



Township JOURNAL

Hamilton Township Administration and Community Center
6400 Lockbourne Road,
Lockbourne, Ohio 43137

FALL 2015

Hamilton Township Board of Trustees

Meeting Schedule 2015

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

All meetings are open to the public.

- October 14th and 28th
- November 11th and 25th
- December 9th and 23rd

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

Hamilton Township Telephone Numbers

Hamilton Township Administration/Community Center
6400 Lockbourne Road, Lockbourne, Ohio 43137
Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm **491-3963**

Board of Trustees
Shannan Bush, Chairman..... **491-5664**
Howard Hahn, Vice-Chairman..... **491-7842**
C. Chris Hann..... **491-0812**

Clerk/Treasurer
Karen Schutte, Clerk..... **497-2465**

Township Secretary
Penni Triplett..... **491-3963**

Hamilton Township Road Maintenance
6355 Lockbourne Road, Lockbourne, Ohio 43137 **491-8550**

Road Superintendent
Don Smith..... **491-8550**

Hamilton Township Fire Department
Station 1 - 1460 Obetz Road, Columbus, Ohio 43207 **491-1013**
Station 2 - 6410 Lockbourne Road, Lockbourne, Ohio 43137 **491-1050**

Fire Chief
Ralph Shillingburg..... **491-1700**

Franklin County Sheriff's Hamilton Township Sub Station
Radio Room **525-3333**
FAX..... **491-3003**

Bring Identification to the Polls

Hamilton Township voting precincts at Grace Ministries Church, 464 Rathmell Road and the township Community Center, 6400 Lockbourne Road, will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Election Day, November 3.

Voters must bring identification to the polls in order to vote a regular ballot. Acceptable forms of identification include current and valid photo identification (such as Ohio driver license card, state ID card, government ID). Photo identification must show name and current address (except that Ohio driver license or State ID card does not need to show current address if the address in the poll book is current); or a military identification that shows the voter's name (does not need to show address); or a copy of a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill (including cell phone bill), bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document (including from a public college or university) that shows the voter's name and current address. Voters who do not provide one of these documents will still be able to vote by providing the last four digits of the voter's social security number and by casting a provisional ballot.

Voters who do not have any of the above forms of identification, including a social security number, will still be able to vote by signing an affirmation swearing to the voter's identity under penalty of election falsification and by casting a provisional ballot. If identification is not provided at the time the provisional ballot is cast, the provisional voter may provide a valid form of identification in person at the Board of Elections during the seven days following Election Day.

Trick or Treat Night



Costumed ghosts and goblins, witches and clowns, along with pint-sized princesses and pirates will be out in force on Thursday, October 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. begging for sweet treats throughout the township. If you are handing out candy, please turn on your porch light so Trick or Treaters will know to knock on your door. If you are not participating, please do not turn on your porch light if you do not want to hear two hours of door-knocking.

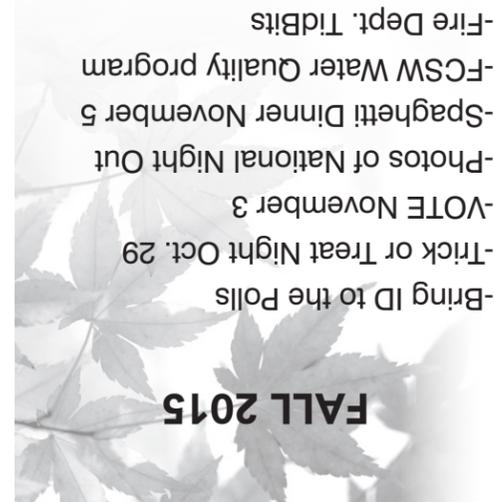
Drivers following the action of their little ones are asked to be mindful of not blocking driveways and people traveling the roadways should use extreme caution when encountering children crisscrossing streets. Help keep Beggar's Night a fun time for everyone involved.

FCPH Solicits Cancer Info

Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) is aware there are concerns about cancer in the Hamilton Township area. In response, the health department is gathering information and facts from families directly affected by cancer and community members with information they are willing to share that will help FCPH determine if an investigation is needed.

Residents are encouraged to use the Cancer Concern Reporting Form included in this newsletter to submit information directly to the FCPH. Families who have been directly impacted by cancer are asked to call (614) 525-4981 if they are open to providing details about their individual situation(s).

For more information, please contact the Franklin County Public Health department at (614)525-3160 or visit them at www.myfcph.org.



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COUNTY SOIL AND WATER New Programming



Franklin County Soil and Water (FCSW) is partnering with 10 area communities, including Obetz and Franklin County, to promote a Water Quality Partnership program enhancing stream stewardship and educating businesses regarding stormwater pollution.

Drains in parking lots, alleys and streets carry rainwater and snowmelt directly to local streams without any filtration or cleaning. As a result, trash, soap, grease, de-icers and improperly stored chemicals enter local waterways and cause problems for wildlife and municipalities. Last year, FCSW provided stormwater education through this program to approximately 1,200 businesses.

For more info., contact David Reutter (dreutter@franklinswcd.org) or Brooke Frusher (bfrusher@franklinswcd.org).

Name Changes

In the 2016-2017 state budget, changes were made to Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) to allow the transfer of Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Soil and Water Conservation District staff to the Ohio Department of Agriculture and the Ohio EPA. The move was the result of streamlining government and providing one-stop-shop services for agriculture commodity groups.

Statewide, SWCD's provide a great deal of landowner and stormwater program assistance outside of agriculture. The FCSW department said it wants to "assure our partners that with this move, our role and mission have not changed... State support of non-farm work has not changed and maybe we will have some new partnership opportunities with the Ohio EPA."

ELECTRICITY AND GAS Aggregation on Fall Ballot

Township voters have the opportunity to decide the fate of a November 3 ballot issue authorizing the trustees to purchase electric generation at a discounted rate for residents throughout Hamilton Township that are not part of a utility co-op. Under governmental aggregation, local officials gain group buying power in purchasing competitively priced electricity or natural gas from a supplier certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.



If passed, all eligible residents and small businesses will be enrolled (similar to the township's current trash district contract) and begin receiving discounted generation pricing under the program. Anyone not interested in participating can easily opt-out by returning a form mailed to all eligible members.

Your local electric utility will continue to be responsible for the delivery of power to your home or business, line maintenance, power restoration and meter reading. The aggregation program has no impact on service reliability. The same program applies to natural gas.

Customers will continue to receive one utility bill with charges for distribution and maintenance from the utility as well as charges from the new generation and/or transmission supplier. There is no early termination fee to opt-out of the program at any time.

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office and Hamilton Township teamed up for National Night Out on August 4. During the event, held locally at the park behind the community center on Lockbourne Road, residents interacted with local law enforcement. The Sheriff's office was represented by their Community Relations Unit, K9 team, Mounted Unit, Dive Team and Filed Force. The trustees provided Sno Cones and popcorn and deemed the night an overall success for both community members and individuals representing the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Township Tibits from the Fire Department

Department First to Receive New Equipment

The trustees recently purchased new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the fire department, which replace ones in use that are approaching the end of their service life. The new SCBA's have many advantages, such as a higher capacity 5500 psi air bottle. The Hamilton Township Fire Department is the first department in Franklin County to place the new 5500 bottle in service. The SCBA's are also compatible with those in use by the Columbus Division of Fire and neighboring departments, which is crucial on multi-department incidents.

HYDRANTS Readied for Cooler Weather

The fire department is starting its annual rounds of hydrant winterization throughout the township. The process includes releasing water from the hydrant and then checking it the next day to see if it drained. If the water does not drain properly, then firefighters pump the hydrant with a portable pump and re-check it the next day. If the hydrant still has water in it, it is recorded and marked for repair. This process minimizes the chance of a frozen hydrant during the winter months and a delay in service. Hydrant flushing dates will be posted online at hamiltontownship.org once they are finalized.



Assistant Chief Welsh Retires

The fire department congratulates former Assistant Chief Paul R. Welsh, who retired on Aug. 31 after serving the township and its residents for 33 years. During his tenure, Assistant Chief Welsh was promoted from firefighter to lieutenant in February of 1989. In April of 2001, he was promoted to captain and in May, 2013, he became assistant fire chief. The Hamilton Township Trustees and the fire department wish Assistant Chief Welsh a happy retirement and thank him for his loyal and devoted service.

Did You Know...

- In order for the fire department to get to your home quicker in the event of an emergency, please use address signs or reflective numbering.



- The department provides fire and safety training to Hamilton Local Schools, offers show-and-tell of firefighting and EMS equipment to children, does basic medical screening for the Obetz Senior Citizen Center and provides Fire Inspection services to the business community to promote workplace safety.

- Will hold their annual **Spaghetti Supper at Hamilton Intermediate School building on November 5, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.** Tickets are available at the door and at Station 171.