

NORWICH TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER



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Meeting Schedule Norwich Township

- Oct 16th 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 30th 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 13th 12 Noon
- Nov. 27th 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 11th 12 Noon

Last meeting of December TBA. Watch township website for date and time.

Meetings take place at the Norwich Township Fire Station at 4164 Avery Road.

If you have questions, please call 876-7694.

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NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8TH THROUGH THE 14TH

This years National Fire Prevention Week is October 8th through the 14th. The National Fire Protection Association theme for this year is **"Prevent Cooking Fires WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT"**. Our Fire Prevention week programs start October 2nd and run through October 20th. The Norwich Township Fire Department provides fire and safety education programs for three weeks in all of the elementary schools in the City of Hilliard, Norwich and Brown Townships. There is not enough time to visit each and every grade within the schools, so programs have been specialized over the years to provide education programs to children in Kindergarten, first, third and fourth grade. The kindergar-



ten program involves the children visiting the central fire station for a tour and fire safety presentation. In-school programs are provided to those in the 1st and 4th grade, while the 3rd grade students receive a fire safety talk and a ride in the bucket of the ladder truck. It is ex-

pected that the Norwich Township Fire Department will distribute over 11,000 pieces of fire safety materials to the students during these three weeks. If you have fire/safety questions, call the Norwich Township Fire Department Prevention Bureau at 876-7694.

RECYCLE

Local Waste, the refuse collection provider for Norwich Township and the City of Hilliard offers residential recycling. This service is available to all of our residents, however, you must contact them at 614-409-9375 to request a recycling container. Recycling assists future generations with a cleaner environment. Your cooperation is appreciated.

DARBY ACCORD

The future development of the areas to the West and South of Hilliard/Norwich Township will be determined by the outcome of the Darby Accord. On October 16th, Franklin County Planning and Zoning will attend the regular meeting of the Norwich Township Trustee's, to discuss the Darby Accord. This is open to the public and you are encouraged to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Remember that when you change your clocks back on October 29th that you also need to change the batteries in your smoke alarms and Carbon Monoxide (CO) detectors. It is important to keep a working battery in each of these lifesaving devices. Twice a year, with the change of the clocks, remember to change your batteries.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections

- November 11 at the Jackson Pike Transfer Facility. 2566 Jackson Pike
- December 9 at the Jackson Pike Transfer Facility. 2566 Jackson Pike
- Information about waste collection can be located on their website at www.swaco.org

Materials from businesses are not accepted. If your business has hazardous waste, they should contact the EPA at 614-728-3778.

OPEN BURNING

In light of recent articles in the newspaper, the Norwich Township Fire Department would like to review the open burn process and procedures. A permit for open burning in Hilliard, Norwich and Brown Township must be obtained for bonfires, campfires, outdoor fireplaces, whether cooking for human consumption, pleasure, religious, ceremonial, warmth, recreational or similar purpose. The fire must be fueled by clean seasoned firewood, natural gas or its equivalent. The total fuel area shall be three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height. Ceremonial fires can be no greater than five feet in diameter and five feet in height. No fires may burn for longer than three hours.

These permits can be applied for at any Norwich Township Fire Department fire station. The permit must be applied for at least five days in advance and must be picked up at the central fire station at 4164 Avery Road. Permits are only processed during normal business hours Monday through Friday. Permit processing may take place in less than five days; however, there is a five dollar fee.

Open burning other than listed above must be approved by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. A Norwich Township Fire Department permit is still required after the EPA approval.

Please direct all questions to the Norwich Township Fire Prevention Bureau at 876-7694.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

It is really nice to see the number of people walking for exercise. The citizens of our community have become a lot more health conscious over the last several years and at many times during the day there is an abundance of pedestrian traffic on and near the roadways. In many areas of the unincorporated areas, there are no sidewalks, so the following information is here as a safety reminder to everyone using the roadways (both drivers and pedestrians). If you are walking along a roadway which has usable walks or paths parallel to the street, pedestrians shall not walk in the vehicle portion of the roadway. When there is no usable sidewalk, the pedestrian is required to walk on the shoulder or berm, whenever possible. If you are walking in an area where this is not possible, you must walk as close as possible to the edge of the roadway, facing oncoming traffic. These requirements apply to all pedestrian traffic, which includes joggers. Also as a reminder, if you are crossing a roadway in an area not designated as a crosswalk, you must yield the right of way to vehicular traffic. (information provided by the Ohio Department of Public Safety)

HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

agencies to deal with mass casualty incidents. This system allows the agencies to easily identify patients based upon their injury severity and track them through treatment and transportation areas. Mass casualty research and guidance documents have been in place for our region since the late 80's and have been continually reviewed. This system, called the SMART system for triage, has been researched for approximately two years. The Norwich Township Fire Department coordinated the education of area providers (across a 4 county region) in a train-the-trainer session. In conjunction with the fire departments, hospitals in a 15 county region have also purchased this system and were part of the education process. The hospital segment was

coordinated through the Central Ohio (COTS) Trauma System. BoundTree Medical, the local distributor of the product, brought in Colin Smart, from England, to provide the education sessions. Colin developed the SMART system for patient triage, which is widely used across the European Nations and is rapidly expanding across the United States.



PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT TO RIGHT): FIRE CHIEF DAVID LONG, COLIN SMART (INSTRUCTOR), BOB OTTER (BOUNDTREE MEDICAL), NANCIE BECHTEL (COTS) AND VINCE PAPA EMS COORDINATOR.

Recently the Norwich Township Fire Department worked with the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency and the Franklin County Fire Chiefs to administer a grant award for all fire departments in Franklin County. This grant provided funding to pay for a triage system which enables the

MOCK CRASH SCENARIO

The Norwich Township Fire Department has been working with Trauma Services at the OSU Medical Center for the last ten years, as a team, to provide education to EMS and hospital healthcare providers. This year the program expanded with the addition of working with the OSU College of Medicine's Clinical Skills and Assessment Center in the development of an educational session for their third year medical students.

On August 25th, thirty six of these students came to the central fire station to experience a mock auto accident and patient care scenarios.



These scenarios were designed to provide the medical students the skills needed to provide care to patients outside of a medical facility. The day long event was part of a

two week workshop which the students were required to attend and participate. Pictured above are your firefighters and the medical students in one of the scenarios.

INTERNET PHONE SERVICE AND 911

Many people are opting to change their phone service from a traditional phone line coming into their residence to that of utilizing their internet provider, often times bundling their internet, phone and cable into one connection. It is important for you, the customer, to verify with your provider that you have E911 service and that you will be routed to the nearest PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) in the event you have to dial '911'. A misdirected call can waste precious time during an emergency situation.

Power outages can also affect your ability to place and receive calls while utilizing this type of service. Most of the advanced phone modems have a battery back up system in place, which will provide you with a limited amount of time to be able to receive or place calls during a power outage. If you have a battery back up system in place and the power outage lasts longer than the system provides, you will not be able to make or receive phone calls, which includes 911. If you have a battery back up system, take a look at it and find out about the systems limitations; you may opt to purchase an additional battery back up to supplement this system. Also, many people have become reliant upon portable battery telephones in their residence, not thinking of losing power. Most of these phones do not have the ability to work during a power outage so you need to keep a standard plug-in type phone available for these situations.

Where Do Your Tree Leaves Go?

Storm water comes from rain and melting snow that does not soak into the ground. It flows over rooftops, paved areas, and sloped lawns to storm drains in our streets and then flows to our streams, creeks, and rivers. Pollutants from the streets and gardens are carried in storm water. Though we may not think about it too often, or not at all, how we care for our lawns and yards directly affects our streams and rivers, which also affects our drinking water. Whether we live near or far from a river, eventually our storm water will end in a river. Simple solutions for lawn care can improve water quality and habitat quality in our waterways. We can easily contribute to enhancing our rivers.

Leaves and grass clippings left on sidewalks, driveways, alleys, and streets, are washed into storm drains where they decay. This decaying plant material releases bacteria, oxygen-consuming materials, nitrogen, and phosphorus into our waterways. These nutrients throw off the fragile balance of plant and animal life in rivers. Leaves and grass clippings may also accumulate and obstruct storm drains, causing them to function improperly, or even flood. Small steps to protect our waterways from these pollutants include:

-  Leave grass clippings on the lawn
-  Use lawn bags to dispose of yard waste
-  Compost grass clippings and leaves in the backyard; some communities have composting centers available
-  Sweep up or recycle clippings that are on sidewalks, driveways, and alleys

These four simple solutions to protect storm water can lead to happier and healthier people, rivers, plants, and wildlife. Article courtesy of Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

ORC 9.03 Allows Public Funds to be used for newsletters.

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Composting Center:
The Franklin County Solid Waste Authority provides funding towards a composting center to collect yard waste materials. It is free of charge to Franklin County residents. They have specifications on how this waste is to be received. For information, log onto: www.swaco.org or call 876-6101. The local facility (Upper Arlington Composting Facility) is located at 4120 Roberts Road.

Police Report for July and August

Hilliard Police Chief Gamett reported the following statistics:

July
227 calls for service, 40 reports taken,
29 arrests

August
190 calls for service, 23 reports taken,
7 arrests

As a reminder, the township contracts with Hilliard Police for police protection.

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**Norwich Township
Fire Department**

Emergency 911

**Administrative Office:
Fire Station 81**
4164 Avery Road
876-7694

Fire Department Contacts:

Fire Chief: David Long

Asst. Chief: Bob Kaufman

Fire Prevention Bureau:
Captain Reggie Brown

Safety/Training Bureau:
Captain Bill Midgley

EMS Coordinator:
Captain Vince Papa

Fire Station 82
2491 Walker Road
527-6390

Fire Station 83
4283 Davidson Rd.
876-3076

2006 Norwich Township Board of Trustee's:

Chairperson: Chuck Buck 876-5377

James Rice 876-5227

Larry Earman 876-4767



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Administrative Office located in the Central Fire Station
4164 Avery Road (on the Franklin County fairgrounds)
Hilliard, Ohio 43026

Office Hours: M-F 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone: 614-876-7694
Fax: 614-777-9347

Township Fiscal Officer: Linda Gill 876-7694
email: norwichtwp@aol.com

Wesley Chapel Cemetery Sexton: Steve Montgomery 876-2236
Wesley Chapel Cemetery is located at: 3225 Dublin Road

Norwich Township Police Protection provided by the Hilliard Police Department
Emergency: 911 Non-Emergency 876-7321

Next Edition: New employees at the Fire Department; update on the possibility of a public safety building between the City of Hilliard and the Township; your new fiscal officer.

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