

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

July 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 remaining meeting schedule for 2009 is as follows: July 29th, August 12 & 26th, September 9th & 23rd, October 7th & 21st, November 4th & 18th, and December 2nd, 16th, & 30th.

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TRUSTEE NEWS:

Rt. 142, Rt.40 Intersection: Utility work continues to progress for the improvement of Rt. 142 & Rt. 40. Re-alignment of the roadway on Rt. 142 and turn lanes on Rt. 40, as well as a long awaited traffic light are part of the improvement. Completion date should be by the end of this year or early next year, depending on the weather.

TOWNSHIP PARK:

The shelter house is handicap accessible and will accommodate about 48 people. Group reservations are available by contacting the township office. There is no charge to reserve the shelter house.

Residents are encouraged to use the 1/5th mile blacktop track for walking or jogging rather than along our roadways.

The area between the track is available for a variety of athletics such as volleyball, badminton, soccer, or corn hole games. Bring your own equipment.

About half of the park is wooded. It is mowed for easy walking, but is mostly kept natural to encourage the presence of wildlife.

A trail leading to several areas of Little Darby Creek provide easy access for fishing.

The Park is open every day from daylight to dusk. Special permits may be issued for scout troops and similar organizations wishing extended hours or for overnight camping.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Norwich Township Trustees loaned a Fire Engine to our department while ours was being repaired in Indiana. A problem with the frame has now been resolved and our Engine returned to duty. Many thanks to Norwich Township.

A new Medic unit has been ordered from the Horton Company. The Medic was purchased under the State of Ohio contract bid price of \$195,955.22. Medic vehicles are usually replaced in 10 to 15 years.

Sidewalks and a concrete approach ramp has been replaced at the fire station. The concrete was in bad shape and needed replaced.

A deck will be built at the rear of the fire station. All of the material has been donated and the firefighters are providing the labor at no cost to the Township.

Our firefighters continue to provide equipment, make improvements to the department, donate to charities, and help our needy by providing food and toys at Christmas with the money they receive from donations and various fund raisers. We are fortunate to have great firefighters in Jefferson Township!

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.

A few basic safety precautions are as follows:

Never burn on days that it is windy

Clear the area around the burn pile at least a ten foot radius.

Locate the burn pile at least 200 feet from a wooded area or fields and 1000 feet from buildings.

Burn only in daylight hours

Never leave a fire unattended.

Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby.

ROADS & CEMETERIES:

Taylor Blair Estates roads have been re-surfaced and is a great improvement.

Work started last fall but was delayed because of the weather.

The cemeteries look good since using a new weed killer. Signs noting the use of pesticides have been posted according to requirements.

CEMETERY LOTS:

If you are interested in purchasing lots or are interested in re-selling your lots back to the Township in any Township cemetery 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/ 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.

Jefferson Township Trustees