistant Fiscal Officer*

**ADMINISTRATION**

Jamie Fisher, *Administrator*  
 Pam Brannon, *Administrative Assistant*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Dave Baird, *Fire Chief*  
 Jake Wells, *Assistant Fire Chief*

**ROAD/CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**

Robbie Thomas, *Road Superintendent/Cemetery Sexton*  
 3225 Dublin Road  
 Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
 (614) 876-2236

ORC 9.03 Allows for Public Funds to be used for newsletters

# Drug Take Back

On Saturday, April 30, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Hilliard Division of Police is holding a Drug Take Back Day.

This drive-thru service is available for residents at the Safety Services Building located at 5181 Northwest Parkway, Hilliard, Ohio 43026 to drop off unwanted or expired medications in pill form.

The disposal service is free and anonymous. Only pills are accepted - no needles, sharps, asthma inhalers, or illicit drugs. Residents must black out any personal information, including names and address, before dropping off pill bottles.

In addition, the Safety Services Building offers a year-round prescription drug drop-off box in the main entry vestibule.

**DEA NATIONAL  
 DRUG  
 TAKE BACK  
 DAY**



**Online Option:**

If you would prefer to receive our newsletters electronically, go to our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and select I Want To...Read The Newsletter.

**Issues, Questions, Concerns,  
 Compliments & Complaints:**

Do you have questions, concerns, or compliments that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? Visit our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and select I Want To...Send a Question, Concern, or Compliment.

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