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Bicentennial

Serving the needs of the citizens and businesses of **Butler Township**

Butler Township Bicentennial Festival

You're invited to join the celebration!

Sunday, October 8 from 10am - 5pm
at Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike

We're planning a party that's been 200 years in the making. The Butler Township Bicentennial Festival will be jam-packed with entertainment, food trucks and fun for all ages. Kids will enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, draft horses and skits about nature.



Eric Jerardi



Ashley Martin



We will also be pouring the brand new "Butler Township Bicentennial Ale," created and brewed by Hairless Hare Brewery in honor of the township's 200 years.

Outdoor Entertainment Schedule

- 10:00 am – 11:00 am: Ashley Martin
- 11:20 am – 12:50 pm: Nightflyer
- 1:10 pm – 2:10 pm: Eric Jerardi Band
- 2:40 pm – 4:45 pm: Hey There Morgan



Children's Entertainment

12:30 & 1:30 pm: Nature show by Aullwood Naturalist Chris Rowlands

For more information about our bicentennial celebration, please call Butler Township at (937) 898-6735.

In service to his country



Officer John Ashworth of the Butler Township Police Department, has just returned home from active military duty with the U.S. Navy in the Middle East.

Everyone around Butler Township has been excited to welcome home Officer John Ashworth, a 12-year veteran of the Butler Township Police Department who has just returned from 20 months of active military service in the Middle East.

Officer Ashworth has served in the U.S. Navy for 19 years and was deployed with Coastal Riverine Squadron 8 to the Persian Gulf in January 2016 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was due back late last year, but was mobilized a second time to various Middle East locations with Coastal Riverine Squadron 3, as a part of Operation Spartan Shield.

“We’re proud of Officer Ashworth’s continued service to others and ecstatic he has returned safely to his family and us,” said Township Administrator Erika Vogel. “A grateful community says ‘thank you’ and ‘welcome home!’”



PHOTO CREDIT: Justin Spivey Photography

Cars cruise in for a cause

Clear skies and bright August sunshine brought out about 60 cars and a nice, big crowd for the fourth annual Cruise-In to Butler Township. A collaborative effort of the township and the Vandalia-Butler Chamber of Commerce, the event has become more than a car show: It’s also a community fundraiser for a different local charity each year.

This year’s selection was the Vandalia First Baptist Church’s Food4Kids program, which provides backpacks with simple meals for kids in need to eat on weekends, when other assistance is not available. All \$550 in donations and raffle revenues went to the program.

Thanks to the local business sponsors who made it possible to give t-shirts and goody bags to all participants. This year’s sponsors included DayAir Credit Union, MidUSA Credit Union, Universal 1 Credit Union, Dayton Firefighters Federal Credit Union, Digital Cowboy, Four Infinity Ink and Threads and Red Lion Inn and Suites.



New Dump Truck on the Road

The Service Department put into service a new dump truck this summer, replacing a 17-year-old vehicle that had had continual maintenance problems. The \$148,539 cost of the new truck includes necessary equipment and accessories and was part of the department’s five-year capital purchase plan.

Service Department Roundup

Willowbrook subdivision improvements



The final phase of the Willowbrook Subdivision improvement project was completed this summer, giving the neighborhood a facelift. Over the past two years, the entire subdivision – including Benchwood Road, Autumn Ridge Road, Silver Rock Avenue, Walnut Ridge Road, Creekview Circle, Honeycutt Circle, Cedar Cliff Circle and Del Ray Avenue – has seen new asphalt and concrete repairs.

The original engineer's estimate for the project was over \$1 million. However, with bidding out the necessary concrete work and partnering with the county on the asphalt improvements, the total project cost was reduced to approximately \$545,000.

New Service Department leader

New to Butler Township is Service Department Director Jeff Barnett. He comes to his new position from the city of Kettering, where he served as a street department supervisor.

Prior to his eight years with Kettering, Jeff worked in the tool and die industry. He also served in the United States Marine Corp, attached to the Washington, D.C.-based Marine Security Forces.

Jeff and his wife, Debbie, live in Germantown with their four children. When he's not at work, he enjoys spending time with his family, kayaking, horseback riding, hunting, hobby farming and getting involved with his children's sports and activities.



Supervisor retires after 40 years

C. Douglas Brunk retired from Butler Township on August 31 after 40 years of dedicated service. Doug's township career began in 1977, when he was hired as a laborer making \$4 per hour. He worked his way up in leadership roles and had held the title of Service Department supervisor for the past 10 years.

"Doug has been an exemplary employee for Butler Township," said Township Administrator Erika Vogel. "He has made significant contributions to our roadway maintenance and services, residents' safety and welfare, and the department's leadership. We wish him the best!"

Doug lives in Huber Heights with his wife, Mary, and plans to enjoy retirement riding his bike, racing and spending time in Florida.

Trustees honor longtime Service Department employee Doug Brunk upon his retirement. Pictured here: (l to r) Trustee Ken Betz, Township Administrator Erika Vogel, Trustee Mike Lang, Doug Brunk, Trustee Joe Flanagan, Fiscal Officer Mark Adams.



New Service Department worker on board

Stephen "Joey" Wilkerson joined the Service Department as the newest service worker in July. He most recently worked in the city of Fairborn's Water and Sewer Department and was excited for the Butler Township opportunity because he has family living in the area.

Joey currently lives in Miamisburg and enjoys spending time outdoors, hunting and fishing. In addition to his government background, Joey also has excavation and farming experience.

Township hosts Fallen Soldiers Motorcycle Ride

Butler Township recently welcomed the family of Army Sgt. Jonnie Lee Stiles during a Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial Torch motorcycle ride. Sgt. Stiles was killed in Afghanistan in 2008 of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

The visit was part of a 17-day, 3,000-mile, cross-country ride in which the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Flame is escorted from Eugene, Oregon, to Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C., to honor America's fallen soldiers. As the riders make their way across the country, they stop for scheduled visits at the homes of fallen soldiers.

“The Stiles family reached out to us for support during this event, and we decided to welcome the riders at our Township Meeting Hall for the visit,” said Township Trustee Mike Lang.

The procession was met at the Benchwood/Interstate 75 interchange and escorted to the Township Hall. The Stiles family was presented a “Memorial Plaque of Distinguished Service” to honor their fallen soldier.

In Washington D.C., the riders escorted the Fallen Soldiers Memorial Flame inside Arlington National Cemetery, where it was extinguished in memory of all fallen soldiers.



Taking a moment to honor those who have lost their lives in service to their country.

New hotel in township

A new hotel is being constructed on Towne Center Drive, just north of Burger King. An all-suite brand known as Home2Suites by Hilton, the hotel is expected to be open in the first quarter of 2018.

A rendering of the new Home2Suites hotel coming to Butler Township.



Police Department appoints officers



Police Officer Timothy Maples

Tim Maples was recently hired as a police officer in Butler Township. The Baltimore, Maryland, native was raised in Tennessee and Ohio, and graduated from Beaver Creek High School

Officer Maples worked previously with Clay Township and most recently with the Brookville Police Department before coming to Butler Township. He has more than 14 years of experience in information technology and is a certified evidence technician and field training officer. He has also attended first-line supervision training.

Before law enforcement, Officer Maples worked for a company installing computer systems and networks at credit unions in different states. As he traveled, he became interested in the rodeo circuit and participated in competitive bull riding for 14 years.

He and his family reside in the Germantown area.



Auxiliary Police Officer Gary Jackson

Gary Jackson was recently named auxiliary police officer for Butler Township. Born and raised in Tipp City, he recently retired from the Vandalia Police Department with over 34 years of fulltime service.

Officer Jackson has an associate's degree in criminal justice from Sinclair Community College and certifications in crime prevention, basic SWAT, active shooter and firearms instructor in both handgun and patrol rifle. He is also a state-certified paramedic.

Officer Jackson and his wife, Laura, live in Tipp City. His hobbies include handling his certified therapy dog and volunteering with Hospice of Miami County.

Fire Prevention Week October 8-14

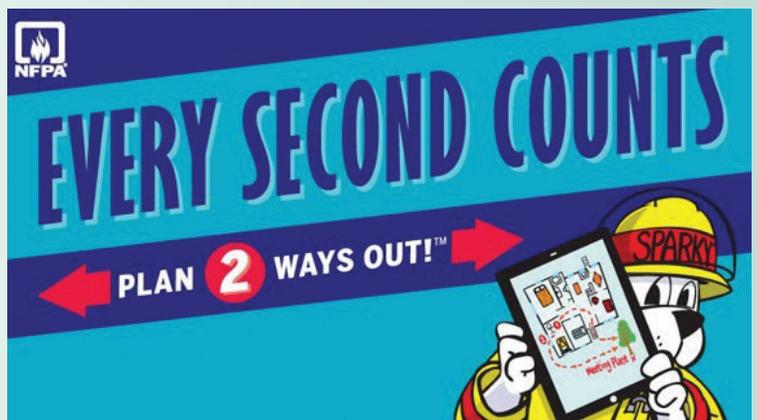
Every second counts: Plan 2 ways out!

In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can determine whether you and your family will escape safely from a fire or not.

That's why the Butler Township Fire Department is joining departments across the country in promoting this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" – and the message that every household needs an escape plan.

Here are this year's life-saving tips:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.



Beggars Night is Tuesday, October 31 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Halloween: Fine time to prevent crime

Since 1984, October has been the official month nationwide for recognizing and celebrating the practice of crime prevention. It's also a great time to promote awareness of issues such as victimization, volunteerism and community safety.

Throughout the month, the Butler Township Police Department will be posting crime prevention tips and articles on the township's website (www.butlertownship.com) and on the police department's Facebook page. (Be sure to "like" us at "Butler Township Police" on Facebook.)

Halloween safety

On Beggars Night (Tuesday, October 31, from 6 - 8 p.m.) keep these safety tips in mind:

- Keep sidewalks and yards clear of obstructions and hard-to-see decorations.
- Keep your house well lit and porch lights on.
- Ask neighbors and Neighborhood Watch to patrol neighborhoods.
- Adopt an intersection and monitor children crossing.
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood.



Costumes

- Avoid bulky masks that can obstruct a child's view or use make-up instead.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant.
- Make sure costumes fit well to avoid tripping hazards.
- Attach reflective strips or other reflective material.
- Avoid costumes with weapon themes or choose flexible material such as cardboard or Styrofoam.

Trick or treating

- Accompany younger kids and encourage older kids to walk in groups.
- Review routes your child will be using.
- Remind kids not to enter houses or cars to retrieve treats.

- Have kids go out while still it's light out and during the specific times designated by the community.
- If driving to neighborhoods, park your vehicle and walk with your child to reduce the vehicle traffic in the neighborhoods.
- Talk to your kids before going out about vandalism and pranks.

Candy review

- Remind your kids not to eat anything until they're at home.
- Check all treats in a well-lit place.
- Check for loosely wrapped or unsealed candies.
- Report to the police department right away if anything looks suspicious.

How to dispose of household hazardous wastes

Ready to clean out the garage or shed but not sure how to dispose of the containers of chemicals and other potentially dangerous and toxic items?

Montgomery County residents may bring household hazardous materials to the Solid

Waste District's Transfer Stations, 1001 Encrete Ln. in Moraine, for proper disposal every Tuesday and Saturday from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. Here are additional details:

- You may bring lawn and pool chemicals, fuels and solvents, batteries, light bulbs and mercury items.
- Trained professionals are on hand to safely and properly handle the hazardous materials.
- This program is free of charge and open to Montgomery County residents only.

- No business, organization, or school wastes are accepted.
- No explosives (ammunition), radioactive materials, or pharmaceuticals are accepted.

Last year Montgomery County safely recycled or disposed of almost 700,000 pounds of household hazardous wastes. For more information call 937-225-4999 or visit www.mcswd.org.



National Night Out: Police and community connect

Butler Township Police joined departments across the country in celebrating National Night Out on August 1. The Stonespring Transitional Care Center partnered with the township to host the event.

National Night Out gives residents and law enforcement the opportunity to interact with each other in a relaxed, informal setting with plenty of fun and games for families. The goal is to encourage police-community partnerships and neighbor-to-neighbor relationships that make neighborhoods safer and friendlier.

Thanks to all residents who participated, and a special thanks to Stonespring Transitional Care Center.



National Night Out is a good time to meet all the township's law enforcement officers, including K-9 Zorro.

PHOTO CREDIT: Vandalia Drummer

Your old refrigerator is worth cash

Here's your chance to save money and the environment.

Dayton Power and Light is offering \$50 rebates for each working refrigerator or freezer dropped off during the its Appliance Amnesty Weekend. Montgomery County is waiving its normal appliance drop-off charge as part of the event. Additionally, DP&L will pay you \$20 for each working room air conditioner or dehumidifier.

Replacing old appliances can save up to \$150 in energy costs annually. And you're helping the environment since nearly 100 percent of the materials in the appliances are recyclable.

Details for Appliance Amnesty Weekend

When: October 5 and 6 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and October 7 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Montgomery County Solid Waste District Transfer and Recycling Facility, 1001 Encrete Lane, Moraine

For more information about Appliance Amnesty Weekend, visit Montgomery County Solid Waste District's website at http://www.mcoho.org/departments/solid_waste/appliance_recycling.php.



If you can't make it to Appliance Amnesty Weekend, visit DP&L's website at www.dpandl.com/save-money/residential/appliance-recycling-for-your-home/ for more information. Through the utility company's ongoing Appliance Recycling Program, you can have your old appliance picked up for free. You're even paid a \$50 rebate to improve your energy efficiency and help save on your energy costs.



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Have leaves?

**Leaf pickup runs
through Dec. 15**



Butler Township residents will again this fall receive leaf pick-up as part of the trash removal service. Here are the details:

- Leave your filled leaf bags out for pick up on your regular service trash day.
- Leaf pickup runs from October 15 through December 15.
- DO NOT rake your leaves into the street or gutter. They will not be picked up from there.

Questions? Please contact Rumpke Waste at 937-461-0004 or Butler Township at 937-898-6735.

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