



LIBERTY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2012

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JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND PURSUIT OF LIBERTY 5K RUN/WALK—SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

The Liberty Township Events Committee and Board of Trustees are excited to announce the activities planned for the Township's annual Fall Festival on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012. The 3rd annual Pursuit of Liberty 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. this year, followed by the Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The 5K Run/Walk will begin and end at Liberty Park (6757 Yankee Road) – registration will open at 7 a.m. with the official race start at 8 a.m. The Pursuit of Liberty 5K course has been certified by Steve Prescott with Prescott Racing. An awards presentation recognizing the male and female winning runners and walkers as well as the top three in each age division will follow the race. Online registration is \$20 and is accepted through Sept. 12 at www.sprunning.com. After the deadline, the cost increases to \$25. To guarantee a long-sleeved t-shirt with pre-registration, sign up by Midnight on Sept. 4.

The Fall Festival – also held at Liberty Park – will include an Activity Zone designed specifically for kids, inflatables, horse and carriage rides, a variety of games, mini-train rides, laser tag, food and ice cream vendors, community booths and more! Runners, walkers and festival goers are encouraged to bring a food or clothing donation for Reach Out Lakota, the only combined food and clothing pantry in our area operating since 1992.

Thank you sponsors...Cincinnati Children's Liberty Campus is the 2012 platinum sponsor for the Township's community events. Silver and bronze sponsors include: Fifth Third Bank, Liberty Pointe Primary Care, Macaroni Kid and Meijer. Other sponsors include: Cincinnati Eye Care Team, Eli's Sports Bar & Grill, Han's White Tiger Tae Kwon Do, Koebbe Auto Tech, Liberty Veterinary Hospital, Live Well Chiropractic Center, Skip's Bagel Deli, Tide Drycleaning, Tutor Time and The Web: Extreme Entertainment.



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PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

RESIDENTS INVITED TO ATTEND VISION PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON OCT. 25

The Liberty Township Vision Plan Steering Committee will hold the second Vision Plan Public Open House on **Thursday, Oct. 25 from 5—8 p.m.** at the Liberty Township Administration Building, 6400 Princeton Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011.

The Open House is an opportunity for the public to review and comment on the goals and objectives for the Vision Plan Update and will include:

- Economic Development
- Trails and Sidewalks
- Existing Land Use & Development Patterns
- Demographics
- Housing,
- Quality of Life
- Infrastructure
- Natural Features
- Community Services

Residents of Liberty Township are encouraged to attend to provide feedback and learn more about the planning process. We want to hear from you!

LIBERTY NEWS—WE’VE GONE ELECTRONIC!

This *Liberty News* newsletter is now available electronically through our newly-launched broadcast email system. In order to receive the quarterly *Liberty News*, be sure to sign up now to receive the newsletter in your inbox.

How do you join the new email system?

It’s easy—you may do one of the following:

- ◆ Visit www.liberty-township.com and sign up under “Contact Us”
- ◆ Email Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com and she will send you a direct link to sign up

Sign up and stay connected to Liberty Township!

VISION PLAN COMMITTEE REVIEWS DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Liberty Township Vision Plan Steering Committee continues to meet on a monthly basis to prepare updates to the Liberty Township Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in 2006. At the July meeting, the Township’s Economic Development Committee presented goals and objectives to the vision plan committee—a group made up of residents, developers and business people who volunteer their time to the Township. A summary of these Goals and Objectives are below. Please visit the web site www.liberty-township.com to review meeting minutes, presentations and handouts for each Committee Meeting. Click on “Planning/Zoning” and then “2012 Vision Plan Update.” Residents are encouraged to provide feedback online—or come to the Public Open House on Oct. 25 (see column at left) to provide comments, share ideas or get additional information.

Goal: Develop, plan and encourage sufficient commercial, industrial, research park, retail, service and office development to help offset the tax base and increase employment opportunity in the Township.

- ◆ Expand the amount of commercially-zoned land in the Township.
- ◆ Be proactive in providing infrastructure to support, attract & expand business.
- ◆ Educate residents on the need for commercial development to help support taxes and other community costs.
- ◆ With only 18% of all land in the Township planned for commercial/office development in the 2006 Comp Plan, it is important to hold true to the long-term vision of sustainable development with high aesthetic quality (natural building materials, modest signage, increased landscaping, etc.) even if that means turning away development that doesn’t meet the vision or losing it to a community with lower aesthetic standards.
- ◆ Promote and encourage high-quality residential development, trails/bike paths connectivity, parks and recreation development and the like recognizing that strong quality-of-life assets help communities attract sustainable economic development.

Goal: Liberty Township will create an identified downtown and/or center for the community.

- ◆ Continue to pursue the proposed Steiner + Associates Liberty Town Square at Liberty Way and SR 129 and market it as a regional “town center.”
- ◆ Promote Downtown Bethany and its redevelopment as a local community gathering area for residents of Liberty Township.
- ◆ Identify and promote a small town center type of development at Carriage Hill along the SR 747 Corridor.
- ◆ Encourage community-oriented events, holiday-themed activities and the like at the proposed community gathering spots in above objectives.

Goal: Liberty Township will reinforce its brand and the community’s strengths in order to build community pride for Township businesses and residents.

- ◆ Leverage the Liberty Way Interchange proposed developments to improve our identity regionally and elevate the branding of Liberty Township.
- ◆ Continue to work with the Post Office to address the zip code confusion in Liberty Township and provide better access to post office services.
- ◆ Maximize community branding wherever possible.
- ◆ Work with West Chester Twp on interchange landscaping at Liberty Way.
- ◆ Enhance community branding through architectural standards and high aesthetic character.
- ◆ Be cognizant of the factors that go into community rankings like the *Cincy Magazine* “Ranking the Burbs” in order to support the quality of life factors that are important to attracting businesses and residents to the area in order to increase Liberty Township’s scores on these rankings.

SEE “VISION PLAN CONTINUED” ON PAGE 3

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

Liberty Township helped welcome **Dr. Paul Yang** (pictured center at right) and the **Kettering Physician Network Team** to their new Liberty Pointe Primary Care office along Dutchland Parkway. This is the former Liberty Urgent Care location. Liberty Pointe Primary Care plans to bring on an additional family practice physician in the near future. For more information, call 513-261-6530.



VISION PLAN CONTINUED

Goal: Liberty Township will promote a new interchange along I-75 near Millikin Rd.

- ◆ Encourage the rezoning of property in the vicinity of the proposed Millikin Interchange to commercial zoning to make way for the future roadway and development.
- ◆ Coordinate master planning efforts with FHWA, ODOT, OKI, BCEO, adjacent Warren County communities and other similar organizations in order to regionally align interests and priorities.
- ◆ Identify funding sources, including developer/land owner participation.
- ◆ Encourage the development of Cox Rd north to State Route 63 in order to provide an alternative north-south roadway to relieve traffic from I-75.
- ◆ Identify development opportunities for the 95 acres at 5830 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd.



In August, Liberty Township celebrated a ribbon cutting with **Atif Ashraf** (pictured center at left) and his family as they open **GOIN' POSTAL** in the Liberty Commons Retail Center. GOIN' POSTAL, located next to The Little Gym, offers postal services including FedEx, DHL and USPS as well as copy/print, mailbox rental and packaging services.

GOIN' POSTAL is open Monday—Saturday, call 513-759-9444 for more info.

Goal: Liberty Township will market its four commercial development corridors and the special attributes of each.

- ◆ Utilize the Vision Plan process to re-examine the land use classifications in each corridor and determine best zoning moving forward.
- ◆ Market the Central Business District (Cincinnati-Dayton Rd, I-75, Liberty Way and Cox Rd) as a prime location for a Fortune 500 or 100 Headquarters operation.
- ◆ Identify a sustainable mixture of uses for the State Route 747 Corridor (SR 747 from SR 129 to Route 4) and market the corridor accordingly.
- ◆ Market the Route 4 Corridor as a destination for a mixture of light industrial, service, retail, manufacturing businesses.
- ◆ Market the Future Millikin Center (Cincinnati-Dayton Rd from Princeton to Kyles Station) as a future commercial development corridor for office/limited industrial.

TOWNSHIP HONORS WORRELLS AT JULY 4th FESTIVITIES

Liberty Township was proud to honor A. Christian Worrell, III (In Memoriam) and Stephanie Worrell, two individuals who have contributed greatly to the community as Grand Marshals of the 27th Annual 4th of July Parade. Chris, who passed away suddenly in March, was a partner with Graydon Head and was responsible for their Butler/Warren Office. He was very active in the community serving on several Liberty Township Committees as well as serving on the Butler County United Way Board and West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance Board. His wife of 36 years, Stephanie, has also contributed to the community serving on the boards of Wesley Community Services, Butler County United Way Youth Council and Women's Leadership Council. She is a branding strategist, cancer survivor and author. One of the couple's proudest achievements are their children—Devon and Ben.

Pictured at right following the parade: Trustee Christine Matacic, Ben and Stephanie Worrell, Trustee Dave Kern



ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

LIBERTY GARDEN CLUB WINS TOP AWARDS AT COUNTY FAIR



The Liberty Garden Club had a successful showing at the recent Butler County Fair. The group received the most blue ribbons in two separate artistic design flower shows that take place during the fair, held in late July each year. The first flower show of the week is for garden clubs only and pits the clubs against each other as they compete for the most blue ribbons and Best of Show ribbons – the clubs select their own titles for this show. The second flower show of the week is open to all Butler County garden club members and residents and allows them a chance to show off their gardening and horticulture skills.

For the garden club competition, the Liberty Garden Club chose the Liberty Township Parks as their theme and selected eight parks to interpret with artistic designs:

- ◇ Fort Liberty Playland— “Come on Kids. Let’s Go!” (pictured above)
- ◇ Dudley Memorial Park— “Music in the Air”
- ◇ Dudley Woods— “A Walk in the Woods”
- ◇ Maud-Hughes Incline— “Step Up, Please.”
- ◇ Reserves Park— “Relax by the Reflecting Pond”
- ◇ Wetlands Park— “Let’s Go Fishing!”
- ◇ Cherokee Park— “It’s a Great Day for a Picnic in the Park”
- ◇ Liberty Park— “4th of July Parade”

The Liberty Garden Club was victorious with five blue ribbons, three red ribbons and the Best of Show awarded to Bette Jungeberg—pictured above— for her interpretation of Fort Liberty Playland, a mass design to depict all the children (and adults) that enjoy the park! The broader competition was just as exciting with Liberty Garden Club garnering six blue ribbons, two red ribbons and the Best of Show awarded to Naomi Ormes for her creative mass design depicting “The Flower Show at the Fair”—pictured below.

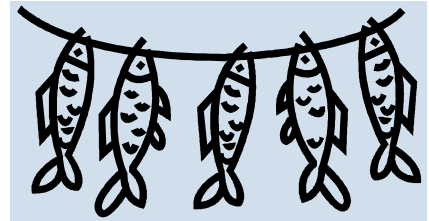
The Liberty Garden Club was created in 1973. The group was immediately involved with the restoration of the old Hughes School on Princeton Road. The Club has continued to maintain a garden around the schoolhouse. The members of the Club have changed over the years, but individuals such as Charter Member Christine Patrick and long-time members Mary Smith and

Naomi Ormes have bound the club together all these years.



One of the club’s annual projects has been to enter the Butler County Fair, and the group has garnered many, many awards over the years. For those interested in gardening, learning floral design, being in a local garden club and/or enjoying community service, please contact the Liberty Garden Club at bloomcity@aol.com.

Flower show photo credits: Naomi Ormes



PASSPORT TO FISH FOR KIDS AGES 10—15 SATURDAY, SEPT. 22

The Liberty Township Parks Committee will stage an event—Passport to Fish—on Saturday, Sept. 22 at The Reserves Park from 10 a.m. to 1 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. Children must be at least 10 years of age to participate.

Passport to Fish is 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 513-759-7500 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.

HOA INFO SESSION SET FOR TUESDAY, OCT 2

Liberty Township will continue its **Home Owner Association Info Sessions on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m.** at the Township Administration Building on Princeton Road.

The sessions feature an open discussion with the Board of Trustees and plenty of time for Q & A. They are open to all residents interested in learning more about what’s happening in Liberty Township.

For more info or to register, call Vickie Daniel at 513-759-7500 or send an email to vdaniel@liberty-township.com. The sessions are held twice a year in April and October. Stay tuned for another session in April 2013!

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

Participants in the Liberty Heights Vacation Bible School Program delivered a giant poster to the Liberty Township Fire Department earlier this summer to thank members of the LTFD for their ongoing service to the community.

LTFD members pictured include: Chris Hoops, Andy Robben, Andy Herbert and Lieutenant John King.



Liberty Township



57th Annual Fish Fry



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

Friday Oct. 19th

5:00 to 8:30

**Lakota East Freshman
School**

Adults - \$10.50
Seniors- \$8.00
Children 4 to 12 - \$5.00
Children Under 4 - Free

Tickets available at:

Administration Bldg. on Princeton Rd. 759-7500
Fire HQ's 6682 Princeton-Glendale Rd. 759-7530

Equipment
and Fire
Apparatus
on display.

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Firefighter's Association



FIRE DEPT WORKING ON LIGHTNING PROTECTION INFO SESSION

With the recent storms and lightning strikes that have occurred around the area, the Liberty Township Fire Department is working to put together some information and resources related to lightning protection to share with residents. Two homes in Liberty Township suffered significant fire damage after being struck by lightning in the last four months. If this topic is of interest to you, please email Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com and we will provide the info session date and details as they are finalized.



MERGER UPDATE

You may have heard the exciting news that Partners in Prime has recently merged with Community First Solutions, the non-profit parent company of Colonial, Community Behavioral Health and Community First Pharmacy. This partnership means positive changes for Partners in Prime, Community First Solutions and the residents of Liberty Township.

—It ensures the long-term presence and viability of Partners in Prime in an increasingly difficult financial environment;

—Extends the mission of a community-based non-profit organization with more than 650 employees, touching the lives of more than 40,000 people annually;

—Provides a broader scope of older adult services county-wide;

—Increases accessibility of resources to clients through the diverse network of services within Community First Solutions.

Prime clubs and the West Chester Activity Center will remain under the continued management of Partners in Prime, and members should not expect to see any immediate changes as a result of the merger. With time; however, both organizations will be working to develop greater access to the same quality services and amenities to which members are accustomed, while also exploring new ways to serve residents.

Partners in Prime is a resource for people of all ages in the Liberty Twp. area, offering memberships for older adults to three prime club locations in West Chester Twp., Fairfield and Hamilton, as well as family and individual memberships for all ages at the West Chester Activity Center. Services include programs focused on strengthening healthy connections with others and with the community.

For more info on upcoming programming, including new of children's activities for the fall visit WestChesterActivityCenter.org.

WEST CHESTER • LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE



AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAMBER...

11th ANNUAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Ten Women of Excellence will be honored at the Awards Dinner & Gala on Friday, November 16th at the Cincinnati Marriott North @ Union Center in West Chester. These women, who through their careers or volunteer work have enhanced business, education, culture and philanthropy in our community. Two of the eight Women of Excellence selected will be young women between the ages of 16-24. The keynote speaker will be **Karen Carnahan** (*Women of Excellence Class of 2007*), President & Chief Operating Officer, Document Management Division for Cintas Corporation. The emcee will be **Julie O'Neill** of WCPO TV - Channel 9.

A portion of the evening's proceeds will fund The Ethel Moritz Scholarship for post-secondary education for women. The Presenting Sponsors are Butler Tech and West Chester Hospital.

To attend the November 16th event and join in the celebration, make your reservations online at www.TheChamberAlliance.com or call 513-777-3600. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$500 table of eight and \$30 per student.

The cocktail reception begins at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:15 p.m.



RECORD BREAKING SUMMER AT MIDPOINT LIBRARY

The heat wasn't the only thing setting records this summer. MidPointe Library West Chester checked out 136,512 items in the month of June. This trumped the previous record for monthly checkouts, set in July of 2008, by over 4000. However, this record stood for only a few weeks as checkouts for July reached 139,767.

"We are very happy with these numbers. It tells us that our community values this library and the important educational and entertainment resources we provide," said Steve Mayhugh, MidPointe Library Branch Manager.

With well over a two million check-outs throughout the MidPointe Library System every year, activity is always bustling at all three Library locations. However, summer brings an uptick in business as patrons retreat to the Library in search of everything from the perfect beach read to entertainment for youngsters on summer break. The popular MidPointe Summer Reading Program drew more participants than ever before with almost 7000 children joining in the fun. Additionally, hundreds of families attended youth-oriented special programming throughout June and July, as MidPointe hosted magicians, the MadCap Puppets, Ronald McDonald, a menagerie of animals and more.

Keep up with the latest offerings from the MidPointe Library System by visiting www.MidPointeLibrary.org. In addition to a comprehensive online calendar, this site features recommended reading lists, research databases and downloadable ebooks.

The MidPointe Library System serves a population of almost 200,000 people in the cities of Middletown, Trenton, and Monroe and the townships of West Chester, Liberty, Lemon, Madison, and Wayne with a collection of nearly half a million materials. The main library is located in downtown Middletown, with branch libraries in West Chester and Trenton.

OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

KEY DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

The Butler County Board of Elections office has shared some key dates in preparation for the November 2012 presidential election.

OCTOBER 2

Early Voting begins in Ohio, including in-person early voting at the Board of Elections Office 1802 Princeton Road, Hamilton, OH 45011. Call 513-887-3700 for in-person early voting office hours.

OCTOBER 9

Voter Registration Deadline. This is the last day voters may register or update their registration with an address or name change for the November election. Board office will be open until 9 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2

Last day for in-person early voting at the Board of Elections.

NOVEMBER 5

Last day to mail absentee ballots back. Ballots must be post-marked by 11/5/12 to be valid in the election. Ballots may be returned in person to the Board office by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Voted absentee ballots may not be returned to polling locations on Election Day.

NOVEMBER 6

Polls Open 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m. Voters need to bring ID to vote on Election Day! Polling places were consolidated in 2011 so voters are encouraged to verify their polling location before Election Day—visit the Board of Elections web site for more polling/election info www.butlercountyelections.org.



POLL WORKERS NEEDED

The Butler County Board of Elections is now hiring poll workers for the Nov. 6, 2012 election. **They are in need of 600—800 additional workers.**

Poll workers must be U.S. citizens and registered to vote in Ohio. They are required to

- attend a three-hour training session
- attend an organizational meeting on Monday, Nov. 5 at their assigned polling location, and
- work the polls from 5:30 a.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. on Election Day.

Poll workers can earn between \$125 and \$175, depending on their role. Interested parties may complete an application on the Board of Elections web site at www.butlercountyelections.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 1, 2012**

More details coming soon—updated info will be placed on the Liberty Township web site www.liberty-township.com.

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

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

Station #1 (5783 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
Creskide 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 Gordon 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
Lakota Family YMCA.....	779-4331



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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 meets 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 11:30 a.m.

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