

# Milford Township News

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## Important Dates

- Nov 3: Somerville Fire Dept Pork Chop Dinner 4:30-7:00pm
- Nov 3: Waste Tire Recycling at Ross High School 9:00am-2:00pm
- Nov 6: Election Day
- April 13: Milford Township Fire Association Spaghetti Dinner
- May (TBD): Somerville Fire Dept Chicken Dinner

## About this Newsletter Brad Mills, Trustee

Are you taking advantage of your Milford Township Parks? Both parks, Edot (Darttown) and the Community Center (Collinsville), have great playgrounds, shelters, ballfields, and plenty of open space. In fact, the Community Center can host your next birthday party, reunion, club event, or any other gathering you can think of! The last year has been kind to the Community Center facilities too. Through grants, there is some new playground equipment and a paved walking path.

Once again, this mailing owes a debt of gratitude to Henry Sester and his company, Ket-Moy Printing ([www.ket-moy.com](http://www.ket-moy.com)). Henry continues to put 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; B & M Landscaping, Don Popp's Honey, Don's Carryout and Eric's Pizza, and Madden's Lawn and Garden Equipment.** We thank them for their support and hope that you will consider using all of our Township's wonderful local businesses.

Inside, you will find articles from the Fire Department, Road Department, your Milford Township 4-H, and the Dance Studio run by township resident Robyn Huston. Furthermore, if you would like to contribute or add an important event, then please call Brad Mills at 907-6793 or email [bradmills21@yahoo.com](mailto:bradmills21@yahoo.com). In addition to this newsletter, you can find past newsletters, or other important Township information at [www.milfordtownship.net](http://www.milfordtownship.net).

## Fire Department Milford Township Fire Association

Mark your calendars! April 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 will be our tenth annual Spaghetti Dinner. This has grown into a community event and we look forward to seeing everyone.

Remember to check batteries in your CO & Smoke detectors, and if you have a wood burning stove have the chimney cleaned.

We are still collecting aluminum cans. There are white containers outside each fire house for the cans. We use this money to offset cost for many events we sponsor over the course of the year. A big Thanks to all who are donating!!

If you have a space heater make sure it is working properly and do not leave it unattended

We have reflective mailbox address signs available. To order, call 726-4311 and leave a message.

We were at the Bogan Carnival September 22 passing out safety material and letting everyone look at our fire trucks and equipment.

On October 11<sup>th</sup> we were at Bogan to talk with students about Fire Safety and pass out safety materials.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer fire fighter for Milford Township, call the station and leave a message 726-4311.

Shawn Gallagher Captain 162  
Jim Meador Chief 162

## Road Department Dan Burkholder, Superintendant

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Fall arrives and the leaves are changing colors. Finally, after a long, hot dry summer the grass has greened back up and is growing again.

As this newsletter is coming out, the state of Ohio is nearing completion on the improvements to the intersection of SR 127 and 73. ODOT is also finishing repairs to the bridge on SR 127, south of Hamilton Eaton Rd. Soon, 1700 feet of paved walking track at the community center will be ready to be used. The paving of Harris Rd. between SR 177 and Oxford Milford Rd. will also soon be completed. The Milford Township Maintenance Department replaced two culvert tiles in that section of Harris Rd.

The dry summer required us to reseed most of the new graves in our three cemeteries and in October we will be pouring foundations for headstones. I would like to ask everyone to take a moment to review the cemetery rules posted at the cemetery gates and on the Milford Township website. These rules help the maintenance department safely maintain the cemeteries and keep them more attractive for everyone. Thank you for your attention to this.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to be careful out there on the roads. Keep a watchful eye as hunting season has started and deer are on the move. Also, the farmers are harvesting crops, so please use caution and care as you encounter their equipment.

### Don's Carryout

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## Community Center Spotlight—Robyn Huston's Dance Studio

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Do you have a child interested in dance? Have you always wanted to learn to dance yourself? Now is the time! Robyn's **Dance Studio** offers lessons in clogging, lyrical, tap, jazz and hip-hop for ages three to adult. Running October through May, with a recital in June, Robyn's classes focus on learning proper technique while having maximum fun.

Robyn's Dance Studio was founded in 1998 by Robyn Huston and operates at the Collinsville Community Center. A lifelong resident of Milford Township, Robyn was inspired to start her business to share her love of dance with her three daughters, as well as with the local community. In just 14 years, Robyn's Dance Studio has grown from a handful of students to nearly 100, and regularly competes in regional competitions in Mason, Dayton and Indianapolis. The Studio will be working to make it to the national competition in Sandusky, Ohio in July 2013.

To offset some of the fees for competitions, costumes, and lessons our dancers hold various fundraisers throughout the year. In February we hold our annual Valentine's Dances, which includes one for kids ages 10 to 15 and one for adults only. We also sold honey, candles, and jewelry, held a car wash and worked at Walt's Barbeque Community Night event.

Robyn's dancers also enjoy performing at local festivals and events. This past year they danced at the Somerville Homecoming, the Senior Citizens Center in Oxford, Liberty Matrix Nursing Home, and Relay for Life.

Join Robyn and fellow teachers Lisa Hurley and Kayla Drake for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night classes. Call 513-617-9458 for more information. See you on the dance floor!



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# Darrtown Bicentennial and Village News

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## DARTTOWN BICENTENNIAL PLANS PROGRESSING

The Darrtown Bicentennial Steering Committee continues to work toward organizing a memorable celebration of Darrtown's 200th year on July 5-6, 2014.

A landscaping project in the town square has already begun. Milford Township Trustees arranged for the recent removal of several dead or dying trees and local landscapers are joining forces to refurbish the area with trees, shrubs, and plants. Plans include the construction of a memorial to honor military veterans from Darrtown and vicinity.

Fourth through eighth grade students who live in the Talawanda school district have been invited to participate in an essay contest with a bicentennial theme. Contest information is available at [www.darrtown.com](http://www.darrtown.com).

A Bicentennial Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2013, at the Milford Township Community Center in Collinsville. Details about the menu, program, and raffle will be announced in the near future.

## SOMERVILLE NEWS

The Somerville Beautification Committee has been hard at work! They have purchased pole banners for Main St, and plan to purchase trash cans as well. The Committee is continuing to raise money for important local projects. For example, they have collaborated with the Talawanda Board of Education on funding a school zone light for Bogan.

Please mark your calendars for Nov 3! This is the date of the Somerville Fire Department's Pork Chop Dinner, located at the Somerville Fire Dept on Church Street. The dinner begins at 4:30, with Bingo starting at 7:00. There will be various raffles throughout the event. This important event funds the Fire Dept until the Spring Chicken Dinner.

## **Madden's Lawn & Garden Equipment** **Beat the Spring Rush!** **Call for Tune-Up Specials!**



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## Milford Township Clubs - A Community Gem Toni Schwab

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The 4-H program is alive and well in Milford Township thanks to lots of community support from township employees and trustees. The Collinsville Community Center is our hub and proudly displays the 4-H banner. I am part of the Milford Mini Farmers, established in 1978. We are a livestock club and include an awesome group of youth and families. We not only learn about livestock projects, but participate in community service activities by partnering with Woodland Country Manor and the Milford Township Fire Association's annual spaghetti dinner. Other 4-H clubs also specialize in areas such as small animals. There are over 150 projects available, everything from rockets, woodworking, scrapbooking, cooking, sewing, large and small animals, dogs, cats, cake decorating, money management and more.

The county 4-H offers programs throughout the year in addition to what each club offers. One example is the Teen Leadership in Action Workshop. Event will be November 3, 2012 in Lebanon, OH. Youth participants gain leadership skills in communication, professionalism, self-confidence, and diversity. If you're thinking about getting involved, contact Butler County 4-H at 513-887-3722, and/or look on their website at [www.butler.osu.edu](http://www.butler.osu.edu).

Eligibility for 4-H membership begins at age 5 and enrolled in kindergarten, known as Cloverbuds. They can participate in all activities but cannot compete in Junior Fair. However, they can enter into Open Class. Entries to compete in Junior Fair begin when a child is at least age 8 and enrolled in 3rd grade as of January 1 of current year. Remember that for more information and to find a club that meets your needs contact the Butler County 4-H office at 513-887-3722. They can give Open House dates and provide details. And again, a big shout-out thanks to our township for their support.



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### Meeting Times

The Township Trustees meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the Township Maintenance Bldg.

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## Trustee's Desk

By the time you read this newsletter, Harris Rd, between SR177 and Oxford-Milford, should be paved. The Township is currently considering options for Fall 2013 resurfacing. As the cost of paving becomes prohibitive, we are considering alternatives to paving that are cost effective, durable, and will keep our roadways safe.

Did you know that we are currently in negotiations with the City of Oxford to renew the Township's EMS contract? Oxford covers the Western half of the Township, while the Village of Seven Mile covers the Eastern half. Both contracts come out of the Fire Department's budget. Each year we renew the contract with both communities. Your Trustees and Fire Department negotiate to ensure that residents are provided the best possible EMS service at the best possible cost.

## Fiscal Officer

It has been a very busy first six months as your fiscal officer! The fiscal year will soon be coming to a close, the Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) software system will have a major upgrade and our bi-annual audit will be here shortly!

I am looking forward to the new software, and training will be coming up at the end of October. I am hopeful that the upgrades will make using the system a little easier.

I am grateful for all of the assistance Suzanne Dunkelberger has given me in order to make a seamless transition into my job!

-Mollie

## BMV License Tax

When you annually register your vehicle, there is a license plate tax fee from the state, a portion of which comes back to the township, as long as it is properly designated.

Ensure that your tax dollars are returning to Milford Township, by taking a moment to verify with the BMV (Bureau of Motor Vehicles) that Milford Township is listed on your vehicle registration prior to renewal or new registration. If you renew your license plates by mail or via a third party, such as a leasing company, verify that Milford Township is designated as the recipient of the tax dollars.

If Milford Township is not specifically designated as the area where you live, the money will not go to our community. If you have any questions about the license fee, please call the Ohio BMV at 614-752-7500. Help keep Milford Tax dollars in Milford Township to benefit our community!