



Around The Township

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of **Butler Township**

Spring 2019

Township to Offer Citizens' Police Academy



The Butler Township Police Department will hold its first Citizen's Police Academy this fall. Students will gain an insider's view of how patrols work, the anatomy of detective investigations, issues surrounding the use of force and the K-9 Unit at work. Role-play scenarios, hands-on activities and field trips will make it a realistic experience. Students will also be encouraged to ride along with an on-duty police officer during a regular shift.

"The academy's purpose is to build a better understanding between our citizens and the police," said Police Chief John Porter. "We want to share insights on what we do and why we do it."

The academy will run for seven weeks, every Wednesday from September 11 to October 23, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., at the Police Department, 3510 Sudachi Dr.

"We recommended that students attend all seven weeks," said Porter. "The success of this program is directly related to the commitment of its participants."

Class size is limited to 15 students. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and will be required to submit to a background check.

The Citizen's Academy is free of charge. Registration packets and additional information will be available starting July 1 at the Police Department and online at www.butlertownship.com. The registration deadline is August 1.

For more information, contact the Butler Township Police Department at **937-890-2671**.



Day Air Credit Union to Sponsor Document Shred

Township residents, here's your chance to safely dispose of your sensitive, personal documents. With Day Air Credit Union as sponsor, Butler Township is hosting Community Shred Day for township residents. Proper identification, such as a driver's license or utility bill with address, will be required.

WHEN: Saturday, June 8,
between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

WHERE: Butler Township
Government Center,
3510 Sudachi Dr.

Please call 937-898-6735 for
more information.

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Where to Park an RV, Boat or Trailer?

Parking your recreational equipment on residential property is permitted in Butler Township, but some rules do apply:

- RVs, boats, trailers and the like may not be parked in the “front yard” of a property, except for loading and unloading, for no more than 48 hours
- They must be stored no closer to the street than the front foundation of your home, and
- They may be no closer than 3 feet to a side property line.

For more information regarding the zoning code, please contact Eddie Robinson at 937-898-6735.

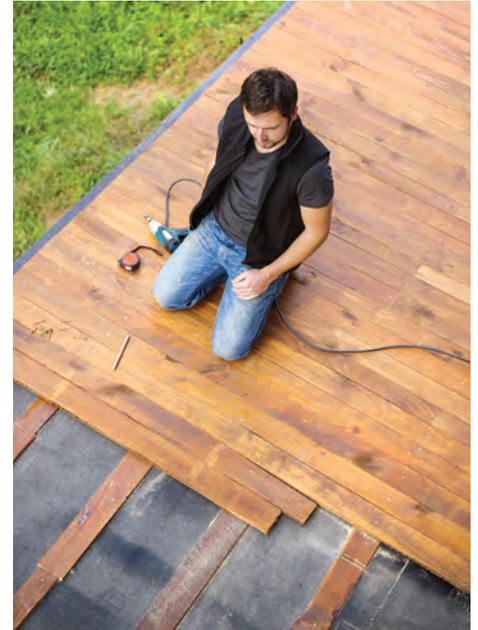
Planning a Summer Project?

Did you know that you must file a zoning permit before beginning any new construction project? This includes any addition, detached garages, sheds, gazebos, pools, decks and patios.

Each property is permitted a maximum of two accessory buildings which may not exceed 3.5 percent of your total lot area (not to exceed 3,000 square feet). Detached structures are required to be in the rear yard and located a minimum of 5 feet from rear and side property lines.

For barns and agriculture uses, please call the township at 937-898-6735 for more information.

You'll find zoning rules and permit applications on the Butler Township website at www.butlertownship.com. The application can be printed and submitted to



the township along with a site plan detailing your project and its location.

New Hotels Coming to Meet Travelers' Needs

The demand for hotels continues to be strong in Butler Township, and the area has become a destination for guests traveling to the Dayton area.

Two new hotels, Fairfield Inn and Holiday Inn Express, are coming soon to the York Commons Business District. They will be located along York Center Drive, the new roadway that was constructed last year.

In 2018, the township collected hotel taxes totaling \$818,000. These revenues have increased by 10 percent per year, on average, over the last five years.



Renderings of the two new hotels coming to Butler Township's York Commons Business District.

Director Finds Street Sweeper Savings

There's a story behind the township's new street sweeper that has streets looking tidy. Last year, budgetary constraints were going to delay the replacement of an existing sweeper that was 16 years old, unreliable and difficult to maintain.

During a township Budget Commission meeting, however, it came to light that

Jefferson Township had a street sweeper they were not using due to financial issues. Butler Township Service Director Jeff Barnett negotiated with Jefferson Township to purchase the used street sweeper at nearly one-third of the cost of a new piece of equipment. The new sweeper has been in service since February.

Snow and Ice Control: By the Numbers



Butler Township Service Department had an eventful winter with five workers battling nine snow events, as of March 1. The crew spread 605 tons of salt, which is 70 percent more than the last two winters' average.

In January alone, they worked 65 hours of overtime, which is double the amount of overtime in any one-month period over the last three years.

Don't Clog the Gutter

Although it's quick and convenient for your yard cleanup, please don't be tempted to blow leaves and grass into the street, as it is not a good idea.

Here's why:

Your leaves and grass typically will end up in stormwater drains, where they clog pipes and impede drainage. This causes flooding of streets and properties, and sometimes, water backing up into houses.

And even when it's not causing flooding, this practice delivers debris, lawn chemicals and other toxins to the bodies of water into which stormwater flows, destroying fish, wildlife and aquatic habitats. It can also end up contaminating food and drinking water.



Look for more practical ways to limit negative impacts on the environment at <https://epa.ohio.gov/pic/#114062773-make-a-difference>.



New in the Service Department

Butler Township hired a new service worker, Jeff Reed, after the retirement of Ronnie Moore from the Service Department. Jeff started with the department last fall, coming from a similar position with the city of West Carrollton.

In his free time, Jeff enjoys the outdoors, including camping, fishing, boating and golf with two daughters.

Roads to be Resurfaced

During the township's budget process each year, the Service Department staff inspects roadways to determine which roads will be resurfaced with asphalt. To keep costs as low as possible, the township participates in a pool program with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office to take advantage of group pricing. Over the past five years, the average budget for resurfacing has totaled approximately \$200,000 per year.

The following roads are planned to be paved in 2019:

- **Kershner Road**
- **Coovermill Court**
- **Kinmont Road**



The entire Deerwood Plat was resurfaced in 2018.



Township Partners with City of Dayton

In 2018, the township and the city of Dayton worked together on a development opportunity near the airport. When the city of Dayton decided to annex 148 acres from Butler Township, at the intersection of Air Park Boulevard and Dog Leg Road, they knew the development should be a joint collaboration with the township due to an existing Joint Economic Development District (JEDD) contract that has been in

place since 2006.

When releasing the property from the JEDD, Butler Township entered into a service agreement with the city that provides for the township to receive approximately one-third of the income tax revenue collected from the development. In return, the township is providing police, fire and emergency medical services to that property.

The developer, NorthPoint Development, has nearly completed construction of the first of two buildings, totaling one million square feet. Both structures will be leased to manufacturing and/or logistics companies. The footwear company, Crocs, is one tenant, which is relocating its distribution headquarters from Ontario, California.

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Community Events

Star Spangled Celebration



Butler Township and the city of Vandalia will again co-sponsor fireworks as part of the Fourth of July Celebration at the Vandalia Recreation Center. The event, scheduled for July 3,

is open to the community. Come and enjoy a great fireworks display!

National Night Out

The Stonespring Rehabilitation Center, located at 4000 Singing Hills Blvd. in Butler Township, will again sponsor and host the township's National Night Out this year. This event is a nationwide campaign to help build relationships between the police and their



communities. Emergency vehicles will be on display and kids' activities will include bounce houses, face painting, games and pony rides. Township officials will be grilling free hot dogs. The event will be held on Tuesday, August 6, from 6 – 8 p.m. at Stonespring.

Cruise-In to Butler Township

The Cruise-In to Butler Township has become one of the area's most popular events, drawing hundreds of people to Commerce Center Drive. It's open to all makes and models of vehicles. Entry is free to the public

and vehicle registration is by donation only.



Participants get a free t-shirt and goody bag. The Cruise-In will be held Saturday, August 10, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Township Music Festival in the Park

Inspired by the popularity of the township's Bicentennial Event in 2017, Butler Township will hold a music festival at Art Van Atta Park on Saturday, October 5, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The event will bring the community together around music and fun for all ages. Food trucks will be available.



Township Eyes Miller Lane Improvements

Several thoroughfares within Butler Township – North Dixie Drive, Dog Leg Road, Little York Road, Frederick Pike and Peter’s Pike, to name a few – cross through multiple jurisdictions and are maintained by Montgomery County. (The township still provides fire, emergency medical and law enforcement services in these areas.)

In January, the township took over the maintenance and control of Miller Lane, which had previously been the county’s responsibility.

“We saw the need to take over the roadway because it’s the primary roadway in our business district,” said Township Administrator Erika Vogel.

The township is able to maintain Miller Lane without using Road Levy revenues because the area is part of a Tax Increment Financing District (TIF). The TIF is a mechanism that allows the township to reserve funds from the taxes received on the increased property values within the district. This has allowed the township to fund infrastructure projects in the district over the last two decades.

“Over the course of 2019, we’ll be looking at ways to enhance the infrastructure and improve Miller Lane in the future,” said Vogel.



Next Step in Crisis Intervention

The Butler Township Police Department was recently invited, along with police departments in Vandalia, Dayton, Kettering and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office, to participate in a pilot program to provide mobile crisis services countywide. Each department is receiving 12 months of funding and technical assistance to embed – as a co-responder with a CIT police officer – a mental health crisis intervention specialist from a certified behavioral health agency.

The program has three goals:

- Increase the number of times a mental health professional is on the scene to assist police officers with a mental health client.
- Reduce the number of repeat calls by, or on behalf of, the same clients by linking those clients with other community services.
- Reduce the incidence of a mental health client being taken to jail.

“The results will be evaluated monthly during the 12-month pilot,” said Butler Township Police Chief. “Partner agencies are now developing a cohesive policy and implementation plan.”

Officers Learn to Defuse Mental Health Crises

Among the many dangerous situations police officers face are those involving people experiencing a mental health crisis. Historically, officers have had minimal specialized training for interacting with individuals in this state.

In an effort to improve those outcomes, Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Board and the Sheriff’s Office, have made Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) available to police departments since 2016. CIT is a police-based, pre-arrest, jail diversion program designed to link law enforcement and emergency mental health services.

All 18 Butler Township police officers have completed this 40-hour course, and the department is among the first in the county to have all officers trained as Crisis Intervention Specialists.

“This training bridges the gap between local police response and mental health care,” said Butler Township Police Chief John Porter. “The result is a safer, proactive way to defuse crisis situations.”



Fire Department Appoints New Captain

Adam Marchal was promoted to Butler Township Fire Department Captain in January. A second-



generation firefighter, Adam started his fire-service career at age 18, volunteering for Pleasant Hill Fire Department. He advanced through the ranks to become the assistant fire chief and EMS chief for that organization.

He was hired by Butler Township in 2006 and promoted to part-time lieutenant in 2007. In 2016, he was named fulltime firefighter-paramedic. During his time with township, he has completed numerous certifications to advance his skills.

Congratulations, Captain Marchal!

Maintenance Codes Keep Township Beautiful

To keep the community safe and attractive and to preserve property values, Butler Township enforces codes to ensure property owners keep their property nuisance-free. A nuisance may exist when garbage, junk or debris is found on a property or when grass and weeds reach 8 inches in height.

Here's the process

When township inspectors find a nuisance violation, they send a notice to the property owner. If the owner does not correct the violation in a timely fashion, the township may perform the work at a rate of \$250/hour, plus administration and assessment fees. If the work is beyond the township's capability, the township may hire a contractor

New Faces in New Positions

The Police Department recently added two new officers to its rank and file.

- **Jesse West** is a fulltime officer with five years of law enforcement experience with the Trotwood Police Department, where his last assignment was as a detective. He is also a certified field training officer and has advanced training in special investigations. Prior to entering into law enforcement, Jesse served four years in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of Vandalia Butler High School and holds an associate degree in Criminal Justice from Sinclair Community College.

- **Brandon Lingenfelter** has been hired as an auxiliary officer after graduating in

December 2018 from the police academy through Edison Community College. A Brookville High School graduate, Brandon earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Indiana University.



New officers: (l to r) Jesse West and Brandon Lingenfelter

Protect Yourself from Home Repair Scams

As warmer weather rolls around, so will thieves posing as home repair companies. Here are a few tips to keep in mind this spring and summer:

- Get multiple estimates on any home repair job before signing a contract.
- Check out contractors' references and visit a company website to see the quality of their work.
- Check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau, and make sure the contractor is registered with the Ohio State Board of Contractors at **614-644-2223** or online at www.com.ohio.gov/dico/ocilb and the Montgomery County Building Regulations Department at **937-225-4622** or online at www.selectmcoho.com/mcoho/building.

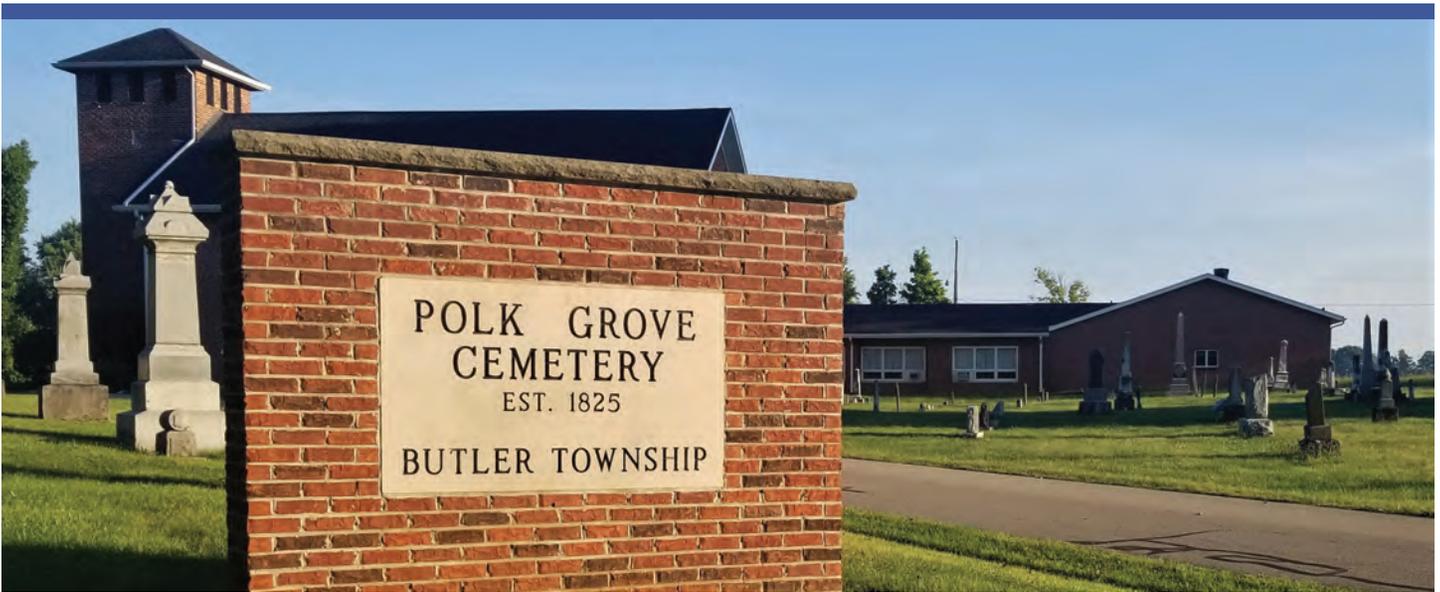
- Never pay in full up front, especially if cash is the only form of payment accepted.
- Make sure the contractor is insured and bonded.
- Document in writing the scope of the work to be done and the complete cost and time necessary to complete the job and how payment will be handled.
- Take photos of the project before work begins.

Be sure to call Butler Township Police at **937-223-2080** to report any suspicious activity.

to perform the work. In that case, the owner is responsible for payment of the contractor's fees in excess of the township's established rate.

And a reminder...

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the rights-of-way in front of their property. The township is not responsible for maintaining ditches or curb lawns. Please help keep Butler Township beautiful by maintaining the rights-of-way.



Polk Grove Cemetery: Rules and Regulations Updated

Butler Township has four cemeteries, although only Polk Grove is still active. Last year Butler Township updated the rules and regulations:

- 1.** The use of all property in the cemetery is controlled by the Butler Township Board of Trustees. No inappropriate use of these lands is acceptable.
- 2.** The cemetery shall open at sunrise and shall close at sunset. Persons entering the cemetery other than during these hours are trespassing.
- 3.** Pets shall not be permitted in the cemetery.
- 4.** No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs shall be permitted in the cemetery.
- 5.** Concealed carry of a firearm must be in compliance of ORC: 2923.12.
- 6.** The Township assumes no responsibility for any property left on head stones or markers. This includes flowers, planters, pots, urns, plantings or other decorations.
- 7.** All flowers, planters, pots and urns shall be removed three times a year, or more often if decoration deteriorates. Cleanup dates are in March, August and November. New decorations may be placed beginning April 1.
- 8.** No permanent vases, pots or urns shall be permitted. These may be emptied and deposited by the Township, as indicated above. In no case shall a vase or urn be larger than 18" in height or exceed 25 pounds. Permanent urns placed before 1990 are exempt from these regulations.
- 9.** No statues or statuary items shall be permitted on any lots.
- 10.** Head stones shall be constructed of igneous rock or stone and shall be contained on the lot of the owner. They shall not infringe on any other grave or walkway.
- 11.** Only motionless, internal illumination of headstones is permitted. No external illumination of any kind shall be permitted on cemetery lots.
- 12.** Markers shall be constructed of bronze, granite or marble. Veteran markers may be placed on head stones; they shall not be installed flush with the ground.
- 13.** Flags may be placed on graves Memorial Day, 4th of July, Flag Day and Veterans Day. Flags are subject to removal by the cemetery within ten days of the holiday.
- 14.** Glass containers and shepherd's hooks shall be prohibited at all times.
- 15.** Trees, shrubs and individual plantings shall not be permitted on any grave or walkway. Trees may be planted, by permission only, at the edge of driveways. Any tree or shrub not approved by the Township may be removed without notice to the lot owner.
- 16.** All burials are to be in cemetery-approved vault.
- 17.** All burials of cremation ashes shall be in an approved container. No ashes shall be spread openly on the ground.
- 18.** All work in the cemetery shall be performed by the Township or by the Township's approval.
- 19.** No lot may be resold to anyone other than the Township. Any transfer of lots shall be in writing and subject to approval of the Clerk. All transactions will be reimbursements only.
- 20.** Head stones are the property of the lot owners. The Township assumes no perpetual care for them.
- 21.** The Township maintains a perpetual care fund that donations may be paid into for grounds maintenance.



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About Your Trash...

The new rate for regular trash service is \$17.25 per month. Low-volume service, with a 35-gallon container, is \$16 per month, includes recycling and pickups of bulky items and leaf service in the fall. If you have your payments set up on autopay, please update your credit card payment amount.

Bulky items (except those containing Freon) are collected the same day as your regular service, but you must call Rumpke at 1-800-223-3960 at least 48 hours before your pickup day.

If you're on regular service, you may put out up to six bags/containers per week, in any combination of trash and yard waste. For low-volume customers, yard waste must fit, along with trash, in the 35-gallon trash container.

