

Fairfield Township

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SPRING/SUMMER 2018

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Administration

6032 Morris Road
513.887.4400 (office)

Fire Department - Headquarters

6048 Morris Road
513.887.4402 (office)

Police Department

6485 Vonnie Vale Court
513-887-4406 (office)
513-785-1300 (dispatch)

Service/Road Department

2659 Tylersville Road
513-785-3663 (office)

Website:

www.FairfieldTwp.org

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SPRING CLEAN UP DAY 2018

Fairfield Township is excited to again be holding the Annual Spring Clean Up Day! This year the event will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018, from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. This great initiative allows Township residents to dispose of household items and outdoor debris at *NO COST* to the resident (*please note that a drivers license or valid form of ID will be checked upon arrival*).



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! Always critical is the assistance from volunteers which allows the Township to accomplish more and creates an opportunity for community collaboration. Typical volunteers include Scout Troops, local churches, the Fire Corp, CPAA, and resident individuals and families. Clean Up Day is a great way for students and others to earn community service hours.

This year the Township will collect batteries, light bulbs, debris, old furniture, latex based paint, and oil. Toxic waste, including oil based paint, will not be accepted, but can be taken to Butler County Waste and Recycle during restricted times.

See <http://www.butlercountyrecycles.org/index.cfm?page=collectEvents> for additional information on Hazardous Waste removal opportunities.

For additional information, to volunteer, or for sponsorship information please contact Zoning Administrator Chuck Goins at 513-785-2266 or cgoins@fairfieldtwp.org. Business sponsor levels have been established and provide an excellent way for local businesses to have their company showcased and included on the banners, advertising, and t-shirts this year!

Volunteer opportunities include walking Township parks, bike paths, and commercial roadways to pick up debris, spreading mulch, planting flowers, serving lunch, and/or welcoming volunteers.

ENERGY & GAS AGGREGATION INFORMATION

For prices and questions about the gas and electric aggregation programs in Fairfield Township please contact Mr. Dan Deters at www.ddeters@energyalliances.com. The current programs were voted in as Opt-Out, meaning all are enrolled and can choose to opt out.

In 2017 3,964 participating members saved a combined total of \$213,330.92 in just the energy program alone!

2018 Road Maintenance Plan

One of the primary functions of township government is to provide maintenance to township roadways. The current Board committed to an aggressive paving plan in 2017, which included \$516,212 worth of paving, \$47,899 in DURAPATCH™ work, and \$7,500 of crack sealant. This commitment extended into 2018 with a similar plan, and in addition to paving and DURAPATCH™ work, the Service Department will evaluate curb and gutter repair in those areas being paved.

Crews apply DURAPATCH™ in the warm spring and summer seasons. DURAPATCH™ repairs flaws or potholes in the roadway when larger pavement repair is unnecessary and is also used to fix cracks in asphalt and concrete surfaces. It is a very cost effective method for road repairs and will last for several years until a more permanent repair or total resurfacing can be performed.

Crack sealing is a method in which hot sealant is applied to working cracks to prevent water intrusion. The rubberized material has the ability to seal the crack while staying flexible with the pavement's movement. Crack sealing is beneficial for active cracks that continue to extend in size and severity over time, for stopping water and debris from entering the cracks, and for protecting the longevity of the pavement.

Fairfield Township will again contract with Butler County who will bid and choose a contractor to perform paving work. Updates will be given on the website, Facebook Page, and Twitter Account as they are received. If you have potholes or road issues to report, please visit the website at www.fairfieldtp.org and use the "Contact Us" button or contact the Service Department at jbennett@fairfieldtp.org or 513-785-4403.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS

In July of 2017, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved Resolution No. 17-74 forming a volunteer Parks Committee. The committee, consisting of residents, employees, and one trustee, provides recommendations and guidance to the Board of Trustees regarding the Schaefer's Run and Millikin Road Parks.

Thanks to their efforts, a new and improved dog park was installed at the Schaefer's Run Park on Vonnie Vale Court.

The park has new, more secure fencing, areas for both small and large dogs, agility sets, a concrete walkway and pad to the park, and new benches and trash receptacles. Check it out!



New Fire House Underway

Plans continue to move forward on the new Fairfield Township fire station. Set to replace Station 211, Trustees picked a 3 acre plot of land for the new station. The plot, owned by Fairfield Township, is located on Gilmore Road, north of the StoryPoint community. Five firms submitted qualifications during the request for quotation (RFQ) phase. Of the five firms, three were short listed to submit a request for proposal (RFP), including Cincinnati United Contractors (CUC), DAG Construction, and Oswald.

A Design Build project, the firms submitted their proposals with a gross maximum price (GMP) attached on March 23, 2018. The next step is for the Board to agree on a proposal and award the job to one of the short listed firms.

To stay updated please visit:

<https://www.fairfieldtp.org/news/entry/fire-station-project-37/>



Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Spring Walkers Club—Starting April 3 , 8:30-10a.m. at Bridgewater Falls near Party City
- ◆ Dog Park Grand Opening—TBA
- ◆ Fairfield Drug Free Coalition Extreme Scavenger Hunt—April 22, 2:15-4:15p.m. at Fairfield Lane Library
- ◆ Spring Clean Up Day—April 28, 9a.m.-3p.m. at Township Administration Building
- ◆ National Drug Take Back Day Event—April 28, 9a.m.-3p.m. at Township Administration Building
- ◆ Summer Movie Night Series—June 8, July 13, August 17, 8:30p.m. at Millikin Road Park
- ◆ Family Game Show Night— June 23, 7p.m. at Millikin Road Park
- ◆ Safety Fair—August 25, 11a.m.-3p.m. at Bridgewater Falls

For additional information on these events and more, please visit the Township website:

<https://www.fairfieldtwp.org/events/community-events-1/>

Did You Know?

Fairfield Township is the 45th largest Township in Ohio out of 1,309 Townships? With about 23,000 residents!



VOUNTEER OPORTUNITIES

AT THE TOWNSHIP

The Township has many opportunities for residents to get involved! Thanks to hard working and committed volunteers, the Fairfield Township community has greatly benefitted.

For those who would like to become more engaged in local government and the community, please contact the Administrator at 513-785-2299 or jvonderhaar@fairfieldtwp.org.

Currently volunteers are needed for the Parks Committee, the Zoning Appeals Board, and *many are needed for Spring Clean Up Day*.

Additional opportunities include involvement on the Citizens Police Academy and/or Fire Corp groups.

FINANCIAL TREND

The Township General Fund and overall cash position continues to be stable. Visit Ohio's Open Checkbook at

<http://ohiotreasurer.gov/Transparency/Ohios-Online-Checkbook>

or the Township Administration Building for details on Township finances. Transparency is and will continue to be a Board priority.

Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal here



In an effort to help prevent accidental access or abuse of prescription medications Fairfield Township, in partnership with the Fairfield Prevention Coalition, is taking

part in several important programs. The first program will run concurrent with our annual Spring Clean-Up Day and also in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). We will host a National Take-Back Initiative Event during the clean up event which is on April 28th from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Drugs can be dropped off at the Township Facilities n 6032 Morris Road. A second program involves permanent locations which can be found on the Township website at www.fairfieldtwp.org. Finally, a limited amount of drug disposal kits are available at the Township Police Department and Administration Building during normal business hours of 8 A.M.— 4:30 P.M. The kits are first come first serve and only available while supplies last. Helping make you safer!

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
Elected Officials



Susan Berding
TRUSEE PRESIDENT
513-702-9489



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Trustee Meetings

Administration Building
6032 Morris Road
2nd & 4th Wednesday / 6:30 P.M.

The public is always welcome

WELCOME

SHELLY SHULTZ
Fiscal Officer

Shelly Schultz has taken over the role of Fiscal Officer and is doing a tremendous job. With over 20 years of accounting experience and a Bachelors of Business Administration in Accounting, Ms. Schultz brings a wealth of knowledge to the position. Her main concern as an elected official is to assist in providing fiscal responsibility and stability to the Fairfield Township Community and its residents

WANT TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER VIA E-MAIL?

If you would like to receive newsletters via email in lieu of a mailer, please visit the website at www.fairfieldtwp.org, choose "Contact Us" and then pick the drop down item that says "opt out of mailed newsletter". Or visit the website and pick the newsletter link to become current on Township happenings.

Zoning Complaints and Permits

The Department of Zoning/Code Enforcement receives complaints from citizens regarding various Zoning Resolution code violations. The spring and summer months yield the highest number of grass, garbage and debris complaints. Residents also call to verify whether their neighbors have received permits for construction or simply to report a violation they might have observed.

When complaints are received, we seek compliance of the alleged violation, either by telephone, meetings, on site visits or written violation notice. The complaint is described to the property owner and the appropriate ordinance section is cited. The property owner is asked to correct said violation. If this first step is not effective and the violation still exists, a Resolution is brought before the Board which allows the Township to correct the violation. A second resolution allows any costs to be assessed back to the homeowner in violation of the Zoning Code.

There are several ways to report a violation: call Gail Asher at 785-2247 or Chuck Goins at 785-2266, email Chuck Goins at cgoins@fairfieldtwp.org or use the "Contact Us" button on the Township website (<https://www.fairfieldtwp.org/contact-us/>)

ZONING QUESTIONS?