

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Monday – Friday 7:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Providence Township Newsletter

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Dates To Remember

Board of Trustees

Tuesday July 3

Wednesday July 18

Wednesday August 1

Wednesday August 15

Wednesday Sept. 5

Wednesday Sept. 19

Zoning Commission

Monday July 2

Monday July 16

Monday August 6

Monday August 20

Monday Sept. 3

Monday Sept. 17

Notice: Township Offices are closed July 4 and September 3

PROVIDENCE

Trustees;

Steve Kendall-(419) 832-3224

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Fiscal Officer; Gail Perry
Home Telephone
(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.**
- Green address signs are available. They may be purchased at a cost of \$10.00. Price includes sign and numbers. Simply call the Township Hall during business hours.
- 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 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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NOTICE

TO ALL RESIDENTS IN NEAPOLIS - ALLEYWAYS

All property owners abutting alleyways have received a certified letter from the Providence Township Board of Trustees concerning the removal of all obstructions that may be in the Alleyways such as: fences, sheds, trees, shrubs, etc. This is not a new issue: Letters were sent in November 2005 and August 2006 concerning this matter. *Residents abutting Alley "D," which runs from Hawthorne Street to Alley "G" in Neapolis have received certified letters recently and are put on Notice that the Board of Trustees will doing drainage work in Alley "G," starting on June 18, 2007 and continuing until the work is complete.* If these items are not removed in a timely fashion, the Board of Trustees is prepared to have these items removed. Please cooperate and remove any and all obstructions you may have in these alleyways.

Did You Know?

Providence Township is responsible for maintaining (paving, mowing, patching, snowplowing, draining) nearly 41 miles of roads - the 4th largest amount in Lucas County.

Board of Trustees Meeting Location

Effective May 16, 2007 all Township Board of Trustees Regular Meetings will be held at Providence Township Fire Station #1, located at 8149 Main Street, Neapolis, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE – Noxious Weeds

Notice is hereby given to all residents of Providence Township to cut or remove any and all noxious weeds as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Noxious weeds include: Wild Mustard, Oxeye Daisy, Canada Thistle, Poison Hemlock, Wild Carrot, Purple Loosestrife, Wild Parsnip, Mile-a-Minute Weed, Russian Thistle, Musk Thistle, Cress leaf Groundsel, Shatter cane, Johnson grass, Ragweed, Milkweed, Iron Weed, abandoned Grapevines, or any other plant prohibited as a noxious weed.

All noxious weeds must be cut or removed prior to their spreading or scattering of mature seeds. Removal or cutting must be completed by June 30, 2007 and must be maintained throughout the growing season.

If the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of private land fails to comply with this notice, the board of township trustees may designate the property as a nuisance, and arrange for the weeds to be cut or destroyed as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. The trustees will employ the necessary labor, materials and equipment to perform this task. All expenses incurred will be reported to the Lucas County auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate, and will be entered as a lien upon the land, to be collected along with other taxes.

By order of the Providence Township Trustees.
Gail E. Perry, Fiscal Officer

Replacement Fire Levy Placed on November 2007 Ballot

At the June 6, 2007 regular meeting the Providence Township 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.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Appeals Case heard:
Public hearing held May 7, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applicant: Advance Products
Box and Hartman Rds.
Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522
Ref: Requesting a variance for expanding a non-conforming use.

Appeal was denied.

Chairperson Marie Terry

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Zoning Commission

At its May 8, 2007 meeting the Zoning Commission voted to change the location and days of its meetings.

The Zoning Commission will now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Providence Township Fire Station #1, located at 8149 Main Street, Neapolis, Ohio.

Mark Wise New Zoning Commission Chair
Vice -Chair Mark Wise has succeeded Lynn Wittenmyer as Chair of the Zoning Commission. William Lowry was elected Vice-Chair at the Commission's April 10, 2007 meeting.

If you have questions, would like to be involved in zoning, or would just like more information about zoning in Providence Township please call:

Mark Wise, Chair 419-832-0204

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE

The Providence Township Fire Department recently received 15 sets of fire gear from the Village of Holland. Since the Village had contracted with Springfield Fire, they had a surplus of gear that we were able to obtain and put to good use. Our department has grown to 46 members and the cost of fire gear is very expensive. I would like to thank The Village of Holland's governmental body and its residents for understanding our need and selling us the gear for \$5.00. The gear has been issued to our members replacing worn or non-serviceable gear and equipping members who didn't have gear. Thank you again!

Independence Day will be here soon. Please remember that fireworks can be enjoyed at many locations throughout Northwest Ohio. Also remember, injuries or fires that are caused by fireworks, carry huge penalties by The State Fire Marshal. A good rule of thumb, "if it leaves the ground, it is illegal". Be safe and enjoy the summer.

What is Open Burning? There has been a lot of discussion about this topic throughout the Township as to what and when you can burn. Rest assured we have answers for all of your questions. There are a few different regulations that you are expected to adhere to. There is The State of Ohio, EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and ODNR (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). I have put together an informational sheet that is available at Station 1 or on our web site www.providencetwp.org that will inform you as to what the laws are for each agency. For most types of fires, you must obtain a permit from the Fire Department. These are currently free and also are only available at Station 1 or by visiting our web site. Simply fill out the application, turn it in at Station 1. As long as you are complying with the State laws, you will be issued a permit that is valid for a specific time frame. We want everyone to be safe and reduce the amount of illegal fires that cause fire spread or cause a nuisance.

Chief Jeffery M. Bretzloff

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Clearing of Right of Ways

NOTICE: To promote safety and improve maintenance Township employees are removing all prohibited obstructions (*crops, trees, shrubs, brush, etc.*) from Township road right-of-ways and intersections. At intersections farmers are asked to cut back crops to ensure that views are not obstructed and safe driving conditions affected.

Board of Zoning Appeals Seeks Members

The Board of Zoning Appeals is seeking one full board member and one alternate board member. *BZA members must live in the zoned area.* If interested contact BZA Chairperson Marie Terry (419-832-9802) or any of the Township Trustees.

Zoning Commission Seeks Members

The Zoning Commission is seeking two alternate members. If interested contact Zoning Chair Mark Wise, Chair (419-832-0204) or any of the Township Trustees.