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Issues, Questions, Concerns, Compliments & 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 and scroll over the Contact tab.

Online Option: If you would prefer to receive our newsletters electronically, go to our website at www.norwichtownship.org, scroll over the Township tab, then click on Township Newsletters.

The Norwich Township Cemetery and Road Department is committed to hard work and focused on the continuous improvement of our Township roads and cemetery. Led by Cemetery Sexton and Road Superintendent Robbie Thomas, the department is located at 3225 Dublin Road, Hilliard, Ohio 43026. The Cemetery and Road Department is staffed with four full-time employees and has a fleet of multi-purpose trucks, including International and Freightliner dump trucks, utility trucks, and plows.

This crew is challenged throughout the year with providing the public with safe and dependable roadways and a quality cemetery. Their primary responsibilities are to maintain an active 40 acre cemetery which includes preparing and administering over 100 burials a year and managing 13.8 miles of Township roads which includes roadway construction, bridge maintenance, plowing, street sign maintenance, storm drain maintenance, removal of dead animals within right-of-ways, and clearing vegetation.

“We are prepared for winter this year and plan to run 24 hours as needed with two trucks assigned to two 12-hour shifts,” Mr. Thomas shared. “We replaced our 13-year-old plow truck with a new 2020 Freightliner plow truck and have secured over 100 tons of salt.”

Special Note: Although your property may be in Norwich Township, the roadway, easement, or storm drains may be maintained by the City of Hilliard, Franklin County, or the City of Columbus. An easy way to identify who maintains your roadway is by looking at the road sign color. Blue signs are City of Hilliard roadways and green signs are either Norwich Township, City of Columbus, or Franklin County. Contact Norwich Township at 614-876-2236 if you have a green road sign and the City of Hilliard at 614-876-7361 ext. 311 if you have a blue road sign.

If you have questions or concerns about Township roadways or the Wesley Chapel Cemetery or would like to request improvements or maintenance to a Township road, call 614-876-2236.
U.S. 2020 Census 101

The 2020 Census is fast approaching. So, what is the Census and how does it work?

• Everyone counts. The Census counts every person living in the U.S. once, and in the right place.
• It’s about fair representation. Results are used to reapportion the House of Representatives to determine how many seats each state gets.
• It’s in the constitution. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the U.S. be counted every 10 years.
• It’s about $675 billion. The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and local communities are based on census data. The money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and programming for social welfare, elderly, disabled, and veterans.
• It’s about redistricting. After each census, state officials redraw the boundaries of their congressional and state legislative districts to account for population shifts.
• It’s about civic duties. Completing the census is mandatory. It is a way to participate in our democracy.
• It’s protected. Your privacy is protected. It is against the law for the Census Bureau to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or your household. By law your responses cannot be used against you and can only be used to produce statistics.

Census data is being used all around us. Businesses use the data to decide where to build factories, offices, and stores. Local governments use the data for public safety and emergency preparedness. Real estate developers use the data to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods and residents use the data to support community initiatives, involving legislation, quality-of-life, and consumer advocacy.

The 2020 Census will be easier than ever with the ability to fill out the census online. To learn more about the 2020 Census, visit www.census.gov.

CRASE Course

The Norwich Township Fire Department and the Hilliard Division of Police will host a 1-day Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events training on November 9, 2019. This CRASE course is designed to provide strategies, guidance, and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event. Topics covered in this training include: the nature and prevalence of active shooter and active aggressor events, civilian response options of Avoid – Deny – Defend, the stages of human disaster response, how to improve your response in order to influence survivability, and the role of first responders at a critical incident. Registration is required to attend. Sign-up online at http://www.norwichtownship.org/crase_course-i-90.html.

Election Day

Don’t forget to vote! Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and polls will be open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm. For details on your voting location, ballot, and polling hours, visit www.vote.franklincountyohio.gov/election-info.

Fire Prevention Education

During the month of October, Norwich Township Fire Department will partner with the National Fire Protection Association’s Fire Prevention Week™ to teach fire prevention to 5,797 Hilliard City School students and 818 private school students in grades kindergarten through 5th. Students will learn about home escape plans, smoke detectors, when to call 9-1-1, the dangers of fire, and much more. In addition, students from each kindergarten class will tour one of the Township’s three fire stations for an up-close look at firefighting equipment and firefighters in their gear.

As Fire Prevention Week™ approaches, Norwich Township Fire Department reminds residents: Not every hero wears a cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!™

SMART911

“We are focused on gathering as much information as possible while responding to your emergency. Smart911 allows us to have access to as much of your critical information that you choose to provide. Simply stated…your information helps us form our action plan quicker. Smart911 is a very logical solution for our community” said Fire Chief Jeff Warren.

Norwich Township, City of Hilliard, and Brown Township residents now have the opportunity to sign up for Smart911. It is a free, private, and secure app that can be used to provide 9-1-1 dispatchers and first responders with critical information in any kind of emergency.

When you call 9-1-1, your Smart911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 dispatcher screen where they can view your address, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like.

Smart911 is a national service, meaning your Smart911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

Safety Profiles can include:
• People living in your household
• Phone numbers associated with your family
• Pets, service animals, and livestock
• Medical conditions and allergies
• Medications and medical equipment
• Property details, layout, and utility information
• Vehicle descriptions
• Emergency contacts

Download the Smart911 App today and have life-saving capabilities at your fingertips, 24/7.