



# LIBERTY NEWS

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### LIBERTY WAY INTERCHANGE OPENS TO TRAFFIC

It's official...the Liberty Way Interchange project is complete and open to traffic. A dedication ceremony took place on October 7 with the actual opening occurring on October 14. The \$42-million infrastructure project was locally-funded by Liberty Township, West Chester Township and Butler County. The project was managed by the Butler County Transportation Improvement District and opened about six months ahead of schedule.

The Liberty Way Interchange is an extension of the Butler County Regional Highway (Ohio 129) at I-75 making it a full-service interchange off I-75. The completed projects include a northern extension of Cox Road from Liberty Way (formerly Hamilton-Mason Rd) as well as widening and improvements of Liberty Way between Cincinnati-Dayton and Butler-Warren roads. The new interchange opens up 600 acres for commercial development – primarily in Liberty Township with some acreage in West Chester Township. At complete build-out in 20 years, approximately 10,000 new jobs are project to be created with an annual payroll of \$250 million as a result of the new Liberty Way Interchange.

*Pictured below are Trustees Christine Matacic and Dave Kern joined by Chuck Furmon, Catherine Stoker, Greg Jolivette and Don Dixon unveiling a new graphic of the interchange. See more photos inside.*



*Embraced by nature. ♦ Inspired by progress.*

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# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP NEW BUSINESS UPDATE

**Anytime Fitness** will open a neighborhood-style health club in the Liberty Commons Retail Center next to Wing Eye Care. Coming soon is a convenient and affordable place to go with quality exercise equipment and a friendly atmosphere.

**Bird Chiropractic** has moved into the Liberty Commons Retail Plaza next to Kroger Marketplace. Dr. Jeff Bird is looking forward to welcoming patients to his new office in Liberty Twp.

**Emery Federal Credit Union** will be opening a new branch location off Cincinnati-Dayton Road. This office will be Emery's first location in Butler County and will mark a milestone as the company's first branch office to be built from the ground up.

**Jersey's Family Sports Pub** will open as a new family-oriented sports bar and grille in the former Beef O'Brady's space on SR 747 and Princeton Road.

**Gran Fiesta Mexican Restaurant** will open a new restaurant in The Commons @ Liberty Falls in the coming months. They will offer a nice patio for outdoor dining for guests. Stay tuned as their opening nears!

**Monroe Dry Cleaning** will open a new store in The Commons @ Liberty Falls next to Blue Chip Gourmet. For more than 10 years, they pride themselves on high quality, reasonable prices and great customer service.

**Scrubs**, a new store selling scrubs and similar healthcare accessories, has plans to open in the Yankee Shoppes retail center in the coming months.

**Tuesday Morning** has opened in the Liberty Commons Retail Center. Tuesday Morning is a retailer specializing in upscale closeout merchandise, with more than 800 stores across the United States.

**Urban Splat Paintball**...from the owner of Bananas Drop-in Jump and Play comes a clean, safe, family-friendly Indoor Paintball Facility with a military theme. Urban Splat will have three distinct and challenging battle areas and will be available for groups, parties, etc. A fall opening is planned.



*Township Trustee Dave Kern joins Chamber Alliance Ambassadors for a ribbon cutting to welcome Bird Chiropractic.*

## LIBERTY WAY DEDICATION PHOTOS



*Liberty Twp Fire Department Honor Guard*



*Trustee President Pat Hiltman delivers remarks during the dedication ceremony.*



*Butler County TID Director Ron Porter acknowledges the Liberty Way Interchange project partners.*



Liberty Township Trustees Pat Hiltman and Christine Maticic, along with Jerry Vaughn, developer, and Joe Hinson, President/CEO of the West Chester Chamber Alliance, welcome **Blue Chip Gourmet**, **Bruno's Pizza** and **Penn Station** during a ribbon cutting for the first tenants of **The Falls @ Liberty Commons**, a mixed-use office/retail building developed by Vaughn.



# ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

The winter months bring with them the challenges of driving in conditions most people do not enjoy. The Liberty Township Services Department will certainly make every effort to keep these hazardous road conditions as safe as possible for the traveling public during these times of ice and snow. With that in mind, we would like to offer a few tips that you as a township resident can do to allow for safe, timely and effective removal of ice and snow from township roadways.

- ◆ Remove any objects near roadways that could potentially be struck during snow and ice removal, such as basketball goals, bicycles, etc.
- ◆ Don't pass a snow plow unless **absolutely** necessary.
- ◆ Allow plenty of stopping distance; don't follow plow trucks too closely. This also reduces the chances of loose material hitting your vehicle.
- ◆ Keep headlights on low beam.
- ◆ Never assume that the snow plow operator can see you. Every plow has blind spots that reduce side and rear visibility.
- ◆ Don't push snow from your driveway into the roadway. This can create a danger to motorists. Pile snow to the left side of drive as you face your house, specifically when clearing near the road. This will prevent the plow from dragging the pile across your driveway apron.
- ◆ Park vehicles in your driveway when possible; allows the crews to clear the entire roadway from curb to curb.

## LIBERTY TREE MEMORIAL HELD

On October 17, members of the Parks Committee and Boy Scout Troop 946 gathered to plant an American Liberty Elm in Allen Park on Kyles Station Road. The tree was planted in honor of Lucky Allen for his kind donations to the community. Liberty Township received a grant from the Elm Research Institute in New Hampshire, which

made the Liberty Tree Memorial possible. The tree will serve as a living, growing tribute to our country's freedom and founding.



*Boy Scout Troop 946 led the Liberty Tree Memorial ceremony*



*Trustee Christine Matacic joins Michelle Allen and her family as they plant the American Liberty Elm in Allen Park in honor of Michelle's father Lucky. Ms. Allen also serves on the Township's Parks Committee.*

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP SERVICES DEPT... DID YOU KNOW?

The Liberty Township Services Department pre-treats township roads with a salt brine solution. This process leaves white lines in the roadway.

The Liberty Township Services Department is responsible for:

- ◆ 131 miles of roadway
- ◆ 106 subdivisions
- ◆ 470 cul-de-sacs

The Liberty Township Services Department uses

- ◆ 80 tons of salt to treat all roads at one time during a winter storm
- ◆ More than 2,100 tons of salt in an average winter

Several roads in Liberty Township are maintained by The Butler County Engineer's Office (BCEO), while others are state routes and thus maintained by the State of Ohio (ODOT).

- ◆ BCEO maintains 28.17 miles of roadway
- ◆ ODOT maintains 16.38 miles of roadway

## PRIORITY LIST FOR SNOW REMOVAL

1. Main roads
2. Main roads that need additional plowing
3. Intersections
4. Main arteries in subdivisions are given a quick "one pass"
5. All subdivision roads, excluding cul-de-sacs, are given a "double pass"
6. Main roads that need additional plowing
7. Any subdivision roads that may need additional plowing
8. Cul-de-sacs

# PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

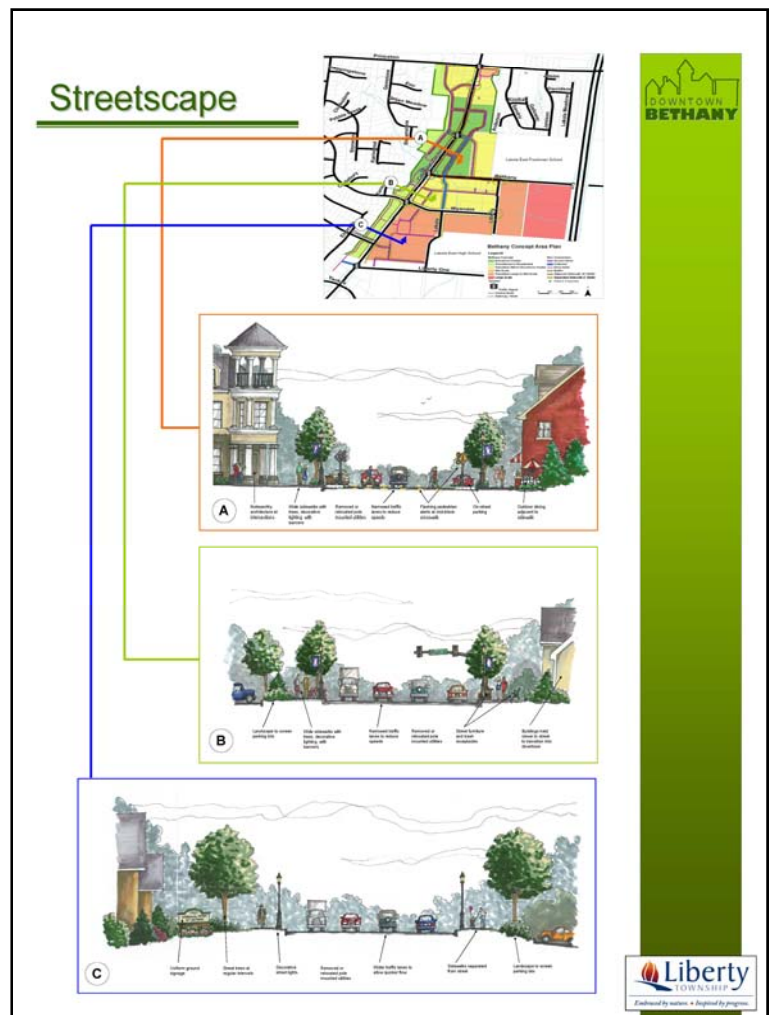
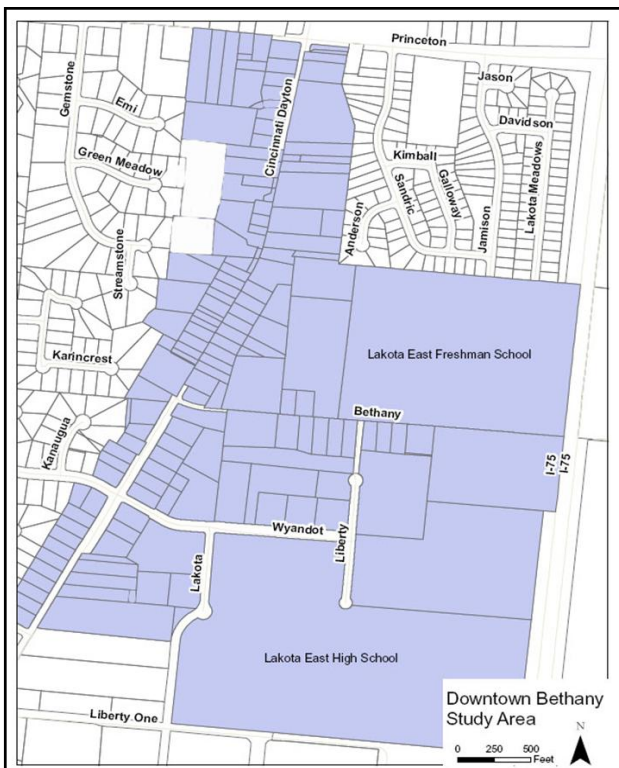
## DOWNTOWN BETHANY VISION PLAN – PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

On Thursday, Sept. 17, at Bethany United Methodist Church, a public open house was held to introduce work towards a vision plan for Downtown Bethany. A much larger crowd than expected turned out for the meeting. The information was presented on boards and township staff and members of the plan steering committee engaged meeting attendees regarding their thoughts on the area and the plan.

Bethany has historically served as the downtown of Liberty Township and surrounding areas, but due to changes in the community, this role has been diminished. Small, fragmented lots and the existing building stock are hurdles to the re-development of Downtown Bethany. Also, the speed and volume of traffic along Cincinnati-Dayton Road and an incomplete sidewalk system hampers pedestrian access in the area. Schools and churches provide a community social presence within Bethany, which can be further cultivated through appropriate development.

Given these present factors in Bethany, four overarching goals have been identified for the Downtown Bethany Vision Plan (see box below).

Going forward, township staff is incorporating the public input as they draft the vision plan document, with the goal for the plan steering committee to send a draft plan to the trustees for their consideration by the end of this year.



### The four overarching goals for the Downtown Bethany Vision Plan:

- ◆ Establish an identity for Downtown Bethany and promote that identity through a cohesive vision or aesthetic.
- ◆ Provide for proper transition between the commercial corridor and adjacent residential uses.
- ◆ Create a connected and walk-able Downtown Bethany.
- ◆ Find ways to promote businesses in the Downtown Bethany area.

*Graphic above depicts the streetscape concept as presented at the open house. Graphic at left shows the study area. More information on Downtown Bethany can be found on the Township web site [www.liberty-township.com](http://www.liberty-township.com).*



# FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

## NOT JUST ABOUT FIGHTING FIRES ANYMORE!

Liberty Township Fire Department was formed in 1953 to combat house fires. Although there was the occasional basement to pump or cat to rescue this was our main mandate for the first two decades of the department's existence. In 1974 the department added an ambulance and begun providing emergency medical transports to the services provided to our residents and their guest. Today EMS service compiles over 70% of our request for emergency services. Over the next several decades we have undergone many changes that have allowed us to evolve into a full service department. In recent years Liberty Twp Fire Dept has continued to increase the diverse services and programs that we make available to our residents. Some of the more popular programs include:

- ◆ American Heart Association CPR and First Aid classes (513.759.7564)
- ◆ Child Safety Seat Installations and Inspections (513.759.7563)
- ◆ Children Have An Identity (**CHAD**) Child safety seat stickers
- ◆ Residential Fire Safety Inspections
- ◆ Juvenile Fire Setter Counseling
- ◆ AED information and assistance for facilities
- ◆ Fire and EMS Explorer Program
- ◆ Vial of Life Medical Document residential capsules in cooperation with the American Red Cross
- ◆ Hearing impaired smoke detectors in cooperation with the Community Foundation of West Chester/Liberty
- ◆ Knox Box rapid entry system- Commercial & Residential key vault program
- ◆ Fire and Injury Prevention Programs for school classes
- ◆ Fire extinguisher training for businesses and groups
- ◆ Emergency and contingency planning in cooperation with Butler County Emergency Management Agency

We also serve as a referral agency of sorts, often fielding questions, offering suggestions or referring residents to other agencies in a wide array of topics. After all, many people think about their local fire department first when they don't know where to turn for assistance or information. Obviously, always call **911** first in the event of any emergency to life or property, but we are more than willing to offer advice or assistance in other matters as well. We can be reached at 513.759.7530.



*Construction on Fire Station 111, located on State Route 747 at Kyles Station, continues on schedule. The building is taking shape nicely with the majority of the masonry completed and the windows going in next. Fire Station 111 is expected to be complete in December/early January.*

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS SAFELY

The holiday season tends to be the busiest time of the year. The Liberty Twp Fire Dept would like to encourage everyone to take extra caution and make the holidays safe. With winter approaching now is the time to make sure that your furnace has been serviced by a qualified technician. Flues and chimneys should be checked for obstructions such that may have occurred over the summer. Objects such as birds nest can create a blockage and cause fumes and carbon monoxide to back up into the home. Always dispose of ashes in a closed metal can after you are absolutely sure that they are cold. The ashcan should be stored outside and away from any combustibles. Test detectors regularly both smoke and carbon monoxide. Follow the manufacturers' recommendations as far as replacing these detectors. Most recommend that they be replaced in 5-10 year intervals to assure that they will perform properly when needed. The one thing that all of the upcoming holidays have in common is the way we like to decorate. Most decorations involve the use of extension cords and multi plug adaptors. Both may cause fire if not used correctly. Candles of every shape and size are popular especially during the holidays. Never burn candles unless someone is going to be in the room with them and they are well away from combustibles. Make sure that you extinguish the flame completely and the wick is cold before leaving.

**Please contact the Liberty Twp Fire Department at 513.759.7530 if you have any question about fire safety or injury prevention.**



The agency Partners in Prime, formerly Senior Citizens Inc., is a proud recipient of the Beverly Foundation's prestigious National STAR Award for Senior Transportation Services.

The Award recognizes exceptional service in providing transportation to older adults. The STAR Award recognizes the agency's critical role in a county with very limited public transportation options.

Partners' transportation service helps seniors and their adult children as well. Adult children are often torn between work, child care and health care and support for mom and dad. With daytime transportation support, adult children have some relief during work hours and can rest assured that mom and dad are getting to their appointments safely.

"Our services often make the difference between dependence and independence for mom and dad," said Shelley Ratliff, COO, Partners in Prime.

Partners embraces the concept of providing just the right amount of assistance to older adults, so that they can remain independent in their own homes, where many choose to stay, as long as is practical.

**Transportation is offered within Butler County, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to people age 60 and older. Please call 513.867.9176 for more information or visit online at PartnersInPrime.org.**



# WEST CHESTER CHAMBER ALLIANCE

## CHAMBER ANNOUNCES ANNUAL EVENT



# Women of EXCELLENCE

*"Women change the world everyday."*

Come celebrate with us as we honor ten exceptional Women of Excellence who are making an extraordinary impact in our communities.

### The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Excellence

#### Awards Dinner & Gala

Keynote Speaker – **Diane Brown**, Former Deputy Director of Protocol

Office of the Secretary of Defense

**November 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Cincinnati Marriott North in Union Centre**

To make your reservations, please contact Pamela Gruber at 513.777.3600. Tickets for this black tie event are \$65 per person, \$115 per couple or \$30 per student.



Presenting Sponsor



## SUBSCRIBE TO LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS EMAIL

Lakota Local Schools want you to have the most up-to-date information about our Lakota community.

To begin receiving email about Lakota events, activities and business operations, please go to the web site below or call 513.644.1261 to sign up.

[www.lakotaonline.com/email](http://www.lakotaonline.com/email)

# OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

## ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL ENJOYED BY COMMUNITY

The Liberty Township Fall Festival was a great success with more than 3,000 people coming out to enjoy the afternoon filled with bright smiling faces and laughter. The Duke Energy stage featured free performances from Rainbow Entertainment: Frotzie the Clown, Magician Chuck Sunshine, and Juggler David Cain. The Kids Activity Zone was very popular with the Pumpkin Patch sponsored by Niederman's Family Farm and cookies donated by the Liberty Township Kroger Marketplace. The Festival was a huge success thanks to our many volunteers and our residents who came out to have a great time. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Liberty Township Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 2, 2010. If any non-profit group or business would like information for next year, please contact Liberty Township at 513.759.7500.



**The Liberty Township Events Committee thanks all who came out and enjoyed the 6th Annual Liberty Twp Fall Festival!**

Thank you to the sponsors who made it possible.



Pewter: Halloween Headquarters and PNC Bank

### Liberty Township Offices

Administration .....	759-7500
Fax .....	759-7501
Fiscal Office .....	759-7604
Roads/Parks .....	759-7585
Zoning .....	759-7500
Emergency .....	911

### Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)

Dispatch.....	785-1300
Liberty Substation .....	759-7340
Traffic Unit.....	759-7345

### Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

Station #1 (5763 Princeton-Glendale).....	759-7521
Station #2 (6957 Yankee).....	759-7570
Station #3 (6682 Princeton-Glendale)	
Fire Headquarters .....	759-7530
Fax .....	759-7531

### Lakota Schools

Central Office .....	874-5505
Creekside Early Childhood Center ...	874-0175
Liberty Early Childhood School .....	777-6194
Shawnee Early Childhood School ...	779-3014
Wyandot Early Childhood School.....	759-8100
Adena Elementary .....	777-0100
Cherokee Elementary .....	755-8200
Endeavor Elementary .....	759-8300
Freedom Elementary .....	777-9787
Heritage Elementary.....	863-7060
Hopewell Elementary .....	777-2258
Independence Elementary .....	755-8300
Union Elementary .....	777-2201
Van Gorden Elementary.....	644-1150
Woodland Elementary.....	779-7775
Hopewell Junior School .....	777-2258
Lakota Plains Junior School .....	644-1130
Liberty Junior School .....	777-4420
Lakota Ridge Junior School.....	777-0552
Lakota East Freshmen School.....	588-7700
Lakota West Freshmen School .....	874-8390
Lakota East High School.....	755-7211
Lakota West High School .....	874-5699

### Butler County Offices (411)

Auditor .....	887-3154
Board of Elections .....	887-3700
All County Officials .....	887-3000
Animal Shelter .....	867-5727
Child Abuse Hotline.....	868-0888

### Libraries

Hamilton.....	894-7156
Middletown .....	424-1251
Monroe.....	360-0714
West Chester .....	777-3131

### Other

Drivers License Bureau (Hamilton) ...	868-2180
Titles (West Chester) .....	860-9705
US Post Office .....	800-275-8777
Vehicle Registration (Mason) .....	398-8928
West Chester Chamber Alliance.....	777-3600



## LOCATIONS

All meetings are at the Liberty Township Administrative Building, 6400 Princeton Road, unless otherwise noted.

The Liberty Township Historical Society meets at the Hughes School House, 6040 Princeton Road (next to Liberty Elementary).

The Parks Committee and the Events Committee meet at the Roads Garage, 6959 Yankee Road, unless otherwise noted.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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## MONDAY

Every Monday: Butler County Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

For more info: [www.butlercountyohio.org](http://www.butlercountyohio.org)

1st Monday of the Month: Zoning Commission Meeting at 7 p.m.

Last Monday of the Month: Trails Meeting at 2 p.m.

## TUESDAY

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month: Trustees Meetings at 6 p.m.

2nd Tuesday of the Month: Board of Zoning Appeals at 6:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of the Month: Parks Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY

Every Thursday: Butler County Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday of the Month: A representative of John Boehner's office is available at 11 a.m.

2nd Thursday of the Month: Liberty Township Historical Society at 7 p.m. (7:30 p.m. during the summer months)