

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Dates To Remember

April 4

April 10

April 18

May 2

May 8

May 16

June 6

June 12

June 13

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NEWSLETTER

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(419) 877-0156

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The Providence Township Board of Trustees meets on the First and Third Wednesday of every month, at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall, located on Perry Road.
- 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.

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. The Township will sign all documents that are officially mailed from its office, to eliminate any further confusion.

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

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NOTICE

TO ALL RESIDENTS IN NEAPOLIS ABUTTING ALLEYWAYS

All Property Owners abutting alleyways have been mailed 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 or problem: all Property Owners received letters in November 2005 and know that these items were and still are expected to be removed. If these items are not removed in a timely fashion, the Board of Trustees is prepared to have these items removed, at the Property Owners expense. Please cooperate and remove any and all obstructions you may have in these alleyways.

*** Effective March 21, 2007 the number of persons allowed in the Township Hall will be limited to the capacity determined by the Ohio Fire Code. Access to any vacant seats will be determined by order of the guest sign-in sheet.

Zoning Inspector – Eric Gay**Flood Plain Exists in Providence Township**

Please be advised that Blue Creek, from Route 295 West to the Henry County line, is considered a flood hazard area and as such falls under applicable flood plain regulations.

Property Owners could qualify for flood plain insurance as per FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) regulations or flood plain construction regulations as per Lucas County Building Regulations Department.

Blue Creek was charted in the Year 2000, from Route 295 to the Henry County Line, as a Zone "A" flood plain district. Zone A means no specified elevations. The Lucas County Engineers Office has a contract with the USGS to re-classify (survey) the Zone A District to a Zone AE. The Zone AE will include 100-year flood elevations. The results of this contract survey will be turned over to the Lucas County Engineers in September 2006.

The finished Maps (of all Lucas County) will not be available to the public until October 2008.

The Lucas County Flood Plain Administrator and the County Engineer technical advisor are planning to meet with all County Townships to present the results of the USGS surveys. These meetings will take place in the October 2007 to October 2008 time frame. These presentations will be open to the public, the dates and times to be announced when available.

Refer to Map Number 39095003800, Panel 0380 and 0360, if you have questions for the Lucas County Flood Plain Administrator.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

The Board of Trustees is actively discussing the possibility of forming a Township Public Utilities Committee. The Committee would be concerned with the issues of public water, sewer, trash, other alternative energy, electric, gas and any other public utility-related areas. Residents with ideas or wishing to sit on this Committee should contact one of the Trustees.

Zoning Appeals Board

One Appeals Case was heard:
Public hearing held June 8, 2006 @ 7:00 p.m.

Applicant: William Krukowski
8445 Heller Road
Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Ref: William Krukowski requesting a zoning permit for an open-air porch on existing home.

Appeal was granted.

Chairperson Marie Terry

Thank You Lynn! After many years of exemplary service on the Zoning Commission as a member and Chair, Lynn Wittenmyer recently resigned. Lynn also served as member of the Land Use Plan Committee. We wish Lynn and her family all the best.

Zoning Commission

Zoning is for the purpose of protecting and promoting public health, safety, morals, comfort and general welfare, and economical provision of improvements.

The new U.S. Route 24 has the potential to drastically change our quiet, rural township. The planned interchange at State Route 295 between Box and Bailey Roads can bring several types of businesses, all of which can be shaped by our local zoning regulations and Land Use Plan.

Currently the western and southern portions of the township are un-zoned. The Zoning Commission is interested in hearing how you feel about this. If you concerned about this, have questions, would like to be involved in holding a public meeting on this, or would like more information, please call:

Mark Wise, Chair 419-832-0204

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP FIRE & RESCUE

Thank You Brett Hite

Recently Providence Township Fire Chief Brett Hite resigned his position on the Fire and Rescue Department to pursue other career opportunities. The Board of Trustees and all involved want to thank Brett for his many years of service on the Department and with the community and want to wish him good luck in all he does in future.

New Fire Chief Hired

After consideration of all recommendations and material the Trustees voted at the December 20, 2006 meeting to hire Jeffery M. Bretzloff as Chief of the Providence Township Fire and Rescue Department.

Chief Bretzloff comes to Providence Township from the Monclova Township Fire and Rescue Department where he served as deputy fire chief.

From Chief Bretzloff:

I would like to thank the Providence Township Board of Trustees for the opportunity to serve this community. The Fire and EMS service is constantly changing and advancing with modern technology.

As Chief, I am committed to maintain high training standards to provide our residents with the best service possible. I look forward to meeting all of our residents and would encourage them to stop in or call if they have any questions or concerns.

Daylight Saving Time is here. Please remember to change your batteries in your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

Even though the heating season is almost done, carbon monoxide could still occur in your home. Remember, Carbon Monoxide is colorless and odorless. Don't take the chance.

Chief Jeffrey M. Bretzloff
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PUBLIC WATER UPDATE

The discussion of Public Water, supplied by the City of Toledo, has once again been brought before the Board of Trustees. The Trustees have recently received a copy of a contract from the Lucas County Commissioners. The contract is between Lucas County and the City of Toledo, however, since the contract directly involves our Township the County Commissioners have asked our Trustees for their approval before the Commissioners sign the agreement with the City.

For those residents not aware, the City of Toledo owns the water and the means of pumping it from the lake. The County, on the other hand, installs and owns the pipelines that supply the water to the Township. These two entities must sign a contract concerning their agreement, before our Township can negotiate with the City for the purchase of the water. However, this contract, between the City and the County, directly touches and concerns our Township.

The contract presented to our Trustees is basically the same document that the Township has seen in the past and is summarized as follows: (1) the Township will be required to form a Joint Economic Development District with the City of Toledo, (2) the Township must adopt the Fourteen Principles of Smart Growth, (3) the Township must have an active Land Use Plan in place, (4) water will only be supplied to existing residents, new residents and industry will only be supplied with City approval, (5) 1" taps will only be allowed to residents, unless agreed to by the City, (6) no public sewer without mutual consent, (7) water will be supplied to the un-zoned area of the Township. As of yet, there has been no firm discussion as to cost and expense for the water to be supplied.

This is only a very short summary of the contract and is not necessarily the ideas of one Trustee or any one individual. The ideas expressed are only for general information and the Trustees encourage all residents to get involved in this discussion, because it can be complicated. Copies of the contract can be made available, upon request and residents should bring all questions concerning water to the Board of Trustees.