



LIBERTY NEWS

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ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL RETURNS TO LIBERTY TOWNSHIP SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

The Liberty Township Events Committee is gearing up for the annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, September 17** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Liberty Park, behind the Lakota Family YMCA off Yankee Road. The second annual Pursuit for Liberty 5K Run/Walk will take place at 10 a.m.—the run will begin and end at Liberty Park. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. **Attendees are encouraged to bring a food or clothing donation for Reach Out Lakota** (see page 7 for more about Reach Out Lakota’s current needs).

5K registration is available online at www.sprunning.com for \$20 through September 13. After this date, the cost is \$25. The 5K run is certified by Steve Prescott with Prescott Racing. An awards presentation recognizing winners and the top three finishers in each age division will follow the race.

Highlights of this year’s Fall Festival will include SuperGames inflatables, an Activity Zone designed specifically for kids, horse and carriage rides, a variety of games, mini-train rides, food and ice cream vendors, community booths and more! The Web: Extreme Entertainment will bring back their inflatable unit where children of all ages can play laser tag for a small fee.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FALL FESTIVAL SPONSORS!

Platinum Level: 

Silver Level: Fifth Third Bank & First Financial Bank

Bronze Level: Meijer & Lapensee Fine Woodworking

Pewter Level: Cincinnati EyeCare, Fischer Homes, Han’s White Tiger Tae Kwon Do, Krieger-Niesen Family Insurance, Koebbe Auto Tech & Tire, Liberty Veterinary Hospital, Raymond’s Pizza, Skip’s, SuperGames, Tide Dry Cleaning & The Web



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 Economic Development Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP NEW BUSINESS UPDATES

Liberty Township saw a flurry of new business activity this summer with a number of grand openings and several new business announcements. The Township looks forward to watching these new businesses grow and prosper in the community. Please help give them a warm Liberty Township welcome—we wish them much success!

SMOOTHIE KING opened in May in The Commons at Liberty Falls along Cincinnati-Dayton Road. A ribbon cutting was held on June 7 to welcome them to Liberty Township. Owner **Jim Smith** (pictured center at right) looks forward to the opportunity to serve and partner with the community. Smoothie King offers a wide variety of smoothies as well as enhancers, supplements, snacks and much more. Their mission is to help people achieve a healthier lifestyle by providing a consistent, outstanding guest experience, great tasting nutritional smoothies and the highest quality nutritional products in a healthy, energetic environment.



HODAPP FUNERAL HOME opened in June in Liberty Township's Downtown Bethany district along Cincinnati-Dayton Road. A ribbon cutting was held on June 13 to welcome the Hodapp family to Liberty Township. **John Hodapp, Jr.** (pictured center below) is surrounded by fellow family members and friends as the Hodapp family cuts the ribbon on their fourth location in Cincinnati. This year the family is celebrating 125 years in business serving the Greater Cincinnati area! Originating in Carthage, Hodapp Funeral Homes expanded to College Hill in 1939, and again to West Chester in 1991. Hodapp is available at all times before, during, and after the funeral; offering a variety of options to personalize the service; maintaining comfortable surroundings and a warm atmosphere; and treating each family with all the dignity and professionalism they deserve.



environmentally-sound dry cleaning services to the community at a discounted price. Most all garments, with the exception of comforters, drapery and the like, are priced at \$3.99.

LIBERTY URGENT CARE has relocated to the Liberty Commons Retail Center near the Kroger Marketplace from their previous facility on Yankee Road. A ribbon cutting was held on August 3—their first day seeing patients in the new offices. **Dr. Philip Lam** (pictured center at left) looks forward to continuing the same great level of care the residents of Liberty Township have experienced over the last 13 plus years. Liberty Urgent Care is open 7 days a week, 365 days a year from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. No appointments are needed.



LIBERTY DRYCLEAN \$3.99 opened earlier this year in the Liberty Commons Retail Center next to the Kroger Marketplace. A ribbon cutting was held on July 14 to welcome them to the Township.

Sonny Kahtra (pictured center below), a veteran in the dry cleaning business, is proud to bring quality,



ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

BRUNO'S PIZZA BAR AND GRILLE has opened at the Elk's Lodge along State Route 4 in the former space occupied by Rick's Tavern. A ribbon cutting was held on August 5 to celebrate their expansion in the Township. Business owners **Karen** (pictured center below) and **Jon** (pictured below in red) **McClellan** have opened their second Bruno's Pizza in Liberty Township. Their original location is in The Commons at Liberty Falls along Cincinnati-Dayton Road.

Bruno's Pizza has been serving residents and students in Oxford, Ohio since 1963. The McClellans are Miami University grads and both loved Bruno's Pizza in Oxford so decided to bring the popular pizza to Liberty Township two years ago. Their

expansion to the Elk's location allows them to better serve residents in the northern part of the Township and surrounding areas. Bruno's at the Elks offers full table service to customers along with a full bar as well as standard delivery service. While also serving customers associated with the Elks, Bruno's Pizza is open to the general public.



TIDE DRY CLEANING opened in July in a new building next to Starbucks off of Cincinnati-Dayton Road. A ribbon cutting and grand opening was held on August 24 to celebrate the new store. Liberty Township, the West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance, executives from Procter & Gamble and the Tide Dry Cleaning team gathered. **Ray D'Alonzo** (pictured center below) and his team are anxious to show the community their fresh approach to dry cleaning. Ray, a P&G retiree, is the first franchisee to open a Tide Dry Cleaning store.

The experience is built around trust, quality and customer service. Tide has been a leader in the fabric care business for more than 60 years—and they are bringing the same quality to dry cleaning. The Liberty Township store offers customers drive thru service, a 24-hour drop box and 24-hour access lockers.

TIDE PICTURE HERE

KEEP CURRENT ON LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS

Liberty Township is developing an email list of residents and community people who want to keep current on Liberty Township happenings. If you find the *Liberty News* newsletter beneficial, we encourage you to join our email list to receive additional and more frequent updates on topics including road closures, special events, important reminders and other community offerings.

How do you join the Liberty E-News List?

It's easy—just call or email Vickie Daniel at 759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com and ask to be added to Liberty E-News!

HOA INFO SESSION FOR RESIDENTS RETURNS OCTOBER 4

Twice a year, Liberty Township holds a Home Owner Association Information Session designed specifically for HOA representatives to hear the latest updates from the Township and ask questions on behalf of their group—it's become a great forum for information sharing between the Township Trustees, administrative staff and the community's residents.

Another session will be held on October 4 at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Township Administration Building. Residents involved with their HOAs are encouraged to attend—but the session is open for any and all residents interested in learning more about the Township. For more info, to join the HOA contact list, or to RSVP call Vickie Daniel at 759-7500.

PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

SIGN UP TODAY: PASSPORT TO FISH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

The Liberty Township Parks Committee will stage an event— **Passport to Fish**—on **Saturday, September 24** at The Reserves Park from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is designed to teach children ages 10 to 15 the art of casting and baiting. It's an educational event designed to provide hands on learning experiences—for this reason, children must be at least 10 years of age to participate. Passport to Fish will be limited to the first 50 children ages 10 to 15 to sign up. There is no cost to participate, but reservations are required. Please contact Vickie Daniel at 759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com to learn more or to reserve your spot. The Reserves Park is located at 5100 Grandin Ridge Drive in the Reserves of Liberty subdivision.



Kids enjoy a fishing event the Parks Committee staged last summer

LIBERTY RESIDENT HOSTS NATURE WALKS IN PARKS

Resident and volunteer Chuck Holliday is hosting a series of nature walks dubbed “Holliday in the Parks” in various Liberty Township parks this year. All ages and levels of expertise are welcome to attend. The trails are easy walking but generally not paved. Chuck encourages people to bring field guides, binoculars and friends!

For directions, check out HollidayintheParks.com. For questions, email ChuckH@HollidayintheParks.com

Tree Walk

Saturday, September 17
10 a.m.

Wetlands Park West
6950 LeSourdsville West
Chester Road (parking is off
of Van Gorden Road)

Fall Walk

Thursday, October 8
9:30 a.m.
Dudley Memorial Park
5700 Yankee Road



DUDLEY MEMORIAL PARK IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

Liberty Township residents are enjoying a new and improved Dudley Memorial Park—and it's not finished yet! The driveway and parking lot were recently paved in order to make the park more accessible for residents and families. And thanks to a grant from NatureWorks and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), new bathrooms will be installed in the coming months. All this is on top of the significant facelift the park received last summer when a new boundless playground designed for children of all ages and abilities was installed at the park. The playground equipment was also the result of a successful grant application through Butler County—a Community Development Block Grant helped with that part of the project. Dudley Park also has a shelter available for rental through the Township—call Vickie at 759-7500 for more info. The park is located at 5700 Yankee Road.



FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

Liberty Township



56th Annual Fish Fry



All-You-Can-Eat
Fish or
Four
Piece
Chicken
Dinner
With fries,
slaw,
hush
puppies,
and
drinks

Fri. Sept 23, 2011

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**Lakota East Freshman
School**

Adults - \$10.50

Seniors- \$8.00

Children 4 to 12 - \$5.00

Children Under 4 - Free

Equipment
and Fire
Apparatus
on display.

Raffle

Tickets available at:

Administration Bldg. on Princeton Rd. 759-7500

Fire HQ's 6682 Princeton-Glendale Rd. 759-7530

Firefighter's Association

Brian Bussell and Andy Robben—Liberty Township firefighters/paramedics and Liberty Township Fire Association members—practice their fishing techniques in preparation for the Liberty Township Fire Association's Annual Fish Fry on Friday, September 23 at Lakota East Freshman School. See details above!



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH *A message from Chief Stumpf*

Every day the news media reports on numerous disasters both foreign and domestic. Tornados, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, blizzards and ice storms are just a few of the natural disasters that capture the headlines. While the Liberty Township Fire Dept. has routinely participated in disaster drills, this spring several members of the Liberty Township Fire Dept. played roles in a four-day tabletop exercise that simulated an earthquake along the New Madrid Fault. This drill involved several counties in Ohio as well as portions of several states. We realize the need to pre-plan and prepare for "worst case" scenarios from the simplest fire alarm activation or emergency medical services call to the largest disaster and our responsibility to the residents and guests of Liberty Township.

I would like to challenge each and every one of you to also take steps to assure that you and your family is as prepared as possible for the type of event that "could never happen to us." I would like to direct you to one web site, in particular, that provides some excellent tips that most citizens have not considered. The site—

www.ready.gov/america—is sponsored by FEMA lists numerous common sense tips that take very little effort to implement. Be sure to look at the "Make a Plan" section. Who would have thought that learning to send text messages could have disaster implications? I also recommend the American Red Cross and Butler County Emergency Management Agency as a information sources. As always, you may call Liberty Township Fire Headquarters at 759-7530 for additional information.



Did you hear the good news?

Partners in Prime recently won a new car in the Toyota 100 Cars for Good Facebook contest. Thank you to all who voted to support Partners in Prime in the one-day vote July 28. The vehicle will be used for its Meals on Wheels program, which delivers 500 meals daily in Butler County, and serves nearly 50 residents in Liberty and West Chester townships.

Care to learn?

Adults have the opportunity to learn more about social networking, e-mail, the World Wide Web and more during a United Way Day of Caring event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10 at the West Chester Activity Center. Local teens involved in the Edge Teen Center will be teaching workshops. Older adults will be on hand to pick up some new skills and to teach a few of their own. Card tables will be set up for anyone interested in learning some of the favorites played by members of the Partners in Prime clubs. All are welcome at this multi-generational gathering.

Interested in ongoing volunteer opportunities?

Stay tuned for more information about a Lakota Local Schools partnership with the West Chester Activity Center. If you are an older adult with a desire to share your knowledge with students, sign up for a new speakers bureau. There also are opportunities to volunteer in the schools. For more information, contact Partners in Prime and Lakota Local Schools board member Lynda O'Connor at toconnor1@cinci.rr.com.

Something for everyone

The West Chester Activity Center, located in the former library on Cox Road, has opportunities for every age group to get involved. Annual membership costs range from \$30 for individuals 55+, to \$192 for families. For more information, call 779-7360 or visit WestChesterActivityCenter.com for details about the upcoming dance, art, music and fitness classes. Tours are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WEST CHESTER ■ LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE

AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAMBER



The West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance continues *connecting people and possibilities*...now in a different corporate location!

The Chamber's office has relocated from Voice of America Centre Park to 8922 Beckett Road in West Chester. The Chamber's West Chester and Liberty Township satellite offices remain the same, satisfying the needs of members and the community. "Though not planned, we look forward to the new possibilities our move will afford us – larger floor plan, contiguous office space and flexible conference rooms. We're also excited for the opportunity of enhancing our relationships with Butler Tech and SCORE whom will continue sharing office space with us," explained Joe Hinson, President & CEO of the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance. The momentum has continued to build throughout 2011 and event attendance, member participation, sponsorship, and communication has continued to thrive. These are all positive signs for member businesses as well.

Monday, September 12th is the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance's Annual Golf & Tennis Classic. The event will be held again this year at Heritage Club in Mason.



The annual Golf & Tennis Classic is a relaxing way for our members to get to know other business professionals and network while enjoying a day out on the beautiful golf or tennis courts. In 2010 over 180 golfers were hosted along with multiple competition holes. A popular hole, our "Pro & Joe" competition hole, allows guests to drive off the tee with the golf course's golf pro and putt with Joe Hinson, President & CEO of the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance. This competition hole will help raise money for The Friends of Butler Tech Foundation, a foundation positioned to obtain grants and student scholarships. For more information and to register players, please visit <http://golfclassic.thechamberalliance.com> or email Pam Gruber at pgruber@TheChamberAlliance.com.

Another great way to *connect* is to utilize *Connections Magazine*, our award-winning annual community guide for West Chester and Liberty Townships and the 1-75 Growth Corridor. With the support of *Cincy Magazine*, the 2011-2012 edition was just published this summer. This guide provides area information right at your fingertips! From a wide range of businesses to workforce education, and from recreation and leisure to community support, *Connections Magazine* showcases our community's amenities and is a great resource for all area residents and businesses. Please stop by the Chamber office on Beckett Road for your copy today.

September marks the kick-off of the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance's Chamber U programs! Chamber U is designed to improve the quantity, quality and effectiveness of leadership in the community. SEBC Leadership 21, the Chamber's adult leadership program, is kicking off its 13th year while Impact 21, the youth leadership program, is kicking off its 7th year in 2011. For more information, please visit www.TheChamberAlliance.com.

OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING

From the Butler County Sheriff's Office

- ◊ Wear light colored clothing or reflective tape so you can easily be seen.
- ◊ Make sure the costume fits well.
- ◊ Wear face make-up instead of a mask, (masks can block your vision)
- ◊ Trick-or-treat with friends. It is more fun and safer too!
- ◊ Young children should be accompanied by an adult.
- ◊ Look both ways before crossing the street and always use crosswalks.
- ◊ Trick-or-treat in familiar neighborhoods.
- ◊ Visit homes with porch lights on, which welcome you.
- ◊ Respect your neighbor's property; don't cut across lawns or yards.
- ◊ When children trick-or-treat with friends, make sure to know the route, and set a time when they have to be home.
- ◊ Carry a cell phone and flashlight.
- ◊ Bring treats home and do not eat anything until someone has checked it for tampering.
- ◊ If the package is opened throw it away.
- ◊ If any treats look suspicious and appears to have been intentional tampered with, call the police.



REACH OUT LAKOTA—WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY

Liberty Township Fall Festival attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food or clothing item to donate to Reach Out Lakota—the only combined food and clothing pantry in our area. Reach Out Lakota prides themselves on putting help and hope into the hands of numerous individuals and families within West Chester and Liberty Townships. Since 1992, Reach Out Lakota has collected more than 1 million pounds of food and more than 50,000 articles of clothing. The pantry is operated through the generous support of volunteers and one part-time paid employee. Reach Out Lakota relies on private donations and community support—they are not a United Way or government agency. They depend wholly upon donations from companies, churches, schools, charitable organizations and individuals. Reach Out Lakota is currently in need of the following items:

- Four, sugar, cooking oil
- Pancake mix, syrup
- Cereal, oatmeal
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Macaroni and cheese
- Pork and beans
- Canned meats (chili, beef stew, ham, tuna)
- Boxed pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce
- Tomato sauce, tomato paste
- Mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressing
- Toilet paper, tissues, paper towels, cleaning supplies



Reach Out Lakota

Putting help and hope into the hands of our community.

Donations to Reach Out Lakota can always be dropped off at the Liberty Township Fire Headquarters at 6682 Princeton-Glendale Road. More information on Reach Out Lakota can be found at www.reachoutlakota.org.

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
CPR Classes.....	759-7564

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

MONDAY

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

For more info: 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 7 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)



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