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Hamilton Township Board of Trustees

MEETING SCHEDULE 2017

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m.
 at the Community Center.
 All meetings are open to the public.

- March 22nd**
- April 12th and 26th**
- May 10th and 24th**
- June 14th and 28th**
- July 12th and 26th**
- August 9th and 23rd**
- September 13th and 27th**
- October 11th and 25th**
- November 8th and 22nd**
- December 13th and 27th**

Meetings that fall on a holiday will be rescheduled. Call the Township office for updates.

Sidewalk

Program Begins this Spring



Sidewalks throughout the township are undergoing inspection this spring for cracked and deteriorating sections, missing and uneven portions and those repaired/constructed without county approval.

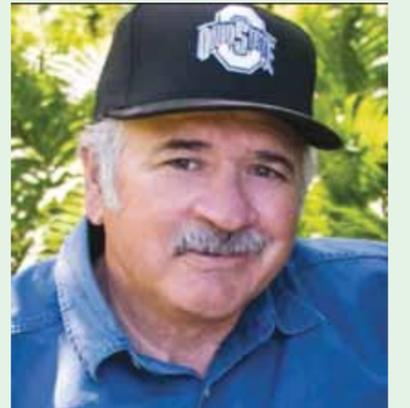
Any sidewalk not meeting approved criteria will be marked and the property owner sent a letter advising to the deficiency. Owners are given the option to repair, with Franklin County approval, or have the township do the work and then have the cost assessed on property taxes.

The township will work with property owners to either set up a one-time payment for the repairs or a two-year payment plan. The two-year payment plan would place repair costs as a lien on their property taxes, but spread them out, allowing for four equal payments.

Current pricing for sidewalk replacement is \$5-\$8 per linear feet and the average sidewalk length in Hamilton Meadows is 60 feet. In some cases, the township is responsible for the repair/replacement of sidewalks compromised by public infrastructure. A full list of maintenance and repair criteria is available on the township Website.

MEET Trustee Mike Craiglow

Your township trustees recently filled a vacancy on the three member board by appointing Mike Craiglow to fill Shannon Bush's unexpired term. A township resident since 1974, when he was discharged from the Army, Craiglow is retired after spending 33 years in the mining and road construction industry.



He was vice president and general manager of JP Sand and Gravel and Marble Cliff Block Companies, handling day-to-day operations, union contract negotiations, and compliance issues with federal, state and county government. He is familiar with township government, having attended many meetings, and feels he is well informed on many issues impacting Hamilton Township.

"I applied for the trustee opening because I care about the people of this township," said Craiglow, who must run on the fall ballot to retain his position. "I believe I can be of service to this community. My goal is to work with other trustees to have a positive effect on the lives of people in Hamilton Township." Craiglow said the township's greatest attribute are its employees who go the extra step for residents. It's greatest challenge, Managing the budget in light of the state's reallocation to its Rainy Day Fund of money the township previously received, with the expectation for dollars to be replaced locally.

"I hope to encourage all employees to make the township function better today than yesterday and better tomorrow than today."

Township Pioneers: Edgar D. Miner

Edgar Miner, for whose family the old Miner High School—now an apartment complex at the intersection of Rohr and Bixby Roads—was named, was born on a township farm on March 9, 1854, the son of Thomas Davidson and Maria (Swisher) Miner. He remained on the family homestead and attended local township schools. When he was 23, he moved to Lockbourne and later Shadeville. Miner then traveled south to Pickaway County, where he farmed for six years.

In 1887, he returned to Hamilton Township and the 170-acre family farm. He married township native Anna Brantner, who died giving birth to the couple's daughter, Florence. Miner remarried and had five more children with his second wife, Emma Chittum.

Although the township during this time was considered Democratic, Miner was an active member of the Republican Party and was elected as a Hamilton Township trustee in 1899. He

A Center for All



All Hamilton Township residents, from children to the young at heart, are invited to take advantage of the programming available at the Obetz Community Center, 1650 Obetz Ave. There are no membership fees to participate.

"I think we have more members from throughout the township than just from Obetz," said Community Center Manager Judy Hogan, "and we have something for everyone, from painting classes for both children and adults to Mystery Lunch outings, chair volleyball and a summer camp for elementary age kids.

"The painting class for adults fills up very fast and we're trying to get new craft programming for all ages. We also have make-it-yourself home

décor projects. If we have enough interest, we'll do just about anything."

Hot lunches, open to everyone, are served on Monday and Thursday at noon for a \$2 donation. In April, the center's menus include Sloppy Joes, chicken patties, pork fried rice, baked steak, Gyro salad and pasta. The menu is subject to change and the center needs at least a 24 hour notice if you plan to attend.

"We also do little short trips like our Mystery Lunches, where you won't know the destination until we arrive, Franklin Park Conservatory, Dawes Arboretum or the Art Museum," continued Hogan. "We can transport up to 22 people for our trips."

Progressive Euchre is held on Tuesday and Friday evenings at 5 p.m. The cost is \$2, which includes prizes and snacks. Following the bi-weekly lunches, residents can also take part in board games, UNO, dominos, etc.

"We also make blankets for Mt. Carmel Hospice on an on-going basis. This is our third year participating in this program," continued Hogan. "Usually, we make it an event like what we did on St. Patrick's Day when we first tied the blankets, then had lunch and finished by playing Family Feud."

For more information about the Obetz Community Center, call 614-491-4546 or stop by and pick up a copy of their newsletter with programming notes, trip information, and a monthly menu.

Spring Cleaning Promotes Safety

Remember a clean house is a safe house. Trash, boxes, piles of clothes and other combustibles in the home are fuel for fire. Getting rid of them will help reduce the chance of a fire in your home. Clean out storage areas such as garages, attics, closets, sheds and basements on a regular basis. Clutter gives fire a place to start and creates obstacles that might prevent escaping safely.

Watching for Severe Weather

Lightning is the number one threat during a thunderstorm because it occurs so frequently. However, although lightning is very dangerous, it is not one of the criteria for a severe thunderstorm. Every thunderstorm contains lightning, but typically stronger storms contain more frequent lightning.

A thunderstorm is identified as severe if it produces a tornado, hail one inch in diameter or larger and/or wind gusts of 58

MPH or higher. A one-inch diameter hail is the size of a quarter.

A Watch is issued for specific locations in which conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop. It is a recommendation for planning, preparation and increased awareness and typically covers a four to ten hour period. Watches are issued for tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, floods or flash floods.

A Warning is issued when a particular weather hazard is either imminent or ongoing and indicates the need to take action to protect life and property. Warnings for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms typically cover periods of an hour or less, while flood warnings may cover a few hours.



Bag Those Mattresses



Cleaning out your house? Do you have an old mattress ready for the trash? Republic Waste will pick it up, but ONLY IF IT IS WRAPPED IN PLASTIC for disposal. If you throw out a mattress, make sure it is completely covered in plastic. Do not set it out until trash collection day. Not only is it unsightly, but if it rains, the mattress could be too heavy to be collected. For further information, call Republic Waste at 1-800-601-1867.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT Outdoor Safety Tips

"As a community, we have experienced an extremely mild winter and many of us find ourselves peering out the front door and windows longing for the official start of spring," said Fire Chief Ralph Shillingburg. "It is time to consider spring and summer safety plans to ensure a happy and fulfilling summer.

"Warmer weather means getting outside, clearing winter debris, preparing lawns and flower beds for the long awaited spring rains. Ensure you are ready to do these projects safely to enjoy them throughout the entire year. Here are tips that serve as valuable reminders when spending the weekend gardening or doing other yard work."

Wear safety goggles, sturdy shoes, and long pants when using lawn mowers and other machinery. Protect your hearing when operating machinery. If you have to raise your voice to talk to someone who is an arm's length away, the noise can be potentially harmful to your hearing. Make sure equipment is working properly.

Wear gloves to protect from skin irritations, cuts, and contaminants. Use an insect repellent containing DEET. Follow instructions and warning labels on chemical and lawn and garden equipment. Excessive usage or direct skin contact with hazardous chemicals can be dangerous to you and your family's health.

Reduce the risk of sunburn and skin cancer by wearing long sleeves, a widebrimmed hat, and sunshades. Use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Keep an eye on the thermometer and take precautions in the heat. When working in hot weather, drink plenty of liquids, but not those that contain alcohol or large amounts of sugar, as they can cause you to lose body fluid.

Pay attention to signs of heat-related illness, including high body temperature, headache, dizziness, rapid pulse, nausea, confusion or unconsciousness. When in doubt, immediately remove yourself from the environment, hydrate appropriately and/or call 911 for assistance.

"Attention to details will help you and your loved ones enjoy a long and well deserved break," continued Shillingburg. "Enjoy the spring and have a safe summer."



Township Pioneers: Edgar D. Miner continued

was also a member of the Lockbourne Masonic Lodge, Methodist Episcopal Church and considered an honored member of one of the oldest pioneer families of Franklin County. Miner High School opened in 1918 and is located next to railroad tracks and the former Scioto Valley Traction Line, which transported students to the school from Lockbourne and Obetz. The first graduating class consisted of seven students and by 1930, enrollment reached 100 pupils.

When a new state-of-the-art high school opened on Lockbourne Road in 1939, Miner High School closed and was sold at auction in 1942 for \$3,150 to Frank Cluff, who converted the building into apartments.

