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Township Considers Property Purchase for the Relocation of Fire Station 112

The Liberty Township Board of Trustees have approved an option to purchase property at 7655 Princeton Road for the relocation of Fire Station 112, currently located on Stumpf Lane off Yankee Road. The new, proposed location will allow the Liberty Township Fire Department (LTFD) to maximize its call response radius. This equates to significantly improving response time to the northeast quadrant of the Township while maintaining the exceptional level of service in the southeast quadrant that the community has come to expect.

Station 112 has been under review as part of the Township's facility planning efforts over the last several years. Station 112 first opened in 1974 when the LTFD was a volunteer department serving a population of about 5,000. Today, Liberty Township has about 40,000 residents and more than 400 businesses, the majority of which are served by Station 112. The Township has been evaluating options for Station 112 and will be taking a closer look at the site along Princeton Road near the intersection of Cincinnati-Dayton Road.

With the approval of the purchase agreement, Liberty Township has up to 120 days to complete its due diligence to determine the suitability of the property for a future fire station. Once the due diligence is complete and satisfactory, the Township expects to close on the property purchase and begin the planning and design phase later this year. Construction is anticipated to start in late 2019. The adjacent residential community was notified about the proposed property purchase and invited to provide feedback. Liberty Township will continue to work with the adjacent neighborhood throughout the process.

"I'm optimistic about exploring the relocation of Station 112 and the ability to improve our department's response times and put us in a better position to serve a broader portion of the community. The Yankee Road location has served us well for the past 40+ years but with the continued growth of the township we now have an opportunity to evaluate the location of this particular station in order to provide the very best service to our residents," said Fire Chief Ethan Klussman.

In 2014, the Township purchased property along Cincinnati-Dayton Road north of Millikin Road for a future fourth fire station (currently LTFD operates three stations). The Township will continue to hold this property and assess the community's growth to the north as well as the proposed new Millikin Way Interchange which is expected to open approximately 700 acres for commercial development over the next several years.

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