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New trustee brings government experience

Imperial Hills resident Nicholas Brusky will join the Township as the newest trustee in 2014. Brusky's experience spans the government and logistics fields, and includes:

Amherst, Ohio, City Councilmember from 2001 – 2009. His leadership roles included president pro-tempore of council, chairman of the police and fire committee, ordinance committee member, recycling committee member and member of the Lorain County Board of Mental Health.

Legislative aide to State Rep. Terry Boose (R-Norwalk) in 2009, during which Brusky was directly involved with legislation affecting township government.

Truck broker for NAX Transportation Inc. from 2004 – 2009.

Thuman Trucking, his current position, in which he delivers U.S. Mail shipments from the Dayton post office to local post offices.



Township Trustee Nicholas Brusky

Brusky, 32, will be the youngest member of the Board of Trustees. He moved to Butler Township in 2009, and married Alissa Brusky, a longtime township resident.

In preparation for his start in the new year, Brusky has met with township administration and department heads.

If you need to contact him, email nbrusky@butlertownship.com or call 937-898-6735.

Police department invests in training

Butler Township police officers are now receiving specialized training that will improve the quality of services they provide and safety for township residents. The training focuses on three areas:

- **Survival skill sessions help officers heighten their level of awareness and ability to respond in potentially dangerous situations.**

The training will include tactical training and firearm qualifications in handgun and patrol rifle, Taser certification, Oleoresin Capsicum spray training, Armament Systems and Procedures baton training; First Aid and CPR certifications.

- **Specialty expertise development training will allow officers to develop skills in specialty law enforcement categories.**

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These categories could include evidence collection/processing, criminal investigation and auto-crash investigations.

- **Leadership sessions will develop a common, consistent leadership philosophy within the department.**

Over the next year, each sergeant will complete the Police Executive Leadership College. Officers will also participate in “Officer in Charge Training” courses.

According to Police Chief John Cresie, the department’s investment in training is a benefit to township residents.

“A long-term officer development program will allow officers to better serve the public, raise the level of professionalism in the organization and lead to retention of our best employees,” he said.

Call for bulk waste removal

As part of your waste removal service, Rumpke will pick up your bulk waste the same day as your regular service. Additional bulk waste and trash from rental clean-outs must be called into the Rumpke Service Center at 1-800-223-3960 at least 48 hours before the next pick-up. It is especially important for low-volume customers and low-volume rental owners to call. If the extra is not on the driver’s list, it will be left.

Also, residents may have “white goods” removed once per month. This includes stoves, ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers and other appliance containing Freon, such as air conditioners, refrigerators, dehumidifiers and freezers. These need to be scheduled by calling Rumpke at the number above. There is a charge for Freon removal.

Officer graduates police executive leadership college with new skills

Butler Township Police Department Sergeant Chris Guthrie was one of 30 students to complete the Law Enforcement Foundation’s Police Executive Leadership College (PELC). The experience will enhance his management and leadership skills.

“I plan to use my new knowledge to become a more effective leader and to further our department’s mission,” Guthrie said. “This was the best law enforcement training I have attended in my career thus far.”

The PELC diploma is one of many accomplishments Guthrie has achieved during his 10 years with the Butler Township Police Department. His other successes include

- 2009 Officer of the Year
- 2009 Miami Valley Crime Stoppers Detective of the Year
- Certified Evidence Technician
- International Police Mountain Biking Association cyclist

PELC involves 105 class hours on 20 topics with 24 required readings, six research papers five community interviews, three speeches and three team projects. Since its inception in 1988, more than 1,800 Ohio law enforcement executives have attended.



New police officers sworn in

Township Trustee president Doug Orange swears in three new officers, Chris Hammond, Amy Carter and Mike Day. They replace three of the four officer positions that had gone unfilled last year due to the police budget cuts. The trustees were able to fulfill their promise for a safer township following voter approval of the Joint Economic Development Zone in the Miller Lane District.

New business booming in Butler Township

Butler Township welcomes three new businesses in the Joint Economic Development Zone (JED-Z). The JED-Z,

approved by voters on Aug. 6, 2013, allows the township to collect a 1 percent income tax on net profit of businesses and employer withholdings in the district. This revenue is allowing the township to increase public safety services for residents.



Businesses opening in JED-Z

- **Progressive Insurance** opened a new, \$3.5 million service center in September. The center, located at 7801 North Dixie Dr., coordinates claims from the initial estimate to providing a rental car and getting vehicles to a reliable repair shop.
- **HER Realty** introduced a new location in the York Commons business district at 3452 York Commons Blvd. The new office provides a central location for HER Realty agents and their customers in the North Dayton area.
- **Taco Bell** is also joining the York Commons business district at the corner of North Dixie Drive and York Commons Boulevard.



Brush drop-off on tap for spring

The township will again offer free brush drop off this spring, every Saturday from April 12 to May 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. Butler Township residents only (no commercial users) may bring their brush to the Service Department at 3710 West National Rd.

Please remember...

- Brush only – no construction materials, old firewood, yard waste, landscaping or lawn service debris will be accepted.
- Don't chop brush and limbs too small.
- All brush must be free of nails, wire, root balls, etc.
- Must show valid Butler Township ID to participate.
- Enter through Polk Grove Cemetery.

'Shop with a Cop' program gives 20 kids a Christmas to remember

In the spirit of holiday giving, the Butler Township Police Department continued its "Shop with a Cop" tradition this year on Dec. 14.

Every year, the department works with the Butler/Vandalia schools to identify children in need and invites them on a shopping trip to WalMart.

During the festivities, volunteers from the township's police and fire departments and the Vandalia Police Department enjoy a pancake breakfast with the kids, visit Santa and help them shop for personal items or gifts for family members.

Thanks to volunteers' support and generous donations from WalMart and private donors, 20 children participated in the program this year.

Fire station set to reopen

Station 88 renovations are nearly complete and Fire Department employees will begin moving back into the station in February 2014.

Butler Township Trustees will also enjoy the updated station, located at 3780 Little York Rd., as their new meeting space beginning in May 2014.

Volunteer firefighters enhance community safety



In August 2013, the Butler Township Fire Department reintroduced its volunteer program to give certified firefighters and EMS providers hands-on experience while helping the community.

The department's volunteer program was stopped seven years ago when ongoing education-hour requirements and a need for faster response times made volunteer staffing difficult.

This year, the department brought back the program to allow for extra staffing at no cost and establish a more efficient hiring process. Once a volunteer completes the training process, he/she is eligible for a part-time position. Since August 2013, the department has hired six active volunteers with more than 480 hours of service.

"We are grateful for our volunteers who risk their lives to assist those in need," said Butler Township Fire Department Chief Dan Alig.

Volunteers are not required to respond from home; it's an in-house program where they can come and go at will. They receive no compensation.

According to Alig, the department plans to hire more volunteer firefighters in the upcoming months.



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Sign up for Code Red

Butler Township's residential notification system, Code Red, allows township officials to inform residents by telephone, cell phone, text or email about emergency situations or important community alerts.

If you no longer have a landline, have changed cell numbers or email addresses and want to be included in the Code Red system, please update your information on the township's website, www.butlertownship.com.

Rest assured, your information remains private and will only be used to contract you for emergencies or community alerts. If you have questions, please contact Pam Luke at 898-6735.



Snow removal reminder

Snow removal in Butler Township is prioritized with the most heavily used streets being cleared first, followed by collector streets, snow emergency routes and areas with steep slopes. Residential cul-de-sacs are cleared last, and consist of a light pass-through as regular plat streets are cleared at the end of the snow route.

Trash removal to cost \$1 more in 2014

Trash collection fees in Butler Township will increase by \$1 per month in 2014. The increase includes regular pickup and low-volume services. The increase is necessary to continue funding for the operation of the Waste Management Department.

The Township's contract with Rumpke will continue to increase by 3 percent every year, so fees will continue to be adjusted in the future.