



LIBERTY NEWS

SPRING 2015

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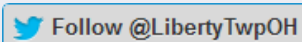
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Liberty Township Easter Egg Hunt



ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT RETURNS SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Children ages 1—8 are invited to take part in Liberty Township’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at Liberty Park, 6757 Yankee Road—behind the Lakota Family YMCA. In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held indoors at the YMCA. See below the designated hunt times for the children. Each session will begin promptly at the time listed.

10 a.m.—Ages 1 and 2	11 a.m.—Ages 5 and 6
10:30 a.m.—Ages 3 and 4	11:30 a.m.—Ages 7 and 8

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos from 10 a.m.—Noon. Bring your camera, a basket for collecting eggs and get ready for some fun!

Special thanks to Platinum Sponsor Cincinnati Children’s for their continued support of Liberty Township’s community events. Local businesses looking to get involved in the community are encouraged to contact Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com to learn about sponsor opportunities available.

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees look forward to hosting the rest of the 2015 community events—mark your calendars now!

JULY 4th FESTIVITIES—July 4

8 a.m. 5K Run for Liberty at Liberty Park
 10 a.m. Annual Parade

FALL FESTIVAL—Oct. 3

11 a.m.—3 p.m. Fall Festival at Liberty Park

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA—Dec. 5

8:30—10:30 a.m. at Liberty Heights Church

PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES INITIATE ZONING MAP AND TEXT AMENDMENTS

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees recently initiated both a text amendment to the Township's Zoning Resolution and a map amendment to the Township's Zoning Map. By initiating the zoning amendments, the Board is proposing to ensure parcels are zoned in an orderly manner that provides areas of transition and to modify the telecommunications tower requirements in the current Zoning Resolution.

The text amendment proposes to modify the existing telecommunications tower development standards such as requiring co-location and buffering requirements. In addition, a new RA-1 zoning district would be created. The new RA-1 district applies to any A-1 zoned property that is adjacent to a residentially-

zoned property and includes approximately 450 parcels.

The new RA-1 district allows all of the same uses that are currently permitted by the A-1 district. All property owners proposed for the new RA-1 district have been notified by mail with a projected timeline of the process.

The zoning amendment process includes three public hearings before separate governmental boards. Two public hearings remain—see info at right. The public is encouraged to contact the Township Zoning Department at zoning@liberty-township.com if they plan on attending the public hearings listed to ensure sufficient seating is available, or if there are any questions about the zoning amendments.

The zoning amendment cases go before Liberty Township Boards on the following days:

Zoning Commission
April 6 at 7 p.m.
Lakota Central Office
5572 Princeton Road

Board of Trustees
May 5 at 6 p.m.
Liberty Township
Administration Building
6400 Princeton Road*

*Check [website](#) for potential location change.

Email the Township if you plan to attend so we can ensure sufficient seating — zoning@liberty-township.com

PERMIT NUMBERS RISE IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP AND BUTLER COUNTY

Liberty Township single-family housing permits increased again in 2014. The year closed with 294 permits issued in Liberty Township, compared to 255 in 2013. Both years show significant increases over 2012 when the permits totaled 145.

According to the Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati, Liberty Township led all area jurisdiction for the second straight year. Hamilton Township and the City of Mason (both in Warren County) rounded out the Top 3 with 192 permits and 139 permits respectively. Butler County was the only county with an overall increase in single-family permits of 3.7%. Region-wide single-family permits decreased slightly by 1.7%.



TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES ITS VALUABLE VOLUNTEERS

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees recognized Township volunteers for their service in 2014 at a February Board Meeting. We simply could not do some of our best work without the support, encouragement and dedication of our trusted volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com. **THANK YOU** to the members of the following Committees and Boards, including those pictured above that were recognized in person last month.

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Economic Development Committee
- Events Volunteers
- Finance Committee
- JEDD I Board
- Parks Committee
- Trails Volunteers
- Zoning Commission

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

EUROPEAN WAX CENTER CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

Liberty Township and the West Chester Liberty Chamber Alliance helped **The European Wax Center** celebrate their recent opening in the Kroger Marketplace Retail Center. Manager Erin Habbyshaw (center with scissors) is pictured with Liberty Township Trustee Christine Matacic (center right) and Barb Fisher (center left) representing the Chamber Alliance Ambassadors.



European Wax Center offers waxing services for men and women in an upscale and comfortable environment. They use a special formulated beeswax made in Paris and offer a range of retail products too. European Wax Center treats all first-time guests to a complimentary wax. Convenient online booking is available and they are open seven days a week! Find them online at waxcenter.com or call 513-847-8391.

IN THE NEWS: CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S & LIBERTY CENTER

Recent articles in the *Hamilton-Journal* provide updates on the Township's two largest development projects underway.

[Cincinnati Children's—Expansions Progressing](#)

[Liberty Center—Entertainment Districts and Tenants Announced](#)

NEW BUSINESSES

9 Round Fitness

cardio kickbox/fitness facility
Now Open along Cin-Day in the Liberty Pointe retail center

Arthur Murray

dance studio/dance lessons
Now Open in Yankee Shoppes

Bottom Line Systems

healthcare consulting company
Now Open along Cin-Day, Liberty Falls Building, 2nd floor

Luxor Nail Salon

full service nail salon
Now Open in Kroger Marketplace retail center

Mix Wok

Chinese restaurant with delivery
Now Open along Cin-Day in the Liberty Towne Center retail center

Arcadia Home Care & Staffing

home care and staffing services
Opening Soon in Kroger Marketplace retail center

Pinot's Palette

paint and wine parties
Opening Soon in Kroger Marketplace retail center



TOWNSHIP PARKS CALENDAR



GIVE A HAND WORKDAYS

All workdays are 9 a.m.—Noon

April 4—Allen Park Clean Up

April 11—Reserves Work Day

April 25—Reserves Work Day

May 2—Dudley Woods Garlic Mustard Pull

May 16—Allen Park Planting Day

June 13—Allen Park Prairie

NATURE WALKS

April 18—Wildflower Hike

10 a.m.—Noon
Led by Bob Henn
Dudley Woods

May 6—Evening Birding

6:30—8:30 p.m.
Dudley Woods

May 23—Tree Walk

Led by Jacob Hartman
10 a.m.—Noon
Dudley Woods

June 27—Prairie Walk

10 a.m.—Noon
Allen Park

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 18—Tree Potting

Noon—3 p.m.
Dudley Woods

**June 6—Arbor Day
Tree Planting**

4—5 p.m.

June 6—School of Fish

10 a.m.—1 p.m.
Reserves Park

The workdays and nature walks are organized by longtime parks volunteer Chuck Holliday. For questions or more info, please contact him at ChuckH@hollidayintheparks.com or 513-305-6223.

ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

LIBERTY CENTER PROJECT RESULTS IN LOCAL WATERSHED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE TOWNSHIP

In addition to the economic boost and local infrastructure improvements associated with the Liberty Center project, the developer Steiner + Associates, is undertaking some exciting environmental work and natural resource restoration projects in Liberty Township. This past year, Steiner has funded two (2) large stream restoration projects along Gregory Creek in Liberty Township and on the Great Miami River near Lesourdsville. The work is being performed as 'mitigation' for impacts to streams associated with the project. 'Mitigation' is where the developer has agreed to make environmental improvements somewhere else in the watershed in exchange for the impact of the development.

Steiner has retained local ecological consulting and restoration firm, Cardno, to provide turnkey mitigation services for the project. The work includes approximately 4,250 LF of stream restoration and riparian buffer enhancements at the William F. and Cora Dudley Memorial Woods Park in Liberty Township and approximately 4,100 LF of riparian restoration along the Great Miami River.

In Dudley Woods, a park operated by Butler County Metroparks, a large section of Gregory Creek has been restored to prevent further erosion and channel degradation as well as provide



Bank Erosion—BEFORE



Bank Restoration—DURING

improved riffle/pool habitat for aquatic species such as fish and macroinvertebrates. In addition, over 65 acres of 'invasive' bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*) has been eradicated from the park and approximately 8,000 native tree seedlings were planted in the Fall of 2014 (see photos above and below). The work will help stabilize Gregory Creek within the park and reduce the amount of non-native, invasive species which have historically prevented climax tree species like Oaks, Maples, Sycamore, and Beech from recolonizing within Dudley Woods. Furthermore, trails which were undercut by stream erosion will be reopened and allow for more enjoyable hiking. Over time, a healthier stream and forest ecosystem will develop in this Liberty Township natural area.

On behalf of Steiner, Cardno will continue to maintain and monitor the restoration projects for five years. This includes water quality sampling and vegetation surveys.

ANNUAL PAVING LIST

Each year, the Township works in collaboration with the Butler County Engineer's Office to pave streets and areas in most need. Below is the list of targeted areas submitted to the BCEO for paving/black mat this fall.

PAVING

Winter Hazel Drive

From Bethany Rd to new pavement

Rollingsford Drive

From Les-Wes to Berry Blossom Rd

Moselle Drive

From Chablis Dr. to Lansing Ct

Mauds Hughes Road

From Hamilton-Mason to Princeton

Cherry Laurel Drive

From Bethany to Butler-Warren Rd

Peak Drive

From Highpoint Dr to cul-de-sac

Berry Blossom Drive

From Rollingsford Dr to cul-de-sac

BLACK MAT

(a thinner layer of asphalt)

Sautern Drive

From Moselle Dr to cul-de-sac

Lindley Way

Chancerly Court

Stratton Court

Oakgrove Court

Rocksprings Court

Brightwaters Court

Strawberry Court

Loganberry Court

Raspberry Ridge

From Loganberry to Juneberry Ct

Oakland Gardens Court

For the above roads not specified, the entire roadway will be completed.



Bank Restoration—DURING



Bank Restoration—AFTER

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP PROMOTES THREE TO FULL-TIME POSITIONS WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees recently promoted three part-time members of the Fire Department to full-time firefighters/paramedics. Jon Meyer, James Montgomery and Kyle Schauer are pictured at right with their families and Township Trustees at a recent board meeting.

JON MEYER (pictured above right)

Meyer has worked in Fire/EMS service since 1997. He earned his Associates Degree from the University of Cincinnati and completed his Paramedic certification from Bethesda Hospital in 2000 and his Professional Firefighter training at the Ohio Fire Academy in 2001. He began his career working for Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS in 1997 and has served the department for 18 years. He joined the Liberty Township Fire Department in 1999 serving first in a volunteer capacity before being hired as a part-time member of the department. Additionally he has served as a full-time member of the Middletown Fire Department since April 2001. Meyer has been a martial arts instructor for more than 20 years. He enjoys spending time with his family – wife Kristin and two children Max, age 12, and Chloe, age 10. The Meyer family lives in Wayne Township.



JAMES “JIM” MONTGOMERY (pictured above left)

Montgomery graduated from St. Xavier High School in 2002 with academic honors. He spent time in the Army after high school and became interested in fire service because he liked to help people. He received his Fire and EMS training at Butler Tech and Sinclair Community College. Montgomery has worked in a part-time capacity for Colerain Township for 8 years, Fairfield Township for 7 years, Liberty Township for 3 years and Trenton for 2 years. He and his wife Nichole live in Trenton with their two children Isaiah, age 11, and Kayla, age 10. He enjoys camping, hiking, shooting sports, caving, gardening, home improvement and serving as a Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts leader for his children.

KYLE SCHAUER (pictured above center)

Schauer graduated from Mason High School in 2004. He continued his education at Cincinnati State receiving his fire and EMS certifications and then his Associates Degree in Fire Service Technology. He began his career as a part-time member of the City of Fairfield Fire Department in 2008 and joined the Liberty Township Fire Department in a part-time capacity in 2010. Schauer was hired as a full-time firefighter/paramedic for the City of Erlanger, Kentucky in July 2014. He and his wife Ashely live in Maineville with their daughter Addelyn, age 1. The Schauers are expecting their second child in June. Their hobbies include camping, kayaking and spending time with friends and family.



Liberty Township Fire Department bid farewell to two part-time Firefighter/EMTs who have served the community for a combined 50+ years. We thank **Edd Stanton** (left) and **Troy Miller** (right) for their service and dedication to the Liberty Township community. Good luck gentlemen!

TOWNSHIP PURCHASES NEW RESCUE TOOLS

Liberty Township Fire Department has been training with the newly delivered Genesis Rescue tools. This concluded a two-year process of updating the department's hydraulic extrication cutters and spreaders. Most of the existing equipment had been purchased by the Liberty Township Firefighter's Association in the mid 1980s through the 1990s via donations and fundraising. The new life-saving hydraulic tools operate at a higher 10,000 pounds per square inch (PSI) instead of the older 5,000 PSI platform. This is an advantage with many of the new alloys being built into the modern automobiles.





Families, local businesses and organizations, and community members all look to the Lakota school district calendar as an important planning tool, with so many aspects of community life connected to the school calendar.

That's why the Lakota calendar committee begins meeting two years in advance, with the goal of approving and releasing the calendar about a year and a half before the school year is set to begin. Right now the committee is working on the calendar for the 2016-17 school year ([click here to see the proposed calendar](#)).

This year's calendar committee is comprised of 17 people, including parents, teachers, administrators, and central office employees. The committee takes into account a wide range of factors when developing the calendar. Of primary importance is making educationally sound decisions that meet all the requirements on Ohio law, as well as balancing grading periods and semesters. The calendar must also meet set state testing dates, state mandates (such as the third-grade reading guarantee), professional development days for staff, contract guidelines, and allow for possible calamity days.

Each year the committee puts the proposed calendar out for community review and feedback. This important feedback has helped the committee set times for district elementary open houses to avoid conflicts across grade levels, and has helped guide the district to adopt an earlier start to the school year. Starting school about a week earlier than in the past will allow assessments to take place before the start of winter break. Students will now be able to have a fresh start and begin a new semester when they return to school in January. To view all Lakota school calendars, [click here to visit Lakota's district website](#).

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

CHAMBER'S REGIONAL BUSINESS EXPO SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 12

During the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance's Regional Business Expo, businesses from all over the region will be on hand to exhibit their products and talk about their services. This is the largest business-to-business expo on the I-75 Growth Corridor with over 1,200 business people expected to attend and more than 120 exhibitors!



Booth space is still available if you are interested in joining the variety of businesses who will be gaining valuable exposure in our growing community!

Enjoy a "Taste of West Chester/Liberty" featuring guest speaker **Yaromir Steiner, Founder and CEO of Steiner + Associates**, before the expo at The Chamber's monthly luncheon! Liberty Center, opening in October 2015, is a Steiner + Associates project.



Tuesday, May 12
 Monthly Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
 Business Expo: 1—5 p.m.
 Skatetown USA
 8730 N. Pavilion. West Chester, OH

Please contact the Chamber at 513.777.3600 for more information.

MASTER GARDENER ANNUAL SPRING PLANT SALE Saturday, May 9, 2015 10 a.m. until sold out!

Perennials, annuals, shrubs, wildflowers, day lilies, irises, herbs, berries, hostas, vegetables and rare species. All carefully transplanted by Master Gardeners from their own gardens! Also available—new and gently-used garden tools and décor.

Butler County OSU Extension Office
 1802 Princeton Road, Hamilton, OH (one mile west of Route 4 By-pass)
 Cash or check only, no credit cards accepted.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START PLANNING FOR SUMMER FUN AT MIDPOINTE LIBRARY!

After a long winter, we are all looking forward to warm weather, and with it comes the MidPointe Library System's popular Summer Reading Program! This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story," so get ready for super-powered storytimes, caped crusaders and high flying fun for the whole family at the Library! The program kicks off June 1st and runs through July 31st. The more you read, the more prizes you earn! Additionally, special Summer Reading programming and events will be held all summer long. Visit www.MidPointeLibrary.org for the latest Library news, a full programming schedule and Summer Reading Program details. Super Shakespurr—at right—is ready for summer fun at the Library!

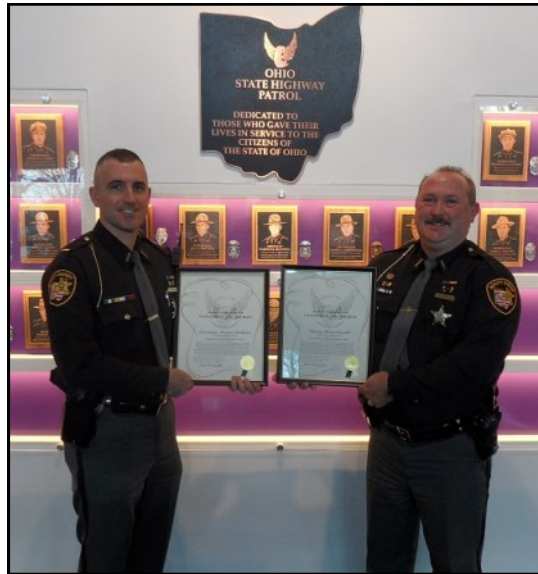


OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

TWO HONORED FOR THEIR ACTIONS WITH MURDER SUSPECT ON I-75 IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Butler County Sheriff Richard K. Jones is extremely proud of two of his own. **Lieutenant Morgan Dallman** (pictured bottom left) and **Deputy Brian Oswald** (pictured bottom right) received the Superintendent Citation of Merit from the State Highway Patrol for their involvement in the apprehension of the murder / kidnapping suspect on September 12, 2014 on Interstate 75.

Terry Froman, accused of kidnapping his girlfriend and murdering her teenage son led officers on a chase along northbound I-75. Mr. Froman had fired shots inside the vehicle during the pursuit. "We received information that the female may have sustained injuries after the shots were fired. We just wanted to get in that car and get her medical attention and obviously away from Froman. She was our main concern" said Lt. Dallman, Commander of the Butler County S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons And Tactics) team.



Once inside the vehicle, it was discovered that Mr. Froman had suffered a self-inflicted gun-shot wound, and the female was deceased. Mr. Froman was treated medically and taken into custody.

The Colonel with the Ohio State Highway Patrol told the deputies that it has been quite a few years since an award of this magnitude has been given. "My deputies love what they do and they are really good at it. That was a tough day to say the least. You have a guy that is armed, has already killed someone, has taken his girlfriend against her will, and is running from the cops. That type of scenario almost never ends well. Lieutenant Dallman and Deputy Oswald went above and beyond on this one, I am proud of their actions and this award was well deserved by all who received it," said Sheriff Jones.



Mr. Froman was treated medically and taken into custody. There were four troopers from the State Highway Patrol who also received the Citation of Merit which is normally given to those who put their own safety at risk to protect others.

Police services in Liberty Township are provided through a contract with the Butler County Sheriff's Office with 24 deputies permanently assigned to the Township Substation - providing 24/7 coverage. Lieutenant Morgan Dallman is the supervisor of the Liberty Township Substation. Deputy Oswald serves as one of the 24 deputies assigned to Liberty Township.

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	759-7348

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.....	779-3917



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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.