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# NORWICH

T O W N S H I P

## Chairman's Corner



As we move forward into 2014 your Norwich Township Trustees continue to be committed to providing our community with the best possible services we can while being mindful of the ever-changing economic and legislative conditions that affect us. We are dedicated to maintaining our excellent services while being prudent with your tax dollars.

With the City of Hilliard discontinuing their dispatching services, our EMS and Fire, along with the Hilliard Police, are now dispatched by the City of Dublin via the Northwest Dispatching Center. By all accounts, the transition has been successfully completed and we believe that it will only enhance our services to our community in the future as we attempt to stay ahead of the changes mandated by the State of Ohio.

Norwich Township is also cooperating with the City of Hilliard on the installation of a communication tower which will improve in-building reception throughout our service district. This will provide enhanced responder safety as well as expanded resident protection.

Every year brings us a new set of challenges, such as this year's early winter. We are pleased to say that our road crew has been up to the task of keeping our roads clear so that your commutes are as easy as possible.

We look forward to meeting the many other challenges that 2014 may present us and we wish all of you a safe and happy new year.

Tim Roberts, Chairman

### Save the Environment ... Go online!

As always, you are invited to save trees and postage by viewing your future newsletters online. Just go to [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) to enter your e-mail address and you will receive future links in your e-mail.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Timothy A. Roberts  
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### 2013 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

JANUARY 7, 12:00 PM  
JANUARY 21, 6:00 PM  
FEBRUARY 4, 12:00 PM  
FEBRUARY 18, 6:00 PM  
MARCH 4, 12:00 PM  
MARCH 18, 6:00 PM  
APRIL 1, 12:00 PM  
APRIL 15, 6:00 PM  
MAY 6, 12:00 PM  
MAY 20, 6:00 PM  
JUNE 3, 12:00 PM  
JUNE 17, 6:00 PM  
JULY 1, 12:00 PM  
JULY 15, 6:00 PM  
AUGUST 5, 12:00 PM  
AUGUST 19, 6:00 PM  
SEPTEMBER 2, 12:00 PM  
SEPTEMBER 16, 6:00 PM  
OCTOBER 7, 12:00 PM  
OCTOBER 21, 6:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 4, 12:00 PM  
NOVEMBER 18, 6:00 PM  
DECEMBER 2, 12:00 PM  
DECEMBER 16, 6:00 PM

The public is always  
welcome to attend.

### MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township  
Safety Services Building  
5181 Northwest Parkway

If you have questions, please call:  
(614) 876-7694.



# Keeping Your Family Safe and Warm

by Jamie Fisher, Prevention

Winter weather can be dangerous, these tips will help you save your family and your home

- Install smoke alarms on each floor and near bedrooms.
- Change the batteries twice a year and test them at least once a month.
- Remember portable space heaters need space. Allow 3 feet from anything that will burn, including clothing, decorations, bedding and furniture.
- For wood-burning stoves: allow ashes to cool in a metal container before disposing.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor vent temperatures.
- Use seasoned wood. Moist, unseasoned wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Have your chimney and or furnace inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.
- Never leave a fire unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Never use your kitchen stove to heat your home.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire. These liquids include: lighter fluid, kerosene or gasoline.
- Turn portable heaters off before going to bed or leaving a room.

According to The U.S. Fire Administration, “more than one-third of Americans use fireplaces, wood stoves and other fuel-fired appliances as primary heat sources in their homes. Heating fires account for 36% of residential home fires in rural areas every year. Often these fires are due to creosote buildup in chimneys and stovepipes.” \*

*Educate your family on fire safety. It could make all the difference.*

\*The U.S. Fire Administration (2013, January). Fireplace and Home Fire Safety.  
Retrieved from, [www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home\\_fire\\_prev/heating/fireplace.shtm](http://www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/heating/fireplace.shtm)

## History Walk at Wesley Chapel Cemetery

For those who were unable to make it to the History Walk at Wesley Chapel Cemetery on Sunday, October 13, 2013, please visit the Norwich Township website ([www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org)). There you will find a video which recorded members of the Hilliard Arts Council portraying some area residents buried in the cemetery. A fascinating and informative visit to our not-so-distant past. *And thanks to the many volunteers who made this event happen!*



Photo by Justin Woodford

Above: Jodi Leis portrays Mary Weaver Miller at October Cemetery Walk.

## Thank you!

**Many thanks to all who participated in Norwich Township's Bicentennial Events in 2013!**

**And to the Planning Committee:** Mildred Brooks (Chairperson), Jim Rice, Lois Rice, Theresa Montgomery, A.C. Montgomery, Christy Clark, Paul Ritzenthaler and Kate Cavanaugh.



Retirements

Promotions

New Hires

Awards

# Norwich Township Distinctions

*Photos courtesy of Fireside Photography*



**Firefighter Rob Spann (center), with Chief Robert Kaufman and Asst. Chief Jeff Warren**

We proudly report that Firefighter Rob Spann, following 31 years of service with the U.S. Army Reserves, retired from that branch of the service as of January 4, 2014. Rob most recently served as 1SG with the 256 Combat Support Hospital based out of Blacklick, OH. During that time, Rob simultaneously served as a Firefighter/Paramedic for Norwich Township for 20 years, and we are pleased he will be remaining with our Fire Department.



**Firefighter Jeff Morales  
Ohio VFW's Firefighter of the Year**

Congratulations to Firefighter Jeff Morales Sr., selected by the Ohio Veterans of Foreign War to receive their prestigious award: Ohio Firefighter of the Year 2013-2014. Jeff's twenty-four years of employment at the Norwich Township Fire Department are impressive enough, until you learn the additional responsibilities he willingly accepts in service to our community. Jeff is our point man for the annual Toys for Tots program within the City of Hilliard. He also accepts and delivers food donations year-round for the Hilliard Community Assistance Council. Both involve countless volunteer hours and beyond-the-call-of-duty commitment to our residents. In addition, he is a trained member of Ohio Task Force One and was one of three NTFD firefighters deployed following Hurricane Sandy. We commend Jeff on receiving this honor!

The latest addition to our Firefighting Staff was made on September 23, 2013, when Austin Miller joined our ranks. Also new is Fire Prevention Department Assistant Jamie Fisher, who is providing organizational support for our three inspectors.

At the December 17, 2013 Trustee Meeting, 15-Year Service Awards went to: Jeromy Archey, Brian Davis and Tim Keever.

Also honored were 10-Year employees: Eric Wilson, Jamie Miller, Chris Schultheis, Daryl Miller, Jason Fisher, Lamar Sweigart, Brian Gatley, Clay Crow, Eric Eby and Shane Michaels.



## 9/11 Reflection Garden

You are invited to stop by to visit the newly completed Reflection Garden at the front of the Joint Safety Services Building. Once the weather warms in the spring, the fountains will again be running. You can sit to listen and reflect in this peaceful setting containing the flagpole brought back from the 9/11 site. Thanks to all those who helped with funding the garden construction by purchasing pavers and bench plaques.



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Hilliard, Ohio 43026  
(614) 876-2236

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

### Fire Department

Robert Kaufman, *Chief*  
Jeff Warren, *Assistant Chief*

ORC 9.03 Allows for Public Funds to be used for newsletters

# Car Seat Installation



Norwich Township provides complimentary Car Seat Checks twice a month. Until December 31, 2013, our scheduled sessions were held on the first and third Friday of each month from 10am to 2pm. Beginning January 1, 2014, this has changed. We have found that some families have difficulty making an appointment on a weekday. Therefore, we will substitute Saturday sessions once a month. Please note: all checks are by appointment only – as we hire certified installers to come here for these sessions. Please call 876-7694 to make your appointment in advance, as times fill up quickly!

### 1st Friday of the month:

10:00 AM until 2:00 PM

### 3rd Saturday of the month:

9:00 AM until 1:00 PM

## Hilliard Community Assistance Council

Jeff Morales would like to remind residents that donations of non-perishable food and health/beauty products are accepted 365 days a year in the lobby of the Joint Safety Services Building located at 5181 Northwest Parkway. These items will be provided to Hilliard residents through the Hilliard Community Assistance Council. If you would like to inquire about your eligibility to receive help through this agency, please call them at 614-529-9602