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**Board of Trustees
Regular Meetings**
@ 6:30 p.m.

September 19, 2018
October 3, 2018
October 17, 2018
November 7, 2018
November 21, 2018
December 12, 2018

*Check website for updates
and more information*

www.sharontwp.us

Olentangy Valley Center Proposed Redevelopment

The Township has been approached on the redevelopment of the Olentangy Valley Center and will be holding public meetings on the plan in the next month or so. The developers want to bring this property back to a state of the art facility which could include housing and senior care.

The Township has been working on redevelopment of this property for over 10 years and this is one of the best concepts we have seen to date. The Township has been asked for economic development incentives to help make the project viable which is under consideration. Please join us in the next few meetings as we continue to discuss this project. We believe it will have a long term positive impact on the Township.



National Prescription Drug Take-Back event is Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sharon Township Police Department and Administrative Building, 95 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington.

See insert for more details

Resident Survey Results are In!

We had 115 surveys completed by residents as part of our Strategic Planning process. Many thanks to all who participated in this important initiative! We will post a printable version of the survey results on the website and printed copies will be available for pickup in the Township office.

The survey and the recent regional meetings have been a great springboard to developing a comprehensive strategic plan for the township. We hope that residents continue to participate as we continue to work on goals, action plans, and accountabilities that will move the township forward toward a sustainable future.

Strategic Planning Next Steps

We will be discussing vision, goals and priorities, and drilling down into issues that the township is facing in upcoming meetings. Our goal is to be transparent during this process and gain as much input as possible from employees, residents, and from other townships.

This is a dynamic process that requires many perspectives. One very important aspect of this project is that we must be willing to look past "how things have always been done" and explore new ways of thinking about and doing things. Technology, policies, and resources change

over time. Successful enterprises are continually adapting and leveraging new tools to improve operations and add value. We will also employ the “if over time. Successful enterprises are continually adapting and leveraging new tools to improve operations and add value. We will also employ the “if it ain’t broke, don’t fix it” adage. Many times a strategic plan validates existing processes, too.

Change is never easy but often it is necessary and worthwhile. The great news is that we have a lot of great resources to draw upon as we work on the future of Sharon Township. We have a lot to look forward to!

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From your Fire Department...

Meet the New Chief

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Fire Chief and tell you a little about our department. After 18 years as Fire Chief, Scott Highley retired on January 1, 2018 and I took over as the new Chief of the Worthington Division of Fire & EMS.

I was originally hired in as the Assistant Fire Chief in August of 2016 with the plan to take on the Chief’s role when Chief Highley retired.

While we are a Division within the City of Worthington, we also proudly serve as the Fire and EMS agency for Sharon Township, Perry Township, and The Village of Riverlea. One of the changes we are focusing on in our department is to become more of a community based operation. Our goal is to be out within the communities we serve, and be a strong partner whenever, and wherever we can.

The Administrative staff of our department includes Mark Zambito - Assistant. Fire Chief, Brad Dunn - Lieutenant of Fire Prevention, and Nancy Hughes - Administrative Assistant. Feel free to reach out to us at 614-885-7640 or me at john.bailot@worthington.org if we can be of any assistance.

The Division of Fire & EMS, with the support of the American Red Cross and community block watch volunteers, participated in a free smoke detector installation event on Saturday June 23rd. The target area for this particular event was the Tremont Gardens Subdivision, or informally known as “Three Streets” area of the Township. This was an exciting opportunity to improve fire safety within Sharon Township. We are very pleased to report that over one hundred smoke detectors were installed during the event!

While the June event lasted just a few hours, the Division of Fire & EMS continues to offer smoke detector installation to any interested resident within the response district. Please call 614-885-7640 if you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity!

–John Bailot, Fire Chief



From your Police Department...

Protecting Residents from Scam Artists

Several times throughout the year we will hear from residents who have become victims of a “Scam.” Unfortunately, many times the resident will have lost money to the “Scam Artists.” Many times, the loss amounts to thousands of dollars.

Scam Artists are using every method possible to get your money. With the proper information they can remove all of the money from your bank account before anyone becomes aware of it. Within the past couple of months, one of our elderly residents almost lost their entire life savings because of a telephone scam. Luckily, when the resident went to the bank to withdraw his life savings, the bank manager called us. We were able to talk with the resident and convince them that what was being told to him by the “Scam Artist” was not true.

Most scams seem to be directed toward the so called “elderly,” however, anyone of any age can become a victim. Always remember the old adage; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. If you feel you are about to be a victim of a scam or are currently a victim of a scam and cannot seem to stop the person who is taking your money, please call the Police Department immediately. We will help you as much as possible. And please, do not be embarrassed to call. You would be surprised of how many people become victims. Though many scams seem to be directed toward the so called “elderly,” anyone of any age can become a victim.

Who should you report a scam to? Please call us and we will take a report. If for no other reason than your bank or insurance company may require it if you hope to recover any of your money. However, these types of crimes are extremely difficult to resolve. You should also report the scam to the State of Ohio at <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Tipster>, and the Federal Government at <https://www.usa.gov/stop-scams-frauds>.

New “scams” to get your money are being developed constantly. There are several Websites to visit if you want to stay abreast of the old and current methods being used; two of them are:

<https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Individuals-and-Families/Consumers/Consumer-Tips/Consumer-Tips-Scams> and <https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds>

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Fall Leaf Collection Program

The Sharon Township Road Department will be collecting leaves again this year. Leaf Collection begins the week of October 15th and ends November 30th. Please follow these guidelines to ensure a prompt and safe leaf season.

Street Parking:

Please do not park in front of leaves to be collected, as they will not be picked up if the crew cannot reach them with the machine. Street parking on the following streets will be restricted during leaf collection season, temporary signs will be posted during this time to allow for parking on the opposite side of the street on Rosslyn Avenue and West Kanawha Avenue for the duration of the leaf collection season.

NO PARKING

- Rosslyn Avenue on south side of street on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- West Kanawha Avenue on north side of street on Tuesdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This is being implemented to allow leaf collection on the regular parking side of these streets.

A Few Reminders

- **Rake leaves to the curb or road edge, not into the streets or gutters.**
- **Pick up pet waste prior to raking leaves for removal**
- **Bagged leaves are acceptable.**
- **Leaf piles should contain leaves only.**

Why Your Actions Matter

Individuals are more important than ever in improving and preserving our streams for wildlife, recreation, drinking water, quality of life, and as a legacy for our children. How do our actions influence water quality? Rainwater that runs off hard surfaces including roads, parking lots, roofs, sidewalks, and driveways is piped directly to streams without cleaning or filtering. This runoff carries everything picked up along its path including litter, chemicals, and excess nutrients. Even clean runoff causes problems in Franklin County because of the amount of water entering streams and rivers after a rain. The extra runoff from hard surfaces causes streambank erosion, property loss, and even flooding. These simple tips can help keep our streams and rivers healthy for all of us. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Creating Conservation Solutions for Over 60 Years Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District Preventing Stormwater Pollution Easy tips for protecting local streams www.franklinswcd.org 614-486-9613 Summer 2015 www.franklinswcd.org "The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants and animals, or collectively the land."

Reporting Problems

If you see someone putting anything down a storm drain or directly into a stream or river, obtain a license plate number or address and report it to – It's a Crime at 614-871-5322 or www.itsacrime.org. Chemical and petroleum spills: call the Ohio EPA 24-hour hotline, 800-282-9378. Sewage-related pollution: call the Franklin County Public Health 24-

hour hotline, 614-525-3965 or e-mail failingHSTS@franklincountyohio.gov. Agriculture or manure-related pollution: call Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at 614-486-9613, or use the "Contact Us" tab at www.franklinswcd.org. You can also contact Franklin Soil and Water about any other non-emergency pollution and we will inform the proper agency. The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has provided residents with a mobile app that can be used to report water pollution. Download the free app at the iTunes store or at Google Play.

What We Can Do

In the Yard, plant grass or ground cover in areas of bare soil. Rain can carry large amounts of soil to a storm drain or stream even on gentle slopes. Eroded soil is the major pollutant in Ohio's rivers. Remove grass clippings and leaves from street gutters and storm drains. Don't toss clippings down a stream bank or in a ditch. As organic material decomposes in streams, it decreases the oxygen necessary for aquatic life. Utilize fertilizers and pesticides responsibly, or consider alternatives. When using pesticides and fertilizers, read the labels and do your research to ensure proper application and timing. Apply chemicals in dry weather and water sparingly to keep them in your yard. Sweep from sidewalks and driveways back into the yard. Bag pet waste and throw it in the trash. It contains nitrogen, phosphorous, and harmful bacteria and parasites which pollute our streams. Never hose it down a storm drain. Direct downspouts to a rain barrel or a rain garden instead of toward driveways, streets, or storm drains. For information on backyard conservation, visit www.franklinswcd.org. Plant native trees, shrubs, and perennials. Trees soak up hundreds of gallons of rainwater and native plants support pollinators and other wildlife. Native plants are also better adapted to our climate and require fewer fertilizers and pesticides.

In the Garage

Wash your car on grass or gravel, or use commercial car washes. Commercial washes are required to recycle water and send it to a wastewater treatment plant. Water from washing your car carries soap, dirt, and grease down the storm drain to the nearest stream. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean parking areas. Use kitty litter to soak up auto leaks or chemical spills, then sweep up and double bag before putting it in the trash. Recycle used oil. Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone, NAPA, and Jiffy Lube will accept the amount from one oil change if it's put in a container with a lid.

Around the House

Treat oil-based paint, thinners, solvents and polishes as household hazardous waste. Latex paint is water-based, so rinse brushes in a sink. Allow extra latex paint to dry and throw the paint can in the trash. Store all chemicals in a dry place protected from the rain. Household hazardous waste must be properly disposed of to prevent pollution. For collection dates and locations call 614-871-5100 or visit www.swaco.org. Decide if and when you need heavy-duty cleaning power. Some household cleaners are difficult for wastewater treatment plants to remove. Phosphates in some dishwasher soaps and the anti-bacterial ingredient triclosan are examples. For 'green cleaning' tips visit Backyard Conservation at www.franklinswcd.org. Maintain your aerator or septic system. Put aside a monthly "fee" so that the pumping that is necessary every three to five years will be covered. For more information, visit Franklin County Public Health at www.myfcph.org/npdes.php.

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