



# LIBERTY NEWS

DECEMBER 2010

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### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP OPENS NEW BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND AT DUDLEY MEMORIAL PARK

One of Liberty Township’s parks has recently received a facelift – and a large project in the works for many months has come to fruition. A new boundless playground – designed for children of all ages and abilities – has been installed at Dudley Memorial Park, 5700 Yankee Road.

Earlier this year, Liberty Township was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant program through Butler County to install handicap-accessible playground equipment at Dudley Memorial Park. In August, the Township’s Services Department worked tirelessly to construct the new playground. The Township provided a match of \$10,000 in labor and material.

The entire playground area is considered “boundless” which means it is all handicap-accessible. The concept behind a boundless playground is to provide a setting where children and adults of all abilities can play and learn together in a fun and welcoming environment. The largest structure has a ramp providing wheelchair access. The construction included paving handicap parking spaces and providing easy access between the parking lot and equipment. Recreational features include a musical instruments “fun-semble,” a space web/spider web, a rock climber, highstepper toad stools, three slides and a large tic-tac-toe board.

On Friday, October 29, 2010 a ceremonial ribbon cutting was held to recognize the efforts of all involved. **Pictured above:** the Township Services Department with Trustees Dave Kern and Pat Hiltman, Fiscal Officer Pam Quinlisk and Trustee Christine Matacic with Kurt Feldmann and his son Konrad. Kurt is a member of the Liberty Township Parks Committee and provided valuable insight into the design and layout of the equipment. See page 3 for photo of the new park equipment.



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#### Elected Officials:

David Kern, President  
Christine Matacic, Vice-President  
Patrick Hiltman, Trustee  
Pamela Quinlisk, Fiscal Officer

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

### NEW BUSINESSES NOW CALLING LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HOME

Liberty Township welcomed several new businesses to the community in 2010. Despite the continued slow economy, the Township is pleased with the activity level and has high hopes for the year ahead. We look forward to all that these businesses will provide to our community.

**Liberty Tax**—Route 4 in the Kroger Retail Center  
Income tax preparation services  
More info: 887-8800

**NVogue Medi Spa and Wellness Center**—Mercy Building  
Skin correction treatments, medical massage, weight loss therapy, etc.  
More info: 755-8509

**Curves**—Princeton Landings  
Workout facility designed for women  
More info: curvesforwomen.com

**The Web: Extreme Entertainment**—Cincinnati-Dayton Road and Liberty Way  
Laser tag, go-karts, mini-golf, mini-bowling, arcade and prize center  
More info: 860-2882

**Scrubs of Liberty**—Liberty Town Center off Cincinnati-Dayton Road  
Medical scrubs  
More info: 847-1485

**Liberty Family Medicine LLC**—Hamilton-Mason Road  
Family physician practice  
More info: 755-1912

**Reunions Banquet Center**—The Commons at Liberty Falls  
Church services and more  
More info: 755-8700

**Quick Cuts**—Liberty Town Center  
Family hair care  
More info: 777-5414

**El Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant & Cantina**—The Commons at Liberty Falls  
Authentic Mexican cuisine  
More info: 755-0062

**American Auto**—Route 4  
Certified pre-owned car business  
More info: 889-3484

**The Kidney and Hypertension Center**—Liberty Commons  
Medical Center on Yankee Road  
Nephrology care  
More info: 779-6700

**Tri-State Sleep Disorders Center**—Mercy Building  
Diagnostic and treatment services  
More info: 671-3101

**Dermatology and Surgery of Southern Ohio**—Liberty Pointe Center on Cincinnati-Dayton Rd  
Dermatology  
More info: 858-6900

**Dr. Hauw Han: Cosmetic, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**—Mercy Building  
Cosmetic procedures  
More info: 755-8115

**West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance**—Mercy Building  
Satellite office for the Chamber  
More info: 759-0300

**JS Gold & Coin**—Liberty Pointe Center on Cincinnati-Dayton Rd  
Gold, silver, coin exchange  
More info: 779-1222

**Lapels Drycleaning**—Princeton Landings  
Professional dry cleaning services  
More info: 737-3310

**MidUSA Credit Union**—Commons at Liberty Falls  
Banking services  
More info: 727-2745

**MidUSA Credit Union** held a ribbon cutting to open their new Liberty Township office in late August. Members of their board are pictured, at right, with Trustees Christine Matacic and Dave Kern.

### NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITH SPRING 2011 OPENINGS



**Hodapp Funeral Home** will open their fourth location in the area on Cincinnati-Dayton Road in the Downtown Bethany District.



**Walgreens** will open a new store at the corner of Princeton and Cincinnati-Dayton Roads.



**Dr. John Prather** will open a new office for his oral and maxillofacial surgery practice along Liberty Way.



# ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

## WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS

The winter months bring with them the challenges of driving in conditions most people do not enjoy. The Liberty Township Services Department will certainly make every effort to keep these hazardous road conditions as safe as possible for the traveling public during these times of ice and snow. With that in mind, we would like to offer a few tips that you as a township resident can do to allow for safe, timely and effective removal of ice and snow from Township roadways.

- ◆ Remove any objects near roadways that could potentially be struck during snow and ice removal, such as basketball goals, bicycles, etc.
- ◆ Don't pass a snow plow unless **absolutely** necessary.
- ◆ Allow plenty of stopping distance; don't follow plow trucks too closely. This also reduces the chances of loose material hitting your vehicle.
- ◆ Keep headlights on low beam.
- ◆ Never assume that the snow plow operator can see you. Every plow has blind spots that reduce side and rear visibility.
- ◆ Don't push snow from your driveway into the roadway. This can create a danger to motorists. Pile snow to the left side of drive as you face your house, specifically when clearing near the road. This will prevent the plow from dragging the pile across your driveway apron.
- ◆ Park vehicles in your driveway when possible; allows the crews to clear the entire roadway from curb to curb.



### NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT DUDLEY MEMORIAL PARK

Once the weather warms up, Liberty Township residents are encouraged to check out the new playground equipment at Dudley Memorial Park—5700 Yankee Road. See full story on page 1.

## LIBERTY TOWNSHIP SERVICES DEPT... DID YOU KNOW?

The Liberty Township Services Department pre-treats township roads with a salt brine solution. This process leaves white lines in the roadway.

The Liberty Township Services Department is responsible for:

- ◆ 131 miles of roadway
- ◆ 106 subdivisions
- ◆ 470 cul-de-sacs

The Liberty Township Services Department uses

- ◆ 80 tons of salt to treat all roads at one time during a winter storm
- ◆ More than 2,100 tons of salt in an average winter

Several roads in Liberty Township are maintained by The Butler County Engineer's Office (BCEO), while others are state routes and thus maintained by the State of Ohio (ODOT).

- ◆ BCEO maintains 28.17 miles of roadway
- ◆ ODOT maintains 16.38 miles of roadway

## PRIORITY LIST FOR SNOW REMOVAL

1. Main roads
2. Main roads that need additional plowing
3. Intersections
4. Main arteries in sub-divisions are given a quick "one pass"
5. All subdivision roads, excluding cul-de-sacs, are given a "double pass"
6. Main roads that need additional plowing
7. Any subdivision roads that may need additional plowing
8. Cul-de-sacs

## PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

### PLAN NOW TO ATTEND LIBERTY TOWNSHIP'S 2011 EVENTS

Get your 2011 calendars out and plan to join in on the Township's annual community events!

#### **Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 23**

11 a.m. at Liberty Park  
Easter Bunny will be available for photos 10 a.m. to Noon

#### **Fourth of July Festivities Monday, July 4**

8:30 a.m.—5K Run for Liberty  
The run will begin and end at Lakota East High School.

10 a.m. Annual Parade  
The parade begins at Lakota East High School and ends at Liberty Park.

#### **Fall Festival & 5K Saturday, September 17**

10 a.m.—2nd Annual Pursuit of Liberty 5K. The run will begin and end at Liberty Park.

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

### LIBERTY TOWNSHIP ZONING PERMITS

This article is intended to provide information on what type of new construction will require the Township to issue a Zoning Permit prior to starting construction. This is a partial list, so please contact the Zoning Department at 759-7500 if you are unsure if your project requires a permit.

- ◆ New residential construction (includes additions, structural alterations, finished basements, etc.)
- ◆ New commercial construction (includes additions, structural alterations, tenant finish, occupancy, new use, parking addition/alteration, signs, lighting, etc.)
- ◆ Pools (above and in-ground)
- ◆ Fences
- ◆ Garage (attached or detached)
- ◆ Shed, storage building, pole barn, etc.
- ◆ Gazebo or Pergola
- ◆ Deck
- ◆ Retaining wall (3' tall or greater)
- ◆ Home Occupation (certain types of home occupations are permitted, please contact the Zoning Dept. with any questions).

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.

A zoning certificate requires the submittal of an application (you can download from the township web site under the "Zoning Department" page at [www.liberty-township.com](http://www.liberty-township.com)). In addition to the application you will be required to submit a site plan drawing showing the entire boundary of the property, all existing buildings, driveways, etc. depicting the exact location of the proposed use including dimensions. Construction drawings are also required for structural additions. Please feel free to contact the Zoning Department at 759-7500 if you have any questions or need assistance in preparing the site plan drawings.



### TOWNSHIP INSTALLS NEW PARK SIGNS

About 18 months ago, Liberty Township adopted a new brand and now, the community is seeing one of the final phases rolled out—the installation of new park signage. Over the last month, the Township's Services Department has installed seven new park signs at the following parks throughout the community: Allen Park, Cherokee Park, Fort Liberty Playland, Maud Hughes Incline, Reserves Park and Wetlands Park East & West. A new sign for Liberty Park will come in 2011. The Township takes great pride in the community's parks and encourages residents to take advantage of the features they offer. The parks are open from dawn until dusk, and many have shelters available for rental for birthday parties, family reunions, sports' team celebrations, etc. For more information about the parks in Liberty Township, visit [www.liberty-township.com](http://www.liberty-township.com).

# FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

## CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON SAFELY

The upcoming holiday season tends to be the busiest time of the year. The Liberty Township Fire Department would like to encourage everyone to take extra caution and make the holidays safe. With winter approaching now is the time to make sure that your furnace has been serviced by a qualified technician. Flues and chimneys should be checked for obstructions that may have occurred over the summer. Objects such as birds nest can become blocked and cause fumes and carbon monoxide to back up into the home. Always dispose of ashes in a closed metal container after you are absolutely sure that they are cold. The ashcan should be stored outside and away from any combustibles. Test detectors regularly both smoke and carbon monoxide. Follow the manufacturers' recommendations as far as replacing these detectors. Most recommend that they be replaced in 5-10 year intervals to assure that they will perform properly when needed.

The one thing that all of the upcoming holidays have in common is the way we like to decorate. Most decorations involve the use of extension cords and multi-plug adaptors. Both can easily cause fire if not used correctly. Always make sure that you do not obstruct your path of egress with presents or decorations. Candles of every shape and size are popular especially during the holidays. Never burn candles unless someone is going to be in the room with them and they are well away from combustibles. Make sure that you extinguish the flame completely and the wick is cold before leaving. We encourage you to consider the use of flameless or battery operated candles as a safe alternative. Please also consider your pets' safety. Electric cords should be placed where dogs and cats can not chew on them. Damaged electric cords can lead to burns, shocks or even death to a child or pet. Many holiday plants can be harmful to your pets also so speak to your veterinarian to learn more about this. As always, please contact the fire department at 513-759-7530 if you have any question about fire safety or injury prevention.



Members of the Liberty Township Fire Department wore pink t-shirts under their gear during the month of October in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pictured above are Lt. John King and firefighters Jody Asher, Bill DeVore, Joe Spears and Nick Ferrigno.

**On behalf of the Officers, Members and all those associated with our recent Fire Levy, I would like to express my gratitude to the electorate of Liberty Township for their continued support and pledge to maintain the high level of service which you expect.**

**—Paul Stumpf, Chief  
Liberty Township Fire Dept**

## INTERNET TELEPHONE SERVICE CAN PRESENT CHALLENGES

Residents should be aware of the challenges with Internet Telephone Services as it relates to emergency services in the community.

When you call 911 from a traditional telephone, the call, in most cases, is sent to a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) responsible for helping people in a particular geographic area. Because Internet Telephone Service works differently, consumers should be aware of the potential effects relative to 911 services.

- ◆ Calls may not connect to the dispatch center, or may improperly ring to the admin line of the dispatch center, which may not be staffed after hours, or by trained 911 operators;
- ◆ Calls may correctly connect to the center, but not automatically transmit the user's phone number and/or location info
- ◆ Internet telephone customers may need to provide location or other information to their providers, and update this info if they change locations, for their internet 911 service to function properly;
- ◆ Internet telephone service may not work during a power outage, or when the Internet connection fails or becomes overloaded.

If you are considering Internet Telephone Service please confirm with your provider that 911 calls from your telephones will be routed to Butler County Sheriff's Dispatch Center.



### WEST CHESTER ACTIVITY CENTER IS OPEN

After years of planning, Partners in Prime has expanded in West Chester with a move to the former library located at 7900 Cox Road.

Over 100 people celebrated the grand opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and ice cream social on November 1. The ceremony was emceed by Partners in Prime CEO Steve Schnabl.

In his opening comments, Schnabl described the day as a "dream come true." He recalled the original West Chester Prime Club's opening in 2000 when the 3,000 square foot center seemed crowded after just a few months' operation. Members and residents started talking about a day when the Club might relocate to the library, if a new library were to be built. The new location offers 14,000 square feet of programming area in seven distinct areas, including a community room, grand lobby, equipped exercise room, a gathering room that will serve as the dining area, and a classroom. A pair of new restrooms was also added during the interior redesign. Another 3,100 square feet is available for growth, but is currently being marketed for rent by a tenant.

The West Chester Activity Center is open to all age groups, with continued emphasis on senior programming. Liberty Township residents are welcome, as are residents from outside the Lakota Community. Partnerships have formed with personal training service Strong Foundations, LLC, West Chester Symphony, Primrose School in West Chester and Companions on a Journey grief support.

The recent Liberty Township Parks and Recreation study called for increased programming for both older adults and families. The WCAC expects to help fill some of those interests.

Visit the Center's new website at [WestChesterActivityCenter.org](http://WestChesterActivityCenter.org) to see activities being offered, membership details, rooms to rent and a wish list of items still needed for the Center.

## WEST CHESTER ■ LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE

### AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAMBER



The West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance is proud to celebrate our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011. This celebration kicked off in October, but the excitement is just beginning!

The West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance has changed through the years, whether it was our location, name, or logo, but the Chamber has continued to strive to *connect people with possibilities*. For 35 years, the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance has seen the growth and development within the community and surrounding areas. Through this perspective, the Chamber has embraced the changes along with it. The "Liberty" inclusion to the Chamber name in 2010 has helped to emphasize the developing area of the I-75 growth corridor. And, in addition to our main office located in Voice of America Centre, the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance now has two satellite offices; one located at Mercy Liberty Falls in Liberty Township and the other located in Kemba Credit Union on Union Centre Boulevard in West Chester. The Chamber involvement is definitely a reason to celebrate our 35 year journey.

To help us with the celebration, Mercy Hospital Fairfield was recently announced as our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presenting Sponsor. Mercy has been a proud supporter of the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance for over 30 years and is honored to now be a part of this milestone anniversary.



Our award-winning Chamber logo, created by long time Chamber member, Five Visual & Design, has a new tag which was designed by Chamber Member Rocket Science + Design. You will see this logo everywhere from the Chamber's VOICE monthly newsmagazine to event programs and more.

Please join us on Friday, March 18, 2011 as the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance celebrates the development and growth of our area, businesses, and our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the Annual Awards Dinner & Gala at Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre. For more information, contact us at 513.777.3600 or visit [www.TheChamberAlliance.com](http://www.TheChamberAlliance.com).



Pictured at left is Steve Schnabl, Partners in Prime CEO, cutting the ceremonial ribbon with Linda Manzo, Activity Manager for West Chester Activity Center and Joe Hinson, President and CEO, West Chester/Liberty Chamber Alliance.

## OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

### **VOLUNTEERS OF LIBERTY TOWNSHIP (VOLT) ACTIVE THROUGHOUT TOWNSHIP**

Volunteers of Liberty Township (VOLT) was formed 10 years ago to assist the Township organizations in getting volunteers for various functions, and to assist Township residents who need help in performing some tasks. VOLT consists of a data base of people who have indicated a willingness to be contacted to assist when they are available. Dean Swartz, the VOLT coordinator maintains the data base and keeps track of the kinds of things for which people are willing to volunteer. Examples of volunteer categories include: working at festivals/events, working on parks or trails maintenance/clean-up, driving someone to a doctor's appointment, or assisting families of deployed servicemen with a home maintenance chore. People who agree to having their names in the data base do not commit to any specific work assignment. If someone needs a ride to a doctor, the coordinator will send out an e-mail to people who have said they are willing to do that type of work. If you are not available for a specific request, no problem. Hopefully, out of the entire data base, we will find one person who is available.



Dean Swartz and Char Wirthlin from Chaco Credit Union work in Reserves Park in October as part of the credit union's "Community Enrichment Day, Chaco Gives Back."

If you are interested in becoming registered as a volunteer for VOLT, please contact Dean Swartz at [dswartz@aol.com](mailto:dswartz@aol.com) or call him at 513-777-6660. If you are in need of VOLT services, please contact Dean as indicated above, or call Vickie Daniel at the Township at 513-759-7500.

Students who need to obtain community services hours for school requirements, and want to register with VOLT will be placed in a separate data base which will be deleted at the end of the school year.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...APRIL 5, 2011**

The Township's next **Home Owner Association Information Session** will be held on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Township Administration Building. Held twice a year, this is a chance for residents involved with their HOAs to get the latest information from all Township departments in order to share back with community members. The sessions are open to all residents interested in learning more about what's happening at the Township and within the community, but designed specifically to be a link from the Township

through the HOAs to our residents. Another session will be held in October 2011. For more info, to register to attend the session or to join the HOA contact list, call Vickie Daniel at 759-7500 or email [vdaniel@liberty-township.com](mailto:vdaniel@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
Traffic Unit .....	759-7345
Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)	
Station #1 (5763 Princeton-Glendale) .....	759-7521
Station #2 (6957 Yankee) .....	759-7570
Station #3 (6682 Princeton-Glendale)	
Fire Headquarters .....	759-7530
Fax .....	759-7531
CPR Classes .....	759-7564
Lakota Schools	
Central Office .....	874-5505
Creekside Early Childhood Center .....	874-0175
Liberty Early Childhood School .....	777-6194
Shawnee Early Childhood School .....	779-3014
Wyandot Early Childhood School .....	759-8100
Adena Elementary .....	777-0100
Cherokee Elementary .....	755-8200
Endeavor Elementary .....	759-8300
Freedom Elementary .....	777-9787
Heritage Elementary .....	863-7060
Hopewell Elementary .....	777-2258
Independence Elementary .....	755-8300
Union Elementary .....	777-2201
Van Gorden Elementary .....	644-1150
Woodland Elementary .....	779-7775
Hopewell Junior School .....	777-2258
Lakota Plains Junior School .....	644-1130
Liberty Junior School .....	777-4420
Lakota Ridge Junior School .....	777-0552
Lakota East Freshmen School .....	588-7700
Lakota West Freshmen School .....	874-8390
Lakota East High School .....	755-7211
Lakota West High School .....	874-5699
Butler County Offices (411)	
Auditor .....	887-3154
Board of Elections .....	887-3700
All County Officials .....	887-3000
Animal Shelter .....	867-5727
Child Abuse Hotline .....	868-0888
Libraries	
Hamilton .....	894-7156
Middletown .....	424-1251
Monroe .....	360-0714
West Chester .....	777-3131
Other	
Drivers License Bureau (Hamilton) .....	868-2180
Titles (West Chester) .....	860-9705
US Post Office .....	800-275-8777
Vehicle Registration (Mason) .....	398-8928
West Chester Chamber Alliance .....	777-3600

**Winter 2010**

## LOCATIONS

All meetings are at the Liberty Township Administrative Building, 6400 Princeton Road, unless otherwise noted.

The Liberty Township Historical Society meets at the Hughes School House, 6040 Princeton Road (next to Liberty Elementary).

The Parks Committee and the Events Committee meet at the Roads Garage, 6959 Yankee Road, unless otherwise noted.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MONDAY

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

**For more info: [www.butlercountyohio.org](http://www.butlercountyohio.org)**

**1st Monday of the Month: Zoning Commission Meeting at 7 p.m.**

**Last Monday of the Month: Trails Meeting at 2 p.m.**

## TUESDAY

**1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month: Trustees Meetings at 6 p.m.**

**2nd Tuesday of the Month: Board of Zoning Appeals at 7 p.m.**

**Last Tuesday of the Month: Parks Committee Meetings at 6:30 p.m.**

## THURSDAY

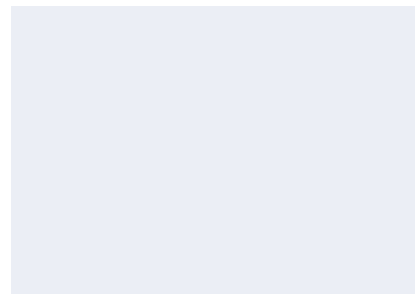
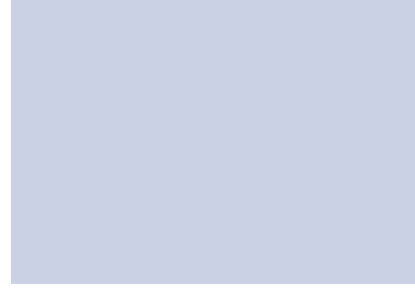
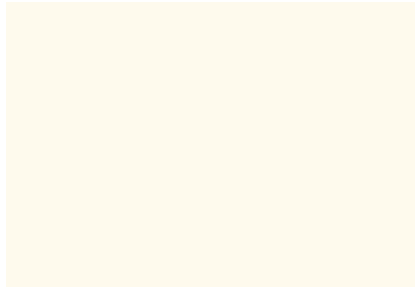
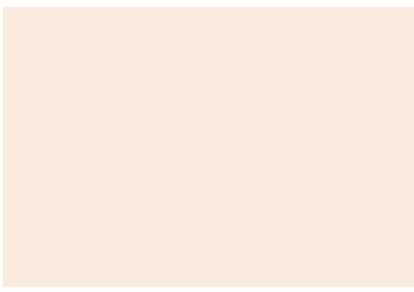
**Every Thursday: Butler County Commissioners Meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

**2nd Thursday of the Month: A representative of John Boehner's office is available at 11 a.m.**

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

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OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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FESTIVALS & EVENTS

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