



APRIL 2018

# NORWICH

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## Grant Funded Improvements Set for Thoburn Road



A grant awarded to Norwich Township from Ohio Public Works Commission and Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will fund improvements to Thoburn Road in the fall of 2018. The improvements will include widening the road and adding speed humps, curbs, and drainage. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$381,611.00. This grant process required a 45% match which will be paid by the City of Columbus Recreation and Parks; this total is \$172,000.00. The Township will contribute approximately \$20,000.00 to the project for the engineering and bidding costs. The project will go out to bid this spring.

## Protect Our Streams with Lawn Care Practices

Follow these proper lawn care practices to benefit your landscaping and our streams:

- Using your mower's highest setting (3-4 inches) allows grass to grow taller with deeper roots. Taller grass shades out weeds and preserves moisture so it stays green longer.
- Spring grass grows fast; mow more than once a week to avoid removing too much at once.
- When cutting your grass, leave clippings on the lawn. Leaving the grass clippings on your lawn recycles nutrients, and does not cause thatch.
- Grass in our storm drains pollute our water, and provide nutrient-rich "food" for algae. Point your mower so grass clippings land in the grass, not in the street; or sweep them up after mowing.
- Do not tease your lawn with an occasional sprinkle. Irregular watering "confuses" your turf resulting in shallow rooting and stress. Remember grass needs approximately 1 inch of water per week.
- Dormant grass is not dead. Turfgrasses are cool-season plants designed for dormancy when water is scarce, though they may look ugly and brown. After 4-6 weeks of no rain, even dormant grass needs to be watered. Watering it once deeply (1-1.5 inches) will keep the roots alive. Watering grass deeply and less often encourages deeper roots that are more drought tolerant.
- Overwatering is more of a problem for homeowners than is underwatering. Too much irrigation deprives plant roots of oxygen, and can contribute to water pollution when fertilizer is washed away before grass is able to use it.

For more information on lawn care practices to protect our streams, visit [www.getgrassy.org](http://www.getgrassy.org).

### 2018 TRUSTEE MEETINGS

APRIL 17 6:00 PM

MAY 1 12:00 PM

MAY 15 6:00 PM

JUNE 5 12:00 PM

JUNE 19 6:00 PM

JULY 3 12:00 PM

JULY 17 6:00 PM

AUGUST 7 12:00 PM

AUGUST 21 6:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 4 12:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 18 6:00 PM

OCTOBER 2 12:00 PM

OCTOBER 16 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER 6 11:30 AM\*

*Records Commission Annual Meeting*

NOVEMBER 6 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 20 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 4 12:00 PM

DECEMBER 18 6:00 PM

*\* Note Time Change*

The public is always

welcome to attend.

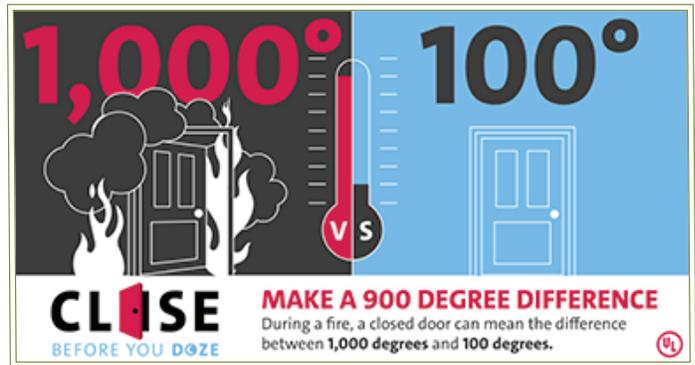
### MEETINGS ARE HELD AT:

Norwich Township  
Safety Services Building  
5181 Northwest Parkway



## Close Before You Doze

Closing your bedroom door, especially before you go to sleep, slows the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. This small step greatly improves your ability to survive a fire. A closed door can make all the difference when encountering a fire in your home. By having your door closed, you have made a decision to reduce the amount of heat, smoke, and carbon monoxide entering your bedroom. The heat alone can be reduced by 900 degrees.



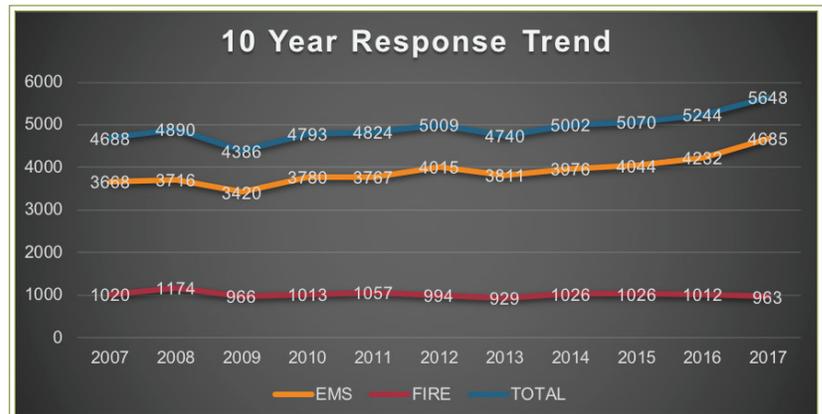
Ultimately, closed doors mean more lives saved. If you add this simple safety measure to your family's bedtime routine, as well as practicing home escape plans, and assuring you have functioning smoke alarms, your family has greatly reduced the risk of serious consequences to home occupants in the event of a fire.

Choose to make the 900 degree difference and CLOSE BEFORE YOU DOZE!

## Emergency Run Numbers

The Norwich Township Fire Department experienced a higher number of emergency responses in 2017 than in previous years. This increase came from EMS calls for service, an increase totaling 404 calls.

Emergency runs are closely tied to population and as our community's population grows through new developments we expect the same impact on our future response trends.



## Columbarium Niches

The Wesley Chapel Cemetery now offers niches for permanent placement of cremated remains above ground. The price for each niche is \$700.00 for residents and \$2,000.00 for non-residents. For more information about niches in our columbarium, please contact our Cemetery Sexton at 614-876-2236.



## Junk Motor Vehicles



On occasion, we receive concerns about junk motor vehicles on a Norwich Township property. In those situations, we work closely with Franklin County Zoning and follow the Ohio Revised Code 505.173 to determine if the vehicle meets the definition of a “junk motor vehicle”. The criteria we follow is:

1. Three model years old, or older;
2. Apparently inoperable;
3. Extensively damaged, including, but not limited to, any of the following: missing wheels, tires, engine, or transmission.

If a vehicle meets the criteria, we are able to issue a resolution requiring the removal of the vehicle (pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 505.871). Our goal is to keep our Township free of nuisances such as these. Call 614-876-7694 for more information or to notify the Township of a junk vehicle.

## Taking a Vacation? Secure Your Home and Mail While Away

### House Checks

House checks are a service provided to residents by the Hilliard Division of Police. After completing the required paperwork, an officer will randomly stop by to check your home and contact you or your emergency contact person to report anything out of the ordinary. To request a house check, call 614-876-2429, or go to the Hilliard Division of Police at 5171 Northwest Parkway.



This service is not provided for homes that are for sale or vacant or if someone will be staying in your home while you are away. If you come home early please notify HPD immediately.

### Holding Your Mail

The United States Postal Services will hold your mail safely at your local Post Office while you are out of town. Residents can go to <https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/> to notify the Post Office up to 30 days in advance or as early as the next scheduled delivery day.

## Vehicle License Plates

Norwich Township receives financial benefits from each vehicle license plate that is issued to a Norwich Township resident. Be sure to show Norwich Township as your residency and check the District Number when renewing your plates or when purchasing a new vehicle. Our District Number is #2574.



## Glen Durban Retirement

We celebrate Firefighter Glen Durban on his retirement after 31 years of service. Glen faithfully served the community as a firefighter/paramedic until his retirement on March 2, 2018.



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ORC 9.03 Allows for Public Funds to be used for newsletters

## PulsePoint

Download the PulsePoint app to connect directly to our 911 dispatch center. Use this app to be notified if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require CPR.



## Recycling 101

Understanding the right way to recycle is important. Placing unacceptable items in your recycle cart can add expenses to the recycling process and can cause delays when being sorted.

**Materials that should be recycled:** Paper and Cardboard, Plastic Bottles and Jugs, Aluminum and Steel Cans, Cartons, Glass Bottles, and Jars.

**Materials that should NOT be recycled:** Plastic Bags, Plastic or Foam Containers, Light Bulbs, Styrofoam, Metal Coat Hangers, and Chains.

All recyclable materials will be collected and mixed together in a truck. It is then separated at the local recycling center. Do not bundle or bag materials.

If you reside in the unincorporated areas of Norwich Township and need a recycling cart, call Local Waste at 614-409-9375 to have a wheeled cart delivered to you at no cost. Additional carts are available for a monthly rental fee.

## Issues, Questions, Concerns, Compliments and Complaints

Do you have issues, questions, concerns, compliments or complaints that you want to bring to the attention of Norwich Township? Visit our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and click on the Contact tab.

## Online Option:

If you would prefer to receive our future newsletters online, please go to our website at [www.norwichtownship.org](http://www.norwichtownship.org) and click on "Township" then "Township Newsletters" to enter your e-mail address. The link to future newsletters will then be delivered right to your inbox.