



LIBERTY NEWS

FALL 2014

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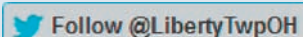
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ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL and 5K RETURN Saturday, October 4, 2014

The annual Liberty Township Fall Festival and Pursuit of Liberty 5K Run/Walk returns to Liberty Park on Saturday, October 4. New this year—the inaugural Paws on Parade, a costumed dog parade.

The Pursuit of Liberty 5K Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 12 p.m. the inaugural Paws on Parade will give families the opportunity to dress up their family pet for a stroll around Liberty Park and the chance to win prizes. The Fall Festival has consistently been a favorite activity for children and families alike. Highlights will include SuperGames inflatables, an Activity Zone designed specifically for kids, horse and carriage rides, a variety of games, food and ice cream vendors, community booths and more! All events will be held at Liberty Park—6757 Yankee Road. **MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 4.**

Thank You to our 2014 Community Sponsors!

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 Koebbe Auto Tech & Tire
 The Lakota Family YMCA
 Live Well Chiropractic Center
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 Tide Dry Cleaners
 Uno's Pizzeria & Grill / Taco Bell

PLANNING AND ZONING NEWS

TURNBRIDGE COMMUNITY ALONG MILLIKIN ROAD SET TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION SOON

Turnbridge, a new community with 138 home sites, is set to begin construction in Liberty Township soon. Located on Millikin Road, east of Lesourdsville-West Chester Road, Turnbridge is an M/I Homes community. The new development will feature single-family homes from M/I's Classic Series, all of which are built with full basements. The lot sizes in Turnbridge offer no less than 1/3 of an acre, while several homes sit on even larger lots. Each lot is at least 80' feet wide, assuring comfortable living space between homes.



The vision for Turnbridge is to be another high-quality Liberty Township neighborhood with entry features, landscaping enhancements, street trees and plenty of open space. While Turnbridge offers tranquility, it's also close to plenty of action and everyday amenities. Located minutes from I-75, SR 129 and SR 747, Turnbridge offers the option to commute to Cincinnati and/or Dayton for employment or leisure activities. Due to its location in the center of Liberty Township, Turnbridge is also a short drive to many parks and recreation opportunities that exist within the Township and in the neighboring communities of West Chester,

Open and tree-lined, Turnbridge is a picturesque setting. As you enter the community, natural beauty welcomes you. Mature trees and 48 acres of green space create a lush, relaxing environment for peaceful walks and outdoor recreation. Gregory Creek winds through the community, and a trail will be added to preserve the tree lines and the land along the flood plain. The Gregory Creek trail connection will be an asset for the entire Township. Turnbridge residents can also enjoy a large stocked pond, complimented by a decorative fountain and an open play area.



Mason, Fairfield and Deerfield Townships.

Visit mihomes.com/cincy or call Laura at 513-400-4748 to learn more about the Turnbridge community.



The 52nd HOMEARAMA

held in July at Carriage Hill in Liberty Township was attended by more than 35,000 people. Seven of the nine show homes, priced between \$1 million and \$1.6 million were sold prior to the show's closing. Carriage Hill has hosted HOMEARAMA the past two years. Willows Bend in Miami Township has been selected for the 2015 home show next July.

ZONING DEPARTMENT WELCOMES AMANDA CRAMER

Liberty Township would like to welcome **Amanda Cramer** as the newest addition to the Zoning Department. Amanda is the Code Enforcement Officer for Liberty Township handling zoning inspections, plans review, violations, complaints and the nuisance abatement process. She also serves as the staff liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Originally from Cleveland, Amanda has called the Cincinnati area home since 2008. She attended the University of Cincinnati and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning and a Certificate in Historic Preservation. Last year, Amanda married her college sweetheart, Kevin Cramer, who is now working on his graduate degree in architecture from Miami University. They live in Oxford with their dog Rylee.

Amanda can be reached at 759-7500 or acramer@liberty-township.com.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ROUND-UP

VALLEY CENTRAL BANK CELEBRATES GROUNDBREAKING

Township Trustees Christine Matacic and Tom Farrell helped the team from **Valley Central Bank** break ground for their new home office along SR 747, just north of UDF. Valley Central Bank has been serving area customers since 1884 from Benson Street in Reading. They will maintain their presence in Reading and open the new branch in Liberty Township in the first quarter of 2015. Executives and board members pointed to the growth and development in the area as being a key factor in their expansion and location decision. The expertise and astute guidance of the company's management team and the dedication of its employees are vital factors in the continued success of Valley Central Bank. The Township looks forward to celebrating again with the team when they open their doors to the community in 2015!



NEW WATER AGREEMENT IN PLACE FOR BUTLER COUNTY

The Butler County Board of Commissioners and the City of Hamilton have amended the terms of their long-standing water supply agreement and extended the new agreement through 2044. This is good news for more than 38,500 Butler County Water & Sewer (BCWS) customers residing in the City of Monroe and the Townships of Liberty, West Chester, Fairfield and Lemon.

The new contract equates to more stable water and sewer rates for residents and businesses. For example, the BCWS rate charged by the City of Hamilton for wholesale finished water will be reduced from \$2.78/1000 gals to \$1.66/1000 gals commencing January 2015. This rate stays fixed through year 2021 – after which increases are based on the consumer price index (CPI) but have caps in place. Liberty Township residential and commercial customers consume approximately 32% of the Butler County water usage and approximately 15% of the County sewer usage (based on 2013 figures).

The new Butler County Water Contract ensures the following for BCWS customers, including more than 11,000 Liberty Township residential and commercial customers:

- ⇒ Guaranteed supply of water for 30 years
- ⇒ Water rate stability
- ⇒ Cost certainty
- ⇒ Very high quality water source
- ⇒ Sufficient supply for system growth

During the past seven years, Butler County has been able to hold water rates constant while Ohio's average water rates have seen increases. During the same time, Butler County moved up 20 positions in the rankings of 68 reporting agencies in the annual Oakwood Water Survey, a rate survey of jurisdictions in southwest Ohio.

The agreement is a win-win for both agencies, as it provides Butler County customers with a guaranteed, long-term supply of outstanding quality drinking water at a fair rate. The City of Hamilton retains its largest customer for many years into the future. Both agencies have committed to work together to maximize the use of existing water supply infrastructure, which avoids the need for costly capital outlays. For more info about the new contract or general questions about rates, contact BCWS at 513-887-3066.

NEW BUSINESS NEWS

Charles Schwab has opened a new branch in Liberty Township along Cin-Day Road next to Tide Dry Cleaners. Louis Dissel serves as the local branch leader offering full-service investment brokerage services to the community.

Cozy's Cottage is now open in Downtown Bethany along Cin-Day Road. Putters owner Jan Collins is bringing a chef-driven, creative and seasonally changing menu to the area. Cozy's is open for lunch and dinner and for breakfast on the weekends.

Home2Suites by Hilton has announced plans to build a new extended-stay hotel along SR 129 and Cin-Day Rd. The 66,000 SF hotel will offer 92 suites. A 2015 opening is planned.

Monster Subs is now open in the Liberty Town Center strip center. Formerly Jersey Mike's, the same great team is serving the area under a new name.

Rebecca Molina D.D.S. has submitted plans to build a new medical office building at the corner of Cin-Day and Hamilton-Mason Road. Dr. Molina currently is located nearby and will move her growing dental practice to the new office once complete.

ROADS AND PARKS UPDATE

PARKS COMMITTEE PLANS WALKS AND WORK DAYS

Join the Parks Committee as they lead several walks and clean-up days around the Township's parks. To learn more about the events below, contact Chuck Holliday at ChuckH@hollidayintheparks.com.

Fall Wildflowers—Cherokee Park
Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Butterfly Walk—Cherokee Park
Sept. 20 at 10 a.m.

Fall Tree Walk—Dudley Woods
Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

Tree Planting—Dudley Woods
Oct. 11 from 11:30 a.m.—2 p.m.

Give a Hand—Allen Park
Oct. 18 from 12—2 p.m.

Give a Hand—Wetlands Park
Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. — Noon

PARK ADDRESSES:

Allen Park: 5440 Joann Dr.
Cherokee Park: 4616 Watoga Dr.
Dudley Woods: 5591 Hankins Rd.
Wetlands Park: 6950 LeSourdsville
-West Chester Rd.

MAUDS HUGHES ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ABOUT A YEAR FOR BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

More big changes and improvements are in the works for Mauds Hughes Road. Earlier this year a roundabout was installed at the Mauds Hughes/Millikin Road intersection; the old Mauds Hughes truss over Gregory Creek is currently being replaced with a new two-lane bridge south of Princeton Road; and now an even bigger project is underway.



Butler County Engineer Greg Wilkens reports that construction of a new bridge over the Norfolk & Southern Railroad (aka Screaming Bridge) will take more than a year to complete.

The existing bridge, a 116-foot, 28-foot wide, 5-span structure built in 1911 and rehabilitated in 1991, will be replaced with a new 117-foot, 32-foot wide, single-span concrete I-girder bridge. The new structure will be situated on a modified alignment that eliminates the sharp S-curves approaching the current bridge.

This multi-faceted project also involves replacement of another smaller concrete slab bridge just north of the main bridge and improving the vertical and horizontal alignments of 1,900 feet of roadway. Project funding consists of Federal grant money and local BCEO matching funds. All work is scheduled for completion by late October 2015, weather permitting.

During the closure, local access will be maintained for residents, businesses, and emergency vehicles from either side of the project area, but access directly into the construction zone will be limited. Detours will be posted.

SAVE THE DATE FOR BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 6
8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Liberty Heights Church

Cost: \$10 for adults; \$5 for kids

All-you-can-eat pancake breakfast (including bacon, coffee and juice)

The event will include a visit from Santa Claus as well as a craft for the kids.

Watch the web site for more details as December nears!



FALL FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES — OCTOBER 4 continued

The 5K Run/Walk will begin and end at Liberty Park – registration will open at 7 a.m. with the official race starting at 8 a.m. The 5K course has been 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. Online registration is \$20 and is accepted through Sept. 30. After the deadline, the cost increases to \$25.

The Paws on Parade will give pet owners a chance to dress up their dog and be part of an inaugural canine costume parade to show off our local pooches. The parade will begin at Noon and prizes will be awarded around 12:45 p.m. for the best dressed small and large dogs, best dressed owner/pet, best dressed group/theme and best trick for a treat.

For more info about the Fall Festival, call Vickie Daniel at 759-7500.



FIRE DEPARTMENT FLASH

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPLORER POST #2895 IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS

Liberty Township Fire Department has continually sponsored a Firefighting and Emergency Medical Services Explorer post since 1978. The Exploring program is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women. The post specializes in potential career guidance and experiences.

Many of the youth that have been a part of our post have gone on to engage in the Fire Service and EMS field as a career in one form or another. The members that did not pursue the profession as a career

benefit personally from the first aid, CPR, fire safety and disaster preparedness skills that they gained through their involvement with the program.

Membership is open to anyone 14 years of age or who has completed the 7th grade. Explorers can remain active up to and including 21 years of age or until employed as a firefighter. Liberty Township Fire Department also requires that members maintain passing grades in school and be of good moral character. In addition to training and practicing non-hazardous

evolutions and skills, the cadets participate in routine daily station activities including cleaning, care and maintenance of equipment. Advanced members are permitted to shadow fire department staff in certain situations and thus experience the career firsthand.

Post #2895 regularly competes against other regional Fire and EMS posts in the annual Explorer Competition held in late spring at Scarlet Oaks Joint Vocational School. The group scored high in all evolutions and was awarded 1st Place Overall in the 2014 event. The Liberty Township Post participates in the annual Butler County September 11 Memorial Ceremony. They have visited the Cincinnati Fire Museum and the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial on field trips to learn all aspects of the rich firefighting traditions. During Christmas Break 2011 the group volunteered at a Hamilton area "soup kitchen" in order to appreciate the blessings that they enjoy. We are now organizing the post for another exciting year. If you would like to learn more about our program or have questions please call Advisor Chris Oakes at 513-939-6817 or Liberty Township Fire Headquarters at 513-759-7530 and ask to speak with one of the Explorer Advisors or an Officer.

Liberty Township



59th Annual Fish Fry



All-You-Can-Eat
Fish or
Four
Piece
Chicken
Dinner
With fries,
slaw,
hush
puppies,
and
drinks

Friday Sept. 19

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Lakota East Freshman School

Adults - \$12.00
Seniors- \$10.00
Children 4 to 12 - \$6.00
Children Under 4 - Free

Tickets available at:

Administration Bldg. on Princeton Rd. 759-7500
Fire HQ's 6682 Princeton-Glendale Rd. 759-7530

Equipment
and Fire
Apparatus
on display.

Split-the-
Pot
Raffle

Firefighter's Association

9th ANNUAL NATIONAL Rx TAKE BACK DAY

What: Drop off unused and/or expired prescription and over-the-counter medication. No questions asked. Please no syringes, lancets or liquids.

When: Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014
10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Where: Liberty Township Fire
Headquarters
6682 Princeton-Glendale Road
Liberty Township, OH 45011



As the Lakota Schools moves into the 2014-15 school year, there were many changes evident as a result of the levy passed by voters in 2013. Some of the levy commitments went into effect soon as the election was official, including restoring busing to elementary school students who live farther than a mile from school, and tripling the number of law enforcement officers assigned to the district's schools. But other changes had to wait until the start of a new school year, to allow time for planning and implementation.

A major part of the levy was to upgrade the school district's instructional technology infrastructure. Over the summer crews were busy laying fiber-optic cable between buildings, upgrading the wireless networks in the schools and installing new computers in classrooms, for both teacher and student use. Though the technology upgrade is a multi-year project, it's off to a fast start.

As the new school year started, other changes included additional time in art, music, and P.E. for children in grades four to six, and an extra class period for freshman. Both required hiring some additional teachers and revising the schools' schedules. Also, Lakota has begun work on a large project to bolster the security of school entrances, wherever necessary.

COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFO

CHAMBER TO HOLD 13th ANNUAL WOMEN OF EXCELLENCE GALA NOVEMBER 21, 2014

The Women of Excellence Class of 2014, honoring 10 outstanding women will be announced on November 1 and honored on Friday, November 21 at the Cincinnati Marriott North at Union Centre. This annual black-tie awards gala presented by the West Chester • Liberty Chamber Alliance pays tribute to Tri-State women who, through their careers or volunteer work, have enhanced business, education, culture and philanthropy. Two of the 10 Women of Excellence selected will be young women between the ages of 16—24.



The keynote speaker will be Jo Ann Davidson, the first and only Female Speaker of the Ohio House and the emcee will be Debbie Brenneman, Partner, Thompson Hine LLP (2009 Woman of Excellence). A portion of the evening's proceeds will fund The Ethel Moritz Scholarship for post-secondary education for women. The Presenting Sponsors are Butler Tech and West Chester Hospital.

To attend the November 21st event and join in the celebration, reservations can be made online at www.TheChamberAlliance.com or by calling 513-777-3600. Tickets are \$65 per person, \$125 per couple and \$30 per student. The cocktail reception begins at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:15 p.m.

RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE AT WEST CHESTER ACTIVITY CENTER

Looking for a place to host your next birthday party, meeting or special event? Located in the former library at 7900 Cox Road, the West Chester Activity Center offers a variety of rental options, including a dance floor, a kitchenette, and comfortable family-style seating. Available space holds between 20—170 people.

From the West Chester Symphony and a SilverSneakers™ classic fitness class for adults to 4H Clubs and computer, dance and art classes for youth, the Center provides opportunities for people of all ages to fulfill their physical, social and spiritual needs.

Rental prices range from \$60 to \$150 per hour. Whether you are planning a birthday party, potluck or a class reunion, the West Chester Activity Center has the space you need. For more information or to schedule a tour of the West Chester Activity Center, contact Melody O'Day at 513-779-7360 or email moday@community-first.org.



MIDPOINTE LIBRARY LAUNCHES BOOK BIKE

The MidPointe Library System has a new way to get the best in education and entertainment to their service area! MidPointe's Book Bike, funded by a generous donation to the Library, will visit community events equipped with a small collection of materials for check out, as well as a wi-fi hot spot for public use. Keep an eye out for this unique spin on the "bookmobile"!



OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP AND BUTLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SIGN NEW CONTRACT TO EXTEND POLICE SERVICES TO 2019

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees signed a new contract in September with the Butler County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to continue offering police services to the residents and businesses in Liberty Township. The two entities have had a collaborative agreement in place since the early 1990s. The most recent contract extends the partnership another five years to 2019.

As part of the contract agreement between Liberty Township and the BCSO, police protection and services in the community are covered 24/7 by the following dedicated BCSO personnel:

- ◇ 18 Deputies
- ◇ 3 Detectives
- ◇ 2 Sergeants
- ◇ 1 Lieutenant serving as Liberty Substation Commander



Liberty Township has a substation located at the Township Administration Building, 6400 Princeton Road, which houses all of the above positions. Police services in Liberty Township are funded entirely by a five-year levy, the most recent of which was passed in May 2014. The deputies and detectives pictured below represent the Liberty Township BCSO team and they look forward to continuing to protect and serve the community.



BCSO IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ⇒ In an emergency, always dial 911 for police assistance.
- ⇒ If you have a question or need to meet with a deputy in a non-emergency situation, please call the BCSO Dispatch line 513-785-1300.
- ⇒ Keep vehicles locked when parked in your driveway/along your street.
- ⇒ Keep valuables with you or locked in your trunk.
- ⇒ Close garage doors at night.



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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Liberty Township Offices

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

Sheriff's Office (Non-Emergency)

Dispatch	785-1300
Liberty Substation	759-7348

Fire Dept. (Non-Emergency)

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

Lakota Schools

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

Butler County Offices (411)

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

Libraries

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

Other

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



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LOCATIONS

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

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

The Parks Committee meets at the Roads Garage, 6959 Yankee Road, unless otherwise noted.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY

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

For more info: www.butlercountyohio.org

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

2nd Thursday of the Month: A representative of John Boehner's office is available at 11:30 a.m.

2nd Thursday of the Month: Liberty Township Historical Society at 7 p.m.