



LIBERTY NEWS

SUMMER 2015

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ANNUAL 4th of JULY PARADE and 5K

The Board of Trustees are pleased to announce the activities planned for Liberty Township's annual 4th of July festivities on Saturday, July 4. The walk/run will begin at 8 a.m. with registration starting at 7 a.m.—**it starts and finishes at Liberty Park this year.** The 5K Run for Liberty is 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. The Run for Liberty 5K registration is \$20 online through June 29. After the deadline, the cost goes up to \$25. [Register online here.](#)

The 30th Annual Liberty Township 4th of July Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and go from the Lakota East High School parking lot, down Wyandot Lane to Yankee Road and end at Liberty Park behind the Lakota Family YMCA. Parade Grand Marshals will be the State Champion Lakota West Firebirds Women's Varsity Basketball Team and Lakota East Thunderhawk State Champion Swimmer Josh McDonald.

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PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

PROJECTS RECEIVE ZONING APPROVALS; CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

Two new construction projects are officially underway as a result of receiving overlay district zoning approvals and obtaining permits earlier this year. Dirt is moving at both sites and over the next several months the community will see more activity and structures being erected. Both projects are taking shape in the Central Business District along Cincinnati-Dayton Road.

LIBERTY CONNECTION

A new 11,000 SF retail center is being constructed at the corner of Cincinnati-Dayton Rd and Liberty One Drive, across from Starbucks and Tide Dry Cleaners. Midland Atlantic Retail is developing the center (*site pictured below*), and confirmed tenants include Chipotle, AT&T and SuperCuts. Another one or two users are expected to be added to the tenant list. Construction of Liberty Connection is expected to be completed this fall with tenants opening at the end of the year.



HOME2 SUITES BY HILTON

A new 92-room hotel is being constructed on Liberty Centre Drive which is off Cincinnati-Dayton Road at State Route 129 (*site pictured at right*). The new Hilton brand focuses on offering a fresh perspective to extended stay travel. They offer a laundry and fitness facility, free breakfast, a swimming pool and rooms with kitchenettes and large work stations. The Home2 Suites in Liberty Township is expected to be completed later this year.



NUISANCE COMPLAINTS OFTEN INCREASE THIS TIME OF YEAR

With warmer weather comes a natural increase in nuisance complaints. The Liberty Township Zoning Department works on a complaint only basis to respond to nuisance complaints including tall grass, weeds, garbage, refuse or other debris in yards, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87. Complaints may be made by filling out the Resident Complaint Form in person, by mail, fax or email. The form is on the web site under "Planning/Zoning." Anonymous complaints are not accepted. Please refer to the ORC section above for more info, however here is a summary of the steps involved with a nuisance complaint.

- ⇒ Once a written complaint is received, a site inspection is completed and photos of the nuisance are taken.
- ⇒ Notification may be mailed to the property owner and the property will be put on the next available Liberty Township Board of Trustees Agenda to be declared a public nuisance.
- ⇒ A copy of the Public Nuisance Resolution is posted on the property and the property owner and lien holders will be sent copies giving the property owner seven days to abate the nuisance.
- ⇒ Seven days after the notification period, the property is re-inspected. Any violation remaining at this time will be corrected by the Township, with the cost of the abatement placed on the owner's property tax bill.
- ⇒ For additional information, please contact the Zoning Dept. at 759-7500.

DON'T FORGET YOUR LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ZONING PERMIT

Please note that almost all construction activity will require the issuance of a Zoning Permit **PRIOR TO STARTING CONSTRUCTION**. This includes, but is not limited to new construction, fences, pools, decks, additions, pergolas, gazebos, sheds, garages, pole barns, remodels, basement finish, anything related to commercial, home occupations, and the like. The Zoning Department processes Zoning Permits for homeowners, developers, builders and contractors. With the exclusion of fences and sheds (less than 200 sq. ft.), all applications that come through the Liberty Township Zoning Department, must then be taken to the Butler County Building Department for the application of a building permit. Please contact the Zoning Department at 759-7500 or visit the [zoning section online](#) for more info and to avoid penalties for construction without a permit.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HELPS WELCOME SEVERAL NEW BUSINESSES TO THE COMMUNITY

The community saw several new businesses open their doors this spring, and the Township team enjoyed welcoming them by participating in a number of ribbon cuttings and open houses. All of them look forward to contributing to the business community and serving the residents of Liberty Township. Please help us welcome the businesses pictured and listed below!

ARCADIA HOME CARE & STAFFING 7332 Yankee Road



[Arcadia Home Care & Staffing](#) offers new programs to help loved ones live independently and improve their quality of life.

LIBERTY POINTE WOUND CARE CENTER 1717 Dutchland Parkway



Fort Hamilton Hospital expanded its wound care services with the opening of [Liberty Pointe Wound Care Center](#). It specializes in the treatment of chronic wounds, using hyperbaric oxygen and negative pressure therapies along with skin substitutes.



MOE'S OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES 7267 Yankee Road

[Moe's Outdoor Equipment & Supplies](#) (formerly West Chester Lawn & Garden) rebranded its 25-year family operation promising the same great service. Moe's mission continues: "to stand above the competition by providing customers with exceptional service, quality products, and the highest value for their time and money."



PINOT'S PALETTE 7302 Yankee Road

[Pinot's Palette](#) describes itself as the upscale destination where you can "Paint. Drink. Have Fun." At their studio, anyone can be an artist and have fun being creative. All while sipping your favorite beverage. Party room available to host birthday and bachelorette parties, team celebrations or other special gatherings.

UC HEALTH PRIMARY CARE 6645 Princeton-Glendale Road

This UC Health Primary Care facility serves as the physician's office for [Dr. Bharati Narasimhan](#), a family medicine practitioner.



MOTHER TERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 7197 Mother Teresa Lane



[Mother Teresa Catholic Elementary School](#) broke ground on an expansion project, its fourth since the school was founded in 1998. An academic wing for more classrooms, a library and an expanded kindergarten will be added.

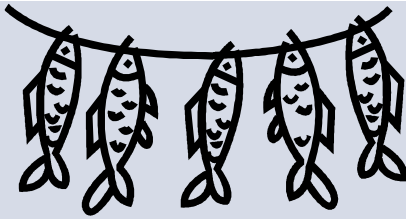
ALSO NOW OPEN

- ⇒ **Arthur Murray Dance Studio**
- ⇒ **Center for Foot Care, Dr. Kristen Titko**

OPENING SOON

- ⇒ **Cincinnati Children's 4th floor expansion**
- ⇒ **Salon Lofts**
- ⇒ **Valley Central Bank**
- ⇒ **Dr. Molina dental office**

ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE



PASSPORT TO FISH FOR KIDS AGES 10—15 SATURDAY, SEPT. 12

The Liberty Township Parks Committee will stage an event—Passport to Fish—on Saturday, Sept. 12 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 5119 Grandin Ridge Drive in the Reserves of Liberty subdivision. Special thanks to Hamilton Bait & Tackle for providing bait for the Parks Committee's two fishing events each year.



On June 6, the Parks Committee hosted the School of Fish event (pictured above) which is designed to teach younger kids about fishing. The free event was very well attended and a good time was had by all families in attendance. The School of Fish event has been held each year in early June. Watch the web site for the 2016 date.

MEMORIAL DONATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED FOR PARKS

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees along with the Parks Committee have designed a memorial donation program intended to bring natural beauty and a lasting legacy to one of your favorite parks. You may donate a beautiful butterfly bush in memory of a friend or loved one, in recognition of a special person, event or accomplishment, or because you want to enhance the beauty of your favorite park.

Your donation will cover:

- ◇ Procurement of a one gallon potted butterfly bush
- ◇ Delivery, planting, mulching, and pruning
- ◇ Basic ongoing maintenance of the plant
- ◇ Your choice of available parks for planting
 - Allen Park
 - Reserves Park



Your costs/donation:

- ◇ Butterfly Plant – \$50
 - All plants carry a one-year guarantee against loss. If the donated plant fails to survive, it will be replaced at no cost to the donor.
- ◇ Engraved Plaque – \$25
 - A small (4"x 6") exterior engraved plaque will be placed next to your donated plant. An additional \$20 donation will be required if the plaque needs to be replaced.

Donations are accepted year round. However, to ensure the healthiest plants and the highest successful planting rate, the butterfly bushes are only planted in spring and fall. Donors are encouraged to visit the plantings to check on its condition and the appearance of the plaque. For more information contact Liberty Township at 513-759-7500.

COMING SOON...

Liberty Township is making some significant park improvements this summer. The projects below are expected to be completed in the next few months. More info and photos will be included in the fall issue highlighting the projects and grant funding received.

**New Playground
Equipment & Surface**
Reserves Park

Disc Golf Course
Reserves Park

Bocce Ball Court
Fort Liberty Playland



MAUD HUGHES INCLINE PARK

The recent construction along Maud Hughes between Hamilton-Mason and Princeton roads temporarily closed the Township's Maud Hughes Incline Park. The roadway and park are both open to the public again. Roadwork continues on the Maud Hughes bridge and roadway between Princeton and Millikin roads. Its expected to open this fall. Many thanks to the residents for your patience!

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPLETES SPILL CONTAINMENT TRAINING ALONG GREGORY CREEK IN LIBERTY TOWNSHIP

Liberty Township Fire Department conducted spill containment training on Gregory Creek at the William F. and Cora Dudley Woods Park. Dale Farmer of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency provided the training that included classroom sessions as well as practical evolutions that involved placing containment and absorbent “booms” across the creek. This was to simulate the actions that would be taken to contain a spill in a waterway. Topics covered also included over-flow and under flow damming and diking by various methods. The Liberty Township Fire Department will also be partnering with OEPA this summer on a project that will preplan various access points along Gregory Creek within the Township. This will allow emergency responders, OEPA and clean-up contractors to readily identify appropriate locations in the event of a spill. The info collected will include; GPS coordinates, property owner’s contact info, type of equipment needed and distances to a staging point for vacuum trucks, etc.



The Fire Department also conducted ladder training recently. The photos above depict fire department personnel utilizing the aerial platform truck and some of the training features built into the Fire Headquarters station to practice various rescue and firefighting evolutions on multi-story buildings.

Thank you **Tony Agoston**
for 16 years of service
to the Liberty Township
Fire Department.

July 1999 to June 2015

Best wishes in
your retirement!



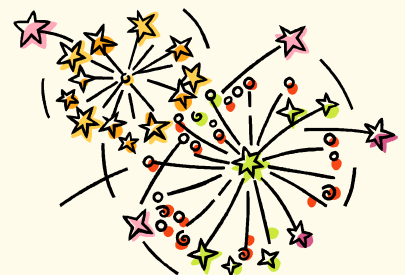
FIREWORKS: DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

As we approach the July Fourth holiday and the September Labor Day celebrations we are inundated with questions and concerns about fireworks. The only types of fireworks that can be legally discharged by the average resident in the state of Ohio are trick and novelty items also known as Exempted 1.4G Fireworks. These include items such as sparklers, glow snakes, smoke bombs, snaps and similar devices. Traditional devices such as firecrackers, bottle rockets, fountains and roman candles are classified as 1.4G Fireworks—and while they may be purchased by residents over 18 years of age from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler—they can not be legally discharged in the state of Ohio. When purchased in state the purchaser must sign a form stating that they will transport these devices out of the state within 48 hours. Aerial shells and other shells that are shot from mortars are classified as 1.3G fireworks and can only be discharged by a licensed exhibitor with a valid permit in accordance with Ohio laws.

The Ohio State Fire Marshall's Office has additional info on fireworks laws on their [web site](#).

You may also contact the State Fire Marshall's Office at 614-752-8200 or Liberty Township Fire Headquarters at 759-7530.

Please enjoy one of the displays put on by the professionals and stay safe!



COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO



CHAMBER'S EVEREST AWARDS SET FOR JULY 30

The 4th Annual Everest Awards will be presented by the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance on Thursday, July 30 at the Cincinnati Marriott North in West Chester. The Everest Award honors leaders and legends that have created, through his or her actions, a positive impact on business, the community and quality of life within the I-75 Growth Corridor.

This year's honorees have made outstanding contributions to the growth of commerce and communities in the region. This incomparable event educates, informs and connects business professionals through a celebration which highlights the future of our region.

2015 Honorees:

Daniel Baker—CEO, Baker Concrete Construction

Claude Davis—CEO, First Financial Bank

Bill Krul—CEO and Senior Partner, Miller-Valentine Group

The Everest Awards begin at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner and keynote speaker, Heather Mitts. Heather is a Cincinnati native who is one of only three players in US Soccer history to win three Olympic gold medals in 2004, 2008 and 2012. She also won a silver medal in the Women's World Cup. Heather retired in 2013 and now spends her time as a sports reporter, motivational speaker and runs her own Heather Mitts Soccer Camp. 9 On Your Side Sports Anchor Ken Broo will be the emcee.

Register by calling 513-777-3600 or visiting the [Chamber's web site](#).



Though school is out for the summer, residents will still see a lot of activity around many of the Lakota school buildings. The entry areas to 11 schools are getting major upgrades for security purposes, so that all visitors will enter the school building through a controlled, secure area that goes only to the school office, where they can check in. The purpose of the project is to ensure safer schools for students, staff and visitors.

The schools in Liberty Township that are included in the project are Cherokee, Heritage, Independence and Woodland elementary schools, and Liberty Junior School. The other Lakota schools in Liberty Township already have fully secure entry areas.

It's part of a \$6 million project that was a commitment made to residents as part of the 2013 levy that voters supported. After the levy passage the school district selected an architect, had plans for each school drawn up and then went through a formal bid process to select contractors to do the work, which began just after school ended. The work will continue through much of the summer.



STUDENTS HONORED

Four Lakota East students were honored this spring for their performance on an American Legion Post AMERICANISM test administered to thousands of kids across Ohio. The students achieved the top scores amongst about 4,000 students advancing them to the state level of competition. The students, listed below, were recognized by Township Trustees and Dean Schwartz and Jerry Nelson with the local American Legion Post.

- ◇ Junior **Vincent Galito**—top male score amongst juniors
- ◇ Junior **Mikayla Bogan**—top female score amongst juniors; after state one of 18 selected to visit Washington D.C.
- ◇ Senior **Sarah Chaney**—top female score amongst seniors
- ◇ Senior **Cooper Towns**—top male score amongst seniors

INTRODUCING YOUR TIME TRIPS & TRAVEL From Community First Solutions

Getting to the casino, The Aronoff Center and The Krohn Conservatory has never been easier. Community First Solutions is excited to offer Your Time Trips and Travel to older adults throughout Butler County. We provide transportation and a fun, social group setting. Whether it's a trip out to lunch or an overnight cruise—we have something for everyone. Transportation to and from Community First locations in Hamilton and the West Chester Activity Center is provided for most trips. Find out what's available by visiting the [Community Solutions web site](#) and clicking on the calendar or email Nancy Feters, Trips coordinator, at nfeters@community-first.org or call her at 513-867-4018.

MIDPOINTE LIBRARY SYSTEM—LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Would learning an additional language advance your career? Want to brush up on that high school French? Planning your dream trip to Italy? Find free language courses online with *Transparent Language Online* through the MidPointe Library System. This comprehensive database offers unlimited access to more than 90 online language courses, packed with pronunciation, speech, grammar, writing and vocabulary-building lessons. All you need to access these valuable courses is your MidPointe Library card. Visit the [MidPointe web site](#) for more information.



OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP SIGNS TEMPORARY LEASE FOR NEW OFFICE SPACE AT 7162 LIBERTY CENTRE DRIVE

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to temporarily relocate the Township's Administration offices, including the Fiscal Office, and Butler County Sheriff's Office substation to 7162 Liberty Centre Drive, Suite A, Liberty Township (45069). The five-year lease calls for an August 1st commencement although the Township is still determining the exact timing for the move. More information will be shared with the community as a timeline is confirmed. Residents are encouraged to watch the web site for more details.

The new location is 6200 square feet, an increase of about 1500 square feet, and provides additional offices, increased storage and conference space and a more functional working environment. Aging mechanics and a dated septic system at the Township's current location spurred the need to begin identifying a temporary solution sooner than originally anticipated. The temporary lease will provide Liberty Township the time it needs to determine its long-term facility strategy and plans – a project currently underway. Interviews are being conducted to identify an architectural/design team to lead the Township through a facility master planning process.



The Township's Administration offices will move to this building at 7162 Liberty Centre Drive, Suite A, this summer. The new offices are located near the SR 129/Cincinnati-Dayton intersection on Liberty Centre Drive just up the road from the Shell Gas Station and McDonald's.

"Liberty Township is a fast-growing community and after 20 years occupying our current building, we have simply out-grown our space. We see this temporary relocation as an opportunity to address our need for space, enhance our operations, and better serve the community as we work on identifying our future facility needs," said Kristen Bitonte, Township Administrator.

The Township has occupied 6400 Princeton Road since 1995. It will be used for storage in the short-term and will be evaluated as part of the facility master planning efforts. Per the lease agreement, Liberty Township will pay \$8,035 monthly for the administrative offices and substation on Liberty Centre Drive. All public board meetings and zoning meetings will also move to the new location later this summer.

"Our growth has necessitated this move and we look forward to the master planning process underway so Liberty Township is in the best position to serve our growing residential and commercial base over the next 20-30 years, said David Kern, President, Liberty Township Board of Trustees."

New Address will be:

**7162 Liberty Centre Drive, Suite A
Liberty Township, OH 45069**

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.
315 High St, 2nd Floor Commissioners Chambers, Hamilton
1st Monday of the Month: Zoning Commission Meeting at 6 p.m.
Last Monday of the Month: Trails Meeting at 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month: Trustees Meetings at 6 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of the Month: Board of Zoning Appeals at 6 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.
315 High St, 2nd Floor Commissioners Chambers, Hamilton
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.