



Around The Township

WINTER 2016

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

Hoops winners: Junior Minutemen shine on court

It was a battle to the finish when the Junior Minutemen middle school wheelchair basketball team took on members of the police and fire departments of Butler Township and the city of Vandalia.

The big game was held at Morton Middle School. The Junior Minutemen stormed off to an 8-0 lead after the first quarter of play. The public safety team rebounded to tie the game at 8-8 at the half. The Junior Minutemen then went on a late-game run, and they won the contest 24-18.

Despite their defeat, the public safety team enjoyed playing against the Minutemen. In fact, they're looking forward to a rematch.



The public safety team from Butler Township and the city of Vandalia put in a good effort, but the Junior Minutemen won the game.



New medic unit delivered

The Fire Department recently replaced an aging medic unit with a 2015 McCoy Miller model. The older vehicle had begun to have costly maintenance problems and was no longer reliable.

Although that medic unit was originally scheduled for replacement in 2016, the Fire Department found they could save about \$40,000 by making the purchase before July 2015. The total cost for the new unit was just over \$148,000.

The Department took delivery of the new medic in the fall, and is currently installing additional equipment. The unit will be put in service within the month.

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New trustee sworn into office

Joe Flanagan is beginning his first term as a township trustee, but is familiar with Butler Township, having served from 1999 to 2010 as the Township's first administrator. He has more than 30 years of public-service experience, mostly at the township level.

Flanagan started his career as a Zoning Inspector for Madison Township, working his way up with increasing responsibilities,

including code enforcement officer, planner and development director, until his appointment as Butler Township's administrator.

A Chaminade High School graduate, Flanagan has a bachelor's degree from Wright State University in urban studies and city planning. He holds a Master of Public Administrator degree from Central Michigan University.

"I believe the number one goal of any local government, especially townships, is providing the highest level of service at the least possible cost to the citizens," Flanagan said. "Over the next four years, I plan to make this goal my top priority."



2016 calendar and board appointments

The Butler Township Trustees met on December 14, 2015, to decide on various appointments, board positions and administrative matters. Here are the highlights:

- Matt Heidenreich was reappointed to the Zoning Commission for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2016.
- Earl Moyer was reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2016.
- Michael Lang was chosen to serve as president of the Board of Trustees, Nick Brusky will serve as vice president and new trustee, Joe Flanagan, will serve as a trustee.

- Trustee meetings will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7 p.m., with one exception. Monday, December 26, (Christmas observance); the meeting will be held on Thursday, December 29 at 5 p.m. During the summer, Trustees will meet only once a month at 7 p.m. on June 27, July 25 and August 22.
- Zoning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals meetings will be held on the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m., respectively. The one exception will be President's Day, Monday, February 15. The meetings will be held instead on Tuesday, February 16 at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Trash fees increase in 2016

The Butler Township Trustees have passed a resolution to raise trash fees for 2016 by \$.50 cents per month. The new monthly rates for this year will be \$16.50 for regular full service and \$15.25 for low-volume service.

Rumpke's most recent residential trash service bid allows for additional rate increases over the next several years.

Grant to keep EMS providers safe

Lifting and moving patients puts emergency medical service providers at significant risk for injury. In fact, studies have shown that across the US, strains and sprains account for one-half of firefighters' on-duty injuries.

In just the past four years, the Butler Township Fire Department has experienced four incidents involving injuries incurred by firefighters while lifting and moving patients in the line of duty.

In response, the department has launched an injury-prevention program. Supported by a grant from the Federal Emergency

Management Administration, the program has begun with the replacement of existing ambulance cots and mounting systems in the department's three EMS units with powered cots and patient-loading systems.

The grant pays for the equipment, installation and training. The Township is responsible for 5 percent of the total project cost, which is estimated at \$120,000.

The new equipment will be completely operational in the first quarter of 2016.

Springhill Suites coming



Springhill Suites is coming soon to the York Commons Business District. This new and attractive four-story hotel will feature 95 guest rooms.



Cops and Kids on a Shopping Spree

The Butler Township Police Department hosted 20 local youngsters for the eighth annual “Cops Shopping with Kids” program at the Walmart on York Commons Boulevard. A grant from the Walmart Foundation made the December 19 event possible.

With an officer accompanying each child, the shoppers selected items they need, such as clothing, hats, boots and coats. They could also select a toy for themselves or gifts for family members.

Butler Township would like to thank Walmart for its generous grant and also the Butler Township Police and Fire departments, who make this program possible.

Police working toward drug-free community

Focused on detecting and deterring drug trafficking and abuse, the Butler Township Police Department and the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office recently joined forces with other members of the Montgomery County Drug-Free Coalition to conduct a “saturation patrol” operation within Butler and Harrison townships.

Two arrests were made during the operation. The first was a suspect wanted for a bank robbery in Troy, Ohio, and the second involved a suspect armed with a handgun and in possession of numerous capsules suspected to be heroin.

The Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition is a collaborative effort by local businesses, social agencies and police departments throughout the county. The Coalition’s Law Enforcement Committee works with police agencies to focus on the arrest and prosecution of drug traffickers and drug abusers.

The group also provides drug education and help for drug offenders who want to kick their addiction.

The saturation point is just one part of the comprehensive, ongoing effort to target drug traffickers and abusers in Butler Township, and particularly, the Miller Lane business area.

Thank you

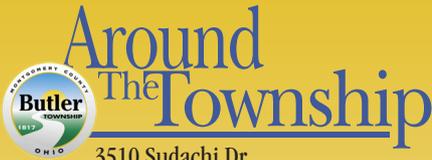
The Butler Township Police Department would like to thank the following agencies that worked to make this operation a success:

- Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
- Regional Agencies Narcotics and Gun Enforcement Task Force (RANGE)
- Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office
- Miami Township Police Department
- Miamisburg Police Department
- Riverside Police Department
- Butler Township Police Department



Trustee retires

Doug Orange served the community and the residents of Butler Township as a trustee for 20 years. Prior to that, he was a member of the Zoning Commission for five years. Congratulations to Doug Orange on his retirement.



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How snow removal is prioritized

Township residents often ask how the snow removal service is prioritized. Here is a summary of the policies:

- During storms, major thoroughfares and streets are cleared first, along with bridges, school zones, hills and steep-incline areas (including residential areas).
- Next, residential neighborhoods with flat terrain receive attention.
- Continuing snow and wind, extremely low temperatures and ice that intermittently melts and freezes can prolong the time it takes for an operator to complete a route.



The street-by-street priorities are as follows:

Major Roads – County Line (Frederick to DogLeg), Furnas, Kley, Antioch School, Jackson, Pattys Curve, Aullwood, Meeker, Kershner, Kinmont, Stonequarry, Engle, Brantford, Stop Eight, Benchwood, Towne Center, York Commons, Commerce Center and Maxton

Bridges – Meeker and Frost

Steep Hills – Meeker Creek, Singing Ridge, Cloverleaf, Rockwell and Lands End

School Zones – Stonequarry

Secondary Streets – Hertlein, Claude, Lambert, Old Country, Wild Cherry, Alvira, and Malina

Cul-de-Sacs and Dead-Ends – all other roads in the township located in subdivisions

County Roadways – All other major roadways such as North Dixie, Miller, Old Springfield, Little York, Peters, DogLeg, Heathcliff, Lightner, Martindale and Frederick are plowed and maintained by Montgomery County

Volunteer needed for Board of Zoning Appeals

There is now a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals. If anyone is interested in serving on the BZA, please send a resume and a letter of interest in the position to the Acting Township Administrator, 3510 Sudachi Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414. The volunteer position will be to fill the unexpired term of Pete Baldauf from now until December 2019.