

Milford Township News

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Important Dates

- *March 02: Collinsville Livestock Protection Assoc Dinner*
- *March 07: St Matthew Lutheran Honor Flight Fundraiser! 4-7PM*
- *March 21: Collinsville Presbyterian Craft Show*
- *April 05: Tyler Richardson Foundation Easter Egg Hunt, 1pm, Community Center*
- *April 11: St Matthew Lutheran Easter Egg Hunt at E-dot Park, time TBD*
- *April 18: Milford Twp Fire Assoc Spaghetti Dinner!*

About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

With the end of winter, there are some great events to begin adding to your calendar. Please find time to attend the **Easter Egg Hunts, Craft Show, and Honor Flight Fundraiser coming up this Spring**, and there is the **Milford Twp Fire Association Spaghetti Dinner on April 18th!**

This mailing owes so much to Henry Sester and Ket-Moy Printing (www.ket-moy.com). Henry puts the Township first, as he publishes this newsletter at a large discount. **We are also grateful to be supported (see ads inside) by some great local businesses; Realtor Tammy Thome and Clermont County Equipment (formerly Dunkelberger Lawn & Garden).**

If you would like past newsletters, contribute an article or add an important event, then please contact Brad Mills at 907-6793, bradmills21@gmail.com, or visit www.milfordtownship.net.

Fire Report Milford Township Fire Association

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 4-7 at the Milford Twp. Community Center in Collinsville, OH. Dine in or carry out. Our annual raffle is for a ¼ beef from Koch Farms. Second draw is awarded a Stihl chainsaw and third draw gets \$50 cash. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. All tickets are available from any Milford Twp. Firefighter, Don's Carry Out, Megan's Grocery and The Hitching Post.

Recently the Fire Department was able to purchase a trailer that we are in the process of equipping with specialty rescue equipment! This equipment includes the grain bin rescue and other important equipment that we don't use on our average calls.

We continue to train within our department and with neighboring departments. We work under mutual aid agreements, which means that each department agrees to respond to another department's call to assist when needed.

Please be prepared in the event of a weather emergency. Make sure that you have sump pumps, generators, flashlights, etc. Please also make sure that your driveways are clear of overhanging trees that may inhibit access to your residence by emergency vehicles.

Thank you to SW Ohio Family Farm Safety and Russ Beckner for donating to the 911 Reflective Address Sign Initiative. In the event of an emergency, every second counts and 911 address signs help our first responders quickly locate emergency situations. Support of this important safety program is greatly appreciated.

We continue to collect aluminum cans. There are barrels located outside of our stations in Collinsville, Darrtown and Somerville. We use this money to purchase educational material used at Bogan Elementary as well as numerous other events. If you have a large pick up, you may call 513-726-4311 and leave a message. Someone will contact you to make arrangements. We thank you for your continued support!

*Like us on Facebook to get the most up to date information. We are listed as Milford Township Fire Department-Butler County, OH. <https://www.facebook.com/Milford-Township-Fire-Department-Butler-County-OH-210085453172/>

Somerville and Milford Township

In March 2016, the Village of Somerville voted 25 to 24 to dissolve its incorporated status. The Mayor and Council met for the last time in December of 2015 and voted to place the issue before the voters. For many years, the Village had operated on a small budget of about \$50,000, which was enough for a part time employee to help mow grass, clean streets, and plow and salt, among other duties. However, residents felt that with this low budget and a lack of interest among many in the Village to volunteer to serve on Council, that dissolving and returning to Milford Township would lead to better outcomes.

The dissolution process was long, and the Village officially returned to Milford Township in the summer of 2017. In that time, Milford Township has taken an active role in investing in the Village, and this year there will be even more noticeable improvements!

Here is a brief list:

- In 2020, every public road and alley will be paved.
- In 2018 and 2019, every sign on a Township road (not just Somerville, but the whole Township!) was replaced.
- In 2017, paved Mill St, from Bulldog Dr. to the County Line.
- Somerville Fire Station (now Station 163):
 1. Lighting was upgraded
 2. Interior painted
 3. Repaired front apron (driveway)
 4. New grass truck purchased
 5. Upgraded Engine by relocating from Collinsville
 6. New storm warning siren purchased
 7. New rescue tool for injury crashes purchased
 8. New CO monitor
 9. Repairs to Tyler's Tanker
 10. In 2020 would like to redo the front and widen the doors!
- The Township is coordinating with the Tyler Richardson Foundation to improve the playground. It has been renamed the Tyler's-ville Community Park.
- Plans in 2020 to replace pea gravel with engineered wood mulch in the older Somerville playground.
- The Township will continue to maintain the cemetery, as has been done for 100+ years.
- The Township has three employees, plus the continued employment of the Village's employee. All are dedicated to keeping the Township well maintained, and that absolutely includes Somerville!

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Butler County Auditor, David Brown, Deputy Auditor

After nearly two years advocating for fuel quality testing legislation, Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds is pleased with the Feb. 10 introduction of House Bill 499 by primary sponsors Reps. George Lang (R-West Chester) and Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati).

This bi-partisan legislation was also co-sponsored by Rep. Sara Curuthers (R-Hamilton) among others.

If this passes as introduced, County Auditors would be granted the permissive authority to test fuel for water, sediment and octane level. Currently, Ohio is one of only three states that does not have a fuel quality testing program in place. Alaska and Nebraska are the others.

Butler County Weights and Measures inspectors already check to make sure pumps are accurate in the amount of fuel dispensed but have no authority to test for quality and proper octane.

-Gentlemen-
COLLINSVILLE LIVESTOCK PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
131st Annual Meeting
Dinner and Speaker
Monday, March 02, 2020
7:00 PM
Milford Township Community Center
\$16.00 at the door

Butler County Elderly Services Program, Randy Allman

Program helps older adults stay independent at home

As we age, most of us want to remain in our homes for long as we can. The Butler County Elderly Services Program (ESP) makes staying at home possible for older adults who need help caring for themselves. Seniors age 65 and older may qualify for services that can make all the difference in quality of life.

Services include housekeeping, home-delivered meals, transportation, personal care, adult day service, care management, emergency response and more. These services are provided at a fraction of the cost of nursing home care.



“To have this type of service to help seniors stay independent and in their homes goes a long way,” Ann, Butler County ESP Client

In 2019, ESP served approximately 4,000 older adults. But the program is for more than just seniors. Butler County ESP makes a big difference for families who are caring for older loved ones.

Butler County ESP is funded by the county’s Senior Services tax levy. It is administered by Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio, with support from a community advisory council. Intake and care management are provided by LifeSpan.

For eligibility and enrollment, call (513) 868-9281 or 800-215-5305. Additional information: www.help4seniors.org or www.lifespanohio.org.

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Craft Shows, Easter Egg Hunts, and more!

Craft Show!

Collinsville Presbyterian Church is hosting their 7th annual Spring Craft and Vendor Show. The show offers a variety of unique items from local crafters and vendors. The event is being held on Saturday, March 21st at Collinsville Presbyterian Church (5091 Hamilton-Eaton Rd, Collinsville, OH 45004) from 9am-3pm. The show features a raffle of crafter and vendor's items benefiting Collinsville Presbyterian Church local missions.

Whether you are looking for a gift or wanting to treat yourself, check out the show. Easy to find and plenty of parking. Bring your appetites, there will be a bake sale and concessions.

Easter Egg Hunts!

St Matthew Lutheran Church in Darrrtown will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on April 11 at Edot Park. The time is not set yet, so please check with the church as it approaches!

The Tyler Richardson Foundation will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 5 at the Milford Township Community Center in Collinsville. This event will begin at 1 PM!

Butler County Bluegrass Association!

Did you know that there is a family friendly, live music event every Friday at the Milford Township Community Center? From 7 to 9 PM, enjoy the wonderful and welcoming members and entertainers from the Butler County Bluegrass Association! In addition to the dancing and music, great food is available. Admission is free!

Honor Flight Fundraiser!

Come to St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Darrrtown for the 5th Annual Soup, Salad, and Dessert Honor Flight Fundraiser! Saturday, March 7 from 4 to 7 PM. Tickets are \$8 per person, and all proceeds go to Honor Flight, an Organization helping fly Veterans to the Washington D.C War Memorial. There will also be great Raffle prizes and split the pot. All are welcome!

COLLINSVILLE CHURCH PRESENTS...

7TH ANNUAL SPRING CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

Saturday March 21 2020
9am-3pm

LOCATION
COLLINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5091 HAMILTON-EATON RD.
COLLINSVILLE, OH 45004

WHETHER YOU ARE LOOKING FOR A GIFT OR WANTING TO TREAT YOURSELF... COLLINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S SPRING CRAFT AND VENDOR SHOW WILL OFFER A VARIETY OF UNIQUE ITEMS FROM LOCAL VENDORS AND CRAFTERS... FEATURING A BAKE SALE, CONCESSIONS AND RAFFLE OF VENDOR'S ITEMS BENEFITTING COLLINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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are held in the Township Maintenance Bldg.

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Darrrtown Cemetery Memorial Day Service

PLEASE JOIN US ...

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 AT 2:00 PM
122nd DARRTOWN CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Guest Speaker: Scott Eberwine - served in the United States Navy

Music provided by The Methodist Men's Choir
Presentation by the Milford Mini Farmers 4-H Club in recognition of our Veterans
Pastor Chris Trumbull-Darrrtown United Methodist Church
Pastor Robert L. Browning-Darrrtown St. Matthew Lutheran Church



MILFORD TOWNSHIP NEWS!!!