



Township Talk

A Message From the Trustees

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A lot has happened in the Township in the past year. Former Chariman Tedd Finlayson left office Dec.31, 2005 after having served 8 years, and was replaced by newly elected Trustee Don Ackerman. Trustee Mark Haueter was re-elected and is now serving as Chairman of the Board.

In February, long time Road Dept. employee Jim Haueter retired with 30 years of service to the township. We certainly wish him the best in his retirement and commend him

for his long and loyal service. Jim was replaced in the capacity of Road Superintendent by Charles Meiser. Todd Reynolds replaced Jim as the Cemetery Sextant.

Chuck McNutt was hired on to the road crew as a new hire to fill the slot left open when Jim retired. In August, we hired a new Zoning Inspector, Bill Huth. Bill replaces Rodney Tomblin, who served 6 years as Zoning Inspector.

Many other events have been taking place and we

will discuss as many of them as room allows in other portions of the newsletter.

You may have noticed that you have not received a newsletter for quite some time. We hope to be publishing more newsletters more frequently to keep all of our residents apprised of the what is happening in Lawrence Township.

Mark W. Haueter (Chairman)

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New Zoning Inspector

Lawrence Township hired a new Zoning Inspector Bill Huth, in August. Bill was born in Bolivar and graduated from TVHS and BGSU Bill and his wife, Kay (Harvey) also of Bolivar raised four children while serving with the Peace Corps and CARE in Africa and Asia for 30 years before returning to the Bolivar area to settle down. When asked about his appointment recently Bill said, "I consider it

both a honor and a privilege to have been appointed by the Township Trustees to the position of zoning inspector. It is my pledge to serve the residents of Lawrence Township in this capacity, with the best of my ability and with integrity and humility.

As zoning inspector, my primary responsibility is the administration and enforcement of our zoning regulations. The purpose of these regula-

tions, in large part, is to promote and protect the health, safety and morals of Township residents and to ensure orderly growth and development. Helping folks understand our zoning laws and how when properly applied they can improve our quality of life is also an important part of my job. "

In addition to Zoning Bill is also providing office assistant services. In an effort to better serve

residents the Township office is now open from 8:00 to 4:00 Monday through Friday.




Residents are encouraged to call or stop by the Township Office at 10867 Industrial Parkway NW.

Also please visit our web www.lawrencetownship.org and browse for information on zoning permit requirements, copies of application forms, and a complete set of zoning regulations.




A 24-hour drop-off recycling container is available to you at the Bolivar Giant Eagle parking lot next to route 212.

The following items **can** be recycled at the drop-off site:


-  *Aluminum Cans*; please rinse clean.
-  *Steel food Cans*; labels may be left on but please rinse clean.
-  *Glass Jars & Bottles*; clear, green & brown

glass are acceptable. Labels may be left on but please rinse clean.

-  *Plastic Bottles & Jugs*; pop bottles, milk jugs, detergent & soap bottles.

Please note that all plastic bottles must be coded 1 or 2.

Please rinse clean before depositing in recycle bin.

-  *Newspaper, Magazines, Telephone Directories, Card-*

board; Please flatten, stack, & tie the cardboard together.

All paper products must remain separate from other recyclables, but everything else can be bagged together.

This program operates with the support of Lawrence Township Trustees, County Commissioners and Bolivar Giant Eagle and funding from Joint Solid Waste Management District.

Township Sponsors Odor Monitoring Training

“The odor monitoring program seeks to address odor concerns of the community by way of collecting information utilizing standard data collection and reporting methods that will assist in evaluating the effectiveness of Countywide odor elimination efforts and may be used in a court of law should it become necessary to seek the closure of this facility.”



Nasal Ranger made by St. Croix Sensory is a portable odor detecting and measuring device used by Township odor monitors

More than a dozen prospective “nasal rangers” attended an all day odor monitoring training workshop sponsored by the Lawrence Township Trustees on October 11, 2006. Utilizing a Joint Solid Waste Management District grant, Township and Bolivar Village employees and community volunteers from both Lawrence and Pike Township were introduced to the principles of odor science and odor measurement and observation techniques. Participants who successfully completed training will join odor monitoring teams whose job

will be to respond to odor complaints from area residents. The term nasal ranger refers to the high tech handheld odor monitoring instrument that will be used along with a hand held Global Positioning System by monitoring teams. Intense and prolonged emissions of odor from the Countywide landfill located in Pike Township of Stark County has resulted in thousands of complaints from area residents. (See related article: *Update on Countywide Landfill Odor*) The Lawrence Township odor monitoring program seeks to address odor

concerns of the community by way of collecting information utilizing standard data collection and reporting methods that will assist in evaluating the effectiveness of Countywide odor elimination efforts and may be used in a court of law should it become necessary to seek the closure of this facility. Lawrence Township residents may call 330-874-2992 to request an odor monitoring team to visit their locale to register and record odor emissions. A signed copy of each odor incident report will be given to the concerned resident.

Update on Countywide Landfill Odor

Responding to the hardships experienced by Lawrence Township residents due to frequent, intense and prolonged emissions of odor from the Countywide landfill in Pike Township, the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees submitted a verified odor complaint to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on August 31, 2006. On September 7, 2006, the Ohio EPA Director declared the Countywide landfill facility a public nuisance. The declaration of Countywide a public nuisance was for the most part the result of the large number of complaints registered by local residents and local government action, at both the County and Township levels. In addition to declaring the Countywide landfill a public nuisance, the EPA order the landfill owners and operators to eliminate the odor problem by December 15, 2006.

While the Lawrence Township Board of Trustees believe that the EPA Director's orders are too little, too late and are seeking an appeal on these grounds, we all should be encouraged by

this turn of events. Particularly, the many local residence of Lawrence Township who voiced their concerns and objections can celebrate a public victory. The declaration of Countywide a public nuisance by the Ohio EPA would not have happened were it not for the combined efforts the Township Board of Trustees and local citizens. This is what makes America great!

The above notwithstanding, we can not let up our guard. For as long as the odor problem exists, we encourage residents to report them to the appropriate authorities. This cannot be stressed enough. Once again, it should be noted that the Director of the Ohio EPA to Countywide requiring them to get the odor problem under control, was and I quote, "Due to the large numbers of odor complaints received by the Canton City Health Department.", as well as the verified complaints received.

To assist residents in this regard, odor complaint forms have been

placed at the Bolivar Post office, the Bolivar Library and the Huntington Bank. We have also placed complaint forms on the Township web site that can be filled out online and downloaded to your printer. Residents are encouraged to visit the Lawrence Township web site at www.lawrencetownship.org.

Another important initiative undertaken by the Township Trustees was to establish a community complaint responsive, proactive odor monitoring program to address the odor concerns of the community and scientifically measure the success of odor abatement efforts at the Countywide landfill. (See related article: *Township Sponsors Odor Monitor Training Program*)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Club 3000 Will host a COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING TO UPDATE RESIDENTS ON COUNTYWIDE LANDFILL

WHEN: Thursday, November 2, 2006

WHERE: Bolivar Elementary School Gymnasium

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

The purpose of this meeting is to update concerned area residents about the Countywide Landfill in Pike Township. Representatives of the Ohio EPA and Health Departments among others will be present to discuss and hear public comments related to odor emissions, protection of drinking water supplies and Landfill stability

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Lawrence Township Board of Trustee Meetings

Lawrence Township Board of Trustee Meetings are held twice a month on the second and last Thursday.

Meetings start at 6:00 pm and are held at the Township office located at 10867 Industrial Parkway NW, Bolivar, Ohio 44612.



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Permit # 9
Bolivar, OH 44612



Vote Nov. 7

FIRE PROTECTION

The Bolivar Volunteer Fire Department

serves the residents of Lawrence Township for both Fire and EMS. It is one of the best-trained and staffed departments in the area. Two part time firefighters/EMS personnel are employed to cover the period 6:00 am to 10:00 p.m. every day of the week. Notwithstanding the pres-

ence of paid staff, volunteers continue play a pivotal role in the provision of fire and EMS services. Lawrence Township residents can be proud of the B.V.F.D. It is Demonstrably, far and away one the best departments barring none. We greatly appreciate the support shown by Township residents in the past by voting for the funds needed to expand and improve

the already high quality of service being provided.

Zoar Volunteer Fire Department is the other high quality provider of fire protection services to Zoar and Township residents. It has been providing dedicated service to the community since 1850. Fully 80% of its budget is derived from fund raisers such as the an-

nual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinners as well as private donations and grants. Residents are urged to check for other fund raising dinners scheduled during November and December. For more info call 330-874-1400.



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Office Hours are: 8:00 am to 4:00
pm Monday through Friday

Road Department News

As is normally the case, Charles Meiser, Road Superintendent with the able assistance of Road Crew members Todd Reynolds and Chuck McNutt and two temporary summer employees; tyler Kahler and Mike Meeker, worked throughout the summer improving and repairing our roads and related infrastructure. A partial list of repairs and improvements include: eight miles of Township roads chip and sealed, two and three quarter miles of Township roads black-topped, approximately 40% of old wooden road signs replaced and high visibility reflectors attached to stop signs and storm sewer and drain-

age improvements. In addition, roadside mowing and trimming operations were conducted throughout the summer along more than 39 miles of Township roads.

Let it Snow

With summer gone and winter weather just around the corner preparations have been made to ensure that all Township roads are kept clear of snow and storm debris. Our rapid response winter snow removal

team will be available around the clock to remove snow and apply ash, grit and salt as required. To help ensure that all roads are keep snow free and passable a Volvo Tandem Axel VHD snow removal truck has been added to our existing fleet. See photo below:



With new Volvo Snow Removal Truck in Background; from left to right, Charles Meiser, Chuch McNutt, Todd Reynolds