



LIBERTY NEWS

DECEMBER 2011

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THANK YOU TO OUR LIBERTY TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEERS!

Liberty Township is fortunate to work with a group of talented, dedicated and hard-working volunteers who lend their talents, time and energy to almost every aspect of the Township. Each year, the Township recognizes them at a Volunteer Recognition Reception where Township staff bring their favorite appetizers to share and holiday cheer is enjoyed together. We saluted our volunteers on Tuesday, December 6 following a Board of Trustee Meeting.

Pictured above (L to R) Row 1: Hal Korbee, Trustee Matacic, Dean Swartz, Michele Allen, Laurie Ballenger and Jan Collins; Row 2: Jim Hartman, Jeff Carter, Trustee Hiltman, Trustee Kern, Rick Schaeffer, Dave Lintner and Bill Walker; Row 3: Richard McKinney and Mike Reed. This group is a small sample of residents, representing the boards and committees listed below, who dedicate a great number of hours to serving this community. Many thanks for their time and continued service!

- ⇒ **Board of Zoning Appeals**
- ⇒ **Zoning Commission**
- ⇒ **Events Committee—openings available!**
- ⇒ **Joint Economic Development (JEDD) Board**
- ⇒ **Economic Development Committee**
- ⇒ **Finance Committee**
- ⇒ **Parks Committee—openings available!**
- ⇒ **Trails Committee—openings available!**

A couple of the Township committees have openings. If you're interested in learning more about the Events, Parks or Trails Committee, please contact Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com or 759-7500 to inquire further.

SEE PAGE 7 for a complete list of Liberty Township Volunteers



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Elected Officials:
 Christine Matacic, President
 Patrick Hiltman, Vice President
 David Kern, Trustee
 Pamela Quinlisk, Fiscal Officer

Liberty News Editor:
 Caroline McKinney,
 Economic Development Director

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

NEW BUSINESSES NOW CALLING LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HOME

Liberty Township welcomed several new businesses in 2011, including four classified as “new construction” projects. These four represent new buildings constructed in the Township in 2011 – Hodapp Funeral Home, Prather Oral Facial Surgery, Tide Dry Cleaners and Walgreens. The Township also had a couple businesses relocate and/or expand in the community. Despite the slow economy, the Township has seen a steady influx of new businesses and hope the same to be true for the year ahead. We look forward to the products and services these new businesses will provide to our community!

Advanced Sports Marketing

7043 Yankee Road
Autographed memorabilia, framing services as well as a fundraising consignment program
www.advancedsportsmarketing.com

Avalon Nail Salon

7208 Town Center Drive
Full-service salon featuring a variety of nail and massage services – groups and walk-ins are welcome
More info: 755-0787

Bruno's Pizza Bar & Grille

4444 Hamilton-Middletown Road
Same great pizza is now at The Elks Lodge, offering a full bar, table and delivery service. Open to the public
More info: 863-1122

Eli's Sports Bar & Grill

4895 Princeton Rd
Family-oriented, casual sports bar with a wide menu featuring deep-fried buffalo-style wings in 14 sauces
More info: 868-3547

Envi Nail & Spa

4889 Princeton Road
Full-service nail salon and spa offering manicure, pedicure and waxing services
More info: 737-9500

Han's White Tiger Tae Kwon Do (photo below)

7302 Yankee Road
Mission is to provide a top martial arts experience and empower students to build confidence and develop critical skills
More info: 777-5700



Hearing Solutions

7324 Yankee Road, Suite C
Services for varying levels of hearing loss, treating patients young and old
More info: 777-9100

Hodapp Funeral Home

6410 Cincinnati Dayton Road
The Hodapp family, 125 years in business, opened their 4th location to give families the personal, professional service they deserve
More info: 847-1088

Honeybaked Ham (photo below)

7300 Yankee Road
Offering high quality and convenient products at a kiosk inside Kroger
More info: 786-0700



Hot Head Burrito

6862 Liberty Plaza Drive
Fast-casual restaurant featuring burritos, tacos, nachos, quesadillas and 12 signature sauces
More info: 755-2900

Infitech

7116 Sennet Place
A full-service IT company for businesses of all sizes relocated in order to expand their operations
More info: 779-5700

Intralink

7182 Liberty Centre Drive, Suite O
Full-service IT firm expanded their operations in Liberty Township to better serve customers
More info: 779-7719

Just Kids Photography

6464 Cincinnati-Dayton Road
A new full-service photography studio focusing on children “because time flies”
More info: 847-4417

Liberty Dryclean \$3.99

7306 Yankee Road
Full-service, environmentally-friendly drycleaner offering discount prices and high-quality service
More info: 779-6500

Liberty Urgent Care

7324 Yankee Road, Suite B
Same medical professional team serving the community 24/7, 365 days a year; No appointments necessary
More info: 779-7716



Lunatic Fringe Salon (photo above)

7033 Yankee Road
Full-service hair salon led by passionate individuals committed to providing customers an unparalleled experience.
More info: 795-1542

Ohio Insurance Assessment

4889 Mercedes Drive
Full service insurance company
More info: 889-4180

PNC Mortgage

7355 North Liberty Drive
A division of PNC where experienced mortgage professionals are ready to help with a variety of borrowing options
More info: 759-5902

Prather Oral Facial Surgery

7268 Liberty Way
Dr. Prather relocated his practice to the Township where he and his team provide the highest quality of oral surgical care
More info: 777-9555

Smoothie King

6752 Cincinnati-Dayton Rd, Ste 104
Offering a variety of smoothies, snacks, enhancers and supplements to help people achieve a healthier lifestyle
More info: 779-5464

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

Subway

4881 Princeton Road
Third location in the Township for the world's largest submarine sandwich chain
More info: 737-7827

Tide Dry Cleaners

6842 Liberty Plaza Drive
An experience built around trust, quality and customer service
More info: 779-8433

Walgreens

6330 Cincinnati-Dayton Road
The largest drugstore chain in the U.S. with full-service pharmacy, this is the 2nd Walgreens in the Township
More info: 755-1831

Weight Watchers

7304 Yankee Road
Weight Watchers relocated to new space in order to expand services and usability
www.weightwatchers.com

KEEP CURRENT ON LIBERTY TOWNSHIP HAPPENINGS—CHANGES AHEAD!

Liberty Township is developing an email list of residents and community people who want to keep current on Township happenings. Join our email list to receive additional and more frequent updates on topics including road closures, special events, important reminders and other community offerings. **How do you join the Liberty E-News List?** It's easy—just call or email Vickie Daniel at 759-7500 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com and ask to be added to Liberty E-News!

In the summer of 2012, *Liberty News* will transition to being available only online or for pick-up at Town Hall or Fire Headquarters—after the June issue, it will no longer be inserted in the Pulse Journal. To be sure you continue receiving the newsletter, please join the email list and you'll have the opportunity to specify the types of message you want when we re-launch the web site mid-year as well.

Do you watch Channel 18?

The Township is considering making a change to the availability of info on Time Warner's public access channel. If Ch. 18 is a consistent news source for Township events and meetings, please call or email Vickie Daniel at 759-7510 or vdaniel@liberty-township.com so we can get an idea of how many residents would be affected. Thank You!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA...A BIG SUCCESS!

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees, in collaboration with the Township Events Committee, hosted a very successful first-time event earlier this month – Breakfast with Santa. Close to 150 people came to Eli's Sports Bar & Grill on Saturday, December 3 to enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and see Santa himself. The big man arrived on the Township's original 1953 fire engine and parents were encouraged to bring cameras for photos with Santa.

The event pledged to donate \$1 of every \$5 collected to Cincinnati Children's Liberty Campus—just over \$275 was donated! In addition, more than \$800 was raised for the Events Committee to continue bringing fun, family-friendly events to the Township.

Many thanks to all who donated products, services and time to make the Breakfast with Santa event a success! Stay tuned for the return of this great event in early December 2012!



L to R: Vickie Daniel and Melanie Brokaw, Township Staff, Trustees Pat Hiltman, Christine Maticic and Dave Kern, Cincinnati Children's Rep Megan Boesing and Events Volunteer Mary Villarreal

MANY THANKS TO...

Eli's Sports Bar & Grille
Coffee Beans & Brew
Delhi Flower & Garden Centers
Koebbe Auto Tech & Tire
United Dairy Farmers
IHOP—Cox Road
TriMark Foodservice Design, Equipment & Supplies

Community Volunteers:

- ◇ Jeff Carter
- ◇ Lance Clayton
- ◇ Jeff Leininger
- ◇ Amy Martin
- ◇ Judy O'Rourke
- ◇ Dan Schmidt
- ◇ Mary Villarreal



ABOVE: Karyn and Tiffany Miller share their wish lists with Santa at the Santa Breakfast at Eli's Sports Bar & Grill

RIGHT: Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus arrive in Liberty Township's original 1953 pumper



ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

EAGLE SCOUTS COMPLETE PROJECTS AT WETLANDS PARK

Twin brothers Austin and Brady Boeddeker were recently recognized by the Liberty Township Board of Trustees for completing their Eagle Scout projects

at Wetlands Park. The Lakota East seniors each selected a project and worked closely with Township Services Director Rick Plummer to get approval to make the improvements at Wetlands Park. Earlier this year, Austin and Brady with the support of family and friends, worked hard to complete their Eagle Scout projects. Austin designed and built trail name and distance signs throughout the Wetlands Park as well as a trail map that is in the kiosks at the park. Brady designed and built a hanging swing along the north side of a pond at the Wetlands Park. The projects were installed at Wetlands Park earlier this summer.



During the Township's Trustee Meeting, both boys acknowledged learning a great deal about project management and what it takes to have an idea, develop an idea, oversee the construction and bring the idea to fruition while staying on time and on budget. Both Eagle Scout projects were supported by donations

which means the Township gained a couple great assets to the Wetlands Park at no cost to taxpayers.



“Austin and Brady were great to work with and their projects reflect the hard work they put in. Township residents and visitors will enjoy the work they did in Wetlands Park for years to come. Liberty Township has benefited greatly over the years from various Eagle Scout projects in the parks so we are once again grateful to the efforts of these

two young men,” said Rick Plummer, Liberty Township Services Director.

Austin and Brady's projects were examined by an Eagle Scout Board of Review in September and the twin brothers will be honored in January at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Both boys have been involved with scouting since joining Pack 942 in third grade. Austin and Brady will graduate from Lakota East in May. They plan to attend Miami University to pursue degrees in Information Technology.

Austin and Brady are the sons of Liberty Township residents Tim & Alicia Boeddeker.



Trustee Christine Matacic, Trustee Dave Kern and Fiscal Officer Pam Quinlisk recognize twin brothers Brady and Austin Boeddeker for the Eagle Scout projects they completed at Wetlands Park.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

The winter months bring with them the challenges of driving in conditions most people do not enjoy. The Liberty Township Services Dept 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 offer a few tips that Township residents can do to allow for safe, timely and effective removal of ice and snow from Township roadways.

- Remove objects near the road that could be struck during snow and ice removal such as basketball poles, bicycles, etc.
- Do not 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. Plows have 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 your 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. This allows the crews to clear the entire roadway from curb to curb.

SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES

1. Main roads
2. Main roads that need additional plowing
3. Intersections
4. Main arteries in subdivisions are given a “quick pass”
5. All subdivision roads, excluding cul-de-sacs, are given a “double pass”
6. Main roads that need additional plowing
7. Subdivision roads that need additional plowing

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY PERSONNEL ASSIST IN UPSTATE NEW YORK FOLLOWING HURRICANE IRENE

Four gentlemen represented the Liberty Township Fire Department (LTFD), the Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO), the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and the State of Ohio when they traveled to New York's Schoharie County to help local agencies and assist Hurricane Irene flood victims earlier this summer.

Lt. Jason Knollman and Firefighter Chad Canupp, members of the LTFD, left late August for a week-long mission as part of their involvement with the Ohio Task Force-1 Urban Search and Rescue (OHTF-1). Lt. Knollman (pictured far right) and FF Canupp (pictured middle along with FF Dave Oakley of Hamilton) participated in both ground and helicopter searches as they supported local efforts to locate people, identify their needs and survey flooding and damaged areas from the air. They travelled with a group of about 90 from all around the State of Ohio.



Captain Jim Limerick (LTFD) and Lt. Lance Bunnell (BCSO) spent 10 days in early September as part of the Butler County Incident Management Assistance Team (IMAT). The team consisted of 10 emergency personnel from Butler County communities. They were tasked with providing support to the local agencies as they worked to inventory and disperse resources to the victims.



"It was an honor to be part of the team that assisted the residents of Schoharie County, NY. It was remarkable to see part of our team join forces with members of a California and a New York team to form a new team. This new team worked very well together to manage and assist numerous Federal, State, County and local resources to help mitigate the damages and start the restoration process in the county," said Captain

Jim Limerick, LTFD.

Throughout its path, Hurricane Irene caused widespread destruction—flooding and wind damage—and at least 56 deaths when it hit the U.S., Caribbean and Canada in late August 2011.



A HOLIDAY WISH...BE SAFE!

The next couple of weeks will be extremely busy as we make final preparations for the holidays. I want to take this opportunity to urge everyone to stop and take a deep breath and vow not to let the hustle and bustle of the season allow us to violate simple safety rules. It is the time of year when we tend to increase our use of extension cords and multi-plug adaptors to be able to get that extra string of lights lit. Candles are especially festive but if left unattended or unsafely used can lead to a devastating fire if not injury. Make certain the decorations do not block a pathway. Keep pets in mind also; there are numerous hazards associated with the holidays for them as well. Everyone enjoys the atmosphere of a fireplace but never use the hearth to incinerate wrapping paper and similar items. When you clean out the ashes make sure that you place them in a closed metal can and store them outside and away from combustibles until cold to the touch. Are you burning dry seasoned fire wood and did you have your chimney cleaned or checked this season?

After the holiday season is another time that we can practice good fire prevention techniques. As we box up all of the decorations and take them to the basement make sure that you are not placing storage in the immediate area around the furnace and water heater. Please maintain at least 36" of clearance around all appliances and do not stack items within 24" of the ceiling.

Finally, for those who may still need to complete that last minute shopping...why not a portable fire extinguisher for the home or car. Another idea may be a weather alert radio or a first aid kit other emergency preparedness supplies or even an escape ladder. Is the smoke detector or carbon monoxide detector in your loved ones residence up to date? Most manufacturers' recommend replacing these devices every 5-10 years. Enjoy the holidays, festivities and friends but please do so safely. If you have any questions please feel free to call Fire Headquarters at 759-7530.



What is the West Chester Activity Center?

It's a question still floating around the community a year after Partners in Prime moved into the old library on Cox Road.

Is it only for residents of West Chester Township? No! It is open to anyone who chooses to join, and Liberty Township residents are both welcome and wanted.

Is it a senior center? In part, yes. It offers dozens of activities daily for adults 55 and older, including dances, social gatherings, games, cards, Bible study, choir, exercise classes, informational seminars and more.

Where do younger people fit in? With new exercise equipment and fitness classes, members of all ages have access to an inexpensive fitness facility. Spa services also are offered at a competitive rate.

This new year, Partners in Prime is launching a **membership campaign** for a "new" Activity Center, with new activities for families, a new look and even new hours of operation to best serve the community until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, dance, theater, art and fitness classes are specifically geared toward younger children and teens.

In January, the Activity Center will have **expanded space** for group classes; a family gathering lounge with games, puzzles, Legos and more; an electronic gaming room; space for student members to study with free wireless internet and access to laptop computers; and new family programs. And, members may enjoy room rental discounts at a special decreased rate starting at \$40 an hour for January through March.

For those 55 and older, the cost is just \$30 a year, or \$55 per couple. For \$72, a younger Liberty Township resident can join, or for \$192, an entire family can gain membership. For more information, visit www.westchesteractivitycenter.org or come visit the Activity Center!

WEST CHESTER ■ LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE

AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAMBER



With 2012 fast approaching, the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance would like to thank the community and our supporters for another successful year. We give thanks to our members, sponsors and volunteers who have made it possible for our Chamber to be a big part of the community. From our Chamber family to yours, we want to wish you a happy holiday and a safe and prosperous New Year!



Photo courtesy of Cox Media Group Ohio

As we look ahead, we welcome you to join us in 2012! Time sure flies when you are having fun and what better way to do so than by sponsoring or participating in the events presented by the West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance.

2012 West Chester ■ Liberty Chamber Alliance Events:

ANNUAL DINNER

March 9th

Cincinnati Marriott North

BUSINESS EXPO

May 8th

Skatetown USA

GOLF & TENNIS CLASSIC

September 10th

Heritage Club

WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE

November 16th

Cincinnati Marriott North

For additional information about these events, please contact Pamela Gruber at 513.777.3600. Be sure to visit our website at www.TheChamberAlliance.com often for event updates, photos and information.



OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

THANK YOU 2011 VOLUNTEERS (CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE)

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Chris Worrell, III, Chair
 Andrew Schweier, Vice Chairman
 Michael McDonald
 Richard McKinney
 Barry Thiel
 Michael DeHart, Alternate
 Steve Schramm, Alternate

ZONING COMMISSION

Wayne Bradshaw, Chairman
 Tom Farrell, Vice Chairman
 Mark Hendryx
 Forrest Holger
 Michael Ward
 James Dobrozsi, Alternate
 Robert Shank, Alternate

EVENTS COMMITTEE

Lance Clayton, President
 Betsy Hanavan, Secretary
 Sarah Clippinger
 Mike Reed

EVENTS VOLUNTEERS

Jeff Carter
 Brian Collins
 Amy Martin
 Marie Rossiter
 Jody Vanvalkenburg
 Mary Villarreal

JEDD BOARD

Chris Worrell III, Chairman
 Wayne Bradshaw
 Dale Magie
 Steve Nowak
 Joe Reigelsberger
 Russ Carolus

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Todd Campbell
 Jan Collins
 Tim Egloff
 Joe Hinson
 Dr. Jeff Hartman
 Jim Hartman
 Forrest Holger
 Hal Korbee
 Char Mason
 Marge Rotte
 Dale Schwieterman
 Chris Worrell, III

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chuck Bright
 Brenda Frazier
 Debbie Kitching
 Frank Peters

PARKS COMMITTEE

Cheryl Dukes, President
 Terri Studer, Vice President
 Rick Schaeffer
 Kurt Feldmann
 Michele Allen
 Laurie Ballenger
 Kevin Crowther
 Michael Parkinson
 Barry Thiel

PARKS VOLUNTEERS

Dave Lintner
 Bill Walker
 Chuck Holliday
 Kathy Kitts

TRAILS COMMITTEE

Dean Swartz

Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Mounted Patrol Special Deputy Mike Tilton poses with "Gus" and several Liberty Township school children at their bus stop earlier this year. Ten (10) mounted patrol Deputies may have been spotted around the Township at bus stops at the start of school this year to assist with "back to school safety," a program the Mounted Patrol has been conducting for the last seven years. Members of the Butler County Sheriff's Office Mounted Patrol are primarily "Special Deputies" serving entirely as unpaid volunteers. These Deputies must meet many of the same qualifications as any other employee of the BCSO; they must pass a thorough background check (including criminal and traffic records) and drug screens. They receive specialized horsemanship training and must pass a horsemanship test before being placed on the Mounted Patrol. Liberty Township contracts with the Butler County Sheriff Office and has 24 full-time paid personnel that are assigned to Liberty Township which includes deputies, supervisors and detectives. **Pictured with "Gus" and Deputy Tilton are Wyandot Elementary Students Kyle McKinney, Cy Rupp, Olivia Luehrman and Jackson Rupp.**



Liberty Township Offices

Administration	759-7500
Fax	759-7501
Fiscal Office	759-7604
Roads/Parks	759-7585
Zoning	759-7500
Emergency	911

Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)

Dispatch	785-1300
Liberty Substation	759-7340

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

Station #1 (6783 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

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 a.m.

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