



LIBERTY NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2013

Upcoming Dates

Sept. 14..... Fall Wildflowers Walk
 Sept. 21..... Fall Festival & 5K
 Sept. 28..... Passport to Fish
 Oct. 11 Fire Association Fish Fry
 Oct. 12 Fall Walk
 Dec. 7..... Breakfast with Santa

Check for details of the events listed above within this issue of *Liberty News!*



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ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL and 5K RETURN 9-21-13

The Pursuit of Liberty 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. 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 starting at 8 a.m. The Pursuit of Liberty 5K course has been certified by Prescott Racing. An awards presentation recognizing the male and female winners and the top three in each age division will follow the race. Online registration is \$20 and is accepted through Sept. 18. After the deadline, the cost increases to \$25.

The Fall Festival – also held at Liberty Park – has consistently been a favorite activity for children and families alike. 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, food and ice cream vendors, community booths and more!

Thank You to our 2013 Community Sponsors!



Platinum:

Gold: **meijer**

Silver: Fifth Third Bank
 Liberty Pointe Primary Care
 Macaroni Kid
 Tide Dry Cleaners

Bronze: Cincinnati Eye Care Team
 Emery Federal Credit Union
 Liberty Veterinary Hospital
 Live Well Chiropractic Center
 Massage Envy Spa
 SDA
 Skip's Bagel Deli
 Taco Bell

Pewter: Eli's Sports Bar & Grill
 Han's White Tiger Tae Kwon Do
 Koebbe Auto Tech & Tire
 The Lakota Family YMCA
 Walgreens
 The Web: Extreme Entertainment
 Wing Eye Care

PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS



HOMEARAMA 2014 WILL RETURN TO CARRIAGE HILL IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

The Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati has announced that HOMEARAMA will return to Carriage Hill in Liberty Township in 2014. The show will run from **July 12 to July 27, 2014**.

HOMEARAMA is the registered trade name for the single-site new home showcase produced by the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati.

The 2014 show at Carriage Hill will take place in the Oak Reserve section—see photo below.

To learn more about this unique development in our community, visit www.carriagehillliving.com



SINGLE FAMILY HOME PERMITS ON THE RISE

Liberty Township continues to lead Butler County in new housing starts. The Planning and Zoning department has issued **127 zoning certificates** for new single family homes thru June of this year. This is compared to 69 new single family homes thru June of 2012 (a 46% increase).



Subdivisions like The Knolls of Liberty— pictured above and below— have experienced increases in new housing starts in 2013.

For comparison purposes, Liberty Township issued a total of 145 zoning certificates for single family homes for all of 2012 and 95 issued for all of 2011. The Township has also seen an increase in single family developments over the past year. New sections are being platted in existing subdivisions, including:

- ◆ Aspen Trails
- ◆ Carriage Hill
- ◆ Falling Waters
- ◆ Harbour Towne Park
- ◆ Knolls of Liberty
- ◆ Lakota Woods
- ◆ Lanes Landing
- ◆ Meadows of Aspen Trails
- ◆ Mill Run Estates
- ◆ Windsor Estates

If you have questions or would like additional info, please contact the Liberty Township Planning and Zoning Dept at 513-759-7500.



Photo at left is from the HOMEARAMA Liberty Township Community Day held in July during the show at Carriage Hill. The aerial photo shows portions of two of the 2013 HOMEARAMA homes with the 2014 show sites in the distance.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

LIBERTY CENTER ONE STEP CLOSER TO CONSTRUCTION

In a late July joint meeting the Liberty Township Trustees and the Butler County Commissioners approved a Master Development Agreement for Liberty Center, the \$300M+ mixed use town center development planned at the I-75 and SR 129 interchange in Liberty Township. The agreement provides the framework for funding the public infrastructure necessary to support the development by Steiner + Associates and Bucksbaum Retail Properties.

“This is a project that has been years in the making and I want to thank the County and the Township for their diligence and commitment to the project,” said Steiner + Associates founder and CEO Yaromir Steiner. “This area calls for a world-class development and with the County and Township we are prepared to develop our best project yet.”

Also at the meeting, Mr. Steiner announced that Columbus office developer Daimler Group, Inc. will develop the office component and Madison, Wisconsin-based Raymond Management Company will develop the hotel. Plans call for Daimler to develop a four-story building with 75,000 square

feet of office space and 25,000 square feet of ground-floor retail. Raymond Management Company, a national hotel development and management company, has developed more than 50 hotels and currently operates

28 properties throughout 10 states with a focus on the Hilton and Marriott branded hotels.

Daimler and Raymond join Liberty Center’s previously announced anchor tenants Dillard’s and Cobb CineBistro. Phase I of the project will total nearly 1.2 million square feet over 64 acres and total investment is expected to exceed \$325 million. A ground-breaking later this year is expected with an anticipated 2015 opening.



The Liberty Center development—pictured above—is expected to break ground along Liberty Way later this year. Liberty Way is the roadway along the bottom of the rendering with SR 129 at the top marking the project’s northern border. I-75 is shown in the right corner and will serve as the eastern project border.



To view a video fly-through of the project and learn more about this exciting new development, visit the Township web site—www.liberty-township.com—and look under the Economic Development tab.

TOWNSHIP WELCOMES THESE NEW BUSINESSES

Accuquest Hearing has plans to open a new office location in Liberty Township’s Yankee Shoppes retail plaza. *7045 Yankee Rd*

Combs Family Eyecare has announced plans to open an ophthalmology practice in the Princeton Landings retail center this fall. When they open, the retail plaza will reach its full capacity of tenants. *4883 Princeton Rd*

Liberty Dollar Plus is now open in the Yankee Shoppes retail plaza. The store is open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a variety of convenience items and discount products. *7051 Yankee Rd*

Waffle House will locate a new restaurant along Route 4 in Liberty Township. *4351 Hamilton-Middletown Rd*

Comey & Shepherd Realtors (pictured below) has started construction on their new professional office building along Cincinnati-Dayton Road in front of the Liberty Falls Mercy Building. Comey & Shepherd Realtors will move from their existing office location about a mile south behind McDonald’s.

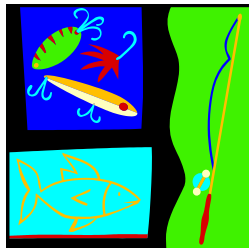


ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

PASSPORT TO FISH FOR KIDS RETURNS ON SEPTEMBER 28

Open to kids ages 10 to 15 who want to learn about the art of casting and baiting. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Reserves Park at 5100 Grandin Ridge Drive in the Reserves of Liberty subdivision. Poles, bait and a hot dog lunch will be provided. Limited to 50 participants ages 10+. RSVP is required to Vickie Daniel at 759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com.

Thank you to Hamilton Bait & Tackle and McDonald's on Liberty Square Drive for donating supplies to the Township's fishing events this year!



NATURE WALKS PLANNED IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

A series of nature walks were held this summer in Liberty Township parks, and a few opportunities remain to join in the fun this fall! For more info about these walks, contact Chuck Holliday through his web site at HollidayintheParks.com.

FALL WILDFLOWERS

Saturday, Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.
Cherokee Park
4616 Watoga Drive (45011)

FALL WALK

Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m.
Dudley Woods—a MetroParks of Butler County Park, free car passes available for residents 5671 Hankins Road (45011)

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 broadcast email system? It's easy—you may do one of the following:

- ◆ Visit liberty-township.com and sign up under "Contact Us" or...
- ◆ 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 your community!



Township Trustees honored three new Eagle Scouts from local Troop #942. Pictured at left is Chris Nichols and his parents along with the families of Jacob Landers and Christian Dawson. Unfortunately the other two young men were not in attendance due to the start of college. Liberty Township applauds the

three gentlemen and their families for the dedication and time commitment involved in attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations and best of luck!

OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP LAUNCHES NEW & IMPROVED WEB SITE

Frequent visitors to the Township's web site will notice some changes. In August, Liberty Township "flipped the switch" on a new web site design and format. The content from the previous site moved along with us - it may be reorganized slightly, however the design now allows site visitors to get to the information they are seeking in a few different ways. We hope it's a little more intuitive and continues to be easy to navigate.

The site includes many resources helpful to residents as well as businesses in Liberty Township or those interested in locating here. The new site allows for expanded capabilities as it relates to interacting with residents and being responsive to requests and complaints. Stay tuned for more information!

Visit our new site at the web address to the right and let us know what you think!



www.liberty-township.com

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH



FIRE EXPLORER POST #2895 RECOGNIZED

The Liberty Township Fire Explorer Post #2895 was recognized this summer for their 1st Place overall finish in the annual Regional Fire Service Exploring Competition. Explorer Post #2895 competed against nine other teams and finished in the top three in five of the events. The group placed 1st in Barrel Fill, the Obstacle Course and Jeopardy (Fire and EMS knowledge); 2nd in Search and Rescue and EMS Backboarding and 3rd in Ropes and Knots.

Pictured left to right with the Township Trustees are Explorer Advisor and Lieutenant Chad Canupp, Matt Casey, Bryce Canupp, Explorer Advisor and

LTFD Firefighter Chris Oakes, Alex Wargo, Andrew Wargo, Brandon Newton and Explorer Advisor and LTFD Firefighter Andrew Robben. A couple members of the winning team are not pictured. Liberty Township thanks the advisors for providing leadership and support to the young men and congratulates all the Explorer Post champions listed below!

Liberty Township



58th Annual Fish Fry



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

Friday Oct. 11th

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.

Raffle



WHAT IS A FIRE EXPLORER POST?

Fire Service Explorer posts help youth gain insight into a variety of programs that offer hands-on career activities.

For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of fire service, Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth.

If you or your child are between the ages of 14—21, and you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Fire Explorers, please contact Fire Headquarters at 513-759-7530.

Firefighter's Association

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

COMMUNITY FIRST CLASSIC TO BENEFIT PARTNERS IN PRIME—SEPT. 27, 2013

Join us for the Community First Classic on Friday, Sept. 27, 2013 at Walden Ponds Golf Club. The event promises to be a fun-filled day with expert golf, great food and plenty of camaraderie. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with the shotgun start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$125 per golfer and includes lunch, green fees, cart and Happy Hour by The Coach House Tavern & Grille. Awards will be given for first, second and third place. All proceeds from this event will benefit Partners in Prime.

Partners in Prime has been serving older adults in Butler County for more than 59 years. With locations in Hamilton, Fairfield and West Chester we deliver programs and services that enhance the quality of life of older adults and families throughout Butler County. Our CORE Wellness philosophy is interwoven throughout every program and service that we offer. We believe fulfilling physical, social and spiritual needs is essential to the core of each person. From Meals on Wheels to art exhibits, fitness classes to volunteering – at Partners in Prime we provide an array of options to help older adults thrive.

For more sponsorship information and to register for the Classic, call Laurie Kile at 867-1998 ext. 229 or email lkile@community-first.org

CHAMBER TO HOLD 12th ANNUAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE GALA NOVEMBER 15, 2013

The Women of Excellence Class of 2013 honoring 10 outstanding women will be announced on November 1 and honored on Friday, November 15 at the Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre. This annual black-tie awards gala presented by the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance pays tribute to Tri-State women who, through their careers or volunteer work, have enhanced business, education, culture and philanthropy. Two of the 10 Women of Excellence selected will be young women between the ages of 16—24.



The keynote speaker will be Shakila Ahmad (Women of Excellence Class of 2011) of the Allergy & Asthma Specialty Center in West Chester and Julie O'Neill of WCPO-TV 9 will return as emcee. 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 15 event and join in the celebration, reservations can be made online at www.TheChamberAlliance.com or by calling 513-777-3600. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$125 per couple and \$30 per student. The cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:15 p.m.

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS—BACK TO SCHOOL



Liberty Township residents should see much less traffic, but a few more school buses, on the roads around two of the Lakota School District's schools. The school district has begun busing all students who attend Liberty Early Childhood School, 6040 Princeton Road, and Wyandot Early Childhood School, at 7667 Summerlin Blvd. The schools are for students in kindergarten and first grade. Previously, bus service was provided only to students who lived farther than two miles from their school.

The Lakota superintendent, Dr. Karen Mantia, said the district was able to make the change without added cost by rearranging existing bus routes and schedules. She said a major reason for the change was that the students were losing significant instructional time as they were led to and from individual cars and their classrooms. The superintendent also noted the change will mean less traffic congestion in the schools' neighborhoods during drop-off and pick-up times.

MIDPOINTE LIBRARY SYSTEM—UPDATED DIGITAL DOWNLOAD OPTIONS COMING SOON!

Access to the latest musical hits and literary bestsellers just became easier with the MidPointe Library System. Through www.MidPointeLibrary.org, patrons can find updated versions of both Freegal, a downloadable music service and Axis 360, a downloadable ebook service.

Starting in late September, Freegal users will find that while they can still download up to five songs a week, they are now able to stream music at no cost as well. This is a service comparable to Spotify or Rdio, but free of charge with

the use of a MidPointe Library System card. Freegal has also introduced a more user-friendly web site, downloadable music videos and an expanded collection of 5 million songs. Axis 360 improvements include the introduction of an easy to use app, called "axisReader," which allows users search for, download, and enjoy their materials on one simple platform. The app is available free-of-charge through iTunes and Google Play.

As with all offerings from the MidPointe Library System, these materials are free

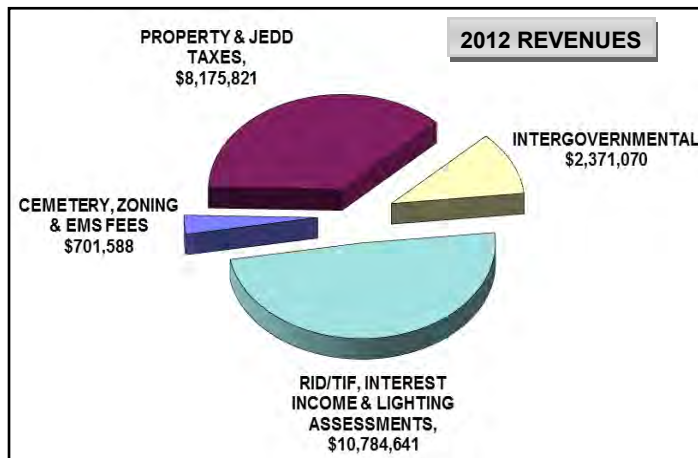
to the public. Patrons need only a MidPointe Library System card and PIN number to access the collection. Patrons can access these services via a home computer, mobile device, smart phone or Library computer.

For more information, please visit www.midpointelibrary.org or contact Cari Hillman at 513-424-1251 ext. 211 or chillman@midpointelibrary.org

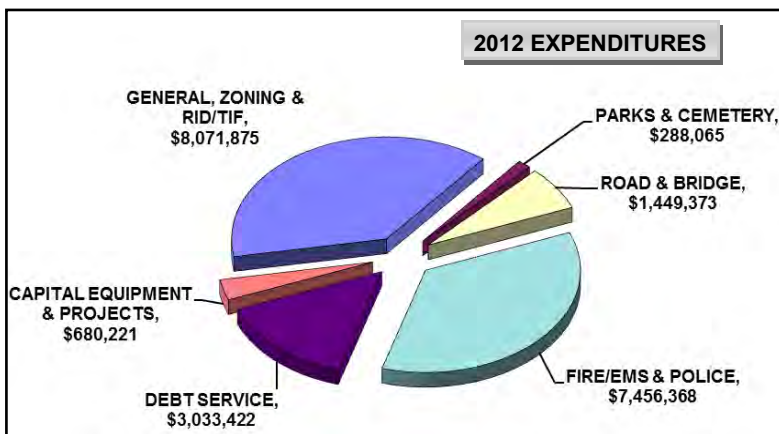
FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

2012 LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ A new two year contract was signed with the Butler County Sheriff's Office for police services.
- ⇒ A sidewalk connection was installed between Walgreen's on Cincinnati-Dayton Road and Sandric Lane.
- ⇒ The Township entered into a contract for services to improve email communications with residents, businesses and volunteers as well as revise the current web site for better functionality.
- ⇒ Several capital outlay purchases were made for various departments such as: replaced the 1999 pick-up truck, replaced the 1999 back-hoe, purchased a mini-excavator, replaced the 1996 dump truck, and replaced an engine in one of the ambulances to extend the useful life.
- ⇒ The annual paving, crack sealing, and curb/gutter repair was completed. Each year the Liberty Township Services Director analyzes the roads to determine what areas need to be addressed.
- ⇒ Liberty Township received a clean audit in 2012—this is the sixth consecutive year the Township has received a clean audit.
- ⇒ Total revenues were \$22,033,120 compared with total expenditures of \$20,909,717. This is a net surplus of \$1,123,403.
- ⇒ Total operating expenses came in 5% under budget.
- ⇒ Total revenues exceeded budget by 18%.



For more info, you can view Liberty Township's audit reports on the Auditor of State's web site: <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/auditsearch/search.aspx>. If you have additional questions, contact the Fiscal Officer, Pam Quinlisk, at 759-7500 or pquinlisk@liberty-township.com.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Liberty Township Offices

Administration	759-7500
Fax.....	759-7501
Fiscal Office	759-7604
Roads/Parks.....	759-7589
Zoning, Economic Development ...	759-7500
Emergency	911

Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)

Dispatch	785-1300
Liberty Substation	759-7340

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

Station #1 (5170 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 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
Vehicle Registration (Mason).....	398-8928
US Post Office.....	800-275-8777
West Chester-Liberty Chamber....	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.