



Around The Township

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SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Mark your calendar

2017 Bicentennial Celebration Events



Butler Township turns 200 years old this year, and you're invited to join in the celebration. Here is a lineup of the events being planned:

Air Show Parade – Friday, June 23 at 7 p.m., National Road, Vandalia

Star Spangled Celebration – Monday, July 3 at 7 p.m., at Vandalia Sports Complex

Cruise-In to Butler Township – Saturday, August 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Commerce Center Drive, Butler Township

National Night Out – Tuesday, August 1, at Stonespring, 4000 Singing Hills Blvd., Butler Township

Historical Society Log Cabin Dedication – Sunday, September 17 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at 336 E. Alkaline Springs Rd., Vandalia

Butler Township Bicentennial Festival – Sunday, October 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Aullwood Farm, Butler Township

Please visit the township's website at www.butlertownship.com for detailed event information.

Thank You, Voters!

The Butler Township Police Department would like to thank voters for passing the police levy last November. The support you have shown is greatly appreciated.

According to Police Chief John Porter, "We remain committed to being fiscally responsible and providing high-quality police services in a cost-effective manner."



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1817 - 2017 Bicentennial: Celebrating 200 Years

A Historical Recap

Butler Township was officially established on October 7, 1817, from parts of Randolph and Wayne Townships. In the book, *Beside the Stillwater*, Dora Brentlinger states that there were settlers in the area east of the Stillwater River prior to 1800. About a dozen families living in what was known as "Stillwater Woods" when Ohio became a state in 1803. Records show that once surveyed into sections, Butler Township land sold to various purchasers between 1805 and 1831.

Bordered on the east by the Miami River and on the west by the Stillwater River, the area was blessed with waterways that provided economic opportunity. The area was unmatched in water power, grain production and various types of mills, including sawmills, woolen mills and flouring mills. Also common were small and large distilleries. Although it was originally swampy, the northern part was transformed into rich agricultural land using artificial drainage.

Towns and Villages

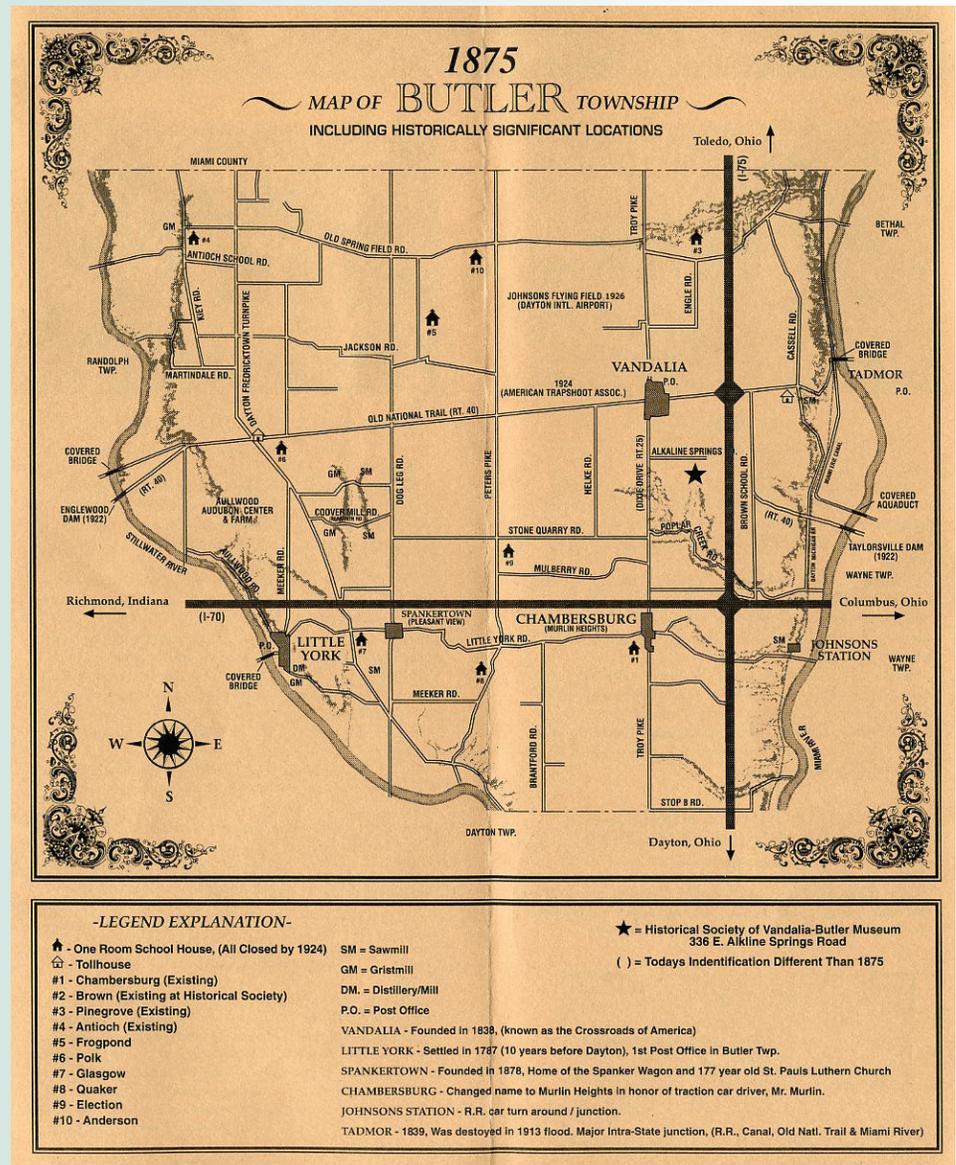
Starting in 1817, Butler Township saw the development of several villages within its boundaries. Little York was laid out that year by Andrew Waymire. It was prominent because of its proximity to the many mills in operation. In the southern part of the township, Chambersburg was platted in 1830 on the Dayton and Troy turnpike and traction line. A post office was opened there in 1834.

First Churches and Schools

One of the area's first churches, Polk Grove United Church of Christ, was established in 1816 as the Lower Stillwater Church. It started as a log cabin and was updated with brick in 1850. It is now located at the corner of Frederick Pike and National Road.

St. Paul Lutheran Church began in 1816 at the corner of Dog Leg Road and Frederick Pike as the Stillwater Church. It was a log structure with an adjoining cemetery located on 3 acres. The church was moved to its present location at 7700 Dog Leg Rd. in 1873, and renamed St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Built around 1812, the Little York School was located on the east side of Meeker Road, at the intersection of Little York Road. It featured brick construction and several windows on each side, considered a luxury at the time. This school was replaced in 1879 by the Glasgow School at the southeast corner of Little York Road and Frederick Pike.



Betz Named New Trustee



Butler Township Trustee Ken Betz

Ken Betz was appointed Butler Township Trustee on January 23, 2017, to fill the vacant position created by the resignation of Trustee Nick Brusky. Ken has served on the Butler Township Budget Commission since its inception in June 2016.

Ken has been the director of the Montgomery County Coroner's Office and the Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory for more than 40 years. He serves on various committees including the Montgomery County Criminal Justice Council, Montgomery County Child Death Review Committee, Montgomery County Domestic Violence Death Review and Montgomery County Technical Advisory Committee (Office of Emergency Management). He also serves as the current board chairman for Lions Eye Bank of West Central Ohio.

Ken holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Dayton and a Master of Science from Xavier University. A graduate of the FBI National Academy, he has lectured on forensic issues in China and the Soviet Union. He has served as an adjunct professor at Sinclair College and has lectured to law enforcement agencies throughout Ohio.

Ken and his wife, Chris, have been residents of Butler Township for more than 40 years. Chris recently retired from the Tipp City School District after teaching for more than three decades. They have two children and two grandchildren.

Ken's term of office expires December 31, 2017.



Road Resurfacing Coming

Concrete repairs in the Willowbrook subdivision were completed in 2016, including sidewalk, driveway aprons, curb, gutters and ADA ramps. The subdivision improvements will be complete this summer with the resurfacing of these roads:

- Benchwood Road
- Autumn Ridge Road
- Silver Rock Avenue
- Walnut Ridge Road
- Creekview Circle
- Honeycutt Circle
- Cedar Cliff Circle
- Del Ray Avenue

The paving, slated to be completed this summer, will be funded by Road Levy Funds in conjunction with the County Overlay Program. With the completion of the

Interstate 70 overpass, a portion of Meeker Road will also see new pavement north of Little York Road.



Street resurfacing coming this summer to Willowbrook subdivision.



Butler Township Police Department supervisors received training on a new program for the treatment of drug addiction.

Police Fight Heroin Epidemic

Butler Township Police Department recently gained a new tool in the fight against heroin addiction. Supervisors participated in training on the Front Door program, which allows officers to take addicts who want help, and who are otherwise not under arrest for a crime, directly to an addiction-services program in Dayton.

According to Lt. Chris Guthrie, “The Front Door program is one more tool we now have to help combat the heroin epidemic affecting the Greater Dayton area.”

The program is offered through the Cornerstone Project, an organization that provides addiction-treatment services.

To learn more about the heroin epidemic, please visit www.mcdrugfree.org.

District Brings New Businesses

Burger King was recently constructed and opened its doors in December 2016. The restaurant is located at the corner of Benchwood Road and Towne Center Drive.

Another new restaurant, Amar India, is now open at 7070 Miller Ln.

Also, a new Hilton brand hotel, Home 2 Suites, is under construction on Towne Center Drive and expected to open January 2018.

One more half-acre parcel is located between these two projects and is being marketed for development.



New Look for Police Vehicles

You may have noticed a brand new look for some of the township’s police vehicles. The department is transitioning to black patrol cars featuring attractive blue and silver graphics. Two of these vehicles are currently in service, and others will have this new color and striping scheme as older vehicles are replaced in the future.



New police vehicles feature silver and blue striping scheme.

Township Hires New Police Officers

In January, Chief John Porter swore in two new full-time officers.

Officer John Rieder comes to the township with 20 years of police experience, having served as a detective, sergeant and evidence technician. He was a park ranger for the Five Rivers MetroParks and an officer with the Germantown Police Department as well as Butler Township.

Officer Troy Dexter, who has worked for the Clayton and Trotwood police departments, brings over 17 years of law enforcement experience to his new position. He has served as a detective, crash investigator and a special drug investigator.

“Without the community’s support of the police levy last November, we would not have been able to hire these two highly trained and experienced officers,” said



Officer John Rieder



Officer Troy Dexter

Chief John Porter. “They bring outstanding credentials and expertise to our department.”

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Don't Clutter the Gutter

Dumping waste in your gutter is never a good idea. Even small amounts of waste can cause big problems that affect the environment, water supply and wildlife.

Here are the rules to follow:

- Don't leave grass clippings in the street or gutters. When grass breaks down, it creates nitrogen, which feeds algae,
- Don't rake leaves into the street, as the township does not have a leaf vacuum program.

and in turn, harms wildlife. Grass clippings also clog storm drains and contaminate the water supply.



- Don't pour oils, solvents, household hazardous chemicals, pool chemicals in the gutters or storm drains. This is considered illegal dumping and an EPA violation. Instead, take these substances to the Montgomery County Transfer Facility at 1001 Encrete Ln. in Moraine any Tuesday or Saturday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Proof of residence is required.

Planning a Building Project?

To save yourself unnecessary hassles later, be sure to obtain the necessary permits for your projects before you begin construction. Butler Township makes the process easy and painless.

If you have a project in mind, please be aware that any new buildings or additions,

including detached garages, sheds, gazebos, pools and decks need a zoning permit prior to construction. Detached structures must be located in the rear yard, a minimum of 5 feet from property lines. Each property is permitted two accessory structures, which may not exceed 3.5 percent of the total lot area.



Sheds, garages, gazebos, pools and decks are among the structures that require a permit.

For more zoning information, please contact the township at 898-6735 or email kbaker@butlertownship.com.

New Firefighters Bring Unique Skills

To ensure reliable and adequate protection for the community, the Butler Township Fire Department hired two full-time firefighter/paramedics in February 2017, essentially converting the positions from part-time to full-time.

Meet the new staff:

Ryan Boon has been a part-time firefighter/paramedic for Butler Township for the last nine years. He has gained additional experience working part-time for other communities, as well. He is certified in swift water rescue, trench rescue, rope rescue and confined space rescue.

Todd Flohre has served as a part-time Butler Township firefighter/paramedic for the past five years, and gained additional experience working part-time for



Firefighter/Paramedic Ryan Boone

Washington Township. He is a certified technician for ice rescue and hazardous materials.



Firefighter/Paramedic Todd Flohre

“With their highly specialized skill sets, Ryan and Todd are excellent additions to our staff,” said Fire Chief Dan Alig.

Fire Department: Emergency Calls Peak in 2016

The Butler Township Fire Department experienced its busiest year on record in 2016. On-duty personnel responded to 3,009 emergencies in total, or about 58 per week. Of those responses, 75 percent were medical emergencies.

Also during 2016, the department hired six full-time firefighter/paramedics to continue providing high quality EMS and fire services.

In terms of vehicles and equipment, the department ordered a new fire engine with a delivery date of fall 2017. It will replace an 18-year-old engine that can no longer be

operated. Two staff response SUVs were also purchased, replacing three vehicles that ranged in age from 19 to 11 years.

Finally, three self-loading cots, purchased with federal grant dollars, were put in service to assist personnel on emergency medical calls.

These Fire Department SUVs replace three staff response vehicles that ranged in age from 11 to 19 years.



Dead Tree Removal

To maintain an attractive community, Butler Township's Property Maintenance Code includes provisions to ensure that trees, shrubs and other vegetation are maintained in a healthy condition. Here are some of the specific requirements:

- Any vegetation afflicted with decay, disease, insect infestation or otherwise considered dangerous to other plant material, must be removed or appropriately treated.
- All plant materials, especially trees and shrubs, must be properly maintained and not show evidence of neglect.
- If an inspection reveals that the majority of any tree is dead or poses an imminent danger of falling on a public sidewalk or road right-of-way, the township will require the property owner to remove the tree. If the tree is not removed in an agreed-upon timeframe, the township will cut the tree or hire a contractor to do so, and bill the property owner for the work.

If you have a property maintenance violation to report, please contact Kathy Baker at 898-6735 ext. 1111 or kbaker@butlertownship.com.

Where to Park that RV, Boat or Trailer?

Recreational equipment, including RVs, boats and trailers, may be parked or stored on a residential property as long as they are not located in the "front yard." This means that recreational equipment can be no closer to the right-of-way than the front foundation of the home, and no closer than 3 feet to a side property line. However, RVs and trailers over 22 feet in length, 7 feet in width or 8 feet in height may not be parked on a residential property.

Also, any vehicle or trailer over 6.5 feet in width or 20 feet in length, may not be parked on any street or right-of-way during the hours of 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Street parking is enforced by the Butler Township Police Department.

For more information, please contact the township at 898-6735 ext. 1111 or email kbaker@butlertownship.com.

Electric Aggregation: What's Next?

In the November election, Butler Township residents voted in favor of electric aggregation.

So what happens next?

Township officials are currently working with their energy consultant, Trebel LLC, to have the township's certification approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The township will then solicit bids from various providers for electric rates.

Around June 1, residents will receive an offer letter, which will allow them to "opt-out" of the program if they wish.

For residents who don't opt out, the program should be up in running by July 1. Savings will begin to appear over the summer months.

Questions about the program should be directed to Trebel LLC at 1-877-861-2772.

Free Appliance Recycling for County Residents

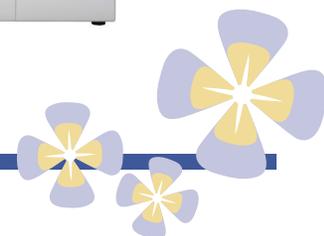
Having trouble getting rid of that old refrigerator, air conditioner, water heater or stove? Montgomery County Environmental Services will dispose of your old appliances free of charge June 1, 2 and 3, as part of its Appliance Amnesty program.

This free appliance disposal program is open to all Montgomery County residents. To participate, you can bring your old appliances to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Facility, where licensed technicians will remove any refrigerant, such as Freon, free of charge. Metal components will be recycled rather than placed in the landfill.

Microwaves, small countertop appliances or outdoor grills are not accepted as part of this program, but can be disposed of for a nominal fee.

Appliances will be accepted at the Montgomery County Solid Waste District Transfer and Recycling Facility, located at 1001 Encrete Ln. in Moraine during the following times:

- June 1 and 2 – 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- June 3 – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.





Government Center

3510 Sudachi Dr.
Dayton, Ohio 45414

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Chief Dan Alig – x1403

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How to Dispose of Yard Waste

Although Butler Township no longer offers a brush drop-off program, you do have options for disposing of all types of yard waste. Here's what you need to know:

Rumpke

- Yard waste may be disposed of in any type of trash bag, although each household with "regular service" is limited to a total of six bags or containers per week. The six may be comprised of any combination of trash and yard waste, as long as the six-container limit per week is not exceeded.

- For "low-volume service" customers, yard waste must be co-mingled and fit inside the 35-gallon trash container.
- Limbs and brush must be bundled and tied into 4-foot x 2-foot bundles for regular service.
- Low volume-service customers must put limbs in their low volume trash container.

Montgomery County Solid Waste District Transfer and Recycling Facility

- Montgomery County residents must show proof of residence

- Disposal of clean, debris-free yard waste, limbs and brush, loose or in plastic bags, is free of charge.
- Location: 1001 Encrete Ln., Moraine.
- Website: www.mcswd.org
- Hours of operation for yard waste: Monday-Friday 6 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.; closed Sunday.

Harris Sod and Seed

- Accepts small branches and limbs
- Location: 8890 Dog Leg Rd., Dayton
- Phone: 937-890-1783

