



LIBERTY NEWS

WINTER 2013—2014

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CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER ANNOUNCES MAJOR EXPANSION AT ITS LIBERTY CAMPUS

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center will begin construction soon on two major projects at its Liberty Campus in Liberty Township, Butler County.

- The first is to build a new facility to house a proton therapy and research center for cancer treatment. Construction is underway moving surface parking in preparation for starting on the proton therapy facility early in 2014. It will take three years to complete the proton therapy facility construction. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$118 million.
- The second is to add 28 new pediatric inpatient beds, which will be accomplished by adding a fourth floor to the existing three-story structure at the Liberty Campus. Construction will begin during the winter of 2014 and be completed in the summer of 2015. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$44 million.



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New Pediatric Proton Therapy at Liberty Campus

Proton therapy is an innovative form of radiation treatment for pediatric cancers. A major advantage of proton therapy over other forms of treatment is its ability to deliver highly-focused radiation therapy to a tumor with remarkable precision. This approach avoids radiation exposure to healthy surrounding tissue in patients, significantly reducing the risks for long-term complications, and potentially improving tumor control, which makes it particularly beneficial for the care of children.

This new facility will house two proton treatment rooms for clinical use with the potential to add a third clinical room in the future. Cincinnati Children's will own the facility and treat pediatric patients. According to the National Proton Therapy Association, there are only 11 proton therapy centers currently in operation in the U.S. with at least 15 more in development.

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PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS



GROUNDBREAKING HELD

The Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati held a groundbreaking for HOMEARAMA 2014 on Nov. 8. The show will return to Carriage Hill **July 12—27, 2014**.

Several of the region's top custom builders have selected lots and plan to participate in this year's show including newcomers Arthur Rutenberg Homes, Clayton Douglas Homes and M/I Homes of Cincinnati, as well as previous participants Daniels Hicks Homes, Justin Doyle Homes, Hensley Custom Building Group, The Leland Group, Robert Lucke Group, W.V. deStefano Homes and Jack H. Wieland Builders. A total of 15 show lots are available. It's estimated that show homes will be priced between \$950,000 and \$1.8 million.

Pictured below at the recent groundbreaking are Township elected officials Pam Quinlisk and Christine Maticic, members of the Terry family (mom Betty with sons Todd and his wife Lisa and Randy and his wife Patty) and Chamber President/CEO Joe Hinson.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MOVES TOWARDS ADOPTION

The Comprehensive Vision Plan 2013 is an update to the Township's 2006 Comprehensive Plan which was designed to be a 20-year planning tool to be updated approximately every five years. In spring 2012, with Liberty Township at the five-year mark since the 2006 adoption, a Vision Plan Steering Committee was formed representing the interests of residents, Township businesses and community stakeholders. The Liberty Township Comprehensive Vision Plan Update 2013 was drafted over the course of 18 months by Liberty Township Planning staff working with a 22 member steering committee. The planning process included three interactive public open houses to solicit input from the public on topics of the plan. Furthermore, progress of the plan was charted on a page on the Township's website, which was also used to gather public input on the plan.

The Comprehensive Vision Plan lays out a future vision for the direction of the Township, and puts forth specific goals and objectives towards accomplishing that vision. The plan covers topics related to development, such as land use, housing, economic development, transportation and other infrastructure. However, the plan also covers quality of life concerns such as delivery of government services, public safety and welfare, recreation, and community events. The document serves several purposes, and is used by the Township in several ways.

As a Vision Statement – The process of updating the Comprehensive Vision Plan is the opportunity for the community to come together and answer the question, "What do we want our community to be in the future?"

As a Guide for Future Decision Making – The Vision Plan is frequently referred to during any decision making process the Township goes through; particularly those involving land use and infrastructure improvements. Consulting the Vision Plan when considering everyday focused decisions ensures that the long-term plans and goals of the community continue to be embraced and supported in those decisions.

A Means of Communicating the Community Vision to the World – The Vision Plan serves as a means to project the Township's vision, along with ideas and plans about how to achieve that vision with the community. Even more than that, the document is a way to project that vision out to the wider world. The purpose of this is to generate buy-in from the community and to excite outsiders to the opportunities present in a growing community.

At this point, a draft version of the Comprehensive Vision Plan 2013 is posted on the township's website. The process of adopting the Vision Plan began with a public hearing at the Liberty Township Zoning Commission meeting on Dec. 2. Next, public hearings will occur before the Liberty Township Board of Trustees on Jan. 2, and it's expected to be before the Butler County Planning Commission sometime in February. News regarding the Vision Plan process, as well as documentation of past meetings is available on the Township's website at www.liberty-township.com. You may comment on any of the materials or your own thoughts regarding development and services in the Township through a link on the website.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CONTINUES TO WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES TO OUR COMMUNITY

The community is encouraged to check out some of the Township's newest businesses that have opened over the last few months.

Fairways on 4 celebrated a grand opening in September as they opened their doors to the general public. Operating out of The Elks Golf Club,

Fairways on 4 serves the Elks members as well as the broader community from their location along Route 4. Fairways at 4 is owned and operated by two long-time Elks members who are familiar with the community and are dedicated to bringing a family, friendly bar and grill to the area.



Using many organic ingredients and serving homemade dressings, Fairways at 4 also offers banquet services and has space to accommodate large groups. Open daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Fairways at 4 is located at 4444 Hamilton-Middletown Road.

Combs Family Eyecare held a grand opening in conjunction with the launch of their new ophthalmology practice in the Princeton Landings retail center this fall. The husband and wife team of Eric and Alicia Combs (pictured center below) have returned to the area where they were raised to start their practice. Eric grew up in Middletown and Alicia grew up in Liberty Township—the couple met at Fenwick High School and they both attended the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University. They went on to earn doctorate degrees in Tennessee and complete externships in Alaska and North Carolina before returning to the community where their families still live to open their ophthalmology practice. Dr. Eric Combs and Dr. Alicia Combs enjoy seeing patients of all ages from pediatrics to geriatrics. Combs Family Eyecare is open M-F with evening hours available. They are located at 4883 Princeton Road. With their recent opening, the Princeton Landings retail plaza has reached its full capacity of tenants.



CHILDREN'S LIBERTY CAMPUS EXPANSIONS (Continued from Page 1)

New Pediatric Inpatient Beds at Liberty Campus

The beds planned for Liberty will add new patient capacity for general and specialized pediatric care. In addition, these new beds will serve patients receiving proton therapy and other types of cancer care. Some of the new support services that will be required as a result of the bed expansion include a full-service cafeteria, a blood bank, and an expanded pharmacy.

This decision to add beds enables Cincinnati Children's to better serve this growing population area and offer more convenience for many families. In addition, it will ease some of the pressure on the main CCHMC campus, where patient volumes continue to grow year after year.

The Liberty Campus will provide all existing patient services both during and following construction.

MORE NEW BUSINESSES TO OPEN SOON

Blowdry Salon & Bar has opened a new salon concept on Cincinnati-Dayton Road near Skyline Chili offering a mix of salon services.

Comey & Shepherd Realtors is finishing construction on their new professional office building along Cincinnati-Dayton Road in front of the Liberty Falls Mercy Building.

Verizon Wireless has moved to a new location within the Liberty Commons Retail Center.

Waffle House has plans for a new restaurant location along Route 4.

XSG.IT, a managed print solutions company, has announced plans to open a new office in the Liberty Office Park near the intersection of Cincinnati-Dayton and Hamilton-Mason Roads.

ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

WINTER WEATHER SAFETY TIPS—DRIVING IN SNOW AND ICE

The best advice for driving in bad weather is not to drive at all, if you can avoid it. Since not everyone has the luxury of simply not driving when the white stuff begins to fall, here are some things to keep in mind when winter weather strikes.

- ⇒ Don't go out until the snow plows and salt trucks have had a chance to do their work, and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.
- ⇒ If you must drive in snowy conditions, make sure your car is prepared, and that you know how to handle road conditions.

Driving safely on icy roads

- ◆ Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you & the car in front of you.
- ◆ Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
- ◆ Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.
- ◆ Keep your lights and windshield clean.
- ◆ Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.
- ◆ Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.
- ◆ Be especially careful on bridges, overpasses and infrequently traveled roads, which will freeze first. Even at temperatures above freezing, if the conditions are wet, you might encounter ice in shady areas or on exposed roadways & bridges.
- ◆ Don't pass snow plows and salt trucks. The drivers have limited visibility, and you're likely to find the road in front of them worse than the road behind.
- ◆ Don't assume your vehicle can handle all conditions. Even four-wheel and front-wheel drive vehicles can encounter trouble on winter roads.

Sources for Winter Weather articles: National Safety Council, New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, Washington State Government Information & Services.



EAGLE SCOUT TYLER BILTZ IS RECOGNIZED FOR WORK IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

In October, Tyler Biltz earned his Eagle Scout rank and was honored by Township Trustees. A member of Troop #942, Tyler (pictured above with his father Brian) was recognized for building several birdhouses to create a bluebird nesting trail at both Allen Park and the Wetlands Park. The newly created structures provide a safe nesting area for bluebirds as well as smaller birds.

Congratulations Tyler and thank you for your contributions to our parks and your community!

A BIG THANK YOU TO CHACO CREDIT UNION!

A couple members of the Chaco Credit Union team donated their time to paint the gazebo in Allen Park during their annual **Chaco Gives Back Day** held in October. We are grateful for your support of the Liberty Township parks and our community!



SCOUTS COMPLETE SERVICE PROJECTS IN WETLANDS PARK

Six 4th grade boys of Cub Scout Pack #945 recently participated in two service projects at Township Parks. They did some mulching and trimming at Wetlands Park in October. More recently on December 4, the boys learned about flag retrieval where they practiced and held a ceremony to replace a large American flag at Wetlands Park.

Pictured at left are the Webelo Scouts who all attend VanGorden Elementary School. The group includes: Ryan Hartinger, Austin Rose, Ben Keenan, James Squire, Sean Carlin and Dylan Barlow.



FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACES HYDRAULIC RESCUE TOOLS

Liberty Township Fire Department recently purchased two new sets of Genesis Rescue Tool Systems. These systems include a gasoline powered hydraulic unit, a cutter/spread combination tool, extension hoses, extension ram and attachment kit. The new units operate at 10,500 pounds per square inch (PSI) and replace some of our older 5,000 PSI units.



Our current configuration places these two combination units on the fire engines located at Station 111 (Princeton-Glendale Rd. near SR 747) and Station 112 (Yankee Rd). The hydraulic extrication

equipment on our "Rescue Pumper or Engine 113," staffed at Fire Headquarters, is a more extensive set. Plans are for these tools to be upgraded during a future budget year.

The units that are being replaced were purchased as demo units in the mid 1990's and were beginning to require

increased maintenance at a high cost to keep them in service. Additionally, many of the late model automobiles are employing stronger alloys that tax the older machines. The new devices also employ additional



features that increase their versatility. As with most of our equipment we hope to never have to use them but when needed, efficiency can mean the difference between life and death.



The Liberty Township Fire Dept. and several other local public safety agencies had the opportunity to conduct training exercises in the vacant structures along Liberty Way. The structures will be demolished in the coming weeks as work begins on the Liberty Center development. The LTFD recorded nearly 800 man hours of training—see photos above and below.



LAKOTA FAMILY YMCA RECOGNIZED FOR SAVING A LIFE

Liberty Township Trustees honored the Lakota Family YMCA staff and members of the LTFD for their efforts to revive Dennis Salo (pictured third from right below) after he suffered a heart attack in the men's locker room at the YMCA in July. Sara Matchison, Jill Cleaves and Jake Sepela (pictured in front of Mr. Salo and to the right of him) used the YMCA's AED—automated external defibrillator—to begin life-saving efforts. When members of the Township's Fire Department—Brent Abdelnour, Chris Oakes, Scott Schmits and Chris Robinson (pictured at left)—arrived, they continued the work the YMCA staff started. The efforts were successful and Mr. Salo shared a heartfelt thank you to all involved when the group was recognized this fall. Fire Chief Paul Stumpf credited the YMCA for having an AED machine available and in working order—in this case, it truly helped save a life.



COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

PARTNERS IN PRIME AWARDED GRANT

Partners in Prime was awarded a \$1,500 grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust for their pet food distribution program, We All Love Our Pets (WALOP). WALOP is a national Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) initiative that enables local Meals On Wheels programs to begin or sustain pet food programs in order to nourish the pets of older adults.

Delivering more than 700 meals a day to older adults, Partners in Prime currently has the largest Meals on Wheels Program in Butler County. In 2007, they decided to begin their own WALOP program when they noticed that many of their Meals' recipients struggled to provide food for their pets and were often sharing a portion of their meal with them.

Currently, Partners in Prime serves approximately 290 pets with food, and the demand continues to grow. They estimate that in order to keep up with the demand, they need at least 700 pounds of pet food each month. Pet food or monetary donations can be taken directly to Partners in Prime at the West Chester Activity Center, 7900 Cox Road, 45069. For more information, call 513-867-1998 or visit www.partnersinprime.org.

THE WEST CHESTER • LIBERTY CHAMBER ALLIANCE TO HONOR AREA LEADERS AND BUSINESSES AT ANNUAL CELEBRATION FEBRUARY 28, 2014

The West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance Annual Celebration is designed to give Chamber members and guests the opportunity to celebrate the Chamber's accomplishments of the past year and honor those who have made significant contributions to business and community.

The eight award categories are:

David & Katy Kern Beautification Award, Larry Schumacher Beautification Award, Jerry Bryan Chamber Member of the Year Award, Dorothy & Art Roth Citizen of the Year Award, River City Furniture Community Support Award, Carlos Todd Business Person of the Year Award, Chris Worrell Emerging Leader Award and Ambassador of the Year Award.

The Chamber Alliance is taking nominations through January 10, 2014 and reservations for the event can be made by calling 513.777.3600. The Annual Celebration will take place at the Cincinnati Marriott at Union Centre in West Chester. The event starts at 6 p.m. and the dress is business. Tickets are \$65 each or \$125 per couple; corporate tables of eight are \$750.

LAKOTA LOCAL SCHOOLS—INCLEMENT WEATHER REMINDERS

With winter upon us, the Lakota Schools will announce any emergency delays and closings on the school district website, at www.lakotaonline.com, as well as the school district's automated calling system.

Announcements will also be made on local television and radio stations. Non-public schools using Lakota's transportation services follow Lakota's bus schedule.



The inclement weather options include: Plan A – 1 hour delay; Plan B – 2 hour delay (No morning kindergarten or pre-school); Plan C – All schools closed.

The weather can affect athletic events as well. In junior high, when school is cancelled or dismissed early for snow, all athletic activities (games and practices) will be cancelled for that day. For high school athletics, when school is cancelled or dismissed early for snow, decisions on practices and/or games will be made based upon projected road and weather conditions.

Snow days that occur on Friday do not necessarily cancel activities on Saturday. Saturday interscholastic activities will be evaluated based upon weather and road conditions.

KEEP YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS WITH HELP FROM THE MIDPOINTE LIBRARY SYSTEM!

Get the new year started the right way and stick to your resolutions with help from your local Library. Whether you'd like to get fit, take the next step in your career, or spend more quality time with your family, MidPointe Library West Chester offers multiple resources and programming to help you achieve your 2014 goals.

Get fit: Zumba and yoga classes continue this winter and new ballroom dancing instruction kicks off on Tuesday, January 21. Find a partner and register today! Additionally, the Library offers multiple popular fitness DVDs and

healthy cookbooks for check out to assist with your fitness goals.

Career advancement: Amongst MidPointe's many online databases, patrons have access to "Universal Class." This resource offers over 500 classes for continuing education credit or personal enrichment. The diverse subjects covered include everything from computer skills to self-help techniques. MidPointe also offers "Cypress Resume," an online resume builder, available with only a Library card and PIN number.

More family time: Weekly storytimes start on Monday, January 6 and are a wonderful way for parents and caregivers to spend quality time with little ones while introducing early literacy skills. Both registered storytimes and drop-in sessions are available. Call the MidPointe Library West Chester Youth Services Desk at 513.777.3131 x.2 for more information.

The MidPointe Library West Chester is located at 9363 Centre Pointe Drive in West Chester. For Library catalog details, as well as program information, visit www.MidPointeLibrary.org.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS

THIRD ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA EVENT A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the efforts of many sponsors and volunteers, the Township's 3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa event was a big success! Liberty Township thanks the following sponsors for their generous donations and commitment to bringing another family-friendly event to the community. Thank you for your continued support!



Members of the Lakota East Jazz Ensemble pose for a quick photo with Santa during the festivities.

- CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S**—our 2013 Platinum sponsor
- MEIJERS**—our 2013 Gold sponsor
- ELI'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL**—bacon and paper products
- KOEBBE AUTO TECH & TIRE**—candy canes for the kids
- WALGREENS**—photos with Santa and candy/giveaways for goodie bags
- LIBERTY HEIGHTS CHURCH**—the event space, coffee, hot chocolate and the children's craft
- LAKOTA EAST JAZZ ENSEMBLE**—holiday music
- UDF**—milk and orange juice
- DELHI FLOWER & GARDEN CENTER**—poinsettias and decorations
- QUAKER CHEMICAL, INC**—handmade centerpieces for the tables
- IHOP**—pancake mix, syrup and butter



THANK YOU NATORP'S

This fall Natorp's donated trees to 100 parks across the Cincinnati region to support the Taking Roots campaign to reforest the Tri-State. Liberty Township was fortunate to receive 11 trees which were planted throughout our parks—an effort led by the Township Parks Committee. Pictured above with a couple of the donated trees is Rick Plummer, Township Services Director with two Township volunteers Laurie Ballenger and John Maticac.

LIBERTY NEWS—WE'VE GONE ELECTRONIC!

This *Liberty News* newsletter is now available electronically through our newly-launched broadcast email system. In order to receive the quarterly *Liberty News*, be sure to sign up now to receive the newsletter in your inbox.

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

- ◆ Visit liberty-township.com and sign up under "Contact Us" or...
- ◆ Email Vickie Daniel at vdaniel@liberty-township.com. She will send a direct link to sign up!

Sign up and stay connected to your community!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Liberty Township Offices

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

Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)

Dispatch	785-1300
Liberty Substation	759-7340

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

Station #1 (5170 Princeton-Glendale)..	759-7521
Station #2 (6957 Yankee).....	759-7570
Station #3 (6682 Princeton-Glendale)	
Fire Headquarters.....	759-7530
Fax.....	759-7531

Lakota Schools

Central Office	874-5505
Creekside Early Childhood Center..	874-0175
Liberty Early Childhood School ...	777-6194
Shawnee Early Childhood School.	779-3014
Wyandot Early Childhood School	759-8100
Adena Elementary	777-0100
Cherokee Elementary	755-8200
Endeavor Elementary	759-8300
Freedom Elementary	777-9787
Heritage Elementary.....	863-7060
Hopewell Elementary.....	777-2258
Independence Elementary	755-8300
Union Elementary	777-2201
Van Gordon Elementary	644-1150
Woodland Elementary	779-7775
Hopewell Junior School.....	777-2258
Lakota Plains Junior School.....	644-1130
Liberty Junior School.....	777-4420
Lakota Ridge Junior School	777-0552
Lakota East Freshmen School.....	588-7700
Lakota West Freshmen School.....	874-8390
Lakota East High School	755-7211
Lakota West High School.....	874-5699

Butler County Offices (411)

Auditor.....	887-3154
Board of Elections.....	887-3700
All County Officials	887-3000
Animal Shelter.....	867-5727
Child Abuse Hotline.....	868-0888

Libraries

Hamilton	894-7156
Middletown.....	424-1251
Monroe.....	360-0714
West Chester	777-3131

Other

Drivers License Bureau (Hamilton)..	868-2180
Titles (West Chester)	860-9705
Vehicle Registration (Mason).....	398-8928
US Post Office.....	800-275-8777
West Chester-Liberty Chamber....	777-3600
Lakota Family YMCA.....	779-3917



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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.