

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Providence Township Newsletter

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2007 Dates To Remember

Board of Trustees

Wednesday Nov. 7

Tuesday Nov. 20

Tuesday Nov 20

(Records Commission 6:45 p.m.)

Wednesday Dec. 5

Wednesday Dec. 19

Zoning Commission

Monday Nov. 14

(Wind Turbine Public Hearing)

Monday Nov. 19

Monday Dec. 3

Monday Dec. 17

*All meetings at Providence Township Fire Station #1, 8149 Main, Neapolis at 7 p.m.
unless otherwise indicated*

PROVIDENCE

Trustees;

Steve Kendall - (419) 832-3224

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Fiscal Officer; Gail Perry
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(419) 875-6229

Fire & Rescue Department
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(419) 875-6592

Roads & Cemetery
Craig Hefflinger
Work Telephone
(419) 875-6531

Zoning Inspector; Eric Gay
Home Telephone
(419) 877-0156

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Providence Township Board of Trustees meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Providence Township Fire Station #1, 8149 Main St., Neapolis, Ohio.
- The Township has recycling bins, located at the Township Hall. **NO DUMPING OF GARBAGE OR TRASH ALLOWED.** View the recycling guidelines online at: www.co.lucas.oh.us/lcswd/Residential_DropOff.asp
- Green address signs are available. They may be purchased at a cost of \$12.00. Price includes sign and numbers. Please call 419-875-6531 in advance to make purchase arrangements.
- Cemetery lot decorations are removed each year by Township employees on March 15th

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NEWSLETTER/WEB POLICY

All residents should be aware that the Providence Township Newsletter is the only official newsletter document that the Township mails to residents. The only official Providence Township web site is: www.providencetwp.org.

Any other documents mailed, or web sites that appear to be or look to be from the Township, may not be from the Township. If you have questions regarding the authenticity of a document please feel free to contact the Trustees or Fiscal Officer.

Newsletter and web site content is limited to official Township business conducted by the Trustees, its committees, commissions, and departments.

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Issue 2 - Replacement Fire Levy On November 2007 Ballot

At the June 6, 2007 regular meeting the Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a 5-year, 2-1/2 mill replacement levy for Fire and Rescue Department operations before Township residents. If approved by voters on the **November 6, 2007** General Election ballot this levy would replace an existing 5-year, 2-1/2 mill levy that expires on December 31, 2007.

An informational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at Fire Station #1, 8149 Main Street, Neapolis to answer citizen questions.

The estimated impact of the levy on your property can be viewed using the Lucas County Auditor ARIES web site, locating your data, and then clicking "Levy Estimator."
www.co.lucas.oh.us/real_estate/AREISmain/areismain.asp

Water Update

The Township continues to investigate options to provide public water service to our residents. For accurate information, questions or comments please contact the Trustees.

Lucas County Access Management Regulations

On June 5, 2007 the Board of County Commissioners approved the Access Management Regulations. You may call the Lucas County Engineers Office (LCEO) at 419-213-4540 for details. Mark Shiple is the Permit-utility Coordinator for permit applications. The regulation document can be viewed at: www.lucascountyOH.gov/engineer.

In general, all new access or driveways to all county or township roads must be approved by the LCEO. Permit applications and the administration of the permits will be performed by the LCEO. If a new driveway is required by a township resident an approved Access Permit is required before a zoning permit or a building permit can be issued.

Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Welcomes New Member, Seeks Alternate

The BZA welcomes Steve Ludwig as a regular board member. The BZA is seeking one alternate board member. *BZA members must live in the zoned area.* Contact BZA Chairperson Marie Terry (419-832-9802) or any of the Township Trustees.

Zoning Commission Seeks Two Alternate Members

Contact Zoning Chair William Lowry (419-832-2211) or any of the Township Trustees.

2006-2007 Service Update - Initiatives Implemented by Providence Township

- Web site
- Quarterly newsletter (mailed and on-line)
- Township road condition assessment
- Township equipment replacement schedule
- Township road maintenance plan
- Updated and adopted comprehensive cemetery regulations
- Posted Meeting agendas/Meeting agendas sent to media
- Proactive management of US 24 Bypass issues
- Mutual Aid agreements with Liberty and Washington Townships
- Ongoing assessment of potential public water sources
- Participation in Swan Creek Watershed Pilot Project
- Participation in Lucas County Flood Plain digital mapping
- Maximize in-house vehicle and equipment maintenance
- Active pursuit of grants to save tax dollars
- Peer township employee comparison survey

Wind Turbine Public Hearing Notice

The Providence Township Zoning Commission requests an amendment to the Providence Township Zoning resolution regarding small wind turbines.

A Public Hearing on this issue will be held on November 14, 2007 at the Fire Station #1, 8149 Main St. Neapolis at 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact:

Leeanne DiFeterici

Zoning Commission Secretary 419-832-0696

Zoning Commission

Vice-Chair William Lowry has succeeded Mark Wise as Chair of the Zoning Commission. Shawn Simpson is now Vice-Chair.

Lucas Rowe is now an alternate member.

If you have questions, or would like to be involved in zoning call:

William Lowry, Chair 419-832-2211

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE

With fall upon us, we will all start turning the furnaces or heaters on. I would like to pass on some safety tips to help keep you and your family safer this fall.

- Check your smoke detectors. If you do not have at least one working smoke detector on each level of your home, we encourage you to get one. Batteries should be changed twice a year and detectors should be replaced every 10 years. 90% of fatal fires in Ohio occurred in homes without working smoke detectors.
- If you do not have a carbon monoxide detector, get one. Carbon monoxide is colorless, odorless, tasteless and can kill you without you knowing it. If your CO detector goes off, call 911 and we will come out with our monitor to see if you do have a problem.
- Prepare and practice a home fire-escape plan. Every family member should know at least two ways out of the home, and a meeting place should be established by a tree, mailbox or neighbor's driveway. Please, if you have a fire in your home, get out and stay out!
- Have a qualified professional check your home heating system annually. Furnaces, fireplaces, wood stoves, always should be inspected and cleaned prior to the start of every heating season.
- If you utilize space heaters, do not put anything that can burn within three feet of it.
- Be safe with holiday decorations and costumes. Do not overload the electrical cords.
- Please do not burn your leaves this fall. It is against the law and it can cause health problems to you or someone who inhales the smoke it generates.

If you have any questions on fire safety or home detectors, please feel free to call me at 419-875-6592. Our job is to keep you and your families safe. Anytime we can help prevent a fire or an injury, we will. Have a happy and safe holiday season.

Jeff Bretzloff
Fire Chief

Halloween Party at the Fire Station

On October 31st, after Trick or Treating (5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.), the fire station at 8149 Main Street, Neapolis will again be the site for the Halloween Party starting at 7:15 p.m.

There will be prizes and a cakewalk for all ages. We will end the evening with cider and donuts. The event is sponsored by the Neapolis Volunteer Firemen's Association, Incorporated.

Special Note: Santa will be at the Fire Station for pictures on December 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The Township Records Commission will meet Tuesday November 20, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. at Fire Station #1, 8149 Main St., Neapolis, Ohio.

**Remember
to vote
November 6!**