

Milford Township News

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Important Dates

➡ April 17: Milford Township Fire Association Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7pm

➡ May 30: Darrrtown Cemetery Memorial Day Service, 2pm

Fire Report, Milford Township Fire Association

• Our annual spaghetti dinner will be a drive thru only event held Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 4-7 at the Milford Township Community Center. Buy dinner tickets in advance for \$7 and you are entered to win a door prize. You may purchase your meal at the drive thru for \$8. We will be drawing for our annual raffle at the conclusion of the dinner. This year you can win a quarter beef from Koch Farms, Stihl FS 40 C Weed Eater or \$50 cash. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Tickets are available for the dinner and raffle from any Milford Twp Firefighter or at Butler County Equipment, Don's Carry Out or Megan's Grocery. We will try to offer an online auction in place of our table raffles. Please visit our Facebook page (Milford Township Fire Department-Butler County, OH) for updates. If you or your business would like to donate, please contact us at 726-4311 and leave a message.

• We recently had a new fence and gravel installed at the Darrrtown Station. Special thanks to **Roberts FTS (Andrew Roberts)** for donating their time to get this project completed. and to **Dingledine Gravel for donating the gravel.** **Brubaker's helped with providing materials at a discounted cost.** The materials were purchased with money from the aluminum can collection.

• We continue to collect aluminum cans at each of our stations in Collinsville, Darrrtown and Somerville for recycling. We truly appreciate those who have donated and continue to donate!

• We have the green reflective house number signs available for purchase. The cost is \$10. Please call 726-4311 and leave a message if you are interested.

• Are you aware that there are open burn laws in the state of Ohio? If we are called, we may put it out!

➔Under Ohio law, these materials may not be burned anywhere and at any time:

- garbage, any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking or consuming food;
- materials containing rubber, grease and asphalt or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts (including furniture), plastics or plastic-coated wire;
- dead animals.

➔Other restrictions:

- Open burning is not allowed during air pollution warnings, alerts or emergencies
- Fires cannot obscure visibility for roadways, railroad tracks or air fields
- No wastes generated off the premises may be burned. For example, a tree trimming contractor may not haul branches and limbs to another site to burn.

• We would like to thank everyone for their continued support! We extend a special thank you to The Tyler Richardson Foundation for their ongoing efforts to support us and our community.

Norfolk & Southern Train Derailment: Emergencies come in all shapes and sizes, and the November 24th Norfolk & Southern Train Derailment showed that they can happen at any hour as well. In the early morning hours of November 24th, a train derailment occurred on Hamilton-Eaton road near Wayne-Milford road. Several train cars were toppled as the engine passed through the railroad crossing, resulting in strewn cars blocking the roadway. Fortunately, no one was injured.

The derailment prompted local fire departments, law enforcement, and the Butler County EMA to respond and assess the damage. Through years of exercises, trainings, and joint responses, the Butler County EMA maintains great working relationships with our first responders and is always willing to assist in the management of large scale emergencies. In the case of the November 24th derailment, Butler County EMA staff and the on-scene first responders were able to identify that the scene represented a best-case scenario for the incident: no one was injured as a result of the incident and, despite the fact that many trains carry large quantities of hazardous materials in addition to the large complement of diesel fuel utilized trains, no hazardous materials were released.



While the roadway remained shut down for over 12 hours, both the rail line and the roadway were opened up later that evening. Events like the November 24th train derailment are rare, but they do carry with them the possibility of significant impacts to the local population; this is why the Butler County EMA and our local first responders use events similar to this incident to help train and exercise our responders. Butler County EMA is currently in the process of developing an exercise which simulates a similar response, albeit with more significant simulated repercussions. This exercise will help us prepare for future derailments. The remaining train cars that are still on the ground three months later show just how bad this incident could have been.

Butler County Recycles, Anne Fiehrer Flaig, Executive Director

Residents will see changes in the design of the community recycling drop off units. Rumpke is placing open lid recycling units with units that have locked lids. Residents will need to place their recyclables into one of the round openings, and will not be able to access the full recycling dumpster as before. The reason for this change is to reduce contamination and prevent nuisance items from getting into the recycling dumpster (think couches, building materials, carpeting). When items are discarded that are not recyclable it adds significantly to the cost of recycling, and prevents recycling from being available to those who want to recycle. In addition to new recycling units, there will be new cardboard recycling units - these units have a slit opening and will easily accept your flattened cardboard boxes. Rumpke is rolling out the new recycling units all over the tristate. The new format should result in cleaner recycling downstream and keep the program available to everyone.

Effective Jan. 1 2021, Rumpke is accepting No. 5 plastic tubs - yogurt containers, margarine tubs, cottage cheese tubs, whipped topping etc.

Reattach the lids and place the entire container in the recycling. Please remove any food contents prior to recycling. *Important note:* Rumpke does not accept the following plastic: clam shell plastic, such as packaging for fresh strawberries, or plastic restaurant take out containers. These should be placed in your household trash.



Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds is pleased to report that bipartisan fuel quality testing legislation is up for consideration by the 134th General Assembly thanks in part to local legislators Sen. George Lang (R-West Chester Township) and Rep. Thomas Hall (R-Madison Township). These most recent bills (SB 71 and HB 144) allowing county auditors to test fuel for impurities and octane levels are also sponsored by Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) and Rep. Brigid Kelly (D-Cincinnati).

The fuel quality bill that was introduced in February 2020, HB 499, stalled in committee as the COVID-19 pandemic, House leadership change and the November elections proved too much to overcome. Now, these four legislators offer a fresh start in 2021.



“I believe if county auditors are provided the authority to test we’ll reduce the number of vehicles damaged by tainted fuel,” said Reynolds. “This is a bipartisan issue and has received bipartisan support because it’s a common sense approach that is cost effective.”

Weights and Measures inspectors for each county annually test pumps for quantity – making sure consumers get a gallon of fuel when they purchase a gallon of fuel. With the accuracy of portable testing equipment available now, inspectors could easily add the motor fuel quality tests to their routine. Reynolds said the startup cost in Butler County would be \$12,000 to \$15,000 to purchase testing equipment, an amount that can be worked into the office’s budget.



Milford Township Memorial Park Pavers (Darrtown), Fred Lindley

Milford Township residents continue to have the opportunity to memorialize family members, friends, events, and organizations, by placing commemorative pavers in the Milford Township Memorial Park in Darrtown. The pavers are secured, delivered and placed in the park, thanks to the voluntary work of John Newman, Darrtown resident and military veteran. The reddish-colored, brick-sized pavers are professionally engraved with three lines of text, chosen by the donor. The \$50 paver price covers the cost of the paver and engraving, with a marginal profit for maintenance of the park. To order, contact John Newman at 513-314-5187 or newman61@gmail.com



Thank You's, Park Info, Internet and more!, Milford Township Trustees

Milford Township is improving Somerville’s Park, Tyler's-ville. Installation of a new play structure was the first improvement. To date, the township has funded one large play structure and the Tyler Richardson Foundation has purchased another. A generous donation received from the Dome Endowment, through the Greater Oxford Community Foundation, funded the installation of a Ten Spin and completed phase one of the project.

Milford Township has several fantastic supporters of this project. The Tyler Richardson Foundation has helped support the project financially, the Coalition for a Healthy Community donated the mulch for the initial play structure, and Dingledine Basic Materials donated time and materials for site preparation. This has truly been a cooperative community project!

Milford Township also received funds from the Federal Government’s CARES Act. Your Trustees used the money to address immediate concerns caused or exposed by the pandemic. As a result, the money was used to purchase PPE, restroom improvements at all Milford Twp buildings, HVAC improvements and surface cleaning equipment at the Community Center. Funds were also used with the Fire Department to purchase UV disinfection lights that sanitize everything. Finally, the Township is collaborating with Cincinnati Bell to bring fiber optic to the Darrtown area (areas not served by Butler Rural Electric and their fiber expansion). We are hopeful that this area will see fiber by June.

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Meeting Times

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7:30pm on the first Tuesday of
each month. Meetings are held in
the Community Center.

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SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021 AT 2:00 PM

123rd DARRTOWN CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Guest Speaker: Rebecca Evans – The Revolutionary War - Women

Music provided by The Methodist Men's Choir

Presentation by the Milford Mini Farmers 4-H Club in recognition of our Veterans

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