

# **JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP**

## **JANUARY 2009 TOWNSHIP NEWS**

### TRUSTEE MEETINGS:

The Jefferson Township Board of trustees meet every other Wednesday at the township administration office, 225 Cemetery Road, West Jefferson.

The meetings begin at 7:30 pm and are open to the public.

Reports are given at each meeting by the Township department heads and the bills are reviewed prior to payment.

The meeting schedule for 2008 is as follows:

### JANUARY

14<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>

### FEBRUARY

11<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

### MARCH

11<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>

### APRIL

8<sup>TH</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup>

### MAY

6<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>

### JUNE

3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>

### JULY

1<sup>ST</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, & 29<sup>TH</sup>

### AUGUST

12<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>

### SEPTEMBER

9<sup>TH</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>

### OCTOBER

7<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>

### NOVEMBER

4<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup>

### DEC EMBER

2<sup>ND</sup>, 16<sup>TH</sup>, & 30<sup>TH</sup>

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## TRUSTEE NEWS:

### TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE APPOINTED:

ROBERT HORTON has been selected to fill the vacancy created on the board by the resignation of Mark Forrest who was elected as Madison County Commissioner. Mark was honored at the December 30<sup>th</sup> Trustee meeting with a Resolution commending him for his 19 years of service to the residents of Jefferson Township. Mark also received a plaque to commemorate his service.

Robert Horton is familiar with the job of Trustee. He served as trustee eight years ago to fill the unexpired term of Chris Snyder who also resigned after being elected Madison County Commissioner.

Best of Wishes to both Mark and Robert in their new endeavors.

The Trustees would also like to thank those who submitted applications for the Trustee position. Your interest in the Township is greatly appreciated.

### TOWNSHIP POLICY MANUAL:

The Trustees have approved the revised Policy Manual for all Township Employees. Each employee is issued a Computer Disk containing all the provisions of the manual.

### TOWNSHIP PARK:

The Township Park remains open all year with access to Little Darby Creek and nature trails.

You are encouraged to use the 1/5<sup>th</sup> mile track for walking or jogging rather than along our roadways.

Should you have suggestions for any improvements or additions to the park, please e-mail us at [www.jeffersontownship@att.net](mailto:www.jeffersontownship@att.net) .

## BATTELLE REQUESTS ANNEXATION TO VILLAGE:

Battelle representatives attended the November 5<sup>th</sup> trustee meeting to explain their request to annex to the Village of West Jefferson. The complex to be annexed consists of about 1000 acres. They will ask for a type III annexation in which the property taxes would remain with the Township. The reason for the annexation request is the need for water and sewer from the Village. An expansion is planned that would eventually add about 175 new jobs to this facility. Based on the information provided, the Trustees agreed to the annexation and passed a resolution supporting this annexation at the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT:

RETIRED LT. JEFF HOCKENBERY attended the November 19<sup>th</sup> meeting and was presented with a copy of Resolution 2008-07 commending him for his 30 years of service to the Township and the Community.

Jeff will be missed by all of those who had the opportunity to work with him at the many emergency situations that he was in charge of. Jeff was second to none in his ability to organize and take control of emergency scenes, whether it was at a fire, emergency medical, or a rescue situation. Good luck and best wishes to Jeff and his family during his retirement years.

A GREAT JOB BY RICK COOK in organizing the Christmas Toy drive. The fire department personnel are to be commended for a project that helped 90 families & 170 children have a much happier Christmas this year.

The Fire Department has participated in many training sessions this past year, and will continue to do so in the coming months.

## SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS:

Remember to keep fresh batteries in your smoke & carbon monoxide detectors. This is a small price to pay for you and your families' safety.

## OPEN BURNING:

If you plan on any open burning, remember to contact the fire department at 879-8265. They will help you stay in compliance of EPA regulations and give you added safety suggestions.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT CHARGES ARE NOW IN EFFECT:

As reported in our last newsletter, the Trustees have approved charging for EMS transports to hospitals. The following is a summary of the provisions of charging:

Residents of Jefferson and Fairfield Townships will not be billed individually, but if they have medical insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, those companies will be billed.

Non-residents will be billed along with their insurance companies.

All insurance companies are required to have medical transport coverage in their policies and this will not cause additional premiums.

It is the hope of the Trustees and the Fire Chief, that by charging insurance companies, it will provide additional funds to cover the ever increasing cost of operating the Fire Department, and possibly delay a request for a tax levy increase.

Should you have questions, call Chief Houk or Ass't. Chief VanHorn at 614-879-8265

## ROADS & CEMETERIES:

A new dump truck should be delivered to the Township in the next two or three weeks. The truck was purchased from the International Truck Company under the State Contract agreement. The present dump truck has been sold to Monroe Township.

Work on the interior of the Mausoleum at Pleasant Hill Cemetery has been completed. Painting, cleaning and replacement of some of the marble have made a big difference in the appearance. Those interested in purchasing space in the Mausoleum or those wishing to gain access should contact the cemetery sexton or a Trustee. There are 40 spaces now available.

## FOSTER CHAPEL CEMETERY:

Continuous head stone footers in the new section of Foster Chapel Cemetery is being considered by the Trustees. This type of footer would eliminate the need to pour footers for each individual grave marker and would also make mowing and trimming around the stones much easier. As a row of grave lots are ready to be made available, the footers for the markers would be poured in a continuous strip at the head of the graves. The first new row of grave spaces has been laid out and can now be sold. The footer will not be poured until spring.

Remember, if you are interested in re-selling your unused cemetery lots back to the Township, in any of the Township Cemeteries, please call the office at 614-879-8607.

## MADISON COUNTY WEB SITE AND TOWNSHIP E-MAIL:

A reminder:

Be sure to visit the County web site for more information about your County as well as the Townships in Madison County.

Jefferson Township has a site with much available information. This newsletter, information about our Trustees and fiscal officer, including their pictures, Cemetery information, Township phone numbers, and meeting dates are some of the items you will find.

To access the County site go to [www.co.madison.oh.us/](http://www.co.madison.oh.us/) On that site, click "TOWNSHIP", and then "JEFFERSON". Our site can then be viewed. A link to our E-Mail address is also located on this site or you can E-Mail us directly at: [www.jeffersontownship@att.net](mailto:www.jeffersontownship@att.net).

Jefferson Township Trustees